



1. Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis
BBC1, 9pm

We've grown accustomed to stories about the migrant crisis in Europe dominating the TV news, but what is life like for the medics and charity workers trying to ease the situation for the thousands caught up in the greatest humanitarian crisis in decades? Twin doctors Chris and Xand van Tulleken travel from Lesbos to Calais, volunteering at emergency clinics and transit camps along the way, as they experience the crisis first-hand.

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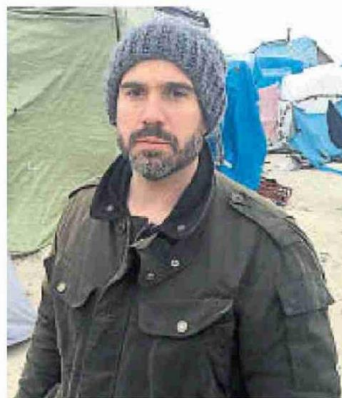
Doctors, twins and part-time aid workers Chris and Xand van Tulleken want to see for themselves what conditions are like for migrants fleeing through Europe at the height of winter. Xand (right) and Chris travel to Greece, the Balkans, Berlin and Calais, spending time with medics, charities and volunteers in camps and clinics to see the response to the refugee crisis.

NB: 10.45pm IN SCOTLAND



CRITIC'S CHOICE

GERARD GILBERT



PICK OF THE DAY

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Dunkirk is the new Calais, as the migrant camp in one Channel port is dismantled only for a tent city to mushroom in another. This is just one of several discoveries made by doctors, twins and part-time aid workers, Chris and Xand (left) van Tulleken, as they set off to see for themselves what conditions are like for migrants fleeing through Europe at the height of winter. First stop – as it was for half of the one million migrants who arrived in Europe last year – is the Greek island of Lesbos, where care is left to volunteers, unlike in Berlin where the van Tullekens find the German state fully engaged with the new arrivals.

THE TIMES

Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis

BBC One, 9pm

Top pick

In this immensely powerful programme, the twins Chris and Xand van Tulleken find out what conditions are

like for the thousands of refugees trying to find safe haven in Europe during the coldest time of the year. The brothers are doctors rather than politicians and do not pretend to have any answers. What they do have, apart from their medical training, is compassion, and in circumstances as miserable as this,

compassion goes a long way. Their first stop is Lesbos, where about 3,000 refugees arrive every day. The dinghies are weighed down in the water, the outboard motors are unreliable and their lifejackets are useless. Many refugees suffer from hypothermia, frostbite, respiratory infections and severe psychological trauma,

but their difficulties have only just begun. Having been ferried to Athens — where families disembark at Piraeus without one piece of luggage between them — they are taken by bus to the border with Macedonia where, if they are lucky, they begin the tortuous journey across Europe. Some of the least fortunate end up in

“the jungle” in Calais or, worse still, in the spillover tent city near Dunkirk, where there are 300 children under the age of 10 living in unimaginable squalor. A baby with measles lies in a tent filled with sodden bedding, but the mother is too frightened to leave her other children and take him to hospital. What singles out this crisis

from so many other humanitarian catastrophes is that most of the help comes from volunteers rather than government bodies or NGOs.

THE INDEPENDENT

Critic's choice

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The Daily Telegraph

What to watch



eye-opening, emotional insight into the human stories behind the headlines. *Michael Hogan*

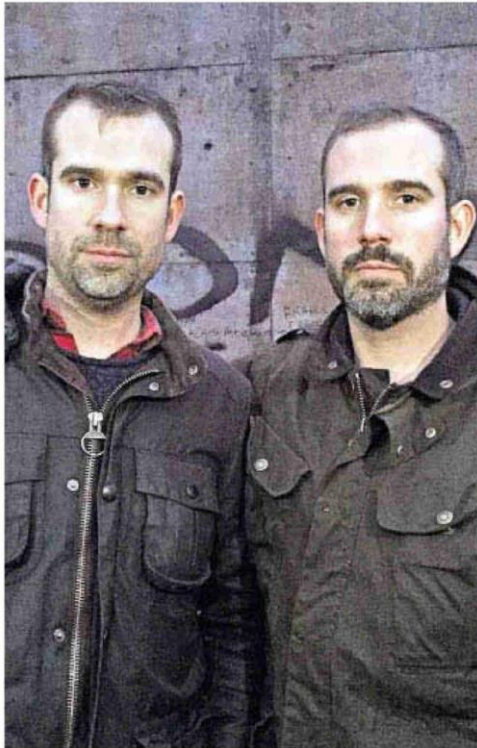
Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis

BBC ONE, 9.00PM; SCOTLAND, 10.45PM

Over the past year, a humanitarian crisis of staggering proportions has landed on our doorstep. Europe is receiving more migrants than at any time since the Second World War. More than a million arrived last year seeking sanctuary, with thousands making the perilous crossing to Greece by boat each day. This gritty film takes us right onto the front line as Chris and Xand van Tulleken – doctors, part-time aid workers and twin brothers – set out to assist, seeing first-hand what conditions are like for those fleeing through Europe in winter.

Over two weeks in early January, the plucky duo travel to the tiny Greek island of Lesbos, the gateway to Europe for Syrian refugees, before following the trail to Athens, through the Balkans, then onto Berlin and finally Calais. They spend time in overcrowded camps, shanty towns and makeshift clinics, at snowbound border crossings and chaotic transit points, to witness

the medical and humanitarian response to the crisis. The diary-style documentary offers an



On the front line: Drs Chris and Xand van Tulleken in Lesbos

THE TIMES

James Jackson TV review



Frontline Migrants

BBC One

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Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis

9pm, BBC1

More than a million migrants arrived in Europe last year in the biggest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. Aid workers and medics Chris and Xand van Tulleken travelled to Lesbos in January to see the scale of the situation. From Greece to Macedonia and on to Calais, broken bodies and bewildered children walk, clutching each other. Volunteer doctors treat trench foot and frostbite. The work of the volunteers is humbling; people reacting to the crisis in such a useful way. *Julia Raeside*