



NEW HEIGHTS

Beyond the Box

Update Report: February 2021

“You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted;
you encourage them, and you listen to their cry.”

Psalm 10:17

Meeting Needs in Beirut and Beyond



This situation is so hard, but the days you call me, those are good days, things seem easier to solve



- Mother of a child

This is just one of the responses we've received to our calls and visits this month. Thank you for making it possible to share God's love and care with people in this way. There continue to be stringent lockdown rules here in Lebanon, but we have remained in contact with our Beirut families and towards the end of February, obtained permission to continue our distribution program. Our calls last month highlighted how great the need is among these families; some have lost loved ones to COVID, and many of them are struggling to make ends meet, but God is working through us to provide hope and practical help.



Statistics

According to a World Food program report, in Lebanon last year:



of Lebanese people



of Syrian people

Were worried that they would not have enough food.

This month we delivered:

In Beirut

170
Boxes

61
Bags of food

Across Lebanon

80
Boxes to our partners

Meeting the Needs



During February, we were able to support 20 families by offering to cover the cost of their treatment within a local, low cost, medical clinic. We have also been able to distribute essential food items; rice, flour etc, alongside our normal boxes. It has been so good to see our families again in person, even if it is just for socially distanced, door-step drop offs. Many of them expressed how happy they are that we have remembered them at this time.

Family Updates



God's Comfort

In our last report we mentioned a family in which the father was fighting for his life against COVID in intensive care. **Sadly, the next time we spoke to the mother, her husband had passed away.** Our call with her though, came at just the right time to be able to share words of God's comfort with her. She told us: **"Please keep looking after my children."**

Thank you for helping us to be able to do just that.



Bibles and Counsellors

Do you remember Moussa and Joyce who we mentioned in our September update? Their mother asked us for an easy-to-read Bible, and has been reading the one that we brought to her ever since. She loves it when we call, and told us that she is especially enjoying reading the Psalms at the moment. She also told us that **Moussa has been struggling emotionally, so we were able to put her in touch with a counselor at no cost to the family.**

Thank you for helping us to share spiritually and practically with families like these.



Beyond Beirut

We have always wanted this project to reach beyond the box, and beyond just Beirut. The lockdowns, on top of the economic crisis in Lebanon, are causing poverty and misfortune for families all over the country. So this month, as well as providing boxes in Beirut, we are partnering with churches in different areas in Lebanon. These churches are delivering our boxes, with much needed food and medicine, as well as activities for the children, to families in their regions.

This Month Please Pray for:

- **The family of the man who passed away, that God would comfort and strengthen them, as well as all families like them here in Lebanon.**
- **More and continued favour with the authorities, that they may permit us to serve the many families who are in need, in COVID safe ways.**
- **Wisdom, protection and creativity for our team as we distribute food and stay in contact with families in the continuing crisis of the corona-virus pandemic.**

We appreciate your continued prayers and support

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