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FOR LEBANON
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Leading people from DESPAIR to HOPE

SINCE OUR INCEPTION WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH COMPOUNDED CRISES–

political conflicts, regional wars, refugee migration, economic collapse, natural disasters… Each one of these crisis has caused tremendous hurt and has left many communities in total despair. The people of Lebanon, as well as the refugee population living in our country, are facing unprecedented challenges. The United Nations World Food Program recently announced that prices of essential food items increased by 60% in 2022. More than half of the population is living under the poverty line; those most affected are children under 6 years of age. The 35% unemployment rate is forcing many to look for illegal ways of bringing income to their needy families. The situation from a human perspective seems hopeless. It is easy to fall into a life of despair.

ESSENTIAL FOOD ITEMS INCREASED BY 60% IN 2022

In order to address the results of those compounded and devastating crises, Heart for Lebanon chose a unique approach to relief and humanitarian aid; we call it *Relational Relief*. Many aid agencies do relief work in a transactional manner. They are serious about providing the necessary items to help those in need but forget that addressing poverty, conflicts, and needs should cover all three levels; physical, emotional, and spiritual. Our Team is strongly convinced that in order to see change in our communities we need to invest long term in our relationships with the families we serve. We are not only interested in addressing their immediate physical needs; as acute as those needs are, the emotional poverty is even greater. Many individuals in despair need to know that they are loved, listened to, and their dignity and trust in humanity is restored. Relational Relief is hard and time consuming. But Relational Relief is also rewarding when one sees the emotional transformation in the lives of those served.

Relational Relief also points to Jesus. He is the Master who showed us how to love and care for those in need. The Gospels tell the story of Christ who desires to build a relationship with the marginalized and rejected, the poor and hungry, the sick and hurting and with the young and old. We are called to follow His example as we serve those He has entrusted to us.

Making disciples is building this strong relationship of trust with Jesus. It is addressing one's spiritual poverty and pointing them to the Lord that makes us rich in Him. Heart for Lebanon invests in people for that purpose. We want to care for their physical and emotional poverty and we pray that we can help them turn their spiritual poverty into richness in the Lord; as they grow in their love with Jesus and learn to be more like Him in everything they say and do.

We celebrate the many opportunities God has given us to care for the hurting communities around us. But what we celebrate the most is seeing lives changed and communities transformed. We rejoice in seeing people move from ***despair to hope*** in Christ. And together, we praise our Lord every time we hear of one new follower of Christ sharing their faith with others and helping them know and experience the amazing love of Jesus.

We can invest in people because you have generously invested in our ministry.
Thank you for joining Heart for Lebanon in leading people from despair to hope in Christ.

CAMILLE MELKI - CEO & CO-FOUNDER / TOM ATEMA CO-FOUNDER

HEART FOR LEBANON HAS 24 ENVIRONMENTS THAT HELP TO MAKE DISCIPLES

H.O.P.E. (HELPING OVERCOME POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION) INITIATIVE

- Non-Formal Education Morning Program
- Non-Formal Education Afternoon Program
- Formal Education Scholarship Program

CHILDREN AT RISK INITIATIVE

- Hope on Wheels Trucks
- Hope on Wheels Clubs
- Hope on Wheels Sports

FAMILY CARE INITIATIVE

- Care Package Distribution
- Skill Development
- Health Care
- Clothes Washing
- Shelter Support and Home Restoration

OUTREACH AND DISCIPLESHIP INITIATIVE

- Relational Engagement
- Spiritual Formation
- Missional Leadership Development

HOPE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

- Sunday Morning Service
- Ethnic Group Worship Service
- Bible Study
- Baptism Classes
- Sunday School Classes
- Youth Ministry
- Prayer Meetings
- Pastoral Care Visits
- Special Services (Christmas, Easter, New Year),
- Camps and Retreats

Dixon Hughes Goodman, an independent accounting firm provides the Board of Directors with an annual audit. A copy of the most recent financial audit is available upon request

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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?

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