



Happy Holidays from the i58 Lesvos team!

We are thankful for the peace, love, and joy in our volunteer family this season. And we are thankful for each one of you! You make this work possible by your faithful and loving support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us!





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As we wrap our last gifts and gather around laden tables the next few days, the tension climbs in Moria camp. A four day old baby lays in a small plastic crate inside a tent. Around 1,500 children try to stay warm in their coats.

And the boat report today tells us:

226 refugees arrived on Lesvos today in four rubber boats, picked by Frontex and HCG.  $\label{eq:hcg}$ 

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year to celebrate Christ's birth with family and friends. We believe it is also a wonderful time of the year to celebrate Jesus by engaging in His heart for the destitute.

#prayformoria #engageinthecrisis





## **i58** Refugee Relief 2 Δεκεμβρίου 2017 · **③**

Over half of the world's refugees are children, and many of them are spending their

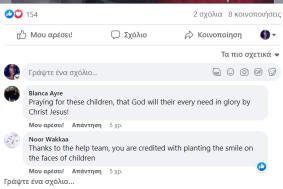
early years in refugee camps. In Moria, hundreds of children wile the days away with simple toys and pleasures, such as a trash can sled, and a plastic crate for a wagon. Although safety, family, and protection have often been taken from them, they have  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right$ learned to keep living and loving well. This past week was Universal Children's day, an opportunity to remember and

engage in the crisis refugee children are facing around the world. Our team is dedicated to loving the children of Moria well, from the oldest one to the babies a few days old.

We wish each of them hope, safety, and a future of protection and peace.

#engageinthecrisis #universalchildrensday2017





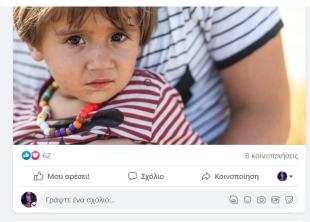


Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. With Thanksgiving and Black Friday behind us, today is a great time to kick off the Christmas season by giving ahead to those less fortunate.

To support i58's work in Moria go to i58greece.org/contribute

#engageinthecrisis #givingtuesday

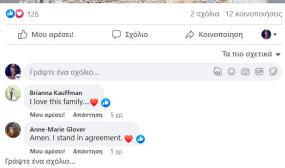






"Refugees are men, women, and children caught in the fury of war, or the cross hairs of persecution. Far from being terrorists, they are often the victims of terrorism. Targeting the weakest does not show strength."







Baby it's cold outside!

Cold has set in and our refugee friends have little to escape the cold. i58 is installing hot water stations to provide chai tea during the cold winter days.

Will you help us with this project?!

To give go to: i58greece.org/contribute Mark "hot water" in the memo!

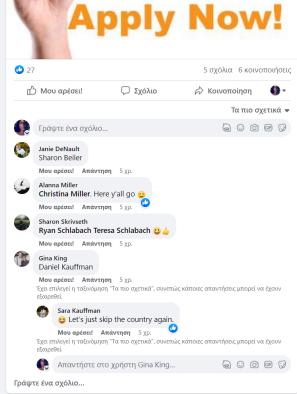














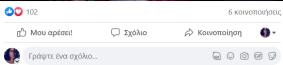


Thanks to your generous support, the winterization project in camp is well underway! The 200+ families in tents will be so grateful for flooring and heat, especially the Mothers with small children.

Thank you for caring for the families in camp Moria this winter!

To help with this project visit our webpage, i58greece.org/contribute/







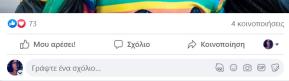
We believe hatred and evil can be overcome with persistent love and good.

We believe in loving one individual at a time, and taking the time to love them well. We believe the world can be changed as we intentionally love the individuals in our path today.

YOU can make a difference!

How will you engage in the lives of the suffering today?





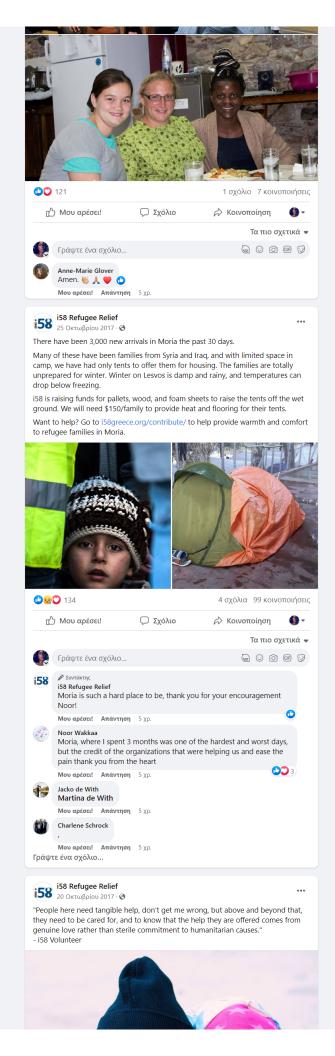


"Spending time with people places value on the individual."

At the Oasis center, we dedicate our time to treating every individual with the dignity and respect they deserve. The time we can give seems like the least we can do to help them start looking with hope into the future.

Remember to take time for the individual today. You may change a life!







## **i58** Refugee Relief 11 Οκτωβρίου 2017 ⋅ **③**

Today is the International Day of the Girl.

The 2017 theme is to emPOWER girls, before, during, and after crisis. It is an observance day called for by the United Nations, and it's purpose is to raise awareness of issues facing girls internationally surrounding education, nutrition, child marriage, legal and medical rights.

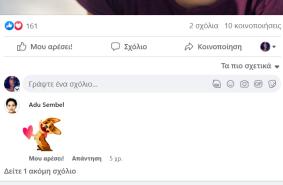
The facts;

62 million girls do not have access to education. Globally one in four girls are married before the age of 18. Every 10 minutes, a girl dies in our world from an act of violence. One in 3 girls are sexually assaulted before the age of 18

Today, we join hands with the refugee girls who have beat the odds and survived. We sit with them, listening to their stories. We stand with them, cheering them on to a future of hope and the fruition of their dreams. Every girl, from every country, culture, and family in our world deserves to be heard, respected, and empowered this year!

How can YOU engage in the fight for their freedom today?





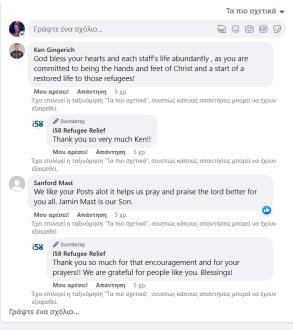


From an i58 volunteer;

"Life in camp is all such a paradox of beauty and pain. Last night I came into a room, and several girls were talking together about the loved ones they have lost. Tears ran down their cheeks as they remembered. It was a sad time, but beautiful to see them sharing their grief, and comforting each other."

Such beautiful healing can come through our mingled tears.







The past 48 hours Lesvos has received 500 new arrivals.

The reception centers are packed, and tents once again cover the space outside the housing units in camp. Amidst the intensity and long shifts, we also experience the joys and blessings of life in Moria. We are so thankful for the privilege we have to serve our refugee friends!

Some of the joys of camp life;

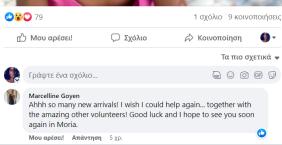
Smiles, hugs, and kisses from happy little faces

Friends and connections from all over the world

Sharing life stories, and drinking chai with sugar

Meeting new friends in the new arrivals tent



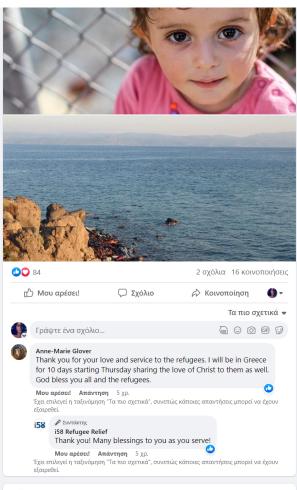




almost 40 of them are children.

Two boats picked up this morning carrying 93 refugees. First one, 52 refugees, near Mistgega. Second boat, off the port of Mytilene, 41 refugees onboard. All safe.

All the refugees entering Europe through Lesvos come to Moria camp for registration. Bus loads of new arrivals are coming in this week already. We are committed to love, service, mercy, and compassion for each individual.





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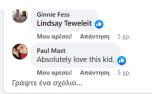
"The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful, to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong."

For this little mischief, a cardboard box does just fine when he's bored of camp life. We are amazed at the courage and happiness of our little refugee friends in camp. Share this post as reminder this wheeler to be grateful for the simple pleasures in life. "Children though a human for all this peer."



Lindsay Catalan Aw this little one and I were great friends!

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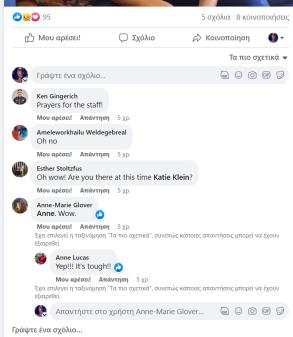


It's been a busy September so far.

Since the 1st, 471 new arrivals have come to the Lesvos shores. This causes increased stress in camp as the thousands of refugees there cram closer together to make room for more.

Our team will keep working to provide protection and safety, one new arrival at a time.







Our team loves the memories made in our Centers on Lesvos island. So many happy hours are spent with our refugee friends, eating special food, relaxing and playing games, and hearing each other's stories.

Camp life can be chaotic and stressful, but it makes all the difference for our team and refugee friends to have a safe and peaceful place to be.  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left($ 

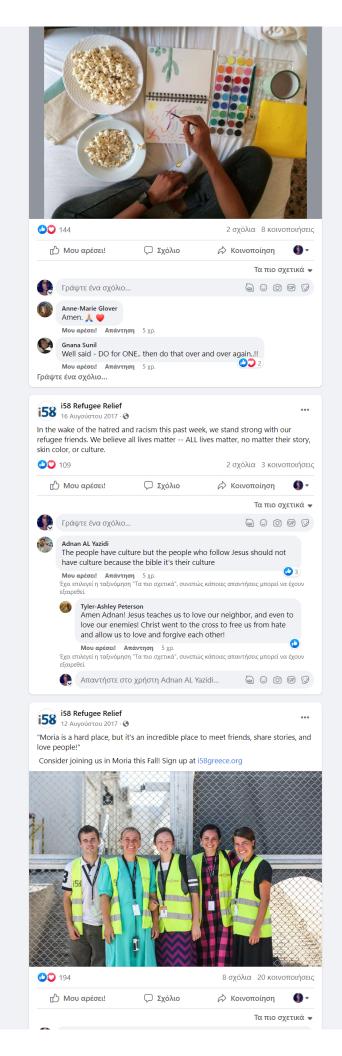
Thanks to our wonderful supporters who have made this possible!

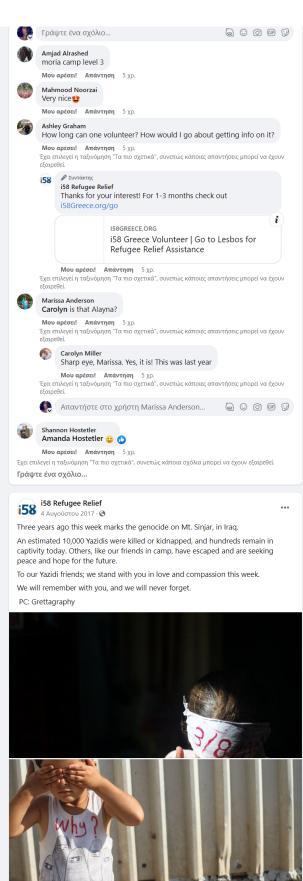




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"Some say you shouldn't do for one what you cannot do for everyone. We believe we should turn that around and DO for ONE what we cannot do for everyone. And then do that over and over again."



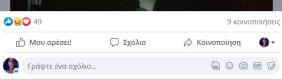






"The war killed my entire family. I was the only one who escaped. I came to Europe to search for peace and meaning in life. I am only 16 years old so I also hope for new friends and education. I have been in Moria for months, and I hope my paperwork will soon allow me to leave for Athens. I often feel so hopeless as I try to find things to fill up the time through the long days in camp."







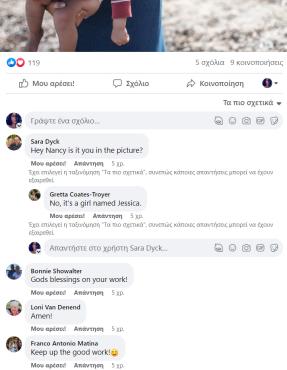
The smallest act of service is better then the largest intention...compassion without action is only observation.

This week we have had many opportunities to do small acts of service with compassion in camp. We believe;

"When action meets compassion, lives change."

Consider partnering with us! Sign up to volunteer today! i58greece.org/go





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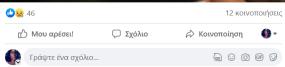


It's been a hard week in camp.

Due to fires erupting close to the office in camp, many supplies were lost and much rebuilding is needing to happen.

Want to help? Visit i58greece.org/contribute to share in the rebuilding needed in Moria - Write "restore" in the Memo.





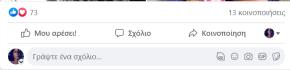


So many of our refugee friends are stuck waiting in camps along with thousands of others. The paperwork process has stretched into months of waiting. Long days pass into sleepless nights as they wrestle with fears of an unknown future.

Do you hold a passport in your hand, and the ability to travel anywhere you want to go? Consider using that privilege to bless the less fortunate.

Sign up today at i58greece.org/go





## i58 Refugee Relief 5 Ιουλίου 2017 · 🚱

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you." - Mother Teresa

As the new arrivals pick up on Lesvos this summer, the camp is filling to maximum capacity once again. Team i58 is dedicated to loving and serving each one we meet, one at a time.





We all have dreams.

We all dream of the future, marriage, and family. We all have goals and hopes we are accomplishing and working towards. Many times we take it for granted that we CAN work towards these dreams, and accomplish them.

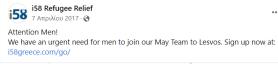
The Refugees have dreams too. Many are young and ambitious, and longing to throw their energy into their dreams. They are Mothers and Fathers, desperate for stability and education for their children. They are teachers and artists and lawyers, who have accomplished goals and stood back to watch them being destroyed.

One of these young men was a medical student, the other a music student and loved his guitar, and the other a Kurdish soldier. All of them were forced to give up everything they knew to keep pursuing their dreams. Our friend Sophia had 5 children, and was a successful Arabic teacher in Aleppo until her husband was killed in the war and her son wounded, and she escaped to find a better life and to find a way out for her family.

For many of them the process looks long and hopeless trying to get through the asylum paperwork so they can continue working on their dreams.

We encourage you today to take some time to pray for our refugee friends. Pray for hope and that they'd know the Giver of hope.

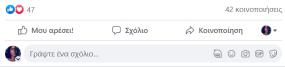


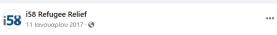












The cold rain turned to a blizzard yesterday, and snow covered the tents and tarps in Moria, collapsing many of the tents.

Happy children ran around throwing snow balls for the first time in their lives. Little snow men appeared, one wearing a blue UNHCR hat.

Women walked through the slush with soaked feet, begging for a place to sleep inside. The men huddled around small fires and scraped the snow off their tarps. A long line waited outside for dry clothes and blankets.

After the snow, a steady rain started falling.

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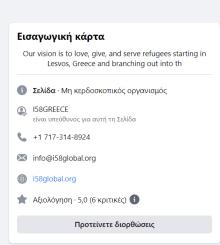
The team keeps exchanging wet blankets with dry ones, passing out dry socks, and



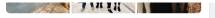
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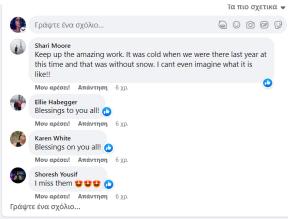
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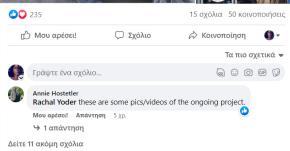


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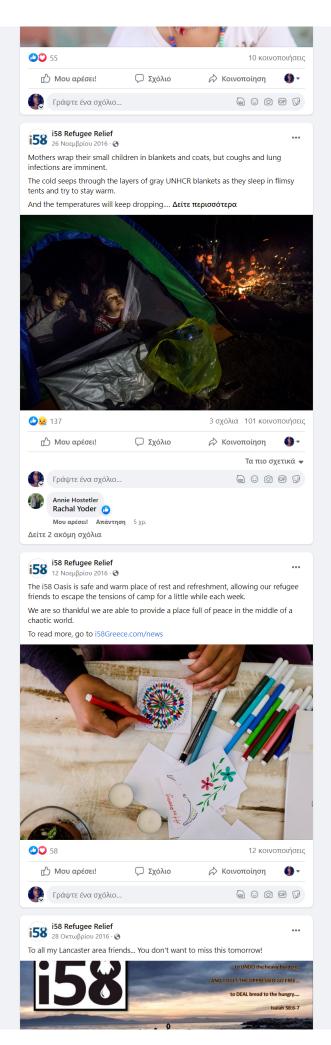


It's Giving Tuesday!

If Cyber Monday is about getting a great deal, Giving Tuesday is about giving a great deal, giving the gift of hope.

Give any amount this week and we will send you a beautiful magnet as a thank you and as a reminder to pray for those in need. ... Δείτε περισσότερα







"What if everyone just loved refugees?"

As winter approaches again and the weather changes, pray for those who are left in the cold, pray for warm places for the vulnerable.

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