



# NEW HEIGHTS

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**“ Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ”**

*Romans 5:5*

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# Beirut Emergency Fund Update

In the weeks since the Beirut explosion, we have been overwhelmed with the opportunities that God has given us to share His hope in our local community. In the process of scouting the affected areas, going from house to house, we have distributed gift boxes to over **1,300 children from 728 homes**. We saw smiles on the faces of these children as they opened up presents and were able to give each of them a “Bible App for Kids” booklet. One boy was so intent on reading this and finding the application on his phone that he didn’t even seem to notice his gift at first!



We shared a message of hope with every visit, even praying with some of the families that welcomed it. In one house there was a Muslim Mother of two small children. The family had very little, the children were delighted with their presents, eagerly showing each other what they’d received. The Mother shared with us how difficult things

are right now. We gave her “The Bible App for Kids” booklets for her children and tears filled her eyes as we told her that God loves her, sees her and is with her. People are in need of physical support, but they are also desperately in need of someone to stand with them, and to share with them the hope that we have in Jesus.

With this in mind we are moving onto our next phase of the project. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters we are able to commit to providing 250 of the children we encountered with relief parcels, monthly, until December 2020. These will include child-centered food packets and medical items, but they will also come with Bible based trauma healing material for children. These materials include; links

to animated episodes, corresponding activity sheets and a different Bible based / trauma healing booklet every month, such as the Survivors Book. We will also be visiting each of these families monthly, spending time with them, sharing with them, and praying for them. Ultimately, we hope to raise more funds so that we can extend this project into the New Year too.

## **Praise God with us for His provision and the opportunities that we have already had. Please pray with us:**

- **For many more opportunities to introduce people to the hope that we have in Jesus.**
- **For wisdom and energy for our team on the ground.**
- **For financial provision so that we can bless these families for longer.**