

The work the TOS Italy has been doing to aid Syrian refugees has been inspiring so much interest and respect across the Theosophical Movement that we asked TOS Italy to tell us about it and received this report:

TOS Italy aids Syrian refugees

We have always suffered because of wars, and the Syrian conflict with so many fleeing refugees seemed like a reminder of the responsibilities to which it was impossible not to respond. We asked ourselves together with the whole theosophical group how we could help, how to achieve that all-embracing brotherhood which is the First Object of the Theosophical Society.

In 2012 we started with some associations to collect medicines, food and clothing



to be sent directly to those affected populations. The war has since escalated and in September 2015 a human flood got to Europe via the Balkan route and the Italian coast: thousands of desperate men, of women with very young children, of elderly, of disabled with no shoes or shelter from cold. In those tragic days we made friends with Gaetano Turrini and Feras Garabawy, founders of the charity 'Speranza-Hope for Children', and we started working actively in fundraising and

sending material. Feras knows Arabic, which is very important for relations with refugees, while Gaetano is expert in coordinating non-profit organisations.



The TOS Italy has been actively helping Syrian refugees by sending clothes, food, medicines, shoes, toys and tents for the winter to immigrants on their way from Asia to Europe.



Wood is a much needed commodity in the refugee camp. Without it even food that is donated cannot be cooked.

outside in the Turkish town of Kilis. There are a lot of them, and they live in unbearable conditions.

The latter met Dr Ali Nasser in the refugee camp of Bab al Salam on the Turkish border in Syria. Dr Nasser is a refugee, he's a surgeon and a paediatrician, who is married and has five sweet little daughters. Our collaboration resulted in the construction of a small paediatric clinic, the only one within the camp. Today Dr Ali, in addition to his medical work, helps to coordinate aid both for the refugees in the camp and for those who are



TOS Italy fundraises to support a paediatric clinic at the Bab al Salam refugee camp.



The clinic treats Leishmaniasis disease which affects Syrian children who live in bad conditions due to the war.

In December, representatives from TOS Italy are very likely to go to Belgrade temporary camp, to distribute meals to migrants, and bring all the aid that we will be able to collect in the meantime.