

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

JOHN 1:5

SHINE THROUGH DARKNESS

Youth Ministry

The new year has begun with what we feel is a new beginning in the youth ministry. God is doing great things and we have felt His presence like never before. We are looking forward to what is ahead this year because we feel we are only in the beginning of His plans



for the youth of Lebanon. The teenagers are excited each Saturday night as we are alternating the meetings to focus on ministry one week and fellowship the next. We have had wonderful times of refreshing as the Holy Spirit has been touching and changing lives. The youth have been opening up and talking about issues they are facing; and they are strengthening their commitment to the Lord and their desire to be used by Him. We have also had some exciting times of fellowship that have allowed the youth to build relationships and has also given them an outlet for their youthful energy and creativity. We are confident that God will use their gifts for His



Preparing tabouli (Lebanese salad) during our cook-off

Kingdom. During the spring and summer we are planning to do outreaches in some of the teenage hangouts, such as the mall. We want to go out to where the fish are, instead of waiting for them to jump in the boat! We ask that you pray for creative ideas, for favor with any challenges that we might encounter, and for all of the

needed funds. It is the desire of our leadership team to raise up this young generation with a passion for using their gifts and talents to reach out to the lost and bring them to Jesus. With the youth stepping into their calling, I believe we will see the face of this nation changed to shine for Jesus!

Prayer Needs:

- *Wisdom & Direction*
- *The Lord's protection*
- *Becoming fluent in Arabic*
- *Provision*

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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