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WAYS TO HELP

Humanitarian
Goods Collection:
April 26 - May 1

Priority Items

- Children's Clothing (ages from 0 to 17)
- New Shoes for all ages
- Hygiene Supplies
- School Supplies
- Food
- Blankets and Bedding
- Mattresses
- New Computers
- Sewing Supplies
- Medical Supplies

Contact your Church mission chair for more information

FELLOWSHIP OF 1000

Name:

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SHE WANTED TO KISS THE HAND

In February and March families of Berdzor and the villages received humanitarian aid from Project AGAPE. Nice and warm clothing, hygiene supplies and school supplies made again those families happy, as many of them live with the hope to find their daily bread not having any means for clothing and other supplies.

There was a touching incident during the distribution: Narine Nazaryan, who's from one of the villages and has 5 children also received humanitarian aid. She received clothing and several Christmas Shoe Boxes. And then we asked what else she needed in order to materialize her wish list in the case of having those supplies. She was very shy and it took us some effort asking questions in different ways to get out of her the names of some things her family needed. After getting those as well she took the pen to sign for the received aid and while in bent condition she wanted ... to kiss the hand stretched to take the pen back... It was both very touching and an awkward situation... "I don't know how to express my gratitude. I have 5 children. I haven't told

them that I am going to receive some aid. They have always felt bad about that as they don't want anyone in the school to think that because their father has died their mother has to get aid. Frankly speaking I don't know what to say to them going back with all these..." We advised her to tell that it was a Christmas gift for



Next day Narine Nazaryan came again to give a letter of gratitude



Hambardzumyan Anna was so happy as her request to get yarn and a toy for her grandchild's birthday along with clothing and other supplies was satisfied



The mothers of newborn children and the pregnant women got Christmas Shoe Boxes with supplies for Infants and up to 2 years old children

everyone regardless the social conditions. She thanked for everything again and left for the village.

Those team members who have ridden the bombed roads going to the villages will remember what it means. No one could imagine that next day Narine would come again riding those roads in the rough village bus only in order to give her letter of gratitude, which says: "About 10 years after the earthquake of 1988, on January 22 1999, without having elementary

means for existence, we moved from Spitak and resettled in Dzorap village of Kashatagh region of Karabagh. My forth and fifth children were born here. It was hard to raise and feed our 5 children. But my husband and I worked hard to "squeeze bread out of stone" and sustain our family. Unfortunately, the inexorable fate hit me hard again: all of a sudden my husband died leaving the care for the children on my shoulders. Our older son will be drafted to the army soon, and the young son is only 8 years old. Four of my children are students. Your organization supported me as mother of many children, and I express my deep gratitude for that. I was frank and told my children everything including how well I was accepted here and what a great support I received. They were very touched and asked to write this letter on their behalf as well. Again and again, our deepest gratitude to all the people in the far country stretching the helping hand to our family, giving their love and bringing hope to us. I don't feel desperately lonely in my troubles any more. God bless them all..."

Message from the AGAPE Board

Project AGAPE is making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in Armenia and Karabagh. We are the only organized group serving in this Karabagh region. United Methodists from across North Carolina continue to support our brothers and sisters helping to

meet needs of food, medical care, clothing and Christian education. The economy continues to struggle with 60% unemployment where folks just try to exist from day to day. YOU provide hope in this day to day struggle.

Please continue your support and

share this need in your church. Your financial contributions are vital to Project AGAPE's ministry. If you are not a member of the Fellowship of 1000, please join today. It only takes a gift of \$100.00 per year to be part of making a difference in lives like Narine's family.