

Country Director's Update



Greetings from Lebanon!

It hardly seems possible that the year is more than half over, until we look back and see all that God has already accomplished in Lebanon through your gifts in 2018!

The past year has been an exciting one, full of changes, expansions, and victories large and small. At each of our sites we have prayed and planned for ways to increase our capacity to serve more hurting children, and God has provided resources toward that goal.

We are grateful for the way he has moved in the hearts of supporters to help supply the needs of Kids Alive Lebanon. More than 300 attended our recent informational and fundraising dinner, showering our staff with love and encouragement. It's in these times that we can stop, look up from our daily labors, and drink in the reality of God's goodness to us.

At Dar El Awlad, we celebrated the high school graduation of a young man who spent 11 years in our home and is now attending university in the US. We also transitioned several students from our Oasis refugee program to the Dar El Awlad School where they can continue on to higher grade levels.

We're thankful for a great start to new workshops and clubs in our learning program, such as carpentry, gardening, drama, and art. And we partnered with a local organization to implement a life skills program focusing on peace building and conflict resolution.

At the Oasis Refugee Center, we partnered with Bible Society Lebanon for a one-week intensive program in Biblically-based trauma counseling, and we developed a sensory garden on-site that will create a welcome environment for our students.

This year our New Horizons Care Center welcomed a group of 10 new students to the literacy program. It's a privilege to help marginalized children in this impoverished community receive the opportunity to break free of the hopelessness that comes with illiteracy.

These victories don't come without your gifts and prayers – thank you for supporting Kids Alive Lebanon in all the ways that make hope take hold!



Denise Dagher
Country Director, Lebanon



How can I pray for Kids Alive Lebanon?

Rejoice with us, and praise God for...

- Spiritual growth in our children who have accepted Christ and their increased knowledge of the Gospel
- Addition of a new preschool level for kids 3-4, helping them get an earlier start in literacy and basic education
- Partial funding for a badly-needed new roof at Dar El Awlad



Join with us in asking Him for...

- Completion of major site maintenance and facility projects to increase the efficiency, safety, and aesthetics at Dar El Awlad
- Increased effectiveness of relational care to our families through home visits, practical services, and spiritual outreach
- Wisdom and direction concerning the strategic steps necessary to increasing effectiveness of our programs
- Healing for Syrian refugee children suffering extensive trauma and emotional pain
- Favor with community members, especially concerning the sensitive issues of reaching out to the Islamic community
- Peace in the Middle East

Thank you for providing the cold water - and so much more - that means good news for vulnerable children of Lebanon!

"Like cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a distant land." Prov. 25:25 (NASB)

Dar El Awlad School

