



## **SUSTAINABLE IMPACT PROJECTS**

Joel Ministries contributes to the development of sustainable multiple-impact projects. In 2016 we will focus on:

### **1. A fairer world by empowering small entrepreneurs**

Through Kiva we currently support small entrepreneurs and farmers in 25 developing nations with micro loans. These micro loans help them to build a sustainable business, providing income for their families. Paid back funds will be reinvested again, thus multiplying the movement for more impact. Because of its high social performance, we aim to increase this portfolio in 2016.

### **2. Eco project Bulgaria: nature preservation and organic farming**

Bulgaria is the poorest nation in the European Union, but it's incredibly rich in nature. Many species, already extinct elsewhere in Europe, can still be found here, like wolves and bears. Unfortunately Bulgaria's nature is under threat from local oligarchs, project developers and the increased use of industrial farming methods that drain the soil. For this reason we support the development of eco-projects and organic farming bootcamps to show a different way forward.

### **3. Solutions for the refugee crisis in Europe**

We connect innovators and social entrepreneurs to develop small-scale sustainable solutions for the refugee crisis in Europe. Churches have responded in the field of charity (which is needed), but there's also an evangelistic challenge and a challenge to form so-called 'communities of hope' that really provide a future. Micro-business and organic farming can play a role in this.

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