

Shine Through Darkness



Mary Beth Thoms

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

Bringing the Light of Jesus to the nations!

Dear friends and family:

I would like to share with you the new direction my life is taking as I pursue God's will.

The Lord has laid upon my heart the desire to minister to the people of the Middle East, and has opened the door for me to begin in the nation of Lebanon. This region was the concentration of my academic work while in college where I studied the French and Arabic languages, both of which are spoken in Lebanon.

I will be starting a new life in Beirut, Lebanon where I will be an assistant at Abundant Life Church serving in the youth and children's ministries. The future of Lebanon, as with any nation, lies in reaching the next generation with the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What a joy to be part of God's plan for the youth of Lebanon. I will also be assisting in the women's ministry, as well as the small groups that meet throughout the city. My target departure date is June 20, 2007.

I am excited to be stepping into



Ladies Meeting

the calling and purpose of God's will for my life! My heart is to encourage the body of Christ and see the joy of the Lord spread throughout the Arab world, one life at a time.



Children's Ministry

How can you become a partner?

PRAYER

Your prayers are an integral part of my ministry. I am compiling an e-mail list of faithful intercessors to whom I will send regular updates on prayer needs. Please contact me if you would like to join my prayer team.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Living expenses in Beirut will require \$2,000.00 per month. If God speaks to your heart to become a monthly partner with me, you can send your support to the address listed above.

The Lord has given me such love for the people of Lebanon. I have put my trust in Him to meet every need, so I can do the work to which He has surely called me.

Prayer Needs:

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

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For more information on the church where I will be serving, please visit:

www.abundantlifelebanon.com

Send support to:

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Make checks payable to
Westside Church.

List "Mary Beth Thoms" in the memo line.

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



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