

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

JOHN 1:5

SHINE THROUGH DARKNESS

This year seems to be flying by! I can't believe we are already in the month of May. I celebrated my birthday in Lebanon for the third time. One thing the Lebanese do well is celebrate, so I had a wonderful time. I am very thankful for what God has done in my life these past 3 years, and I am grateful for the family that He has given me in this place that makes being here a joy and an honor.

Frontline Shepherds Conference

We hosted our 2nd annual Frontline Shepherds conference. Pastors and leaders from 10 different nations came to be refreshed and equipped to continue their work in their country. As I listened to the **Session for Women Leaders** needs of ministry in the Arab World, I realized how much the harvest really is plenty, but the laborers are few. A pastor in Iraq shared with me that they have 350 children and 35 Muslim women coming every week, but there is great need for leaders to help with these meetings.



It was touching to be around men and women who are fighting against many social and economic pressures to see the Kingdom advance in the Arab World. There are many “hidden heroes” facing many great challenges. Being with them strengthened my resolve to pray and believe for great success as we continue labor in His harvest.

Upcoming

Please pray concerning these events happening at the end of the month:

- Ministry to Jordan
- Day retreat with the older children in our Kids Ministry

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