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From the Vicariate of Anatolia: « We are still in full emergency. Don't leave us alone! ».

People continue to dig through the rubble and the death toll is growing exponentially. In the few surviving premises of the Iskenderun Episcopal Church, the Vicar General, Fr Antuan Ilgit SJ, together with the Director of Caritas Anatolia, John Farhad Sadredin, the nuns, the parish laity and volunteers continue to do their utmost to help people regardless of ethnicity or religious faith. Yesterday, over 300 meals, drinking water and stoves for heating were distributed, in cooperation with the local authorities.

From Italy, Bishop Paolo continues his work of informing, coordinating, and organising aid. Yesterday, the Turkish government issued a decree obliging all organisations wishing to bring aid, both in money and in food and equipment, to go through AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency). The Vicariate of Anatolia and the partner organisations are therefore also complying with this provision.

Amici del Medio Oriente, Caritas Italiana and Progetto Agata Smeralda are the organisations that have been active in the Vicariate of Anatolia for many years, with great commitment and seriousness.

We invite you to consider Caritas Italiana and Progetto Agata Smeralda for sending donations, because they are better equipped to handle the important flow of incoming donations. Amici del Medio Oriente is on the ground in the Vicariate and active in Italy, through its liaison and communication service. All info on www.amo-fme.org and AMO Facebook profile. Here are the specifications for donating.

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