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Because of you, the Halal family – mom, dad, Isa (5) and Asya (1) – have a safe place to eat, sleep and live. God bless you.

Your Love Built This Family a Home and Restored Their Hope



The earthquake that struck Türkiye on February 24 shook the Halal family to their core. In a matter of moments, they lost several dear family members and their home.

Hungry, scared and grief-stricken, they

sought shelter in a small tent. There was little food, and the tainted water they drank made them sick.

“The children cried all the time,” Syeda recalled. “It was so hard.”

Thanks to your caring heart, those tears have dried. Your quick response to this disaster gave the Halal family a new container home with

bedrooms, a full bathroom, a small kitchen and a separate living area. They also have clean running water, electricity and heat and air conditioning.

This home is part of a new container community you’ve helped build. The generous support of donors, like you, funded 35 of these \$5,300 container homes. Your love also delivered 500 food packs and 500 hygiene packs to families who lost everything.

This loving family now has a home to call their own and are so grateful for you. **“Thank you thousands of times for supporting us,”** Ekran shares. **“God bless you all. Thank you so much for coming this far.”** ■

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Your Love Comforts Your M

Throughout the year, your love has traveled to some of the world's hardest-to-reach places.

To remote rural villages. Through steamy tropical rainforests and torrential flood waters. High into harsh mountain regions. And deep into the rubble of war zones.

Irma and her family are feeling your love in their small, poverty-stricken community in Guatemala.

Irma now has the knowledge and skills to grow nutritious vegetables and the essential equipment to provide her family with clean water. She's so grateful to you, saying you helped improve "my children's health and the health of all of us."



Guatemala



Your generosity is empowering members of the *Women of Gold* cooperative in the tropical southern highlands of Peru.

Because of you, today, women farmers are improving their families' lives by growing organic cacao and transforming it into award-winning chocolate. And they have incomes! "Before, women were hidden," says the co-op's president, Sonia Nyosa. "But not now."



Peru



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Neighbors ... NO MATTER HOW FAR



You are protecting Tetiana and her daughter with your love by providing them with safe shelter.

The devastating war in Ukraine left them with nothing. "I'd like to thank those who provided the funding ... so we have a place to live," Tetiana says gratefully. "We now have a place to sleep at night, a roof over our heads, we're given food, and we're treated well."



Ukraine



Your caring heart is multiplying Rehmuli's harvest in North Sumatra, Indonesia.

Thanks to your empowering support, Rehmuli now makes her own organic fertilizer, which grows more bountiful crops for her family to eat and to sell for income. Because she no longer needs to buy expensive non-organic fertilizer, Rehmuli says she'll be able to "save money for our kids' education and daily expenses."



Tanzania



Indonesia



Your love is cradling newborn infants and children in rural Tanzania.

Agata's babies were starving for proper nutrients when we met them. Now, thanks to you, they have nutritious food to eat and are growing up strong. "I want to thank you for your love because you have come from far ..." a grateful Agata shares.

God bless you for shining Christ's light around the world!

he more connected and less distant we feel.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM DANIEL



The birth of the newborn Christ reminds us of the hope and love God bestowed onto us. We renew our promise to love our neighbors as Christ loved us each Christmas.

It's easy sometimes to get wrapped up in the bustle and commercialism of the Christmas season. During those times, I spend time every day in prayerful reflection — making sure to thank God for your caring heart.

I hope this special Christmas edition of Special Reports reminds you not only of your neighbors who are grateful for you throughout the year, but also of the incredible impact your love has on children and families whose lives you touch.

As a generous friend of faith, you let your neighbors know you'll be there...reaching them when they need it most ... no matter how far

By sharing your blessings with children and families in need this year, you've transformed the lives of people living in some of the world's hardest-to-reach and forgotten regions.

From Guatemala and Peru to Ukraine, Indonesia, Türkiye and beyond, your love reaches your neighbors who are grateful they have a caring friend like you ... no matter how far away you may be from each other.

Wishing you all the blessings of the season. Thank you for your loyal support.

God bless you,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO



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