



Aider-Help&Hope

The committee met twice to discuss the orientations of the association for the coming year. The reports 2019 were decided and voted for the AGM (Friday 7th. February at 18h, Salle du Conseil, Mairie de Lauzerte.) We will continue to support our regular partners especially on the Greek islands and in Athens. the committee decided that education for the very many children and young adults stuck in Greece is a priority and our association will support our partners who have opened schools in Greece.

We are also helping another Syrian family (3 children) in Turkey with their application for visas to ask for asylum. We had no fundraising events in January.



Chios Island

The news that we get very regularly from Greece is very bad and conditions on the islands, veritable prisons, are deplorable. In some cases, on Leros for instance, this containment results in more asylum seekers than islanders and is causing much hardship on both sides. On Lesbos 20,000 refugees are trying to survive in and around a camp made for 3000. As I write this on February 1st. in the last two days seven boats have arrived on Lesbos alone, carrying 282 people. 7 out of 10 refugees on Lesbos are under 12 years old. The view opposite of the conditions on Chios is typical of all the islands.

The situation in many French towns is hardly any better and we have collected, sorted and packed 32 boxes of winter clothes to take to Calais.

The continuing bombardement of the civilian population in the province of Idlib, Syria is making hundreds of thousands more displaced people. Although the Turkish police fiercely guard the frontier, many families will no doubt continue to pass into Turkey and try the dangerous crossing to Greece.

And on a happy note to finish: the Alatrash family is doing very well, the adults are progressing well with their french thanks to our volunteers. Nassim has been playing in the football matches for the Lauzerte team and Wassim is going to do a work experience at the Hotel du Quercy as part of his final year in the college. Mazen has been working a lot on his presentation (with the considerable help of Rachid) to be shown on February 2nd.

Upcoming fundraising events to note!

Another chance to enjoy the famous meal « Curry » at Sara Costelloe's home :
« Le Jardin Secret » 37 rue de la Garrigue, Lauzerte.

Sunday 8th. March. From 12h30.

(Apéritif, entrée, main course choice of curries, dessert 25€). Bar open.

Booking necessary: costelloesara82@gmail.com

We need more propositions of fund-raising events please!

We can always use a helping hand or two for our events, and of course new suggestions for fund raising are always very welcome!

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