

## Sweef soos 'n Arend

**Christina\* het 'n groot indruk op ons gemaak. Met 'n sagte liefde het sy die kindertjies by die Christen Sentrum vir Vluchtelingen hanteer, geslyp deur die pyn en seer wat sy self as kind en jongmens ervaar het. Haar droom ... om pediater te word.**

*My name is Christina\*, I am 19 years old, I am Kurdish from Syria. I was born in Syria, but I grew up in a neighbouring country, (we came here when I was two years old). I went to school until grade 8.*

*My family and I faced certain problems and challenges, so I had to leave the school and stay at home. When I was at home, I was completely hopeless, nothing to do, I lost all my dreams.*

*One day, the team of a Christian Center visited us, and heard my story, they encouraged and invited me to the Center.*

*At the Center I became alive again, I didn't know that I'll find the priceless treasure, which is Jesus. I started to learn knowledge, values, skills, and the Bible. In another religion they taught us that God is far from us, we must do everything for Him by force then we will not be judged. At the Center, I learned the truth, God is Love and He is very close to us. I started to know God in another perspective, so I decided to change my character, my mind, and my lifestyle, I wanted to be a Godly daughter and good example for everyone.*

*My dream was to continue my education. I shared this with my team and leaders, and they decided to support me to achieve it.*

*I couldn't believe it, I was so happy; my family and the team were proud of me. So, I used to go to school, and come to the Center on my free time, holidays, and every Sunday to church.*

*My life totally changed, the Center made me a new person, even at the school I was the best because I learned at the Center knowledge and skills (computer, English, Arabic...) even the teachers, and my colleagues were surprised of me, I shared my testimony with everyone, my life has changed, and it is much better with Jesus.*

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**Die Christen Sentrum se doelwit is om die vlugteling kinders te help en ondersteun in hul omstandighede. Die ondersteuning sluit basiese onderrig in wat in die Sentrum aangebied word. Hulle loods ook 'n spesiale projek, "Projek Arend", waardeur hulle jongmense, soos Christina, help om verder te studeer.**

**Die projek word "Arend" genoem omdat God die arend geskep het om te sweef. Hy is gemaak om te sweef! Die arend is 'n beeld van die gelowige wat 'n oorwinnende lewe in Christus lei.**

**Die Sentrum se visie is om die jeug uit die beperkende omstandighede waarin hulle as vlugteling leef, te bemagtig om te kan ontsnap en sweef soos arende.**