

Disaster Relief Appreciation Day

In early spring, the people of Turkey and Syria were devastated by a series of high-magnitude earthquakes that had more than 1,200 aftershocks. Tens of thousands of survivors slept in the streets, cars, or parking lots to avoid being crushed by falling rubble as buildings collapsed like dominoes for weeks after the initial disaster.

For months, there was no electricity, food or clean water in many of the cities impacted, and the ensuing refugee crisis was record-breaking for the region. In one particularly hard-hit city, the water pipes had frozen and cracked, so unsafe, unfiltered water was being used for food preparation and drinking, spreading disease and bacteria among the tent cities.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams arrived to assess the situation and were able to install water filtration and purification systems for entire buildings while building relationships with the survivors.

One volunteer shared, "Once the system was working as designed and the water was drinkable, hundreds of locals benefitted from that clean water source. As we drove away from the site, we saw blocks and blocks of demolished buildings and excavators working to clear the roads and remove debris. We planned to purchase the parts necessary to get a temporary kitchen operating the following week, and our team of five national volunteers are preparing three meals a day for more than 1,200 people inside the feeding center. Wherever we have gone, we have been greeted by resilient people who are choosing to wake up and face each day, at times with tears and at times, even with smiles."

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APPRECIATION DAY



“Whatever you did
for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,
YOU DID IT FOR ME.”

MATTHEW 25:40 (CSB)

SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Dickey

June 2, 2024

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No. 277 "Take My Life"

Hymn No. 285 "Wherever He Leads"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Louise Brucato

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn No. 290 "I Am Thine"

Doxology

Scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"Don't Be Blind"

Hymn No. 308 "Pass Me Not"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be here with us.

The children will be collecting hats & sunglasses for the month of June for The Shoe Box Ministry.

WOM meeting Monday, 10:30am in the home of Irma Frye.

May 12th through June 16th we will be collecting money for Pure water, Pure love. This provides money for water filters for missionaries and the families they are sharing Jesus Love with.

Look for our daily devotional on our website www.sapponybaptist1773.com.

To subscribe to our text alerts, text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282. We send out prayer requests and reminders.

Missed a sermon? Or just want to hear it again? Our past sermons are available on our website, Facebook, Youtube, and your favorite podcast app.

Don't forget to be in prayer ahead of the next business meeting about the direction of our mission funding.

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 Samuel 8:4-20