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Press Release

Decani Monastery Relief Fund Inc. USA

My table is empty please help the Decani Monastery Relief Fund

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Beloved in Christ our Lord,

May our Gracious God always bless you!

Recently Lazar Popovic a foreign student living in Boise, Idaho, was able to return back to his village in Kos, Kosovo to be with his family for the summer -thanks to some kind donors, as you know Lazar is attending Boise University. Some assistance was giving to Lazar to live for the summer. After arriving in his village Lazar discovered that his family and relatives did not have enough of food to live on! What Lazar did was take some of the money he had to live for the rest of the summer and provide food for his family and relatives. Lazar well indicated by phone that "we have an emergency as my family does not have enough of food", and so I told him to spend the money we provided for him to use it to purchase food and I discovered this food will only last one month. The family and relatives of Lazar are so happy and feel blessed.

Can we imagine no food to put on the table continues to be a great hardship in the region of Kosovo/Metohija? We have a humanitarian crisis and hardly do many families have enough of food to put on their table and provide the proper nourishment for their children, and my goodness what about the elderly!

What a sad hour this has become and we who are struggling in our economy presently at least have some food to put on our tables. This is not the situation at this hour in Kosovo/Metohija!

Then I also discovered Lazar has been ill once he arrived at his village he now has low blood pressure. How did this happen? When Lazar lived in a refugee center for eight years with his family previously during the war and hardly did anyone have proper nourishment, and this has now caught up with him physically. When I was in Kosovo two years ago I met Lazar who

was chosen to come to America as a foreign exchange student, and he was able to put on more weight. Eight years of living in a refugee center can certainly affect anyone's health! Thanks go God Lazar is feeling better!

What is happening to Lazar in Kosovo/Metohija continues to happen to so many other families!

Please consider that we can bring a little more hope and assistance to these suffering and struggling souls in the region with our great Christian love by supporting our fund.

What does the Decani Monastery Relief Fund do to directly benefit of Serbian individuals families or anyone who asked for assistance still living in the war-ravaged communities of Kosovo-Metohija?

The Decani Monastery Relief Fund currently supports five soup kitchens and one bakery – which produce loaves, a vitally important part of diet in this region. It also funds the deliver of bread and other foodstuffs to villages as well as shoes and clothing for youth of all ages. Including helping the soup kitchens our fund has also provided ovens, and trucks to deliver food to villages daily.

Our fund supports 51 scholarships to the University of Northern Kosovo and also scholarship assistance for a Serbian youth at Boise State University – as well as financial assistance to Serbian immigrants in Boise, Idaho.

Other important issues, needs and problems addressed by our Fund include: refugee centers and camps; special needs of the elderly; electricity bills; firewood during winter months (including schools); necessary medical (and surgical) procedures; computer assistance; Orthodox celebrations of Christmas and Easter-Pascha; shortages of hay and farm equipment. The Fund has also purchased pigs for 200 families annually, including assistance to obtain cows and sheep for villages.

The Decani Fund is trying to fulfill all of the above and we can do it together or least let's try to put more food on the empty tables!

If you can kindly donate to this very worthy cause please do so by sending a donation of your choice:

Decani Monastery Relief Fund, Inc.

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Thank you humbly!

Peace to your soul!

God love and bless you!

Humbly in Christ our Lord,
+ *Very Reverend Archimandrite Nektarios Serfes*
President Decani Monastery Relief Fund Inc.
Who prays for you and with you!

Make peace with yourself, and heaven and earth will make peace with you.
St. Isaac the Syrian