

DOCTORS' JOURNEY WITH CRISIS REFUGEES

Frontline lifesavers

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MANGER

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gean, television doctor
tulleken lifts a shivering
in a boat packed with
eking sanctuary in Europe.
os, fleeing war and persecution,
lives to cross the icy sea. In
is a brief moment of elation
or being back on solid ground,
awful truth sets in - they are
ids of miles from safety.
ourney that lies ahead is grim.
id his twin Chris, also an
ad doctor, discovered when
ved the refugee trail across
the BBC One documentary
otors: Winter Migrant Crisis.
y found were freezing condi-
g, police brutality and
g, overcrowded refugee camps.
ages keep coming. In January
9 he braved the voyage from
e Greek island of Lesbos, up
3 a year earlier.

I Xand - the presenter of
edical show Operation Ouch!
also discovered how the
ite preventing charities and
om helping refugees.
"We are getting close to a
in jeopardy in Europe. This is
unprecedented crisis in Europe
since World War
of the big agencies, Unicef,
lars, Unicef are on the ground
its are not prepared to treat
like crisis on European soil"
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if the treacherous journey, we
the awful hardships refugees
every day across Europe.

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overcrowded boats, refugees
dickers around 2800 to cross
to the island of Lesbos.

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gines do not work. The life
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l, many of them children.

The fact that people put their
children in danger gives you
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**HELPING
HANDS**
Brothers
Chris, left,
and Xand



are already seeing record numbers
migrants risking their lives.

LESBOS

Xand carries children to shore and
wings them in foil blankets as many



LESBOS

Xand lifts a
shivering boy
off refugee boat

show signs of hypothermia. He says:

"While we were in Lesbos a little boy
died from hypothermia. If it wasn't for
volunteers and charities like Doctors
of the World, people would die in large
numbers."

"Warming up those children is the
difference between life and death."

The attention then turns to the adults,
including a pregnant woman who fears
she will lose her baby and an elderly man
with cataracts and an injured foot.

Xand says: "Occasionally people are
arrested in Lesbos for trying to help."

At the Macedonian border refugees are
confronted by tall fences, razor wire,
floodlights and armed police. Chris says:

As darkness falls, a frail, elderly woman
limps along an icy road - with miles to
walk before she reaches the next refugee
camp at a border crossing in Frenovo.

The government has provided
minibuses, but there aren't enough,
so the Serbian mafia is offering
extortionate taxi services.

Chris says: "The authorities don't want
to be cruel and inhuman, but they don't
want to be seen letting people in. So they

make a half-hearted attempt to help -
just enough to keep most people alive,
but not enough to treat these refugees
with real humanity."

At the camps, refugees must queue in
the cold until they are processed.
By the time they make it into tents,
many of the children have hypothermia.

"won't solve the problem as it has
flavour of a prison."

An even worse camp is growing
the coast at Dunkirk, and Xand
is "the worst camp I have ever
in one tent, he finds Harry, an
boy with a measles

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Unable to eat, he gets
His mother won't
terrified the author
away. Xand says:
scrounger or a term
"He is a baby in a
to be kept alive."

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DUNKIRK

Fleeting tents are pitched in
sugarcane next to stagnant
puddles at Grande-Synthe

Doctor Chris
Harry

UK
Dunkirk
Calais
FRANCE
SPAIN
ITALY
JORDAN
ROMANIA
BULGARIA
GREECE
Athens
Lebros
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Man & child at
border frontier
with Greece

Xand talks to
Chris who
profile hospital

FRANCE - CALAIS

Many refugees who are refused entry to
the UK end up in the notorious Jungle
camp.

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