

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

JOHN 1:5

SHINE THROUGH DARKNESS

The weather is heating up in Beirut and I am getting ready for my fourth summer in Lebanon. Time seems to be passing so fast. I am so thankful for what God has done in my life and what He is doing in the lives of believers in the Middle East.

My younger brother, D.J., came to Lebanon to visit me for three weeks. I really enjoyed having him here and I also enjoyed being able to explore the beauty of Lebanon again (I love this country!) While he was here, D.J. also shared his testimony with the youth and kids ministry. They really enjoy hearing from him and I believe his testimony spoke clearly of the difference it makes in your life when you make a decision to live for Christ!

Kids Retreat

We held a day retreat at the end of May for the older kids in the church (ages 9-12). We addressed issues that they are dealing with in school and with friends and we encouraged them to “Dare to be Different”. D.J. and I shared testimonies of how God worked in our lives when we were their ages. The day was really wonderful, and these kids received the challenge to not blend with society, but to be different and live for Jesus!

Ministry in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

I travelled at the end of June with a team from Abundant Life Church to the United Arab Emirates where we ministered to believers living there. We arrived at a time when the churches were really in need of encouragement. Pastor Chady El Aouad led our team and ministered in several churches, including the largest Arabic church in Dubai. We also met with believers and leaders from around the UAE to help them and encourage them as they continue their work. It was really exciting to be a part of the ministry in this Gulf nation.

We were also able to encourage the women in Dubai during this trip. There were several ministries that were just beginning and we were able to encourage these leaders and be a part of the opening meetings of one of these ministries. The ladies were blessed to have us there, and we were blessed to be a part of these new beginnings.

We really had a great time in Dubai and it was a privilege to be there and encourage the believers in the United Arab Emirates!



Ladies Meeting in Dubai

Prayer Needs:

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



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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