

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

JOHN 1:5

# SHINE THROUGH DARKNESS

## In the states

I spent the month of September in the U.S. and had a really wonderful time seeing friends and family again. I also spent time travelling to talk about the ministry in the Middle East. I was very encouraged to see that people are becoming more and more aware and interested in what God is doing in this part of the world. It was also very encouraging to hear how many of you are faithfully praying for this ministry.

I would have loved to meet with everyone while I was in the states, but was not able to because my time was so short. Please know that I appreciate your prayers, support and encouragement so much, without them I would not be able to continue what I'm doing.

## Back home in Lebanon

It was great to be back in Lebanon after being away a month. It is very busy here as we are preparing for the holidays and for new projects that will be started in the new year.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS:

**Children's Christmas Festival:** *Each year we hold an evangelism outreach for the children in the community. We have about 500 kids fill the church from many different religious backgrounds; many of these kids will hear the gospel for the first time. Please pray for the children that will come and that the seed planted in their young hearts will bear fruit for generations to come.*

**Bible College/Internship:** *At the beginning of next year, we will open a Bible College at Abundant Life Church, available to students from all over the Middle East. This school is unique in that it will be the only charismatic school in the Lebanon taught by Arabic speakers. Our goal is to raise up church planters to start new churches in the Middle East. We will also give the students opportunities for hands on ministry with our joint internship program.*

*The school is also open to those who have a heart for the Middle East that would like to gain experience with the culture and in ministry as they are obtaining their ministry degree. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested, please contact me.*

*We are really excited as we are breaking new ground in the Middle East! Please pray for us as we finalized plans for the school, and pray for those who will be attending the school.*

Also, I would like to buy a car in the near future. This would greatly help the ministry and me because I will be more readily available once I have transportation. I need around \$3-4K for an older, but still reliable, car. I value your prayers concerning this, I hope to be driving soon!

Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement. Again, I would not be able to continue what I do without your partnership in this ministry. God bless you and your families!

## Prayer Needs:

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



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List "Mary Beth Thoms" in the memo line.

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