



CNEWA *snapshot*



SYRIA

Capital: Damascus
Population: 22.5 million

Religions: Sunni Muslim: 75%
Alawite Muslim: 10%
Christian: 10%
Other: Shiite Muslim,
Druze

Christian Communities: Greek Orthodox: 50%
Syriac Orthodox: 25%
Melkite Catholic: 12%
Armenian Apostolic: 6%
Other: Maronite,
Chaldean, Latin Catholic

Refugee Crisis

- 1.8 million refugees have fled Syria for Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey
- 4 million Syrians are internally displaced
- Many of the displaced are Iraqi refugees who now are on the run again

Syria's Christians

- More than 500,000 Christians are displaced
- Whole towns have been emptied of Christians, and churches have been vandalized or destroyed
- Christians are targets for extremists and criminals
- Two kidnapped archbishops have been missing since April 2013
- Father Francois Murad was murdered when a Franciscan convent was attacked in June 2013
- The very presence of Christians in Syria is at risk, like in Iraq





CNEWA *in Action*



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Christians are a small, vulnerable minority in Syria. We are partnering with local Catholic churches to ensure Christians are not forgotten as Syria is torn apart by civil war.

Emergency Relief

Since summer 2012, we have helped more than 11,100 families and an additional 4,400 children with lifesaving emergency aid. That means food, medicine, warm winter clothes, plus comfort and hope for people who are hurting more than you can ever imagine.

Why Christians?

Little aid is making it to Christians inside Syria. Outside Syria, Christians are frightened of refugee camps run by the United Nations because of discrimination, so they do not benefit from international humanitarian relief. Catholic Near East Welfare Association serves both Christians and Muslims in Syria, but our priority is to ensure Christians do not fall between the cracks.

Our Church Partners

Local parishes and congregations and their network of brave volunteers are the key to our emergency ministry to Syria — including the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the Franciscan Sisters, the Jesuit Fathers, the Paulist Fathers, the Greek Catholic Patriarchate of Antioch and more.

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