



## MEET NÜRGÜL FROM TÜRKIYE

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Nurgül and her husband, Imam, live in the Kahramanmaraş region of Türkiye. They lost their home the night of the February 6, 2023 earthquakes. Woken abruptly by the sound of shaking, they had only minutes before their home fell to the ground.

The earthquakes destroyed everything they owned, along with the life they knew. Nurgül said: *"Life was so beautiful [before the earthquake]. We had hopes. We had things to do. We had our plans. The house we made with hardship, all the savings, the house we made with our hands, became one with the ground."*

Since the earthquakes, Nurgül has been living in a temporary tent settlement with her husband. It is here that she received a tent from ShelterBox, along with other household items. She said: *"After all this pain [we have felt], a tent made me very happy. It is very beautiful and keeps us warm. Whoever has made it, made it well."*

During this response, Rotarians supported us with translation, transportation, distributions, local knowledge and connections with local authorities to provide shelter for communities. Our partnership ensured we could help even more people affected by these devastating earthquakes.

Nürgül told us: *"Because every corner of [the tent] belongs to me, it feels special. I had that feeling in my own home. Although visually there isn't any furniture as such, sentimentally it fulfils me. When I get in my tent and zip it up, I feel relieved."*