



# NEW HEIGHTS

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**Beyond**  
the Box

Spring 2022

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“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”

2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 4

# The God of all Comfort

One of the privileges of the Beyond the Box project is the opportunity it gives us to demonstrate God's compassion to people here in Lebanon. As we visited families over the last year and a half, we saw how desperately people need this comfort. Therefore, it has been a delight this month to launch our counseling project and run sessions with some of the children we have met through the Beyond the Box project.

## Mobile Counseling Unit



This month has seen our big blue RV on the streets near our offices, providing children a safe space to receive counseling. We now have two licensed counselors working with us, and their expertise is invaluable. There is a significant need for this project; on hearing about it, one of the mothers said: **“Wow, this is really great. I need this, and my son does too.”** There is still a taboo around mental health issues in some communities, so making this kind of support easily and discreetly available to people in their own neighborhood is essential. All of the children who have had sessions and their parents have been very grateful.

## Boxes and Medicine

We have, of course, been continuing to demonstrate God's compassion through our box distributions to families. This month we were also able to distribute some essential children's medicine (vitamins, panadol, etc.) to families, which is particularly welcome as many of these medicines are in short supply here in Lebanon.

Since March, we have partnered with **13 churches** to work with **120 kids across 111 families.**

Our team, together with the Churches distributed:

**630 Boxes**

**188 Medical Kits**



## Questions and Answers

Perla\* has two daughters, and when we first met her, she was grieving the loss of her brother, who had recently passed away unexpectedly. She was asking where God was in this situation; she told us, **“If God were present, he wouldn't have taken my brother.”** She was desperately looking for answers. We stayed with her for two hours, listening to and comforting her in her grief. When we next saw her, we shared about Jesus and asked if she would like a visit from one of our partner church teams. She agreed, and when the team visited her, they listened to and answered some of her questions about God and the Bible. A month later, when the team returned, Perla had memorized everything they had told her, and they saw her smile for the first time. **She was both happy and grateful, and towards the end of the meeting, she said she would like to come to church soon.** Please pray that she will continue to grow in faith and start attending church.





## Youth Meeting

There is a family we visit with five children, aged between 6 and 14. We could tell the father was uncomfortable receiving the box when we first went. The family needed the food, but it was clear the father thought we were there from pity and that he did not want to be seen as a project or a charity case. We explained that we are not primarily an aid organization and that the Bible-based activities in the box for the children are more important to us than the food. After this, the family was happy to receive the boxes. **On our last visit, we even invited the older boy, Sam\*, to a youth meeting at one of our partner churches, and he went. The youth there were very welcoming to him, he had a great time and wants to keep attending.**



*(Name has been changed)*

## This Month

### Praise God For:

- Provision for the new counseling project.
- People like Perla and Sam who are open to hearing more about Jesus.
- Continuing to provide food and medicine for us to distribute.

### Please Pray For:

- Next month's visits which will be the last visits with these families; pray that we can link many of them to churches.
- Continued provision of items for the box - with the daily fluctuation of the exchange rate, buying these at a reasonable price can be challenging.
- Our Summer Clubs: we will be inviting children that we have met through Beyond the Box visits to join us for Bible clubs in July and August. Please pray that many would attend, have fun and learn something new about God's love for them.

**We appreciate your continued prayers and support**

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