



New Heights



Beyond Summer 2022
the Box

“*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*”

Proverbs 22:6

New Connections

Our aim with Beyond the Box has always been to connect families to churches and this Summer we have been able to do this in brand new ways. Along with our normal visits, we have been running week-long vacation bible study camps with our partner churches for children from the Beyond the Box program. We have been able to teach the children many things about the God who loves them, that we hope will stay with them as they grow.

Over the course of July and August, we distributed:

420 Boxes For **188 Families** In Lebanon

200 Boxes For **94 Families** In Syria

Leaving Them with God's Word



This summer we visited our current set of families for the last time. We created a new box for this last visit, from which the children can make a wheel that tells the overarching story of the Bible. We also gifted the children Bibles and invited them to our Summer clubs, all with the hope that this, though the end of our visits, will be just the start of their relationship with Jesus and connection to a church.

Summer Fun

Many children, from this cycle of Beyond the Box visits and from previous cycles, responded to our invitation to attend the Summer camps.

We held **9 camps** for **9 churches**

380 Kids Attended { **290 from BTB Partner Churches**
90 from Non-BTB Partner Churches

Our club had a journey theme, and each child got a passport that they could put a sticker in every day to mark where we were on our journey together. We sang songs, played games, and told Bible stories. Some of the children who came attended church regularly while some had never been inside a church before. Some were Lebanese, and some Syrian refugees. **All of them had fun and got to hear about a God who loves them and is with them in difficult times.**





Bringing Joy

One of our leaders told us:

“It was wonderful to be able to run camps in person again and to see so many of the children that we met over the last two years of the Beyond the Box project. For many, it was their first time attending anything like this, so the songs and Bible stories were brand new to them. **However, by the end, they were jumping up and down, joining in with the action songs enthusiastically, and requesting their favorites.** For the majority of these children, life at home is not easy in the current situation in Lebanon. After a simple clown performance, one of the small girls came and said to me **“What you did was lovely, thank you for making us laugh.”** Bringing joy to these children and being able to tell them about a God who is with us in good and hard times was one of the highlights of my summer.”



Sharing Truth

One of our partner churches is based in an underprivileged Muslim community. The church had good existing relationships with families in the community which the Beyond the Box program helped them to further develop. When it came to running a camp in this church, almost all of the children who attended were from a Muslim background. These children loved the program. They loved interacting with our leaders and joined in happily with all of the games and crafts and songs. They also paid such good attention to the Bible teaching that at the end many of them could recite the theme and the memory verses for all of the days of the camp. They left knowing that God loves them and walks journeys with them in hard times. Being able to share Biblical truth in this context is a joy and a privilege.



This Month

Praise God For:

- The many opportunities we've had this summer to tell children about God's love for them.
- The churches and their volunteers who have partnered with us to make these camps possible.
- His provision of energy, strength and creativity for the team.

Please Pray For:

- The relationships between the churches and the families, that they would grow and be strengthened.
- The children who received last boxes and Bibles this summer, that they would continue to grow closer to God.
- The children who came to the camps, that the seeds we've planted would grow.

We appreciate your continued prayers and support

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