



## Communicating the campaign "THE REFUGEES NEED US"

Again we contact with you, this time to ask for **your solidarity** and support for refugees who are arriving in Europe. **The EPES (Evangelical Platform for Emergency Situations)** calls upon the Evangelical Churches of Spain to join the international effort to help as possible to these people who are in such a dramatic situation, fleeing war and hunger.

We are witnessing today a serious **humanitarian crisis** with thousands of refugees fleeing desperately from war and famine in the Middle East, risking their lives to reach our borders for help. The EPE (Evangelical Platform for Emergency Situations) wishes to express the following:

"As evangelical Protestant Christians today we are witnessing and deeply shocked, like all citizens of good will, believers and nonbelievers, by the terrible tragedy facing these individuals and their families. Like everyone else, we are moved and shocked by the terrible images that television and newspapers show: children washed up by the sea on the coast of Turkey; entire families desperate to board a train in Budapest; elderly people crawling under barbed wire with knives, to cross a European border.

As far as we are concerned, we in Spain and in Europe believe that there is urgent need to assist and demonstrate solidarity - immediately and effectively - these people and families in situations of extreme gravity and anguish, recalling how in the past many of our parents and grandparents had need and were welcomed by fellow countries in similar circumstances.

We appeal to you to collaborate with us and disseminate this statement. We appeal to you to pray and to do what is possible. DIACONIA has already shown its willingness to collaborate with the European Union, the Spanish Government, and the regional and local authorities doing everything its power in order to comply with this urgent task. We consider that Spain has a moral and inescapable obligation as do all it can as well as those who follow Jesus of Nazareth, whose deep compassion for human suffering constitutes our mandate example and inspiration".

### **We need your donations.**

Donations collected will be used to alleviate the basic needs of refugees and will be distributed through evangelical organizations that are working in different places of refuge in Europe. We are in contact with Eurodiaconia and member

organizations of this network who are working on the coast of Italy and Greece in addition to Serbia, Hungary and Germany, among others. The funds will also go to support refugees who reach Spain when in the coming weeks the government will give charge of a portion of this task.

### **THE EPES**

The EPES is currently composed of the following denominational families and entities, being coordinated by Diakonia: Assemblies of God, the Association of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ, Good News, Dignity, Salvation Army Foundation charitable initiatives, FIEIDE, FIAPE, IERE, Evangelical Bible Society and Leprosy Mission.

As before, we will inform you in detail about the specific entity with whom we are working and help they are providing. 10% of proceeds will go to the distribution of biblical material, which may be of comfort and help in this critical time. This integrated approach, both material and spiritual, of emergency situations is what distinguishes the help you offer as Christians. We are asking for your support.

Donations can be sent to:

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You can donate online by PAYPAL in [www.diaconia.es](http://www.diaconia.es)

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### **IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DONORS**

For better identification of the donor, please consider the following recommendations:

- If the donation is made by payment in cash, clearly indicate the name of the donor, whether a person or a legal entity (church, association, etc.).

- Indicate the name of the person or institution that really makes the gift, not the one who materializes, especially in the case of institutions.
- When church is concerned, as the space for the name is limited, use abbreviations (such as IE, Evangelical Church CC for Centre or Christian community, etc.), for the title, and so leave enough room for the first name.
- If the donation is made by bank transfer (between accounts), these data are automatically released, it being understood that the payer is the donor.