



Hassan's Story

A Syrian Refugee in Lebanon

● FACT...

There are many places in the world where children have had to suddenly leave their home. Here are some of the places where your offering and prayers will help children.

- Burma—violence, ethnic conflict
- India—violence, religious persecution
- Iraq—violence, ethnic conflict
- Kenya—Congolese refugees (violence)
- South Sudan—violence, ethnic conflict
- Syria—violence

● STORY...

Hassan is two years old. He and his family are from Syria, but now they live in a tent in a small temporary camp in the country of Lebanon. They are refugees. Hassan and his family used to live together in an apartment in a city in Syria. But when war broke out, bombs were dropped on their neighborhood and people were getting hurt and killed. That's when Hassan's mom and dad decided to flee to Lebanon. Life as a refugee is not easy. Instead of an apartment, they live in a tent made of vinyl sheeting and wood posts. Instead of a shower, they take bucket baths. Their toilet is in a tiny metal building outside their tent. It's called a latrine. Yet in spite of being a refugee, Hassan is happy. He has both his mom and

dad, food, and water. There are no loud bombs scaring him at night. His family says, "At least here [in Lebanon] we feel safe," "we can sleep," and "our children consider this [the tent] their home."

● REFLECTION...

Look at a map and find Syria and Lebanon. Think about how life for Hassan is different or the same as your life and share with the group. What would it be like to have to suddenly leave your home, your school, and your friends?

● RESPONSE...

There are many other children like Hassan who are being driven from their homes and need a place to stay. You can help by praying for Hassan and other children who have to leave their homes in Syria. Your offering will assist Covenant World Relief as it works in Lebanon to help the refugees from Syria.

