

Azerbaijan:

“But I Will Restore You to Health and Heal Your Wounds...” *Jeremiah 30:17*

“I don’t know how to express in words all my gratitude for all your assistance and support.”

Layla Ismailova

Sounds of painful groans, a child kept from school, and a violent strike from an ex-husband. Times have been far from easy for Layla Ismailova* who lives in the Khirdalan district of Baku in Azerbaijan. A divorcee who lives in a ramshackle house with her little son Nizami* and ailing elderly mother—life looks pale.

Because her bedridden mother demands constant care and medical attention, Layla has been turned down for work. Her son Nizami is unable to join others his age in school because of lack of clothing and school supplies. Adding to this, when her ex-husband comes home for family visits, he often turns violent toward her.

Band-aid solutions are often considered to be a superficial answer to huge problems in our society, but for the Ismailova family, UMCOR’s gifts of basic medical, school and clothing supplies were the balm they needed to heal and gain hope.

*Names have been changed.

A Complete Turn-around


UMCOR is helping to turn around the downward spiral of events that have affected the Ismailova family. Through its Pharmaceutical Distribution Program, and with support from the US Department of State, UMCOR provided the family with much needed clothing, medicine and health kits. The medicine helped alleviate the pain for her mother who suffered with paralysis and it also helped Layla heal from a burn she received by a malfunctioning heater. Nizami is now happily back in school learning and has reunited with his friends—all because of basic school supplies, clothes and United Methodists’ continuing support.

UMCOR Delivers Hope

UMCOR is delivering hope to thousands of vulnerable families like the Ismailovas in their struggle for survival. The Pharmaceutical Distribution Program, the longest-running program for UMCOR Azerbaijan, provides approximately 530,000 vulnerable persons in Baku and the surrounding areas with access to medicines and medical supplies. In addition, UMCOR provides primary health care services for persons living at 37 children's, four elderly, one home for the disabled and two correctional institutions. The program also works with community health providers who provide primary care to 65 communities.

How to Give

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