



# HELPING HANDS



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A FULL SERVICE station, demonstrating the care of God  
for the refugees in very practical ways.

## GIVING IS THE TRUE MEASURE OF LOVE

Starting each October, catalogs begin to fill our mailboxes advertising cloths, appliances, shoes, candles, books, music – more than we could ever need or want for ourselves or for our loved ones at Christmas.

But one catalog, which was sent to many homes last year, was a refreshing change. It was filled with ways people could give to orphans, the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the disabled through an international Christian ministry. The note in the front of the catalog read: **“Share the light and love of Jesus Christ with people whose lives are filled with darkness and despair.”**

In Paul’s days the Christians of North Greece were an example of generosity. They gave themselves first to the Lord, then to the needy in Jerusalem. Paul used their generosity and love in order to encourage the Corinthians to follow their example and Christ’s who gave Himself and **“became poor, that [we] through His poverty might become rich”**.

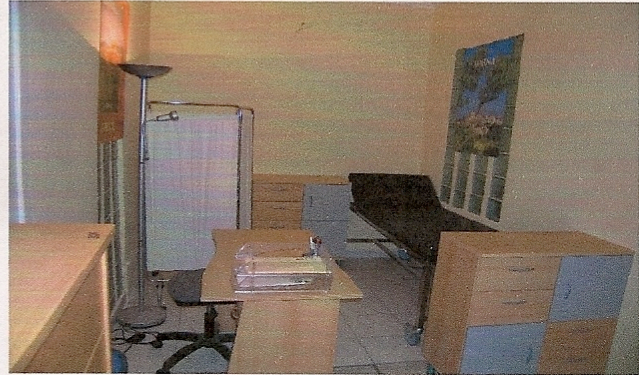
The poor and the needy were not only in the days of Paul. All around us are always people with special needs for whom Christ died too and wants from us to show our love in very practical ways.

**Do you want a refreshing change this Christmas? Consider new ways to give to the Lord and to those in need like the refugee Men, women and children in Athens Greece.**

Here in Athens, Greece we face daily the challenge to find ways in order to help hundreds of refugees who live on the streets of Athens or in abandoned houses having almost nothing. They need physical help but also Jesus who is **“the indescribable gift of God.”** And we at Helping Hands need you to partner with us in order to reach out to the refugees for Christ. \_

Re/Nikos Stefanidis

## A DREAM BECOMES REALITY



We are very happy to tell you that we have finally opened our medical center, after going through a long legal maze full of red tape. On Sunday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> our first patients came to see the doctor. A generous amount of medicine and supplies has been donated, and our doctor is legally able to write prescriptions. We are hoping and praying that more doctors will donate their time and resources now that we have our clinic set up in our old Nest.

## SUMMER CAMP FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

During the month of August we were able to send 7 children for 21 days to a Christian camp of the Greek Evangelical Church, outside of Athens. The children had a great time and the leaders were amazed how well the kids adapted and got along with the other kids. The kids had a blast, and they got to hear the Gospel and memorize scripture.



For the refugee kids that were not able to go to the camp we organized a special camp. **Thirty-five refugee children were treated to a three-day camp filled with games, song, swimming, and good food.** Brant