



Christmas Bowl

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sharing love with the most vulnerable in Jordan

God's love often appears at the most difficult time. In Jordan, you are helping Syrian refugees harness their love and determination to help each other stay safe during the coronavirus pandemic.

Life was already tough for the millions of Syrian refugees living in camps in Jordan. Now they are suffering even more with the spread of COVID-19.

Reem* is a mother of five who knows how quickly coronavirus would spread in her community: a crowded urban slum with little sanitation. But the cost of face masks is out of reach for refugees like her, especially since the initial lockdown measures have affected the little income they had.

That's why Reem decided to start making cloth face masks for her community. Reem works with a team of volunteers and accesses sewing machines from Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR).

She said:

"I am very happy that we can find practical solutions during the most difficult closure time in Jordan. We hope with this work, we can stop the pandemic in our camp."

Love gives us the strength to overcome the most extraordinary obstacles. But there is still no end in sight to COVID-19 – or the war in Syria – for struggling refugees like Reem. Please share God's love with them this Christmas, so they can survive the hardships still to come.

Your love will translate to lifesaving food ration packs and medical care, jobs training and psychological support. You'll help women like Reem earn a living, and bring much-needed psychological care to refugee communities. They need support to heal from their past, and to live with the anguish of not knowing if they can ever return home.

As Fares Al Swais, Executive Director of DSPR said:

"We appreciate your support, solidarity and love. But in the aftermath of the lockdown, we expect more poverty. Our journey to help the vulnerable is not over."

*Reem's name has been changed to protect her identity as a refugee.



Fares Swais, the executive director of our local partner, DSPR, getting ready to deliver lifesaving rations to refugees in Jordan.