





28 Δεκεμβρίου 2020 - 🚱

~ Το κείμενο στα Ελληνικά παρακάτω ~

It's the untold stories that make up most of our lives' experience. And it's the positive developments that we sometimes forget as we always strive towards improvement.

This is why today we want to say Thank-you to the police in Mavrovouni.

Residents of Moria had often asked for a stronger police presence to prevent the violence and keep their families safe, and here it is: a force of 250 in shifts of 40 (compared to 14 in Moria), 20 female police among them "just doing their job" at several police posts throughout camp and on patrol around the clock. To be true, at this point it still gets very dark during the night. Not all crime and horrific violence could be prevented and some residents share how their children are still afraid to go to sleep.

And yet, "the most obvious change for the better since Moria is the safety", says Zafar from Afghanistan. "The police come quickly when there is a situation, and they break up fights before they get ugly."

"In Moria, half my time was spent dealing with security issues", adds Alan, one of our experienced shift leaders, "We were constantly on alert and often had to pull out our volunteers from an area where violence erupted. Now we can focus on the work much more."

"We aim to protect the refugees", is how Kostas Kefalas, the police commander in Mavrovouni, puts it, "and not just from violence. The Covid isolation zone is almost empty now because we make sure everyone keeps to the rules." He hopes that soon light will be in all areas of camp. "This is our aim: to find solutions for problems quickly so we can make camp a little better and safer every day."

(Pictures taken from the homepage of ELAS, as taking pictures of police in camp is not permitted...)

Είναι οι ανείπωτες ιστορίες που αποτελούν το μεναλύτερο μέρος της εμπειρίας της ζωής μας. Και είναι οι θετικές εξελίξεις που μερικές φορές ξεχνάμε καθώς προσπαθούμε πάντα να βελτιωνόμαστε.

Γι' αυτό σήμερα θέλουμε να ευχαριστήσουμε την αστυνομία στο Μαυροβούνι.

Οι κάτοικοι της Μόριας συχνά είχαν ζητήσει ισχυρότερη αστυνομική παρουσία για να αποτρέψουν τη βία και να διατηρήσουν τις οικογένειές τους ασφαλείς, και εδώ είναι: μια δύναμη 250 αστυνομικών σε βάρδιες των 40 (σε σύγκριση με τους 14 στη Μόρια), 20 γυναίκες μεταξύ τους "απλώς κάνουν τη δουλειά τους "σε πολλές αστυνομικές θέσεις σε όλο το στρατόπεδο και με συχνές περιπολίες όλο το 24ωρο.

Η αλήθεια είναι πως ακόμα είναι πολύ σκοτεινά κατά τη διάρκεια της νύχτας. Δεν μπορούν να προληφθούν όλα τα εγκλήματα και η φρικτή βία και ορισμένοι κάτοικοι μας λένε πώς τα παιδιά τους φοβούνται ακόμα να

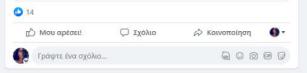
Και όμως, «η πιο μεγάλη αλλαγή προς το καλύτερο, από την εποχής της Μόρια είναι η ασφάλεια», λέει ο Ζαφάρ από το Αφγανιστάν. «Η αστυνομία

ερχεται γρηγορα σταν υπαρχει αναγει<sub>ιε</sub> και σιαποσον τους παργασες πριν καταλήξουν άσχημα».

«Στη Μόρια, αφιέρωνα τον μισό μου χρόνο σε θέματα ασφαλείας», προσθέτει ο Άλαν, ένας από τους έμπειρους ηγέτες της βάρδιας. «Ήμασταν συνεχώς σε εγρήγορση και συχνά έπρεπε να οδηγήσουμε έξω τους εθελοντές μας από μια περιοχή όπου ξεσπούσαν επεισόδια βίας. Τώρα μπορούμε να επικεντρωθούμε στις εργασίες που έχουμε πολύ περισσότερο».

«Στόχος μας είναι να προστατεύσουμε τους πρόσφυγες», λέει ο Κώστας Κεφαλάς, αστυνομικός διοικητής στο Μαυροβούνι, «και όχι μόνο από τη βία. Η ζώνη απομόνωσης του Covid είναι σχεδόν άδεια τώρα, επειδή διασφαλίζουμε ότι όλοι τηρούν τους κανόνες». Ελπίζει ότι σύντομα θα είναι φωτεινά σε όλους τους χώρους του καταυλισμού. «Στόχος μας είναι να βρούμε γρήγορα λύσεις στα προβλήματα, ώστε να κάνουμε τον καταυλισμό λίγο καλύτερο και ασφαλέστερο κάθε μέρα».

(Οι εικόνες έχουν παρθεί από την σελίδα της ΕΛΑΣ, καθώς δεν επιτρέπεται η λήψη φωτογραφιών της αστυνομίας στον καταυλισμό...)



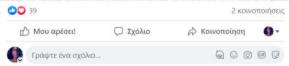


\*\*

As you enjoy the holiday season with all its festivities this year, remember those who have fled violence or economic turmoil and are now waiting to attain their goal of a better life.

They need your prayers. They need your support. They need your love.







In January of 2020, Cari Nolt spent a month on the island of Lesvos, Greece, and, in her words, "found it to be a hard, beautiful place that [she] couldn't forget."

In 2021, Cari plans to return for a year (if things work out with a long-term visa) to work with the vulnerable women in the refugee camp on Lesvos.

Thank you for your interest and prayers. To support Cari financially, use the link below.

https://i58greece.z2systems.com/CariNsupport





What does i58's work in the refugee camp look like?

.

1100

i58 works alongside EuroRelief in the temporary camp of Kara Tepe on Lesvos and is involved in several ways.

The majority of our work involves shelter allocation. When new arrivals come to the camp, volunteers will ensure there is an open space for them to live. Our goal in housing allocation is to bring dignity to the residents and make sure the vulnerable get the safest places.

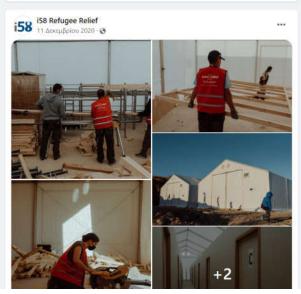
Our volunteers also help EuroRelief with separate activities for men and women, including volleyball and soccer. In addition, we assist those who teach English to children in the camp.

Diaper distribution is a part of the daily tasks as well as other non-food item distributions that EuroRelief occasionally coordinates.

We also have opportunities to help with camp maintenance and projects.

We are thankful for the opportunity to bless those in need and our goal is to serve in whatever ways God leads us.







~ Το κείμενο στα Ελληνικά παρακάτω ~

4 Rubb Halls. 72 pods. 576 beds and mattresses. 3000 dry wood panels. 100,000 screws. 40 volunteers. 10 days.

Those are just some numbers for a big maintenance project we are working on at the moment. It might even be the biggest one that we as EuroRelief have ever been a part of!

Our volunteers have been very busy sawing, screwing, hammering, and constructing inside the four newly built big tents - called Rubb Halls - in the Green Zone of RIC Mavrovouni. These 320m2 tents are made of aluminium frames with polyester coverings and are going to house single women and families that need to be relocated from a different zone that soon will be under construction.

To provide a better housing situation in these open Rubb Halls, we had the challenging, but worthwhile, task to add partitions that create 18 smaller "pods" – 4x3.5m rooms - in each Rubb Hall. Each of the spaces is equipped with 8 beds and mattresses and is supposed to house just as many people in it.

This project is supervised and financed by IOM, and we feel privileged to contribute to these kinds of improvements in camp. Each pod contains a concrete floor covered by a carpet (thanks to Because We Carry), walls that meet the fire safety code and have insulation in them, and power outlets. We are truly grateful we will be able to house people in there soon!

Working on this projects was truly a joint effort. We are so thankful for our friends from Refugee 4 Refugees and Movement On The Ground who helped with putting up the bunk beds and all the volunteers who worked so hard and will continue to do so!

In addition, building all of these partitions and finishing it in such a short time would definitely not have been possible without our awesome and skilled resident maintenance volunteers. A consistent team of over 20 resident workers has been working alongside us, sharing their knowledge, experience, and energy every day. We are so grateful for their willingness to serve with us!

4 μεγάλες σκηνές. 72 μικρά κλειστά δωμάτια. 576 κρεβάτια και στρώματα. 3000 πάνελ ξύλου. 100.000 βίδες. 40 εθελοντές. 10 ημέρες.

Αυτά είναι μόνο μερικά νούμερα ενός μεγάλου έργου συντήρησης πάνω στο οποίο εργαζόμαστε αυτήν τη στιγμή. Είναι ίσως και το πιο μεγάλο έργο στο οποίο, εμείς ως EuroRelief, έχουμε λάβει ποτέ μέρος!

Οι εθελοντές μας ήταν πολύ απασχολημένοι με το πριόνισμα, το βίδωμα, το σφυροκόπημα και τις εργασίες μέσα στις τέσσερις μεγάλες νεόδμητες σκηνές - που ονομάζανται Rubb Halls - στην Πράσινη Ζώνη του καταυλισμού. Αυτές οι σκηνές 320 τ.μ. είναι κατασκευασμένες από κουφώματα αλουμινίου με πολυεστερικά καλύμματα και πρόκειται να φιλοξενήσουν γυναίκες και οικογένειες που πρέπει να μετεγκατασταθούν από διαφορετική ζώνη του καταυλισμού που σύντομα θα βρίσκεται υπό κατασκευή.

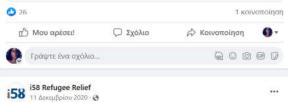
Για να παρέχουμε καλύτερες συνθήκες στέγασης σε αυτές τις ανοιχτές μεγάλες αίθουσες, είχαμε μια μεγάλη πρόκληση, που άξιζε τον κόπο, να προσθέσουμε διαμερίσματα που δημιουργούν 18 μικρότερα δωμάτια - 4x3,5μ. το καθένα - σε κάθε μεγάλη σκηνή (Rubb Hall). Κάθε ένας από τους χώρους είναι εξοπλισμένος με 8 κρεβάτια και στρώματα και μπορεί να φιλοξενήσει αρκετούς ανθρώπους μέσα.

Αυτό το έργο εποπτεύεται και χρηματοδοτείται από την ΙΟΜ και αισθανόμαστε τιμή να συνεισφέρουμε σε τέτοιου είδους βελτιώσεις στον καταιλλισμό. Κάθε δωμάτιο περιέχει ένα δάπεδο από σκυρόδεμα ποι καλύπτεται από ένα χαλί (χάρη στο Because We Carry), τοίχους που πληρούν τον κωδικό πυρασφάλειας με μόνωση και πρίζες. Είμαστε πραγματικά ευγνώμονες που θα μπορέσουμε να στεγάσουμε ανθρώπους εκεί σύντομα!

Η εργασία σε αυτό το έργο ήταν πραγματικά μια ομαδική προσπάθεια. Είμαστε τόσο ευγνώμονες για τους φίλους μας από το Refugee 4 Refugees και το Movement On The Ground που βοήθησαν στην τοποθέτηση των κουκέτων και σε όλους τους εθελοντές που εργάστηκαν τόσο σκληρά και που συνεχίζουν να το κάνουν!

Επιπλέον, η κατασκευή όλων αυτών των χώρων και η ολοκλήρωσή τους σε τόσο σύντομο χρονικό διάστημα σίγουρα δεν θα ήταν δυνατή χωρίς τους φοβερούς και εξειδικευμένους εθελοντές μας. Μια συνεπής ομάδα με πάνω από 20 εργαζομένους που κατοικούν εκεί, συνεργάστηκαν μαζί μας, μοιράζοντας τις γνώσεις, την εμπειρία και την ενέργειά τους καθημερινά. Είμαστε τόσο ευγνώμονες για την προθυμία τους να υπηρετήσουν μαζί μας!

#maintenance #rubbhalls #partitions #construction #jointeffort



What does i58 do?

i58 has a presence on the islands of Lesvos, Samos, and Chios, working independently as well as with other organizations. On the island of Lesvos, we work in the refugee camp alongside EuroRelief. On all three islands, i58 hosts community centers where we interact with the refugees.

Our mission is two-fold: to reach both refugees and volunteers. We desire to be a blessing in the camp - to bless the residents in small ways. We are also passionate

about empowering volunteers to love and serve well while growing in their personal lives.

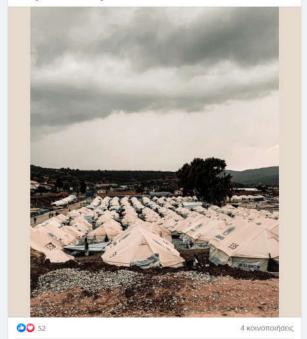
One of our volunteers described both aspects well . . .

"It's difficult to sum up and express all the things God has done, all the ways He's worked...through the fire and the aftermath, the building of the new camp, and my life personally.

The realizations of my own inadequacy and God's sufficiency collided. I experienced strength in my weakness and His power when I had nothing left to give. My time in Greece taught me more about the character of God [and] His heart for His people."



In 2016, during the peak of the refugee crisis, we saw an opportunity to reach out to the thousands who were coming through Turkey, across the Agean Sea, and into Europe. Our goal has been to minister to them by simply loving them through serving them in a time of great need.



🖵 Σχόλιο

🖒 Κοινοποίηση

0 -

00000

Μου αρέσει!

Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο...

\*\*

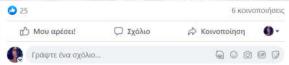
Giving Tuesday is here, and, in case you were waiting for it, you'll find a donation link below! Check out our last two posts to find out more about our long-term coordinators, who you will be supporting if you choose to give today.

Any excess funds not needed to cover our coordinators' expenses will be used to support our national workers.

Thank you for choosing to give.

https://i58greece.z2systems.com/givingtuesday







.

Meet Keith and Linda, current long-term volunteers with i58.

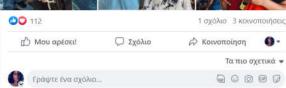
In May of 2020, they began a two-year term serving as coordinators on Lesvos with i58, which involves taking care of finances, team lodging and schedules, and team care. Because of the difficulty of getting a long-term visa, they switch from Stateside to Greece every three months.

Keith and Linda are passionate about working with people–especially youth– and serving with i58 gives them the opportunity to do that.

With GivingTuesday coming up on December 1st, you have the opportunity to support Keith and Linda financially. Part of any donations given will go towards their expenses on the field.

Keep you eyes open for the donation link we'll be posting on December 1st!









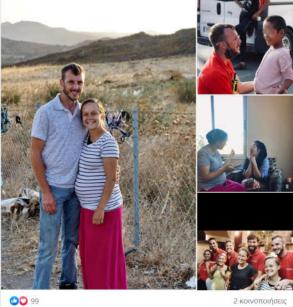
Meet Paul and MarciLyn, a couple who has volunteered in Greece with i58 for several years.

Earlier this year, Paul and MarciLyn started their two-year term working on the island of Lesvos. Due to the difficulty that comes with getting a long-term visa, they switch from the States to Greece every three months.

While in Greece, their role with i58 includes financial coordination, team schedules, lodging for volunteers, and more. When in the States, they are involved in i58 team trainings and debriefs.

If you'd like to support Paul and MarciLyn's vital role on Lesvos, we are running a campaign on GivingTuesday, December 1st! Part of any donations given will go towards their expenses on the field.

Keep you eyes open for the donation link we'll be posting on December 1st!







..

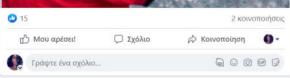
Black Friday and Cyber Monday are two of the largest shopping days of the year in the USA, and they are right around the corner.

Did you know you could support i58 while completing your holiday shopping on Amazon? It's possible and it's easy!

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop. Simply shop at <a href="mile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a> or by using the AmazonSmile app. Amazon will then give a small percentage to the organization of your choice.

We appreciate your support!



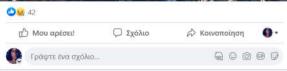


In the last few weeks, the island of Samos and its people have been through so much. In addition to the earthquake and tsunami last month, several fires have torn through parts of the refugee camp.

In the first fire, around 15 shelters were burned, and the second fire burned around a dozen. To our knowledge, the cause of the fires are unknown.

i58 is not working in the camp there but has a community center on the island. Please join us in prayer for the volunteers on the island - that they can be a blessing in the midst of this situation.







I walked up to a tent to check up on the family who lived there. They warmly invited me inside to share breakfast with them. I accepted.

We had small conversations, but they didn't know English and I don't know Farsi, so it was limited. However, we were soon joined by a neighbor who spoke English, and I got to hear part of his story.

"I used to be a civil engineer," he said, "but now this." He glanced around the tent, indicating what he meant by "now this".

"I'm worried about the future. I have a family. My children can't go to school."

This is the story of so many of the families in camp. They used to have a normal life in their home country. Some of them had high-ranking jobs.

Now they've fled their country and are in an in-between place, waiting on their asylum process.

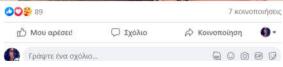
We are grateful for the opportunity we've been given to help, even in small ways.

We appreciate your continued prayers as there is again a lockdown in Greece due to COVID-19. It doesn't affect our work inside camp much, however, residents of the camp are not able to leave. Pray that they would find purpose even there.

- i58 volunteer

(Photo used with permission)







A big shoutout to our August and September teams and all the friends and family who supported them while they served on Lesvos.

Most of the August team stayed as long as their visas allowed them (90 days) and left the island this past weekend. Some of the September team left as well, while a few are staying another month.

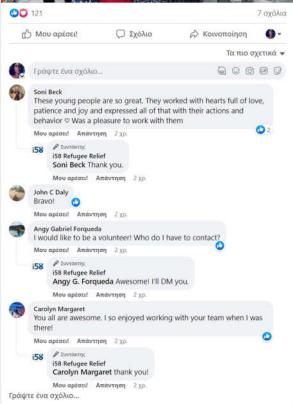
We are grateful for the way our teams have poured energy, love, and prayer into the people of camp, both before and in the aftermath of the crisis.

Immediately following the fire in Moria, they, alongside other organizations, worked long hours giving out diapers, distributing food, and housing people in the new camp.

The August and September teams have been a rock in our organization in the last few months. We thank you.

(Photo featuring August team)







..

A magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit parts of Greece, Turkey, and a few other countries today, causing a tsunami on the island of Samos in Greece. We have a community center on the island and are thankful that those working in the center are all well and the building we use was left undamaged.

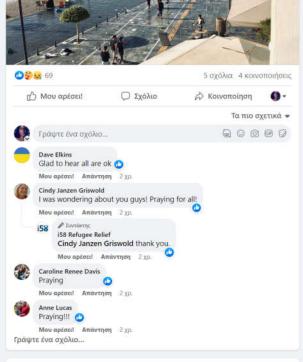
Pray for the Greeks whose homes have been damaged as well as for those in the refugee camp who've been affected by the disaster.

The earthquake was felt on parts of Lesvos, however, it was less intense, and all our volunteers are fine.

Check out this link for more information:

https://greece.greekreporter.com/.../tsunami-hits.../





#### i58 Refugee Relief 28 Οκτωβρίου 2020 · ③

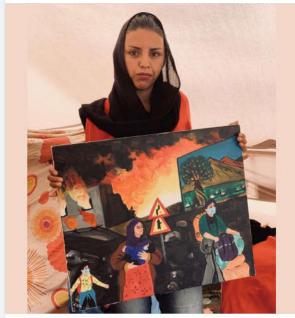
During a crisis, the media is everywhere. They try to capture every moment to keep the world in tune with the situation at hand. After the dust settles, however, is when things really start to sink in for those caught in the situation.

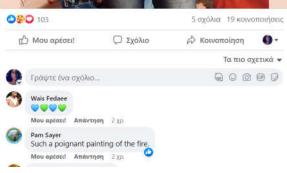
Maybe the world has forgotten the fire of Moria? Maybe the fact that people lived on the streets for several weeks has slipped to the back of your mind? The people of Moria camp, however, have not forgotten. When the cold and rain come, they are the ones who face the realities of life as a refugee.

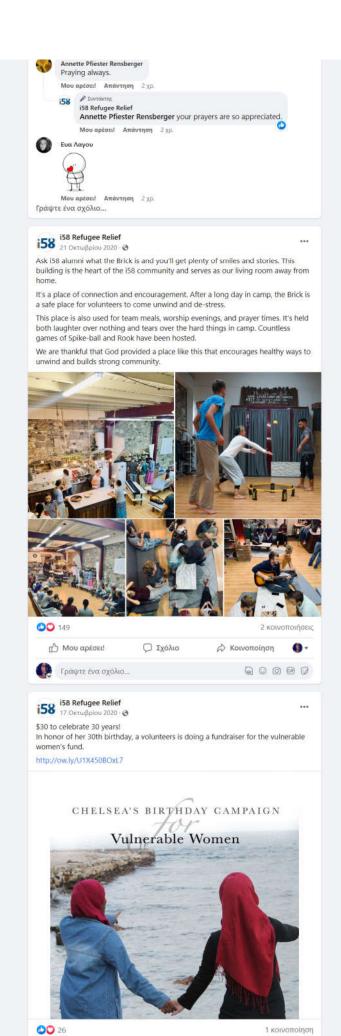
As the rest of the world gets caught up in newer events, don't forget to pray for the refugees as they adjust to the new camp.

If you'd like to contribute, check out our website.

Photo used with permission.



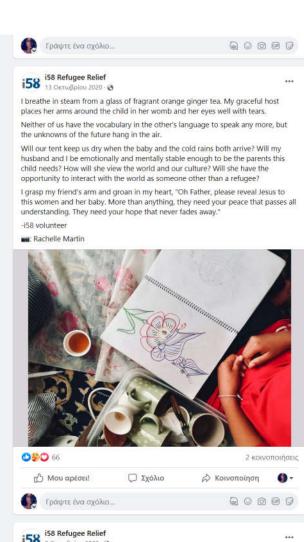




Μου αρέσει!

💭 Σχόλιο

🖒 Κοινοποίηση





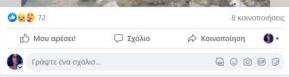
A big thank you to all who prayed for the rain to be held back while refugees were on the streets after the fire. It was delayed until today.

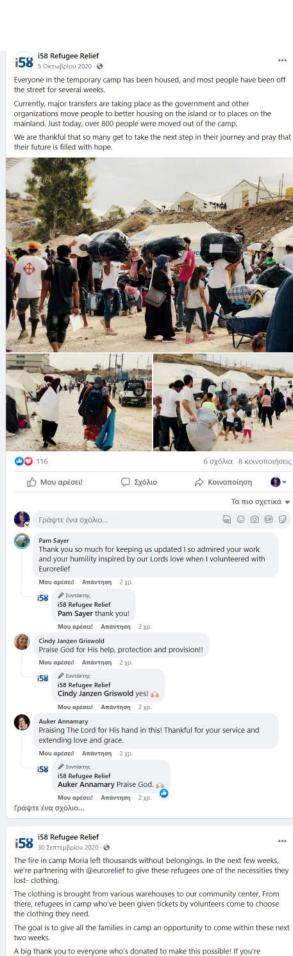
As the rain washed through low-lying areas, many people had an inch or two of water coming through their tent floor. This left blankets and other belongings soaked.

The UNHCR has been working on putting pallets in the tents and providing tarps for everyone. Join us in praying that this process would be speedy enough that everyone would be better prepared by the time the next rain storm arrives.

Photo Credit: @bauman.lauren







A big thank you to everyone who's donated to make this possible! If you're interested in giving financially, make sure to check out the link in our bio.

: @david\_kauffman03







"In His plan there are no true endings, only everlasting beginnings." -Dieter F. Uchtdorf

This is an encouragement to me while working in camp with so many people. At times, the only time I talk with people is to show them their tent or try to fix the problem they bring to me. It's easy to feel like the work I'm doing is not benefitting the ones I'm working with.

Yet, even though it seems like it's an end to us, it can be that it's the beginning of something in their life that we just can't see. Nothing we do for God is an end, it's just a beginning to something new.

I think the most amazing experience I've had so far is to be able to give two families a tent to live in. Although there may have been some things they didn't agree with or like, by the end, they apologized for being so hard to work with. And later on in the day, I passed them and they call out my name with a smile and a greeting. And invited me to tea the next day!

Things like that keep me going and remind me why I'm here when the hard days come.

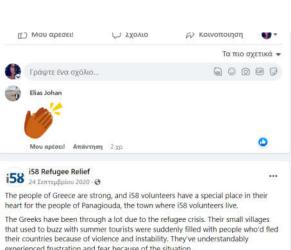
-i58 volunteer

: @david\_kauffman03



**OO** 68

1 σχόλιο 4 κοινοποιήσεις



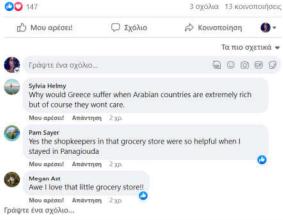
experienced frustration and fear because of the situation.

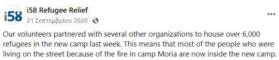
However, although the Greeks are tired, they are resilient. We have a lot of appreciation for the people of Panagiouda. The storekeepers have become our friends. Local coffee shops have become a place of fellowship. We cannot express enough thanks for the warmth shown by so many.

Greeks from local areas have been involved in both camp Moria and now the temporary site. They've played a huge role in helping bring temporary shelter to the thousands who were stuck on the street a few weeks ago. To the people of Greece: we thank you!

Photo Credits: @david\_kauffman03





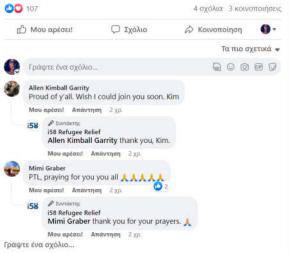


Tents are the new homes of these refugees, and, while the situation is not ideal, we

see this time as an opportunity to love, serve, and bring hope to them. If you'd like to partner with us and give towards the work financially, click the link in









Have you ever wondered what enables i58 to be involved on a place like Lesvos?

A huge reason is the other organizations who we've been able to partner with on Lesvos. Whether it was serving in what was camp Moria, housing refugees in their new homes, or the recent food, blanket, and diaper distributions, we would've never been able to do it without them. A huge shoutout to EuroRelief, Movement on the Ground, Refugee4refugees, Remar SOS, and Starfish Foundation.

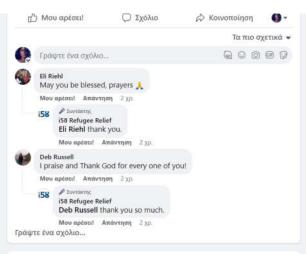
Second, we have some awesome volunteers on the ground. They are phenomenal people, working long shifts in difficult times.

We also thank God for both the opportunity to be here and for our supporters who help make it possible.



**OO** 109

4 σχόλια 2 κοινοποιήσεις





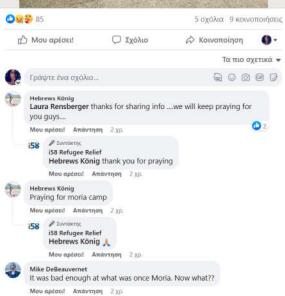
She's huddled inside a leaking tent in the pouring rain with the wind whipping around her. Her clothes won't dry for days because of the damp air and rain. Her beautiful children are cold at night, and sickness is a constant issue.

This is what thousands of refugees face when the beautiful summer of Lesvos turns into a dreary, cold, and windy winter.

The weather on the island has become more humid in the last few days, and the forecast is predicting its first thunderstorm in several months on Friday, both indicating a turn in the season. Winter is coming, but there are still thousands on the street without even the little shelter a tent provides.

Join us in prayer for the cold and rain to be held back until more people are off the street. And, if the rain does come, that it would speed up the re-housing process so that people aren't stranded on the street in the rain again.





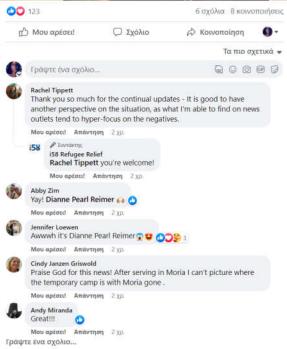


Our camp office is now hosted by a tent and is the housing center of the new temporary camp.

We are grateful for the opportunity we have to be a part of bringing shelter to many of the thousands who are still sleeping on the street. Although the temporary camp is still in the process of being built, hundreds of tents have already been put up, enabling us to begin re-housing.

We want to give a big shoutout to the Greek people who are also playing a large role in getting this accomplished. They've been through a lot due to the refugee crisis but work hard in spite of the frustrations they face with the situation.







When I began my time in Moria camp, I could not fully feel because I did not fully know the struggles they faced. I heard their stories, and I could only imagine what they had gone through.

I was able to feel with them, although not perfectly, the pain they experienced. I saw what happened to them; I saw them living and sleeping in the streets. I saw them fighting to survive.

Today, when working in the new temporary site, I had the privilege of taking them to their new tents. Many were extremely grateful. It was so rewarding to see the occupants in the tents happy to be with each other. There was a joyous celebration as a group of friends reunited.

The new site is still very much in progress. Pray that we would have wisdom and clarity for dealing with the many challenges ahead.

-158 Volunteer





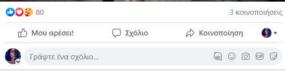


Today we gave out over 80% of the 26,000 meals we had. The distribution was interrupted by fighting in the food line, and all volunteers safely left the area.

We are thankful that so much of the food and water was handed out, but are lifting prayers for all those who are going to bed hungry tonight.

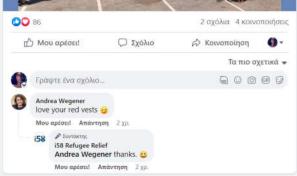












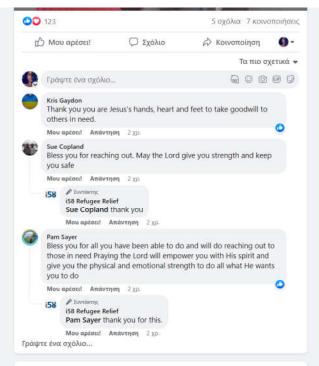


Today has been a full day. Early this morning, before the sun peeked over the horizon, i58 volunteers were distributing diapers for hundreds of babies and toddlers. Later, a trash collecting crew was formed to clean up along the road where many spent the first several nights after the fire. Our volunteers are also helping to set up temporary housing for many of the refugees.

This afternoon, volunteers were able to successfully deliver water and meals to thousands, many of whom hadn't eaten for days. We are so thankful that all went well and that many will go to sleep tonight with full stomachs.

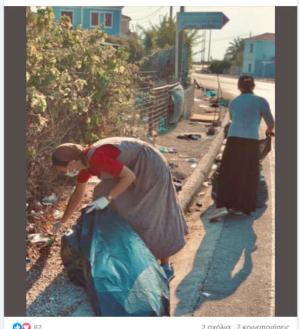
http://ow.ly/MuaU50Bp7Mi

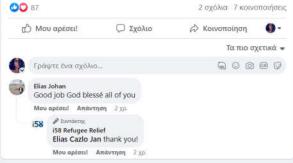




## i58 Refugee Relief 13 Σεπτεμβρίου 2020 · 🚱

We also want to find ways to bless the local Greek people. In the aftermath of the mass evacuation during the fires, volunteers were sent to pick up trash in camp.







Today I got to say yes. I got to give something people need but not have them mob me for it. And I saw a hundred more smiles and giggles than tears.

We had a water stand in front of the Oasis- just a hose and a bar of soap. Essential items, but not too essential to make it impossible to hand out. My hose refilled many water bottles and washed hair, dusty feet, babies, hands, and faces.

I watched riot police with shields following the protesting POC's on the road below

and neard the shouts and pashing of empty plastic water potties.

A little guy knocked nuts out of the tree in front of me for his mama. A little girl washed sparkling glass cups under my hose. A man picked out a peaceful tune on his guitar as he sat against the building behind me. I'm constantly impressed by how well these people are at being refugees.

"I don't know" was said many times. An Afghan family pleaded with me to eat their cookies (though they themselves had barely eaten that day). My friend asked me, "Will they have tents?" "I don't know," my generous friend.

A pregnant Camaroon women asked me where she can take a shower?

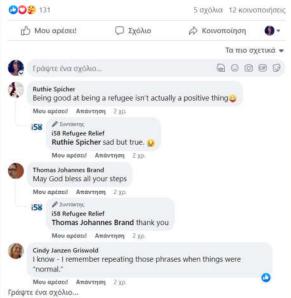
"Will you come back here tomorrow?"

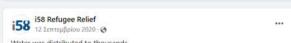
"What are they going to do with us?"

"I'm sorry. I don't know."

https://i58greece.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=16&







Water was distributed to thousands. It was not necessarily peaceful, but a lot of people received water, which is amazing. No protest took place and for this we are very grateful.

They were so desperate...

Μου αρέσει!

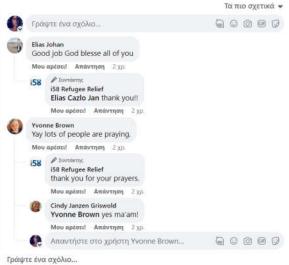
https://i58greece.z2systems.com/donation.isp?campaign=16&



💭 Σχόλιο

0 -

🖒 Κοινοποίηση



τραφτε ενα σχολιο...



Approximate the

How would I respond if I was in their situation? I've asked myself this question many times over the last couple days.

Precious people stripped of even some of the basic necessities of life.

Exhausted men and women desperate to provide for their families.

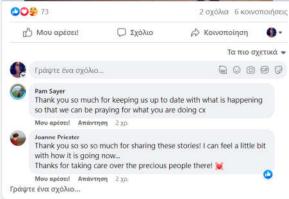
Moria is gone, but the people are still here. This is the reason why we were here and why we are still here. Moria was just the name of a fenced military compound.

PRAY for these beautiful souls.

- i58 volunteer

https://i58greece.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=16&







.

Handing out water to desperate people. People who need so much more - food, baby essentials, basic hygiene, etc.

The police gave us the freedom to help those along the road to camp which opened our eyes to so many opportunities: setting up hand-washing stations, showers, toilets, etc. Many people, especially women are becoming dehydrated. Not because they don't have access to water, but due to the fact there are no restroom facilities.

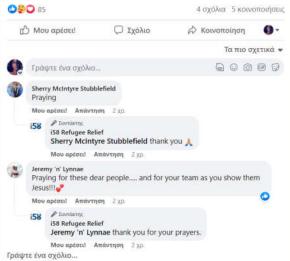
Almost all are in need of a decent place to sleep and simply exist. The sadness in these dear people's eyes is overwhelming.

I believe we are here for such a time as this. With some brainstorming and

organization we could give so much more to these precious souls. #campmoriafires

http://ow.ly/UhFT50Bo5Zr







We did an early morning water distribution today. In several vans we went down the road leading into camp and passed out cases of water through the windows. People were clustered among the trash begging us for food and milk for their babies.

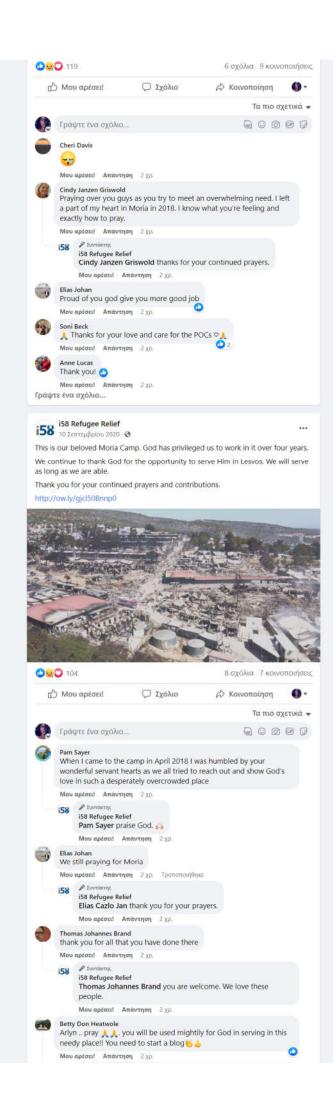
Our team noticed different needs: A nurse thought about the lack of basic hygiene, no showers, no restrooms, all the diabetics and sick babies. A girl who worked in new arrivals saw the minors and young children roaming around with no one to watch out for them.

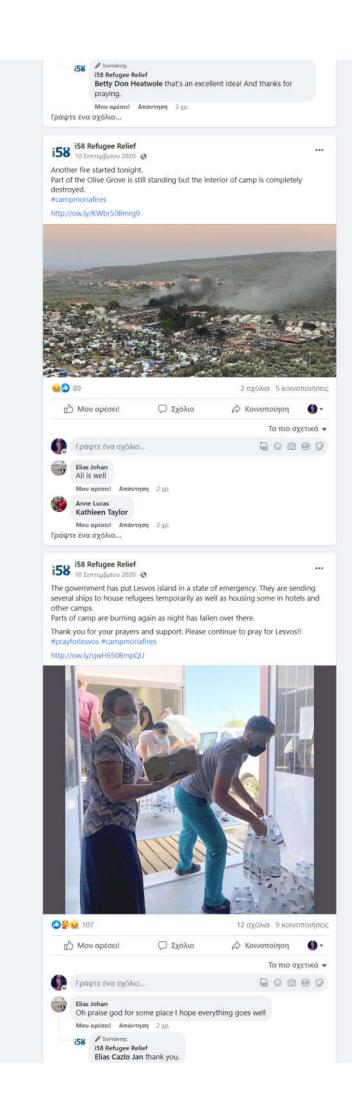
I saw all the women and young girls from Section C who have already been through so much trauma. Now the little safety and stability they had has been stripped away. Their eyes were empty, but they were grateful just to get water.

These encounters gave us a chance to see how to start meeting some of the countless needs.

http://ow.ly/AaDD50Bo5id











"Last night as I was leaving camp, I knew tensions were increasing. When I went to bed, there were reports coming in of fires and rioting; however, little did I know to what extent the situation would reach.

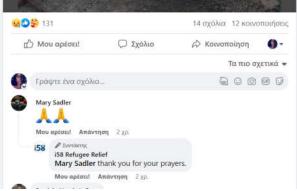
As the day dawned, details began coming in. I found out the section I was working in was completely destroyed by fire. This meant that over 300 single women, single moms with children and even newborn babies, were without homes or food. The little that they did have was taken away in one night."

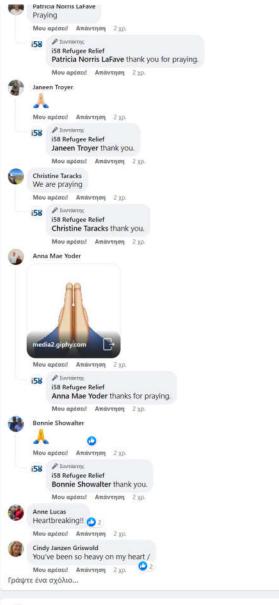
- i58 volunteer

{Croissants, water and yogurt were handed out to a group of around 200 people, mainly families sitting close to the Oasis. They were so grateful. It is an honor to be here for such a time as this.}

http://ow.ly/lala50Bm8od







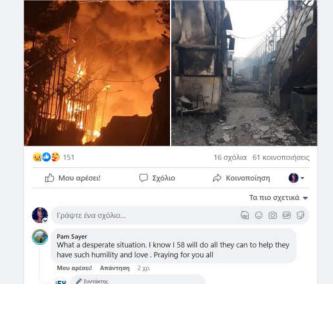


Last evening riots and fires broke out in Camp Moria. Most of camp is in ashes leaving 12,000 people out on the surrounding streets.

At this time, there are no reported fatalities and all NGO volunteers are safe. Many POCs are hungry and exhausted, as they are now without the basic necessities of food, water, and shelter.

We will try to update you here about this situation as it develops. We are buying skids of water and other supplies. Donate now to help with this urgent need.

https://i58greece.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=16&







The first case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in Camp Moria. The camp is in total lockdown for 14 days.

Please say a prayer for the camp and for our volunteers as we work with this situation. We don't know what the future will hold, but we know who holds the future.







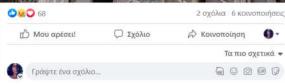
"One day I was sent to check on an empty spot in an ISO box (a box similar in shape and size to a shipping container which houses up to four families).

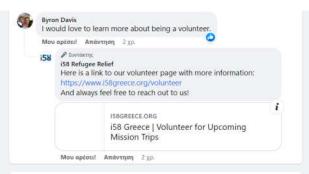
As I waited for the adults to bring their papers, I played high fives with the little children. They invited me in for coffee. I removed my shoes and sat on the floor of their 12x12 foot space. Five people shared the small space: an elderly couple and three beautiful little girls. They proceeded to tell me that these were not their children but their grandchildren. The grandmother held back tears as she pantomimed a head laid down to rest saying "mama baba Syria" as she pointed to the girls.

My heart breaks for them and thousands like them. All I could do was put one hand over my heart and one hand on hers as I tried to hold back my own tears."

Photo courtesy of EuroRelief - Salome Wiedmer

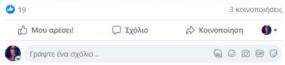












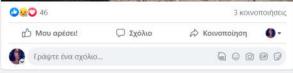


Violence, depression, sorrow upon sorrow, sickness, suicide, insomnia, and panic attacks have all claimed Moria as home. Yet somehow this is a better alternative than where they have come from. A door has opened for us to shine a light. It is a privilege to go into camp and love

these people.

Photo courtesy of EuroRelief - Salome Wiedmer





i58 Ο χρήστης i58 Refugee Relief 🕲 συγκεντρώνει χρήματα από δωρεές. ...

During the 2nd week of quarantine volunteers can be out and about - they just need to stay away from public places and social distance.

This week they did a trash pickup around the local town. 170 bags or 5950 gallons Συγκεντρώθηκαν 0 \$ για τον μη κερδοσκοπικό οργανισμό I58Greece Δωρεά Γίνετε ο πρώτος που θα κάνει δωρεά! **OO** 39 Μου αρέσει! 💭 Σχόλιο 🖒 Κοινοποίηση Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο... i58 Refugee Relief World Humanitarian Day noun. [wurld hyoo-man-i-tair-ee-uhn dei] A day remembering aid workers who've lost their lives in service and those who continue giving support and aid to those in need. i58 gives humanitarian aid and hope to refugees on several islands in Greece. Whether it's handing out non-food items or housing new arrivals, our volunteers work hard to help those in need. To continue our work, we need your support! Partner with us by becoming a monthly donor. **OO** 82 2 σχόλια 5 κοινοποιήσεις 💭 Σχόλιο 0 -Μου αρέσει! 🖒 Κοινοποίηση Τα πιο σχετικά 🕶 Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο.. Lauretta R Eshleman That was a fun job. 🖒 Μου αρέσει! Απάντηση 2 χρ.

David N Joanna Myers
Good to see you Brenda!!! What a sweet little baby! \*i

Μου αρέσει! Απάντηση 2 χρ.



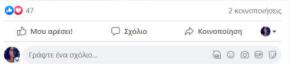
Join us in celebrating National Nonprofit Day-a day set aside to recognize the positive impact of organizations who greatly impact those in their communities and around the world!

i58 is a nonprofit organization with a mission to recruit, send and organize relief workers, empowering them to provide aid and share hope to the refugees in Greece.

Consider getting involved and making a difference with monthly contributions to support our work!

www.i58greece.org/donate







...

We smile as we give food to people in the protected sections. Each new arrival receives clothes, blankets, soap, shoes, and more when we have it in stock.



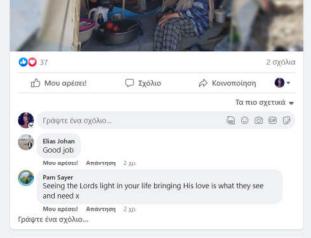




\*\*\*

Each interaction is an opportunity to love people. Sometimes listening and showing kindness is a highlight of their day, even when there is nothing we can do to help in their situation.





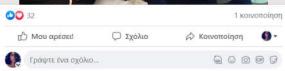


My first day serving at the Oasis, I got to care for a precious little two-year old girl. She had never played with legos and it was great to show her how to have fun with them! I hoped I would get to see her again sometime.

Our next meeting was definitely not how I expected it would be. One day, as I was walking through camp, we just happened to pass her family sitting outside their structure. It was so special to see that the little girl remembered me! Her parents later told me they were so happy to have been able to bring their daughter to a good place where people would take care of her. They hope to return to the Oasis again sometime.

I pray that through volunteers continuing to serve in camp and building relationships that they can leave a lasting impact which inspires them to keep seeking the truth.





### i58 Refugee Relief 31 louklou 2020 ⋅ ③

"When I came here (camp Moria) I didn't know how quickly I would fall in love with these people. I didn't know how much my heart would break with theirs. I didn't know how much joy it would bring to give diapers to a proud father of twins. I didn't know how great the need was."

- i58 volunteer







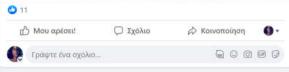
# i58 Refugee Relief 24 Ιουλίου 2020 ⋅ ❤

"Every person has a story. What a blessing to be a part of it and hopefully leave a seed planted in their hearts that will one day grow into something beautiful.

To every individual that gives their time to this work, remember, 'You make a difference.' There are going to be discouraging days. But knowing that you are doing what you were called to, enables one to look past the current trial to the blessing beyond."

- i58 volunteer





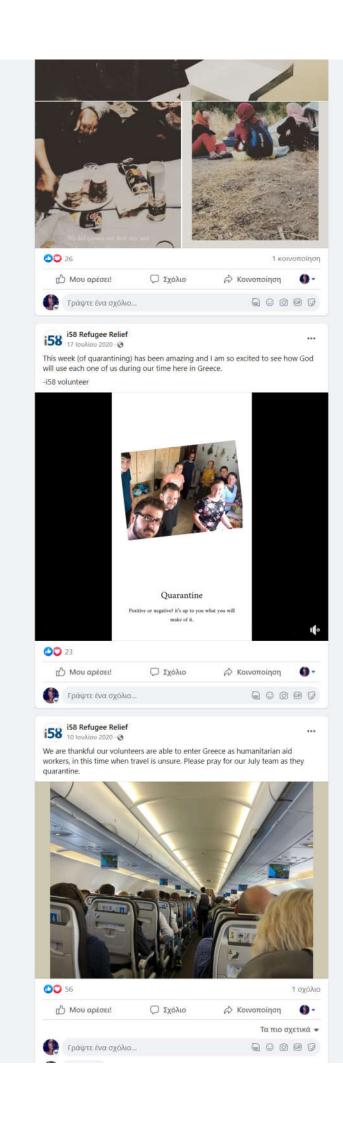
### i58 Refugee Relief

"Every person has a story. What a blessing to be a part of it and hopefully leave a seed planted in their hearts that will one day grow into something beautiful.

To every individual that gives their time to this work, remember, 'You make a difference.' There are going to be discouraging days. But knowing that you are doing what you were called to, enables one to look past the current trial to the blessing beyond."

- i58 volunteer



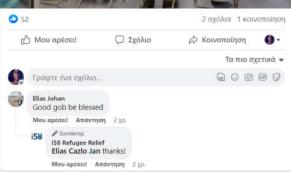






Two days are spent together building a team, learning about Middle Eastern culture, and writing a mission statement for their time in Greece.







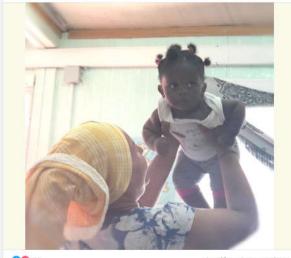
It was an incredible blessing to serve in Greece, especially caring for the women and children in camp. They taught me so much!

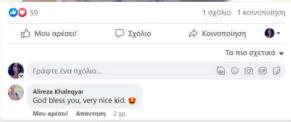
We celebrated good times and helped each other through the hard times. We did life together.

Many times we didn't have good solutions for all their problems. But we could take time to listen to their stories: reflecting the love and compassion of our Father.

i58 Volunteer

[photo used with permission]







In 2020, 7,880 people have arrived on the Greek Islands. \*

A set of numbers may look hopeless to you. Yet each of these individuals has a unique set of skills, characteristics, and gifts. Each person also has a unique set of opportunities - opportunities we have to pour light into a shattered life. That's why we are here.

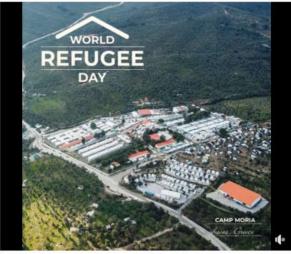
"... if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness,

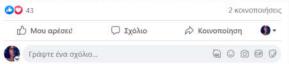
and your night will become like the noonday."

Become a partner in these opportunities!

Message us today to see how you can personally get involved in the fight for light. #everyactioncounts:

\*Statistics by Aegean Boat Report



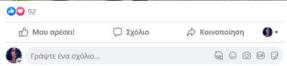




It's such a blessing to see a team with diverse personalities and gifts working together toward one goal!

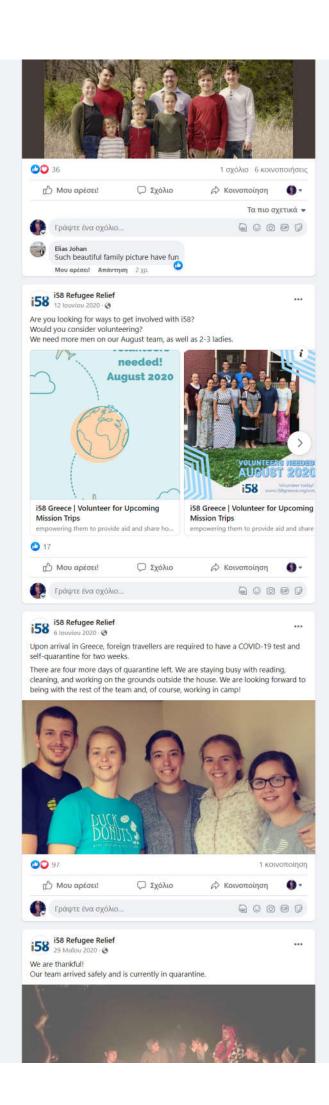
In our training prior to working on the islands, we want to foster just that. "Working together in community to serve people in need."



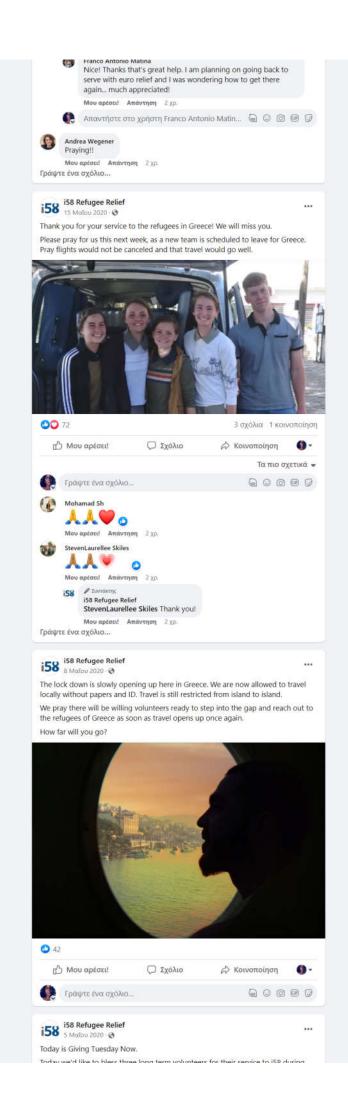












this time. Due to COVID-19, some have extended their visas to stay longer. This has given them extra costs up to \$1,800.

Can you help bless them today?

http://ow.ly/kpS450zxuRR





Hello! I am Grace Troyer and am grateful that I could extend my time here in Greece.

My days in camp give many opportunities for listening to and being an advocate for the vulnerable women of Moria. These women amaze me with their resilience in the midst of very difficult journeys and the pressures of camp life. I long for them to know the God who can redeem every story.

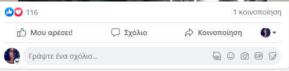
The estimated cost of the three month extension for Grace is \$1,800.

#givingtuesdaynow

Photo used with permission.









Hello! We are Denver and Abby Zimmerman.

Here on the island we do admin work and coordinating for the teams. We enjoy planning team activities and spending time building a community around our volunteers. Our visa is almost finished, but we look forward to returning for another three months.

#givingtuesdaynow





### i58 Refugee Relief

\*\*

Greetings from Lesvos! We are so blessed to serve here and are excited about the opportunity to stay longer.

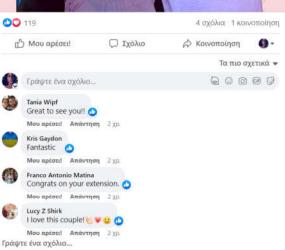
Although we've had several different roles in our time here, currently, we are both working in camp. Henry is doing a combination of shift leading, housing, and maintenance. Emma is working in Section C, where over 400 single women and single mothers and their children are living.

We have an unusual number of opportunities to show love of God to people here. God bless you for your support and prayers!

#givingtuesdaynow









How has Covid-19 affected the work of i58?

It is noticeably impacting our staffing. No new volunteers have been able to arrive since the beginning of March. Our staff has slowly been dwindling. In light of this, we would like to give a special thanks to our long term volunteers.

In light of this, we would like to give a special thanks to our long term volunteers. Some of them have applied to extend their visas during this time so they would not have to go home when we were already short staffed. This has incurred extra costs for them.

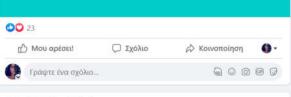
On #givingtuesdaynow we would like to bless three of our long term-ers by gifting them with support for their time in Greece. Stay tuned this weekend as we will be introducing them to you!



#givingtuesdaynow is a global day of giving

uled Giving Tuesday on December 191

This is a day to give an extra measure of generosity to nonprofits and others affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.



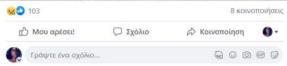


Since Sunday, at least 200 people have lost their homes in a series of three fires that swept through the camp on Samos Island.

Volunteers there are asking for prayers on knowing how to handle the needs. There are many people that need help and discernment is necessary to decide whom to help and how.

Please pray that through this, we could be beacons of hope and comfort, and that our efforts will bear fruit.







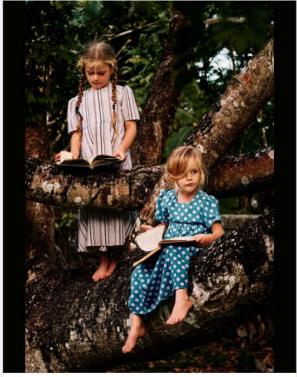
\*\*\*

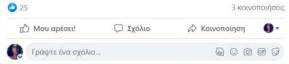
Staying home? Did you know you can still sign up for the Reaching Refugees Read-A-Thon?

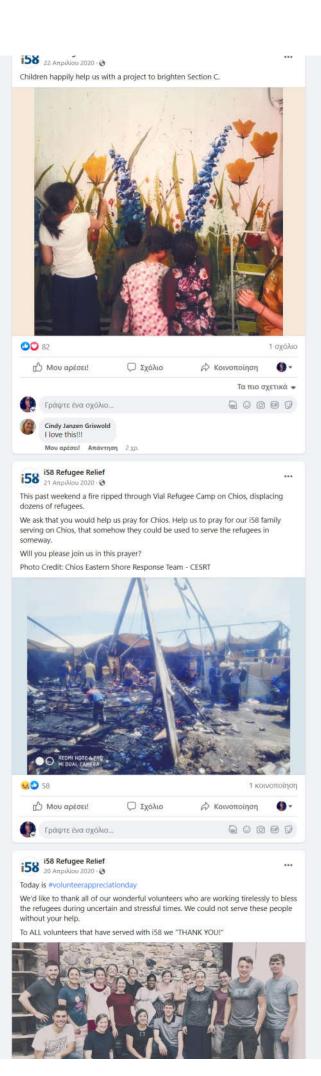
Per request, we have extended the deadline until June 1. Pick a 30-day period between now and June and sign up to enter the Read-A-Thon! Any age can enter.

Funds from the Read-A-Thon go to help fund long term volunteers in Greece. https://www.cognitoforms.com/15811/ReadathonPacketRequest

Photo credit: www.davy3.photo









Seeing the power of prayer in camp had a significant impact on my time in Greece. It has increased my faith. I have seen the power of God work in incredible ways! The best things I learned in my time in Greece is to stop judging people, love them for who they are, and openly share the love God has for them.

- 158 volunteer

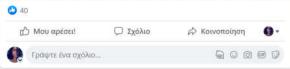




Obviously God does not change. But, in my own heart, I saw Him change in depth and size. I saw Him move, despite incredibly difficult circumstances. I saw Him touch stony hearts.

- i58 volunteer





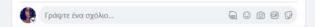
# i58 Refugee Relief 8 Απριλίου 2020 - Θ

Upon request, we are extending the time of our Read-A-Thon to June 1st! Are you and your children finding much more time to read these days?

Click the link below to sign up for a 30-day period to read for a cause! We will gladly send you an information packet. Please share this post to let others know.







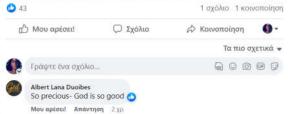


God is amazing! Seeing Him work in Lesvos was incredible. His ways are higher than ours; His plans are better than ours. Even when we couldn't see it at the time, His goodness always came through.

He taught me so much while I was here. One thing He taught me is to be willing to

He taught me so much while I was here. One thing He taught me is to be willing to go wherever He calls me - whether that's somewhere I want to go or not. - i58 volunteer







"I'm thankful to God that, through my time here, He continues to mold and shape me into what He wants me to be. He keeps chipping away at my selfishness and discontentment, helping me to realize how many blessings I have." - i58 volunteer

Photo Credit: Abby B.



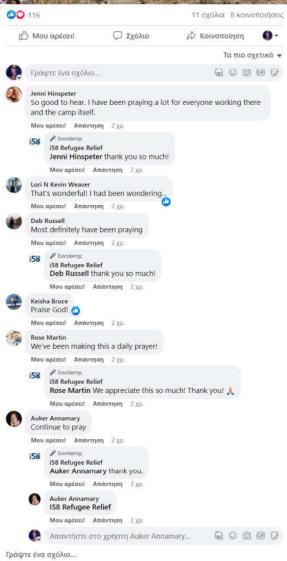




At this point (to our knowledge), there are no cases of the virus in Camp Moria. Continue to cover i58 and the refugee crisis with prayer as we continue to serve.









"It is very easy for people to set goals and strive towards them (and this is good). But what are we missing as we strive towards our goals? Are we missing that child who wants help to fix his bike?

Are we saying "I'm sorry, no" to the woman with a ripped shoe and then getting

back to the task at hand?

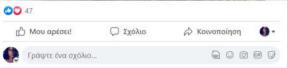
Are we too busy with our schedule to stop and play a card game with a teenager who has never played games before?

Working in Moria has taught me that small pieces of time matter. The five minutes I took to fix the bike brought so much joy to that child. Listening to that woman tell me all about her ripped shoe, then taking the time to glue it back together, gave me a friend and an opportunity to show God's love. Stopping for ten minutes to play a game with a lonely teen can show that you care and that ultimately, God cares. Stop. Take time for people. Show God's love."

- i58 volunteer







## i58 Refugee Relief 25 Maptiou 2020 - €

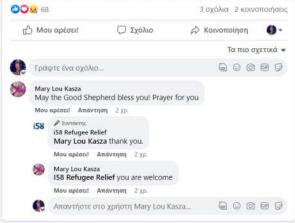
Because of the lockdown to prevent COVID-19 from spreading, very few residents can leave camp. There have been two separate cases reported on the island, though we are thankful there are no cases in camp at this point. Please pray that there would continue to be none.

Since we provide necessary services in camp, we are still able to joyfully serve at this point. Please continue to pray for the volunteers that are here and for the work of i58. If you would like to support us during this critical time, please donate via the

"Never underestimate the power of a listening ear, a smile, a kind word, a small act of caring, or an honest compliment. All of these things have the potential to turn a life around." -i58 volunteer

https://www.i58greece.org/donation.





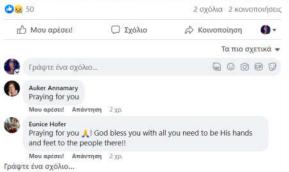


Travel to and from the islands is now restricted. Due to visas soon expiring, part of the Lesvos team is on their way home; it was difficult to see them go. While new restrictions apply, we are still able to go into camp. We hope to continue blessing people for as long as we are able.

will you come together with us in plessing those who need us at this time? https://www.i58greece.org/donation/

"My time here in Greece has really confirmed what I want for my future. There is so much pain and desperation in the world and while that exists, I know where I want to be, Right beside the people, my friends, engaging in the struggle." - i58 Volunteer







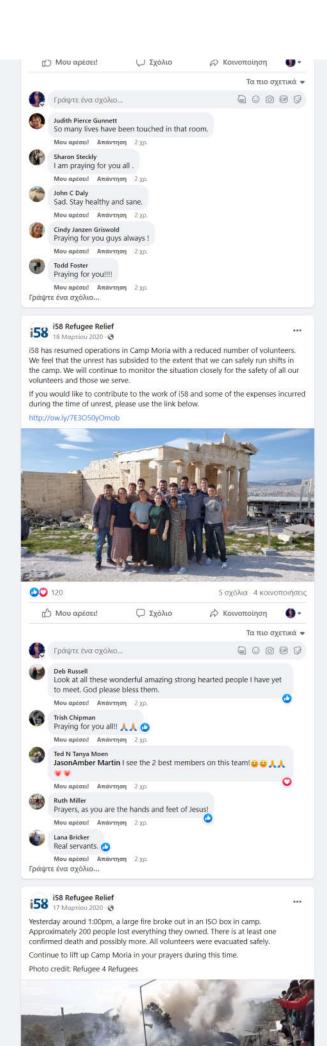
Please pray with us as the coronavirus situation develops in Greece. Restaurants are closed down and they are limiting how many people can go into retail stores. Anyone arriving in Greece must be self quarantined for two weeks. Gatherings are limited to less than 50 people.

Due to these factors, the Oasis Refugee Center is closed for the time being. We will continue to monitor this situation.

www.i58greece.org/donation/



**Δω** 62 5 σχόλια





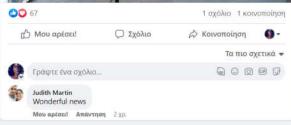
i58 Refugee Relief
13 Μαρτίου 2020 · 🚱

The March team has become a tremendous blessing to the people of Athens. We clearly see God's hand in even the smallest details of this trip.

The following is a note from the center where they were working: "Just wanted to thank you for blessing us with your team. They have done an amazing job and have been an encouragement. I had many worries on my mind and when the guys started singing praise songs while working it made me cry. It felt like heaven came down to calm my worries."

Thanks, team, for being such a great blessing.









#### CONFERENCE 20/20





Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο...

Today is Read Across America Day. This day is a day in which we encourage and celebrate reading as a fundamental part of education. i58 is facilitating a "Reaching Refugees Read-A-Thon."

Έχει επιλεγεί η ταξινόμηση "Τα πιο σχετικά", συνεπώς κάποια σχόλια μπορεί να έχουν εξαιρεθεί.

You can sign up by requesting a packet at the link below.

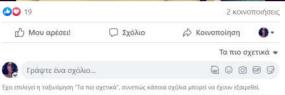
Post pictures of yourself or your child reading for the Read-A-Thon, and use the hashtag #readn

or tag us (I58 Refugee Relief) to spread the joys of reading to other interested

We are hoping to read two long-term volunteer couples to Greece.

https://www.cognitoforms.com/l5811/ReadathonPacketRequest







Do you have children who love to read? They can help refugees in Greece too! (Simply by reading!) i58 is hosting a reading fundraiser to help facilitate long term volunteers in Greece. This is a fun way that people of all ages can get involved in reaching refugees!

Click the link below to sign up and receive more information! Please share this post for other interested participants!

https://www.cognitoforms.com/I5811/ReadathonPacketRequest







\*\*

What defines love?

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

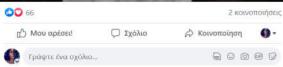
Continuously saying no to people when they ask for basic needs to be met is very tiring. Sometimes I had to ask myself, "How am I showing love when I often cannot give?"

Through the example above shown in the Word, God has shown me over and over what love really is. I realized that on my own, I cannot show these people what love is. But rather I have to trust in God that He will shine through me and show perfect love.

There were many times I said no and the person would get frustrated. It was through these situations that God opened up my eyes and gave me the patience

and kindness that I would not have had without Him. God's faithfulness is amazing! - i58 Volunteer Used with permission







Moria has changed so much since my last time here.

Noise, People. Trash. Resilience. Ingenuity. Hope. Despair. Community. Breaking of Bread. Conflict. Tea. Children. Elderly. Vulnerability. Strength.

And then there's that kite. The one I saw flying high and free above the chaos. It danced in the cold wind while those of us walking below shivered in the wintery gusts.

That kite, made of a trash bag and sticks, soaring in adversity, giving its pilot hope of better days to come. A symbol of delight, freedom and childlike wonder in the midst of mobs of people busy surviving.

That kite. Entering the darkness with joy, causing onlookers to fix their eyes upwards as it swooped and soared in the wind.

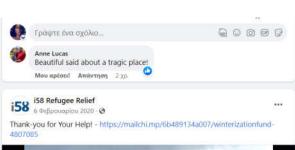
May we, who have the hope and freedom of Christ in our hearts, be like that kite.

Because when we take our gaze off of the despair around us and fix our eyes upwards . . . we find hope.

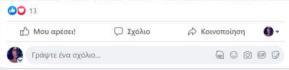
#volunteerwithus #prayforthework https://www.i58greece.org/volunteer,













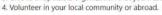
"Refugee and migrant women, especially those living in the island RICs, were highly

- vulnerable to trafficking...
  ...Unaccompanied children, primarily from Afghanistan, engage in survival sex and
- are vulnerable to trafficking...
  ...Most migrants and asylum-seekers are believed to rely on smugglers at some point during their journey and in some instances are forced into exploitation upon arrival in Greece..."
  - US State Department's 2019 Trafficking in Persons Report
- http://ow.ly/t7xC50y8B42

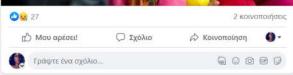
#humantraffickingawarenessmonth is now over.

What can you do?

- 1. Pray. That's the first and most important thing we can do.
- Learn more. Research. Be more aware.
   Give to a reputable organization that you trust.









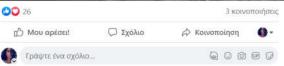
report, "Right now traffickers are robbing a staggering 24.9 million people of their freedom." Traffickers may rob, but we can give

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

#humantraffickingawarenessmonth

http://ow.ly/iOB050y8AUS







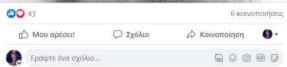
Refugee women are some of the most vulnerable when it comes to exploitation. Refugee women may often be forced to "pay" (with sexual acts) for anything from passing school exams to border crossings.\* Currently, Moria has close to 700 vulnerable women in camp. Most who cross from

Turkey have been violated en route due to such vulnerability. We have volunteers working specifically among the women of camp. \$200 a month of i58 funds goes to special projects and activities with vulnerable women.

#humantraffickinga

\*Ron Redmond - UNHCR spokesman, http://ow.ly/dLOk50y1rdU Photo By: Courtesy photo







Human trafficking, also called modern-day slavery, exploits human beings for income. It uses force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts, labor, or services against his or her will.

Refugees, especially women and children who are separated from their families, are acutely vulnerable to human traffickers.

i58 has seen hundreds of vulnerable women walk through the gates of Moria some of them trafficked into Greece, others being approached by traffickers upon arrival.

\$200 a month of i58 funds go to provide special activities and mentoring for vulnerable women in Camp Moria.

https://i58greece.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=7&





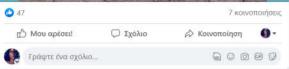
Human trafficking as defined by the Department of Homeland Security "is a form of modern-day-slavery, and it involves the exploitation of children and adults."

Refugees are some of the most vulnerable populations to be ensnared by traffickers because of desperation, poverty, lack of opportunity, constant movement, and trauma

By reaching these vulnerable populations, we can help ensure the safety of those whom traffickers would ensnare. We can help - one refugee at a time.

https://i58greece.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=7&







"God worked and showed me several things during my stay here: my tendency to try to do everything on my own, the goodness of God demonstrated by his grace

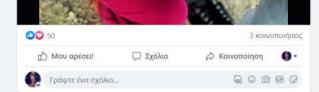
towards me, and using Moria to draw people to Himself.

Through the everyday pressures, stresses, and demands, I learned that God's plan for me was to simply do what I can and show His love to people. It is so wonderful to look back and see all the moments of joy and connection with Ilving human beings, made in God's image, that I had the privilege to work with everyday."

- i58 Volunteer used with permission

#prayforthework #volunteers

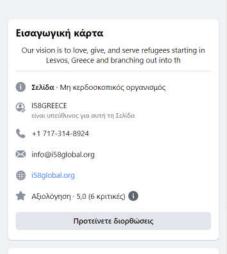






As I finished my day of work, I stopped to exchange greetings with a boy of about six. To our amusement and that of several bystanders, we spent some time exchanging funny faces. Then a man ran up to me and said, "Sir, sir! This boy. His mom die in Idlib. He only has father."

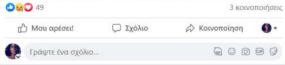
artwork - Jason Penney





Πληροφορίες για τα στατιστικά στοιχεία Σελίδων - Απόρρητο · Όροι χρήσης - Διαφημίσεις - Επιλαγές διαφημίσης [ $\mathbf{b}$  - Cookies - Περισσότερα Meta  $\otimes$  2023







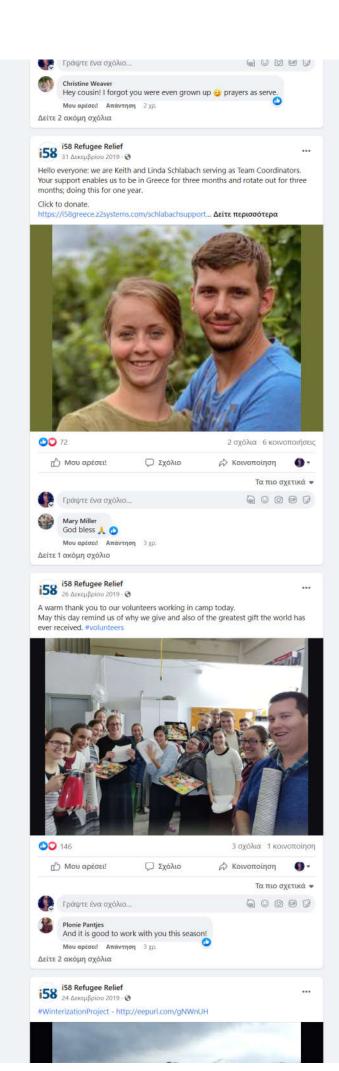
Hey y'all! We are Paul and MarciLyn Lehman. In the beginning of 2019, we served on Lesvos, Greece for three months. We are excited about the work that is happening in Greece and feel called to return! On returning to the U.S., Paul and I committed to serving with i58 for two years. We really appreciate all your prayers and thank you for your support!

Click to donate.

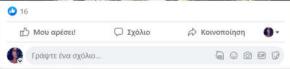
https://i58greece.z2systems.com/LehmanSupport













"In Moria, we are forced to learn the language of love. No blanket or bed could stifle the inner cry of a broken human soul, even if we had enough to give. There are never enough beds, tents, and personnel. The buses keep easing into the new arrivals area, loaded with new faces and stories. The crisis keeps unfolding."

Would you speak the language of love into the life of a family? https://i58greece.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=15&... Δείτε περισσότερα

