



# Australian T.O.S. Links

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## 2018 TOS Projects

- ✓ Qandeel Schools in Pakistan
- ✓ The Golden Links College in the Philippines
- ✓ The Syrian Refugee Project sponsored by the Italian TOS

## Donate

CBA Bank Details:

Account Name: Theosophical  
Order of Service Australia

BSB: 062 009  
Account # 0090 3790

Or

Post cheques to:

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## Highlights

- Syrian refugees Daily Bread & monthly coupons
- Syrian refugee Gate of Peace Medical Clinic

The Italian TOS has asked Australia for financial help to support the 30 Syrian refugee families in Kilis, Turkey. These families are held together by the survivors, the grandparents and many widows.

There are numerous difficulties; unhealthy and unhygienic housing, minimal medical treatment and often they have no documents, which makes it impossible to find work or enrol the children in school.



## The Bread Project

This child's Mother and his siblings have received their daily TOS bread. I look into his sad eyes and contrast them with the smiley face on the bread and I want to help (**and** I want to cry). You may recall the Italian TOS has pledge to support 30 Syrian Widows and their families who are in a desperate situation. They are on the Turkish border in the "Hot Zone" and only 100 km from Aleppo in

Syria. A place that is not safe for us to travel, but this child lives there, on the edge of a war. All his family's possessions have been destroyed and they struggle to survive.

The Italian TOS bread project provides free daily bread to these 30 families for one year. The bread will keep hunger at bay and send the message that they are not alone.

### The Monthly Coupon Project

The Italian TOS has another project and they are seeking Australian help. They plan to provide each family with a monthly 35 Euro coupon, which can be used with conventional sellers and at the markets. Each family will be able to use the 35 Euro coupon to meet the individual family needs for items such nappies, sanitary products, food and medicines. The monthly allowance of 35 Euro is equal to AUD\$55.

The Italian TOS has requested Australia consider donating 4,000 Euro to this project. 4,000 Euros is approximately AUD\$6,500. This is a substantial amount; however, we have already received a donation of \$1,000 from an anonymous long-term TS/TOS member. We are on the way to meeting that target. **Please help us - help these people.**

### Bab al Salam Paediatric Clinic

The Bab al Salam (Gate of Peace) Paediatric Clinic is in a refugee camp on the out skirts of Kilis, Turkey. It is run by Dr Ali Nasser. This clinic is providing medical support and treatment for babies and children. It treats approximately 550 children per month. (in previous years, the Australian TOS donations were used to support this clinic)

1,800 Euros per month (or 21,600 Euros per year) are needed to guarantee the continued functioning of this clinic. The Italian TOS collaborates with 2 other organisations, who in turn work closely with Syrian partners residing in Kilis. The Italian TOS is donating 5,000 Euros.



This is an aerial view of the Bab al-Salam camp near the Syrian-Turkish border, hosting tens of thousands of Syrians.



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The Italian TOS representatives travelled to Turkey in April 2018 and visited the families and the Bab al Salam clinic. They witnessed the conditions first hand.

Sandra and Stefania are sisters-in-law. Their drive and energy bring these projects to fruition. We thank them for the opportunity this gives Australia. We can stand with them and prove our support. Words are easy, but it is time to act. And the best action we can take is to raise and send the 4,000 Euro.

## Thank you

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in the service of all that suffer.**