



Leading people from
DESPAIR to
HOPE

LEBANON IS NO STRANGER TO CRISIS

ECONOMIC/BANKING: Though Lebanon has a beautiful culture, its economy is on the brink of collapse. The crises listed below have resulted in sky-rocketing inflation, currency devaluation, and rising unemployment. Current estimates are that over half of the population of Lebanon are now living below the poverty line. On August 4, 2020 an explosion took place in Beirut that destroyed hospitals, schools, businesses, and made over 300,000 people homeless, increasing the devastating circumstances many are living in. This is what makes our opportunities to serve even greater!

POLITICAL: Lebanon is unique in that its government is set up to represent Christians and Muslims. However, it has long struggled with political unrest and corruption, resulting in a transitional government incapable of addressing the country's problems.

REFUGEE: Lebanon still hosts the highest population of refugees per-capita of any country in the world. With nearly two million refugees of war residing in Lebanon, these families struggle to provide for their most basic needs, and are among the most vulnerable in Lebanon. Living in extreme poverty, many refugee children are exposed to child labor, human trafficking, and domestic violence.

COVID: Though Lebanon has some of the most advanced hospitals in the Middle East, it has one of the highest rates of infection per-capita in the world. Families throughout the country are fearful for both their health and ability to provide for their family's needs in the midst of this pandemic.



For many people living in Lebanon, life is characterized by struggle, disappointment, and despair. But Heart for Lebanon's focus on holistic, relational, and unconditional ministry is providing survival essentials and hope to thousands of families across the country.

Serving the poor, marginalized, and rejected, we seek to see lives changed and communities transformed through the power of the Gospel and a consistent show of God's love for all people. On-going visits with each family give us the opportunity to invest in their lives on a deeper level than just humanitarian aid.



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Heart for Lebanon is a non-denominational Christian organization creating faith-defining environments that give under resourced families and children in Lebanon the chance to encounter God and grow spiritually, through **ACCESS MINISTRIES**.

Initiatives like *Family Care* meet the physical and emotional needs of families living in despair unconditionally and holistically. The majority of the people we serve are widows and orphans. By visiting with and assessing the needs of these families, care begins by providing materials like small household items, wood stoves, winter clothes, blankets, mattresses, rugs, tarps, wood for building and repairing tents, and clean water.

To show the love of Jesus Christ, we begin by providing supplemental food, hygiene supplies, and survival essentials for a family; not creating dependency, but filling the gaps they are experiencing.

We do this through targeted ministry programs and *home visits* that “Lead people from despair **to hope**”. It’s at this pivotal moment where we have the great honor of introducing Jesus Christ into the conversation. What starts out as simple conversation often turns into a life transformed by *Hope*.



“We didn’t have the money to buy any kind of sanitizer or detergent to keep my kids safe. But when Heart for Lebanon had sent us a kit with everything we needed, I felt unforgotten and special. When I received the face masks that were sewn by other refugees, It meant a lot to me and my family.”



Other faith-defining environments are programs like **Hope on Wheels** for children in refugee settlements, our **H.O.P.E. Education Program** (Helping Overcome Poverty with Education) a non-formal education for children who cannot attend local schools, **Literacy Lessons** for adult women who cannot read or write, **Health Awareness** trainings for both children and adults, and **Skills Training** for individuals that give them an opportunity to learn a trade and provide for their families.

"We, too, want to learn about God the way you are teaching our kids when you come with the truck!"
– A parent watching Hope on Wheels





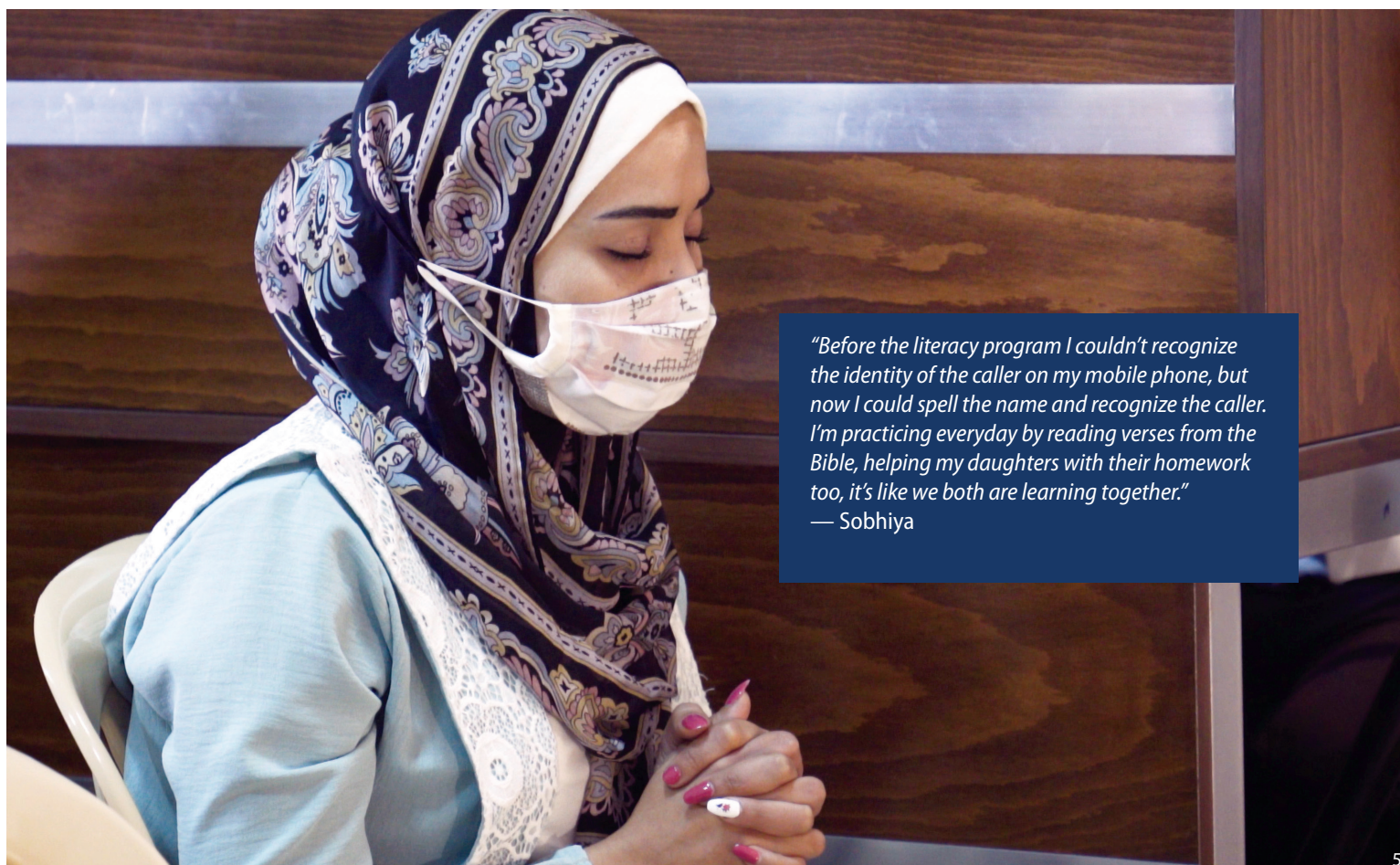
These environments provide our indigenous staff the privilege to hold relational conversations, giving our team time to speak one-on-one with families, while listening to their needs and stresses. Sharing life stories opens the door for the team to introduce Jesus Christ into the relationship and unconditionally invite the family to attend Bible Studies and Worship Gatherings.



"I am so excited by the way my sewing skills improved, but I am more excited about how my spiritual life developed by attending the women Bible study in the sewing sessions."
— Zahida



"The videos and voice messages you are sending are encouraging the kids and motivating them. You work differently compared to other organizations; you are patient and full of love."
— A Mother of a H.O.P.E. Program student



"Before the literacy program I couldn't recognize the identity of the caller on my mobile phone, but now I could spell the name and recognize the caller. I'm practicing everyday by reading verses from the Bible, helping my daughters with their homework too, it's like we both are learning together."
— Sobhiya



BIBLE STUDIES

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

“These Bible Studies shaped me; my faith in Jesus is unshakable no matter what happens in our life” — Jameel

CHURCHES

Two churches with multiple Worship Gatherings have been established within the last few years specifically for Muslim-background Believers. The goal of these is to disciple and prepare refugee families to return to their home country with a lifestyle that will reset their communities using the Gospel as the cornerstone of the rebuilding process.

“At first, I didn’t want to go to Church but my little sister Raffi encouraged me and I started noticing the change in her attitude. She became calmer, more loving and forgiving. That’s when I decided to give it a try.” — Nour



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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. They become Leaders evidenced by servant leadership rather than the old dictatorial model.

“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.” — Ahmed



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**Driven by the compassionate heart of Jesus Christ,
Heart for Lebanon exists to see lives changed and communities
transformed. 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	\$20,915,763	86%
Administration	\$1,851,429	7%
Fundraising	\$1,609,385	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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