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*For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:  
“Love your neighbor as yourself” (Galatians 5:14).*

## Facing the cold and freezing weather

Syrian refugees have not been spared for the seventh winter in a row. We know that warm clothes don't help much when you're forced to bathe in cold-water-only outdoor showers. However, we sought to somehow reduce the suffering and high risks by showing practical love. It is why, in February 2017, our relief team distributed blankets to 414 Syrian refugee and chaste Jordanian households.

The work has been completed on two special curricula developed, especially to be implemented in our Relief Psychosocial Program. The material deals with Post-Trauma and Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV). Besides, 38 GBV, SGBV, and mental cases were referred to UNHCR and IMC for appropriate care provision.

## Two more bricks are placed down on the foundation

Proceeding from our belief in the word of God that women should enjoy good health and that all may go well with them, even as their soul is getting along well, therefore, we have led our third discipleship group in Aqaba further along the journey.



Aqaba is a city in southern Jordan, an environment where non-Christian mindsets dramatically prevail, to the extent that it has also affected the beliefs and behaviors of church members.

Taking this into account, two workshops were conducted for 27 women. In the first one, they learned about relations: their different types—inter-relationships, divergent, and toxic; and also about boundaries and healthy relationships.

Ladies shared openly the change they experienced; others declared out loud decisions for change.

*“I was oppressed; I used not to express myself and my need. Now things changed; I began to say no, and express the voice inside me. Thanks to the program, I got out of fear dilemma. I built healthy financial communication with my spouse. I learned not to suppress my emotions, but rather invest in what is better: the relationship. Thanks for getting us out of where we were.” Laila*

*“The training has met my expectations. I now know how to practically behave and work together through the relationships to build healthy ones.” Shereen*



The second workshop challenged the women to pursue integrity, and adopt it as a holistic walk that has to be followed in every aspect of their lives. They were also encouraged to adopt a higher level of life where they can begin to live eternal life now, and be influential as servants and leaders.



Every attendee received a set of three biblical counseling books by author June Hunt to benefit from them in her life and ministry.



*“I was lifeless: You should have seen how pale I looked before I came in. I now have the desire to change my look and garment, because my spirit has been lifted up. Do not forget us; we are spiritually hungry. Come to us again, or we can come to you.”*

We’ve noticed how women’s awareness was raised, as they started to share tips of encouragement and health procedures to undertake for their own good and for their children’s.

We share our joy with you partners and praise God for:

- ✓ Our vision has become clear to all. Organizations outside and inside Jordan are driven by compassion, and believe in what we do.
- ✓ Reaching 100,000 plus people through our social media portal.

Please pray for our ministry to successfully achieve its agenda for 2017.

Pray for:

- Wisdom to look ahead to the future with all the events around our region.
- Organizational development and change taking place in our structure and board of directors. New support team and websites under construction.
- Shortage in budget and time hindering us from achieving our goals.

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