



NEW HEIGHTS

2020 Fall Newsletter

“ Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54: 10



Lebanon

The economic situation, COVID-19, and the Beirut explosion have made this a challenging quarter. However, more than anything, we have seen the truth that God’s “un-failing love” for us cannot be shaken. We are grateful to you, for your support, prayers, and partnership, and to our God, for providing for us abundantly; meeting our practical needs, and giving us incredible opportunities to serve Him.

Office Repairs

Thank you to all those who donated towards the repairs of our office. Renovation is well underway, damaged walls have been removed, and broken external windows have been replaced. Our offices are secure and we have usable work spaces. We’re hoping to finish all of the repairs by November and are so grateful to God and to you for your continuous financial support.



Beirut Emergency Fund

Since the blast on the 4th of August, we have distributed gift boxes to over **1,600 children** while scouting the affected areas for people to distribute food parcels to. We have had amazing opportunities to share God’s love and hope in this way with many families in our local community. We were able to listen and pray with many families whose houses had been damaged by the explosion. Parents shared their fears and frustrations and some of their children’s nightmares. This month we began to distribute the food parcels. This meant re-visiting the fam-

 **1,600 Gifts Distributed**

 **250 Food Parcels**

ilies we met who were most in need, and providing the children with boxes full of food and stationary, as well as trauma healing resources. It has been such a privilege to be invited into people’s homes and to be able to share some of God’s comfort with them in this difficult time.

One of our highlights was visiting Mustafa and Raed's* family. They live in a very small room; neither of their parents has work. They were so happy and excited to receive the boxes. Their Mother asked us which church we belonged to, and told us that she wanted to know more about

the teachings of the Bible. She even asked if we could get her a Bible. We are excited to go back next month with a Bible and another box so that we can continue our conversation with her.

* Names have been changed

MADE CLEAN HIGHLIGHT



60 Programs



16 New Camps

In the time since the blast, the Made Clean Team has continued to serve in the refugee camps, but has also sent one of the mobile laundry vans to Beirut. In Beirut, in the direct aftermath of the blast, we washed clothes and linen for a number of organizations, from severely damaged hospitals to local theological colleges, and grassroots volunteer movements. We washed bedding, so that rooms would be ready for families who had lost their homes, as well as clothes, to be donated to families in need, and hospital linen, so that hospitals would be ready for re-opening. In each of the places we visited, people were blessed by our practical care, and surprised at the ingenuity of our mobile laundry idea. It has been a privilege to share God's love in this practical way with

the community surrounding our offices.

We have also had many opportunities to share God's love in the refugee camps this quarter, **completing 60 programs in 16 new camps**. Below is one of our highlights:

"In one camp we visited there was a child who behaved very aggressively. We discovered that he had a very difficult past; his mother was killed in front of him and his father is in prison. When we first knew him he carried an iron rod with him wherever he went to defend himself. He showed signs of aggression and isolation. As the weeks passed by he learnt about God's love and forgiveness. Today he is a changed boy full of life and joy".



Digital Ministry



2.2M
Gospel Presentation



43,000
New Contacts



47 New
Disciples



4 New Programs



7 Weekly Discipleship
Meetings

“After becoming a real Christian . . . I no longer feel like my heart is heavy but instead I feel peace; I no longer worry about tomorrow. I now trust that God will provide for all of our needs. Lastly I thank God for his grace that he gave us, I thank Him for every new day and each new breath and for His presence in my life.”

- Tony, a new disciple from Lebanon

iCultivate OneHope Internship

In July and August, **six interns, three from Jordan and three from Lebanon, joined us for our iCultivate OneHope online internship.** We ran daily sessions on zoom, training the team in digital ministry skills, from content creation and communication, to marketing and discipleship, with the interns completing hands-on assignments to apply what they had learnt. We then worked with them as they designed and launched three digital outreach programs which engaged around **20,000 people with the gospel.** Interns were equipped with skills that they could use in their ministries and churches, and at the same time encouraged them to grow in their relationship with God. This is a OneHope program.



Here is what some of the interns said about our internship:

“This internship equipped me with many essential skills and lifted me spiritually. It truly was a blessing to me in so many ways.”

- Alondra

“The team placed several challenges in my path and motivated me to go beyond my limits . . . I am truly thankful for all the opportunities that the ministry gave me.”

- Roy

The work in Syria, Iraq and Jordan

God has blessed our team in Syria with opportunities to run (socially distanced!) clubs with children there. There are games, skits and songs and plenty of opportunities to share God's love and bring joy to children who are living in difficult circumstances. Praise God for these opportunities and pray that the team will continue to be able to do this.

In Iraq and Jordan the teams are beginning to distribute books again. We are grateful to God that they are able to bring His word and hope to many children in these places. Please pray for wisdom and protection as they do this amidst coronavirus restrictions and, in Iraq, various security challenges.



PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the safety of our team and for his provision after the explosion.
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- Praise God for the opportunities we now have to share with people through our emergency program. Please pray that children, and parents alike would be given hope and grow closer to Jesus because of our visits.
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- Praise God for all that those on the iCultivate internship achieved. Please pray that God would continue to strengthen them to use what they have learnt for his glory.
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- Praise God for the new believers we are seeing in the digital ministry. Please pray that God would strengthen them, and give us opportunities to reach many more like them.
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- Please pray for strength for our team so that we can continue with all that God has called us to.