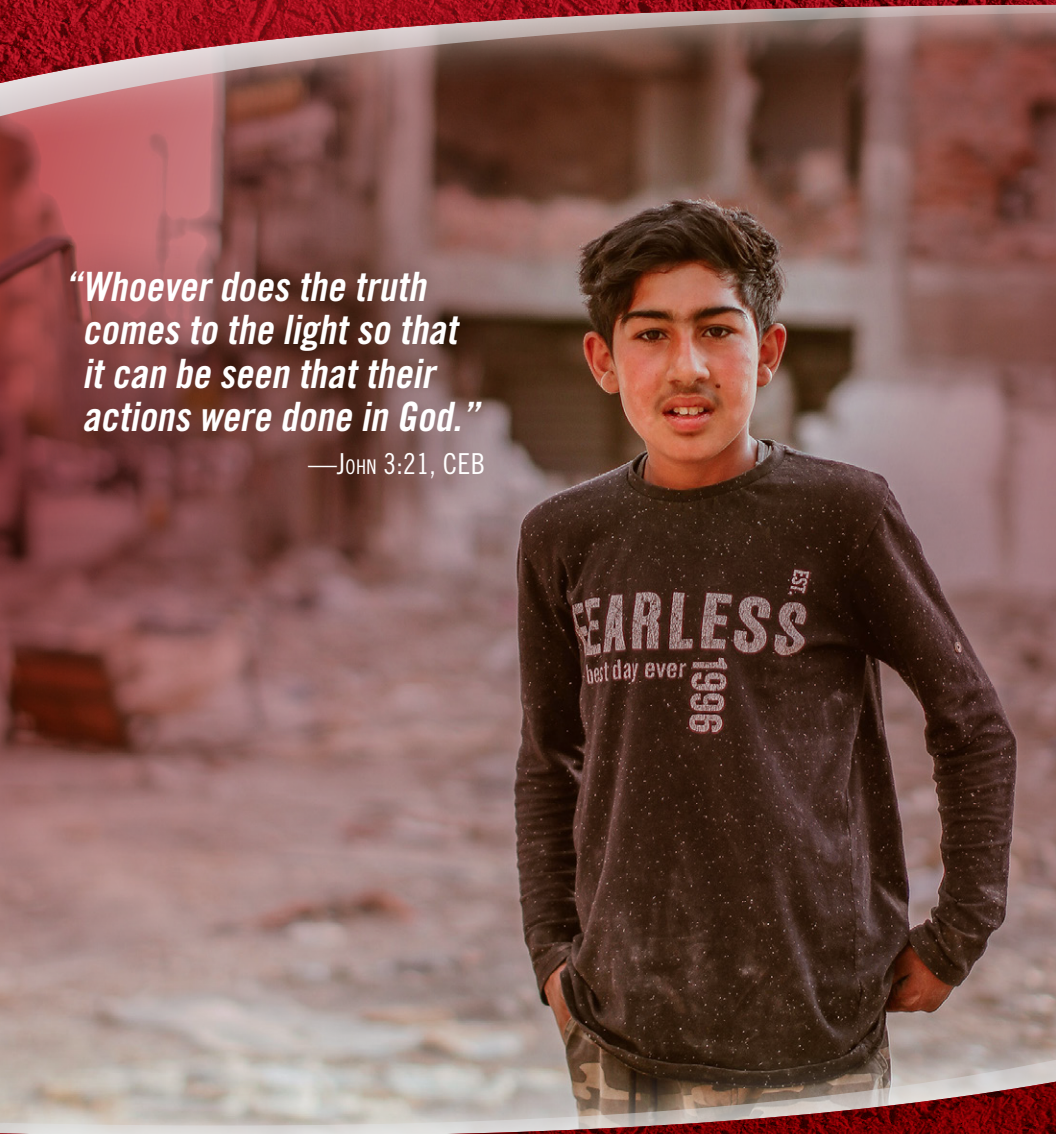
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## Embodying Compassion: Being God's Light




*"Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."*

—John 3:21, CEB

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On UMCOR Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. The funds we receive today join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. The UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly and to stay for the long term when disaster strikes.




For example, since Hurricane Ian made landfall near Cayo Costa, Florida, in September 2022, 69-year-old Jane* and her 31-year-old son John* have been living in a donated RV until their house can be made livable again.

Thanks to the generosity of United Methodists, a $2 million UMCOR long-term recovery grant is assisting survivors like Jane and John. It is also providing aid to people affected by Hurricane Nicole, which followed two months after Ian in November 2022.

Forrest White, director of missions of the First Methodist Church of Lakeland, Florida, is among the volunteers who assisted Jane and John. In addition to digging trenches, Forrest also took time to help Jane through the heartbreaking process of sorting through a lifetime of water-logged keepsakes. He listened to Jane's stories and chatted with her son. "When the next storm comes," John told Forrest, "I would like to help."

"I believe we left them better than we found them," says Forrest of his time spent with Jane and her son. "And, as always, we were better, too, because of them and what they shared with us."

**Names changed to protect identity*

**HOW TO GIVE:**

Write a check to your local church and write, "UMCOR Sunday offering" in the memo line. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to **UMC.org/SSGive**.

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