

“ The light shines through the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.”

JOHN 1:5

SHINE THROUGH DARKNESS

I always enjoy the change of each season, and the weather in Lebanon is beautiful this time of year. Spring is always a busy time at Abundant Life Church.

Women's Conference

The first day of Spring is also Mother's Day in Lebanon. The women's ministry held a special conference for the ladies of Abundant Life Church to treat them both spiritually and emotionally. We ministered to the ladies on "Entering the rest of the King". The Lebanese women work hard taking care of their families. It was an honor to switch their roles and let them be served. The women were encouraged and refreshed and left with a vision for being women that God will use to impact their families, our nation and the Arab world!

Happy Resurrection Day!

I really enjoy the Easter season at Abundant Life Church. The week begins on Palm Sunday when, as a church, we march through the streets and declare Jesus is King. It is such a powerful act. In Lebanon, it is common for masses to gather for a political reason; but on this day we gather to welcome Jesus into our nation. We marched through the streets around the church and many onlookers joined us from the balconies and sidewalks as we worshipped the Lord (some even filming with cameras).



The Palm Sunday march is one of my favorite events at Abundant Life Church. It is a wonderful start to a week of worship and prayer meetings, held each day and ending with prayer until midnight on Thursday. We had services on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. It was wonderful celebrating that Christ is indeed risen!

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. It is an honor to serve the Lord in Lebanon, and seeing lives changing as Christ is working in their lives.

Prayer Needs:

- *Wisdom & Direction*
- *The Lord's protection & provision*
- *Becoming fluent in Arabic*
- *Open doors to minister the Gospel*



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Support received after 20th of the month will apply to the following month cycle.

I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1: 4-6