



# NEW HEIGHTS

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***“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”***

***2 Corinthians 4: 7-10***

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# Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your emails, messages, concern, support, and prayer after the explosion in Beirut on Tuesday. Despite the fact that our offices are in the immediate vicinity of the explosion and many of our staff live near there, not one of our staff or interns was hurt. We are so grateful for your prayers and for God's protection. We really feel that the above words from 2 Corinthians are true for us right now. We are indeed "hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." The situation is extremely difficult but our God is extremely faithful.

## Our Offices

All of our people are safe but half of our offices were severely damaged by the blast, with damage to walls, windows, floors, ceilings and office furniture. There were people in our offices up until 20 minutes before the blast, but praise God when the explosion occurred, no one was in the building. Yesterday we began the process of cleaning up and assessing damages and we are now looking to begin the rebuilding process.





## Supporting Our Community

We are also seeking ways that we can be a support to our community at this time. Many people lost homes in the blast, and yesterday we were able to take one of our Made Clean vans and its washing machines to a local seminary to wash sheets so that they are ready to receive these people.

Today we are taking the van to a local hospital whose laundry facilities were destroyed by the blast, so that we can wash bed linen for them. Praise God for these opportunities to be His hands and feet, and pray for us as we seek other ways to bring God's light and hope in these difficult times.

## How You Can Help

**First, please continue praying for us;** we have felt the power and effectiveness of your prayers for us over the last days and are so grateful for them. Please pray for wisdom, protection, and strength for us as we rebuild and seek to help our community at this time.

**Secondly, some of you have asked how you can support us financially.**

**We currently have two pressing needs:**

- 1- Rebuilding our offices: The estimated cost of this is between \$30,000 and \$40,000.**
- 2- Serving our community: We are still in the process of assessing the needs here, but we do know that they are many and large, from physical to psychosocial needs.**

**If you would like to help with either of these needs, you can send funds to:**

**Name:** Foundation Social Guidance Association  
**Account #:** 0123USD1522089647201  
**IBAN:** LB09 0001 0123 USD1 5220 8964 7201  
**Swift Code:** FSABLBBX  
**Bank:** Fransabank, Geitawy.

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