



HEART
FOR **LEBANON**
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Leading people from
DESPAIR to
HOPE

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MEET AHMED.

He is a refugee who has been living in Lebanon for the last 12 years. He has a wife and two young children, ages 3 and 1. Their home was destroyed in bombing raids in Syria, and he was forced by threat of violence to flee. Before the war his life was good. Now he can't find work, nor is he allowed to legally hold a job, because he is a refugee. Daily survival is a struggle for Ahmed and his family.



It is estimated that 2 million Syrians are now living in Lebanon as refugees of war. Escalating conflicts continue to drive scores of people from their homes in Syria to neighboring countries, including Lebanon.

- Inside Lebanon it is illegal for Syrian refugees to work, and there is little or no access to government infrastructure such as schools and healthcare.
- No formal UN refugee camps exist in Lebanon. Living in informal tent settlements, mainly in the Bekaa Valley and the south of Lebanon, refugees are faced daily with little protection and a lot of instability.
- Women and children are the most vulnerable and are often the recipients of gender-based violence, child labor, and sex trafficking. They make up the majority of the refugee population in Lebanon as many have lost male family members to the war in Syria.
- 76% of Syrian refugee families live below the poverty line and most live in substandard shelter conditions.

For many refugees, life in Lebanon is characterized by struggle, disappointment, and despair.

Heart for Lebanon's focus on holistic, relational, and unconditional ministry is providing essentials to families, which allows us to reach and engage them in a relationship. On-going visits give us the opportunity to invest in their lives on a deeper level than just humanitarian aid.

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IT IS HEART FOR LEBANON'S MISSION TO *make disciples.*

WE DO THIS THROUGH TARGETED MINISTRY PROGRAMS THAT "LEAD PEOPLE FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE".



Once *Ahmed's family* began to receive Family Care packages, and regular visits from Heart for Lebanon team members, he realized that there was indeed someone who cared about them and was showing them compassion. In every interaction he felt listened to and respected.

In the Muslim culture, it is unheard of to help someone unconditionally. If a favor was received, then another favor was expected to be given in return. This leads people to ask the Heart for Lebanon team, "Why are you helping us? You know I have nothing to give you in return."

It's at this pivotal moment in all of our Family Care visits where we have the great honor of introducing Jesus Christ into the conversation.

During these visits, Heart for Lebanon Team members begin to share about the person of Jesus Christ. What starts out as simple conversation often turns into a life transformed by hope.

RELATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



It is not just adults who are looking for hope. Our greatest opportunity to transform the middle east lies within the over 600,000 refugee children living in Lebanon. **We have a historic opportunity to reach a generation with the truth of Jesus Christ.**

Now children have the opportunity to learn in a safe, Christ-centered environment. Many are experiencing the love of Jesus Christ, serving others, and being equipped to be leaders.

Every month Heart for Lebanon reaches thousands of children, through Hope on Wheels and the H.O.P.E. (Helping Overcome Poverty through Education) Program, sharing God's love with, and for, them.



CHILDREN-AT-RISK

Over 50% of 2 million Syrian refugees living in Lebanon are children under the age of 18. The youngest of these have known no other life than that of poverty in unstable living conditions. Without an education they will not develop the academic, social, or spiritual capacity necessary to establish a better future for themselves, their families, or their communities.

HOPE ON WHEELS

is a mobile ministry truck that travels into tent communities and gives children the chance to play and learn in a safe environment so that they can enjoy being children again.

Ahmed's children get to participate in the Hope on Wheels program which includes skits, songs, games, and puppet shows. When they get older it will also include opportunities for them to participate in sports activities, Bible clubs, health awareness lessons and other educational opportunities.

H.O.P.E. PROGRAM

The H.O.P.E. (Helping Overcome Poverty through Education) Program provides a non-formal education for refugee children who are unable to attend local schools. Children who have been out of school for several years become prime targets for extremist groups. Not only are subjects like Math, English, Arabic, and Art covered; children are also learning stories from the Bible and about their identity in Jesus during Chapel.





Ahmed is now a follower of Jesus Christ! Ahmed and his wife are faithfully attending Bible studies and Worship Gatherings where they learn about peace building, reconciliation, forgiveness, dignity and much more.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION



BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Studies provide a place where people can come to ask questions, learn from the biblical perspective, and experience true community. We have over 1,000 Muslim-background men and women involved in Bible Studies and discipleship communities.

CHURCHES

Over the last two years, many adults who have decided to follow Jesus have been coming to weekly Worship Gatherings where they can praise God and learn more about Jesus in a community of people on the same faith journey. As worship gatherings grow and leaders are developed, Churches are being planted. These Churches serve as a faith community for growing Jesus followers, and a place of hope and service to those in need.



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Ahmed is serving in Leadership in Hope Evangelical Church and is actively involved in discipling and leading others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. "I have found everything I need through Jesus Christ and He has called me and my family to return to Syria to serve others and tell them about Jesus."



As we walk alongside those being discipled, Heart for Lebanon's staff select those that show the desire, dedication, and calling to minister to their own people. These Believers are invited into a Leadership group where they are further equipped and trained on how to reach their own communities and people groups with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Driven by the compassionate heart of Jesus Christ, Heart for Lebanon exists to see lives changed and communities transformed. Our long term vision is to see thousands of people from a Muslim background become followers of Jesus Christ, equipped and mobilized throughout Syria, and the Middle-East, to raise up new communities of faith and demonstrate Godly leadership.



THE HOPE

We believe that God will use Ahmed, His family, and thousands of others like them to radically transform the Middle-East for Jesus Christ. Will you join us in this historic opportunity?





FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY:

We believe that transparency and accountability are critical for an effective ministry. As Christ followers we believe we are accountable to one another in all aspects of our faith. The Heart for Lebanon Board is very engaged in praying and financially investing.

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Core Ministry Expenses	\$18,743,417	86%
Administration	\$1,832,721	7%
Fundraising	\$1,599,136	7%

Your financial investment and prayers are taking us beyond aid to cultivating transformation among people. It is more than a donation, it's an investment given with the expectation of a return. This pushes Heart for Lebanon to honor our investors by planning for long-term success and remaining accountable in how we steward our resources. Every dollar counts.

Those supporting Heart for Lebanon are investing in people who are the next generation of believers to return to Syria and rebuild the nation as followers of Jesus Christ.



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