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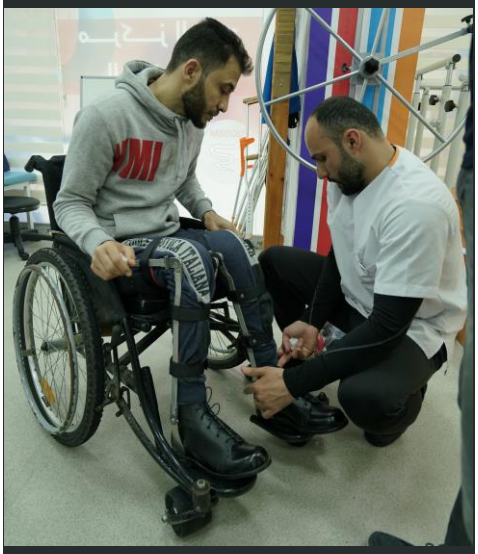
GOING WHERE OTHERS CANNOT OR WILL NOT GO



With baby in arms, Ibrahim, his wife, and 3-day-old daughter hurried from their home in Syria when the bombing began. But before they could escape, Ibrahim was shot through the spine by a sniper, rushed to the border and a hospital in Turkey, and stabilized. And then the news—he was paralyzed from the waist down. That was 3 years ago. Now living in Gaziantep, Turkey where Conscience International has established a clinic with local partners, Ibrahim, who is only 29 years old, is in long-term, intense therapy, helped with orthotic bracing for both of his legs. Thanks to our donors Ibrahim is determined to walk again.

Watch him take his first steps. Click on our YouTube link on our website: www.conscienceinternational.org

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TURKEY and the Middle East

Helping *Victims of the Syrian War*
—*Providing a "Leg Up" to Restart Their Lives*

Matthew Coley, *Program Director of Conscience International's Prosthesis and Rehabilitation project with children in Iraq. Now he is working in Turkey providing prosthetic devices to victims of war and helping children to walk again.*

Soon after he completed service as a U.S. Navy corpsman working in military hospitals in Iraq, Matthew Coley knew he was being called to a greater good—helping restart the lives of innocent children, mothers, fathers, families, who had lost limbs due to the anger of impossible wars.

Since then he, and YOU, our donors, have made it possible for Matthew to find and work with Conscience International overseas' partners in Turkey, setting up clinics in Gaziantep and Istanbul to provide prosthetic devices and rehabilitation for victims of the Syrian civil war, as well as for many who were born with handicaps and incurable diseases. These are their stories.

This little girl has a congenital birth defect in both of her legs that is being corrected with orthotic devices provided by Conscience International. She will need to wear braces until she is fully corrected—maybe until she stops growing which could take years.

How your contributions to Conscience International have restored hope and dignity to innocent victims of war—both those who were injured and those born with handicaps 2018-2019

350 patients helped—injured, crippled, handicapped

303 devices given –-strollers, crutches, wheelchairs, prosthetic/orthotic devices

Many more are counting on YOU for help. Will you?

Thank you for standing with us

FADE'S STORY. This special little red-head may not be a physical victim of war's fury but he had to flee his country of Syria just as well—a traumatic venture for his entire family. Fade (pronounced 'Fadi') was born with Glass Bone Syndrome –or brittle bone disease, a disorder that will follow him all of his life. It is an inherited disorder or it could be a mutation on its own—collagen failing to form. There is no cure; but there is treatment, and Fade is getting the best of care at one of Conscience International's partner clinics in Turkey.

Fade is almost 4 years old. His family fled Syria soon after he was born because his father knew there would be no help for this beautiful child in war-ravaged Syria. Fade's father is doing his best, finding work where he can in Turkey. Conscience International provided orthotics for Fade early this year to help stablize his legs to help him walk. It was not enough. He needed a special walker that was not available in Turkey.

Matthew Coley reached out to a local partner in North Carolina and soon a $2,000 walker was made available for only $200. (That's how we go the extra mile to maximize your donations and put every dollar to full use—Thank You!)

Matthew carried that walker onto the plane from America to Turkey when he returned there in August and saw the smiles grow big when Fade and his family—and the clinicians—watched the 4-year-old walk for the first time on his own. The walker is almost like his own little 'auto', giving him mobility and serving as a protector to keep him from falling, because even a simple fall could break a bone.

As he grows, we will follow Fade's progress and make sure this little one, and his family, have a chance to start over and live well.

Can you imagine?

More than 5.7 million Syrians have been forced into an uncertain future, leaving their homes, jobs, and schools to flee their land because of a demoralizing, on-going 8-year-old war they never imagined.The real tragedy, however, is the story of the innocents—more than 6.1 million children, fathers and mothers, who are among the poor, injured and displaced, living with little hope in foreign refugee tent camps or metal containers.

Reports by the UN and others tell us civilians—not soldiers-- suffer the most, many from war-related injuries that bring on their own set of challenges, especially in refugee camps with limited resources.

Many more suffer from emotional trauma. Add that to having to deal with loss of limbs, loss of family, loss of home and country.

Can You Imagine?

With YOUR help we can assist many disabled survivors. Tax-deductible donations can be made by check to
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An Afternoon Walk that Changed a Family's Future Forever – A Little Boy's Story

One day, when he was six, Mohammad, pictured, went out for an afternoon walk with his Dad, much like little boys often do in America. But this was war-ravaged Syria and this day would alter their lives profoundly.

They had only walked a short distance on their father and son day out when a missle found its target. The explosion killed his Dad instantly. Mohammad was burned from his neck to his feet and he lost his right leg and left arm. He was hurried across the border to Turkey for emergency surgery and a series of painful surgeries followed over the next two years.

But Mohammad, now eight, has a joyous personality, smiling past his injuries and focusing on living. When he received his new prosthetic device from Conscience International's clinic team, he immediately started walking and headed to the treatment room to show off his new leg. There was celebration with singing and applause, more smiles and laughter. After two years of difficult recovery, a little boy was mobile again. He has a future.

Matthew Coley, right, with little Yusuf, is working with two clinic partners in Turkey—Multeciler, in Instanbul, and UOSSM, in Gaziantep. Both partners are eager to open additional clinics in other cities in 2020. Conscience International will be there, but we can only do this with YOUR support.
Each crutch: $20
Adult walker: $60
Wheelchairs: $350 each
A prosthetic limb can range rom $400-$900.

Please Help Us Give Them a Future. Any amount helps.

A Note from Founder and President Dr. James Jennings

Our website and quarterly newsletters cannot possibly report all the activities that Conscience International is engaged in on three continents.

Sometimes I think we are reporting only 10% of our activity. Below are some items listed by the numbers over recent years.

Permanent houses built: more than 200

Surgeries of all types performed in 5 countries, including amputations and spinal surgeries: 150

Schools and orphanages built: 5

Medical clinics built, mobile clinics implemented: 37

Trauma counseling programs: 8 in 5 countries.

Programs affecting refugees in refugee camps: 65

Water wells and purification systems installed: 16

Community development and women's empowerment programs: 10

…and this is still only a fraction of the story. Thank you for your continuing support.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

POST CARD FROM JORDAN

This summer Conscience International sent recent University of Georgia graduate Shealy Smith, (back row at left in photo) to Jordan where she spent 10 weeks working with Manara Ministries. This enthusiastic 24-year-old worked in refugee camps near the Syrian border, researched and wrote a 30-page country profile of Jordan and environs, including identifying its greatest needs, humanitarian issues, and conflicts in other areas of the Middle East, volunteered her time, energy and talents to teaching English twice a week, helped out as an office worker, played with refugee children, explored opportunities working in youth camps, and helped to develop and refine Manara's new youth program—"I'm Third." In Mafraq, a town near the Syrian and Iraqi borders where 77,000 refugees are living in Jordan's largest refugee camp, Zaatari, and where 20% of them are under the age of five, Shealy shared her time and her love.

POST CARD FROM IRAQ

Conscience International's Robert Smucker, (far left in photo) Senior Emergency Response Coordinator, went back to Iraq in August to build more permanent housing for refugees who had lost everything in a refugee tent camp fire. Now families have concrete block houses, shared bathrooms, electricity for the school, and we are continuing to feed families in the camps.

Please help us put more smiles on the faces of children like these who have known little in their lifetimes except the horror of war and life in a refugee camp.

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