



Peace Road 2018

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Perhaps there is no part of the world where peace is so longed for as the Middle East. Yet, with countries plagued by war and burdened by refugees, and with borders that cannot be crossed, peace seems very, very distant. All the more reason, then to share the vision of peace and unite with a determination to bring it.

Peace Road Turkey took place on the Black Sea coast of Turkey. Families gathered from all over the Middle East: from war-ridden Yemen and Syria, from Israel and from Arab nations that do not recognize each other's existence. On the day, all 120 marched - parents, children and grandparents, waving flags, carrying banners and chanting peace slogans in Farsi, Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish ("Peace in the World!") and English ("We want peace in the Middle East!").

As the march approached the beach, it grew in numbers; a group of local lifeguards unfurled a huge Turkish flag and joined the march.

In nearby Istanbul, where Europe meets Asia, bridges, tunnels and ferries link two continents. This makes Turkey the perfect choice for a Peace Road to connect the whole world. While the road isn't built yet, the flame of peace burns more strongly in 120 hearts.

