

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

JOHN 1:5

SHINE THROUGH DARKNESS

Spring is approaching and the weather is warming up. Even so, there is still snow in the mountains. Lebanon is so beautiful.

It is great to be back in Lebanon and with Abundant Life Church again. After a month away, I had to readjust and get back in the swing of things again. Thankfully, that did not take too much time or effort. I love this place so much; it was nothing more than just coming home for me. I spent time with the different ministry teams as we prepare for the coming months, fully expecting God to do great things.



**Snowcapped mountains
above Beirut**

Youth

The servants in youth ministry are coming together to build unity and seeking fresh ideas and strategy to reach the youth with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The youth pastor, Hady El Aouad, is in America for a youth pastor's conference. We believe that he is going to come back with a fresh vision and fire for reaching the youth of this city, nation and the entire region. I believe this time of regrouping will prepare us to advance and take back this generation for Christ!

“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”

Matthew 11:12 (NIV)

Kids

The kids ministry team has been going through training once a month to be better equipped to meet the needs of the children in Abundant Life Church. It has been a great time of learning and receiving new ideas for reaching out to the children. This coming month, we will begin cell groups with the kids. I will be helping another leader with 3 young girls. I believe the lives of the children will be transformed as we build personal relationships with them. It is a privilege to be apart of training children in the way of the Lord.

Women

The women's ministry will be preparing for Mother's day, which is March 21 in Lebanon. We are also looking for new ways to reach out to the women. A woman's role is vital in the kingdom of God and in the family. As the women are encouraged and build up confidence in who they are in Christ, we are going to see the restoration of entire families!

Prayer Needs:

- *The Lord's protection*
- *Provision*
- *Wisdom & Direction*
- *Becoming fluent in Arabic*
- *Adjusting to new life & culture*

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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