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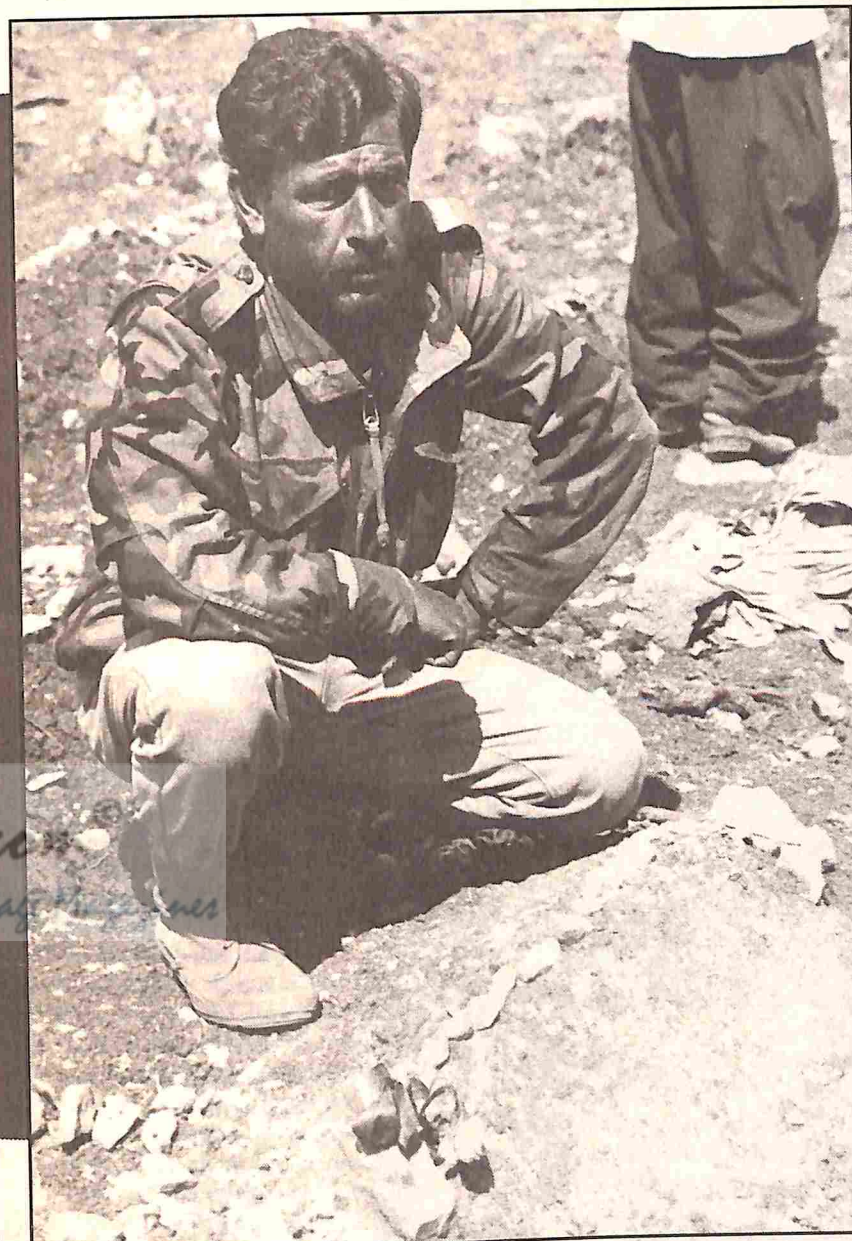
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### SPECIAL REPORT



Kurdish refugee Hamid Fundy kneels at the grave of his baby daughter, Doa, in the Uzumlu refugee camp on the Iraq-Turkey border. Doa had died only the week before.

*In spite of improvements, Kurdish refugees have been living under conditions that most Americans would have difficulty even imagining. Lutherans are among those trying to help.*

by David L. Mahsman

Her name was Doa, Kurdish for "gift of God." She was only two-and-a-half months old when she died and was buried under a small pile of stones in a crude cemetery filled with small piles of stones.

Hamid Hijy Fundy's eyes filled with tears as he showed me Doa's, his youngest daughter's, grave. He pulled the sleeve of his military-type camouflaged field jacket across his damp cheek.

"We were six; now we are five," Hamid said sadly of his family. Only

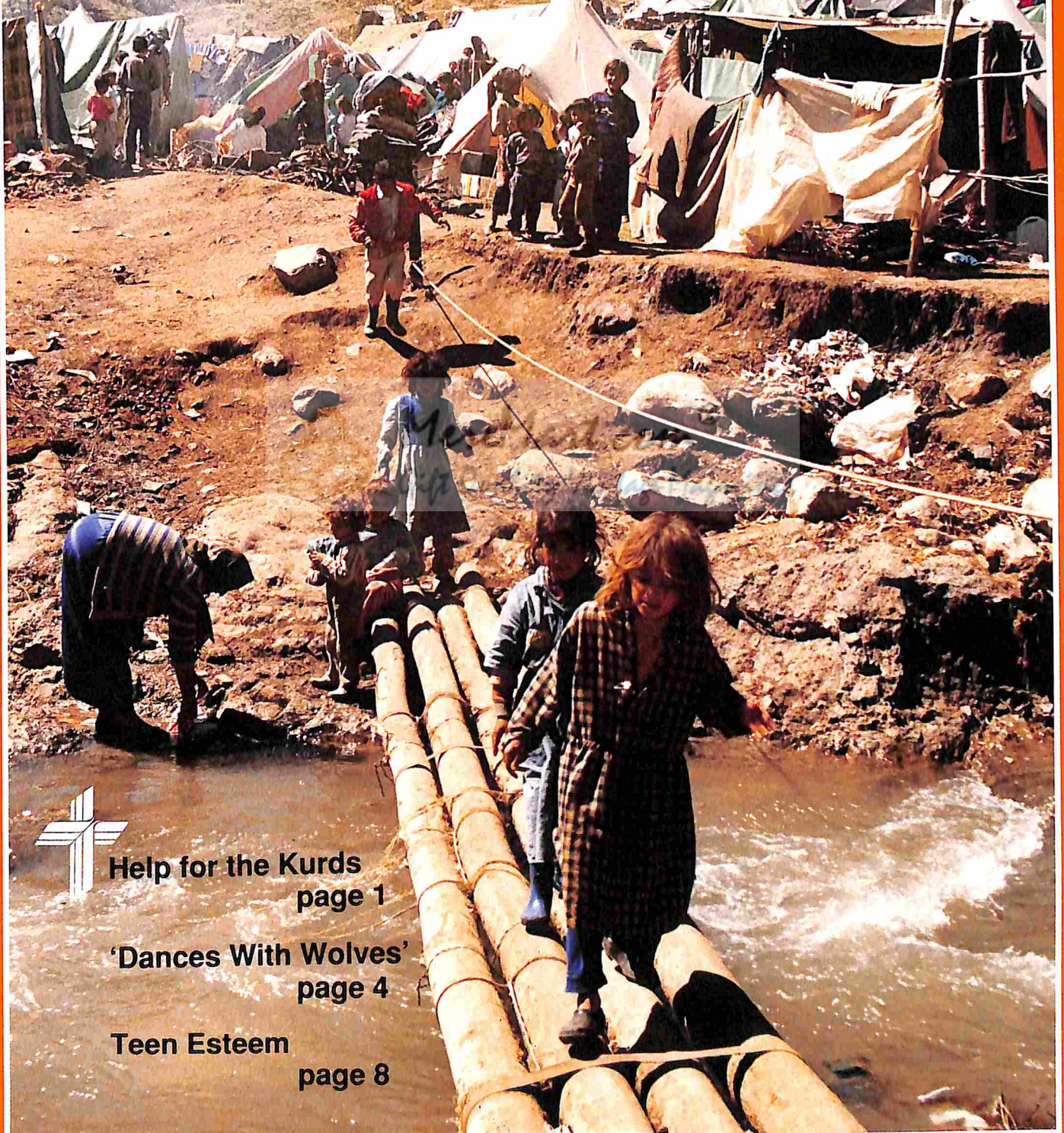
# WHEN 'EYES SEE EYES'

four weeks before we met, he and his wife had grabbed their four daughter and, taking nothing but three blankets had fled their home in Dohuk, northern Iraq. Like hundreds of thousands of other Kurds, they drove, then walked into the rugged, snowcapped mountains on Iraq's border with Turkey.

Hamid said he saw "bombs" falling on his city from Saddam Hussein's helicopters. Desperate to save his family, he saw flight to the mountains as the only chance. They made their way to a place now called Uzumlu Camp, which

Photo by David L. Mahsman

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