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Dear Partners & Friends,

This phrase has two meanings. First, we are looking for people like YOU to join us as we train leaders and church planters to reach the unreached people in 22 nations that comprise the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. There are 500 million people that call this area home, and 80% have never met 1 person who knows Jesus.

Our family first came to Lebanon in 2015 and found a strategic opening to raise church planters because, unlike other area nations, Lebanon is open for the Gospel of Christ. However, we realized that we could not do this alone. So, we do everything in teams – that is why we are looking for YOU.

We are independent faith missionaries with CLUB1040, a relational missionary movement. CLUB1040 provides free missionary services for us so that 100% of funds given to us go to keep us on the mission field and fund projects that train leaders and church planters.

That is also why we say *we are looking for YOU* – we want to be your representative in MENA. Not everyone is called to *go* geographically, but we are all called to *go*. We can be your expression of seeking those lost in the Arab world (Luke 19:10). We are looking for YOU.

Our support does not come from an institution or organization but from faithful friends and partners like YOU who help us train leaders and church planters to reach the unreached in MENA.

Until all have heard,

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Training Leaders & Church Planters

We believe the local church is God's plan to reach the unreached people that call the Middle East and North Africa nations home. To learn more visit www.hattabaughfamily.org.





MENA NATIONS

Middle East and North Africa

There are **22** nations in this region where there are too few Christ-followers to influence others to know Jesus. In MENA **80%** have never met a born-again person, and **99%** have never heard the Gospel.

We have active ministry in **4** of the **22** MENA nations and have conducted training with leaders from **8** MENA nations.



DECISIONS

Together we have celebrated over 2,000 decisions for Jesus since moving to Lebanon! This number does count the thousands that have accessed our broadcast and online Gospel content.



BUDGET

Together we are stewarding what God provides to reach the MENA nations. In 2022, we put \$234,916 toward reaching the least reached nations. Our budget includes all we are doing in and from Lebanon (GoChurch Beirut, church leader development and missionary training.



CHURCHES

Together we helped plant 3 new churches and are training leaders in 13 more. Pastors from around the region are using our training system to develop supportive leaders in their churches.



OUTREACH

Together we have reached out to over 23,000 people in Lebanon with the love of Jesus. Plus we have conducted food and medical outreaches, family and school fee support, and other acts of care.



LEADERS

Together we have 43 committed team members in Lebanon giving over 33,000 volunteer hours to reach unchurched people. Plus our virtual leader-training system is actively helping pastors train 39 leaders in 4 nations to strengthen their churches.



Antoine

"Jesus is living in me!" That is what Antoine shouted during one of our GoChurch Beirut gatherings. We met Antoine in December 2021 during our Christmas outreach. At the time he was broken and hurting with questions about what was next in his life. He took part in our Alpha course and made a decision for Jesus.

In Lebanon we work to build from decision to discipleship through a clearly defined growth track. We call it the ABCs. Antoine is just one who YOU have helped go through our growth track this year. One year from Antoine's decision for Jesus, he is joining a team that is leading a new Alpha course and bringing others to Christ.

Krystal

Krystal came to a GoChurch Beirut Grow Group because someone invited her. At that time she said she had given up. Though she was the youngest in her family, she was the only wage earner in the home. All the problems and stress had pushed her to try and leave Lebanon. That is when she made a decision for Jesus.

Today, Krystal is a vital part of our team and works full-time for us. Her life has changed and now she leads a serve team filled with many that she has brought to Jesus. There is much we can say about Krystal, but I prefer YOU hear from her yourself.



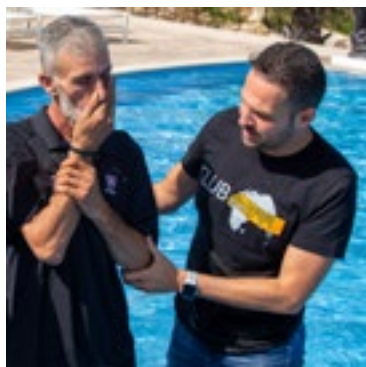
Gilbert

“Stay.” Gilbert Massaad left a promising career in London and returned to Beirut to help his family’s struggling business. A couple of years after returning to Lebanon, Gilbert said he was unsatisfied with his life and began seeking God. In England, he learned about Alpha and searched for anyone running Alpha in Lebanon. That is how he met us at GoChurch Beirut.



Gilbert became very involved in our team and a great help in GoChurch Beirut. Still, there was pressure and pull to leave Lebanon and return to London. He asked us for advice, but we told him he did not need to hear from someone; he needed to pray.

The next day he called and shouted, “the Lord spoke to me!” Gilbert explained that he got alone and purposed to seek the Lord, and he knew the Lord had told him to “stay.” Based on that Word, Gilbert has worked with us daily to establish the church. He brought his fiancé, Ciela, to Beirut, got married, and the two are now integral volunteer team members. They are also very involved in our leadership development program, pursuing God’s plan for their lives.

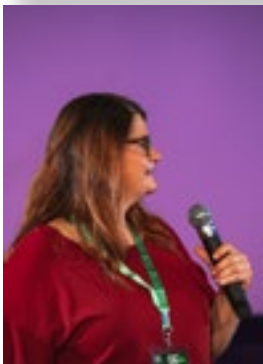


GoChurch Beirut Baptism October 2022

That is our primary focus — training leaders and church planters to reach the people in MENA. We want to train many like Gilbert who can go places we cannot and reach those who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus.

Gilbert is just one example of many that YOU are reaching in Lebanon. I could say much about him, but I prefer you hear from him.





In the Middle East, there is less than 1 church for every 1,000,000 people compared to 1 church for every 500 people in the Western world. So, our goal to see the people in MENA receive the light, life, and love of Jesus requires a church-planting movement ignited in the Middle East and North African nations.

Since coming to Lebanon, we have helped plant 3 churches. In 2018, we set out to plant a new church in Beirut - but not as we knew it. Instead, the vision the Lord gave us was to build a model that others could easily replicate. So, GoChurch Beirut is a group-centered church that shifts the definition of the church from weekly events to a community of people growing together.

At GoChurch Beirut, we meet together in groups. In groups, we study the Word of God through the lens of practical application and reinforce daily communication using mobile messaging applications. Then, once per month, these groups gather for what we call our BIG SUNDAY to celebrate and worship Jesus.

The groups-centered model reduces costs, and because it converts homes and cafes into meeting rooms, we are not limited by the size of one location. What is more important, however, is it requires that we focus on developing and equipping others to organize groups and lead discussions.

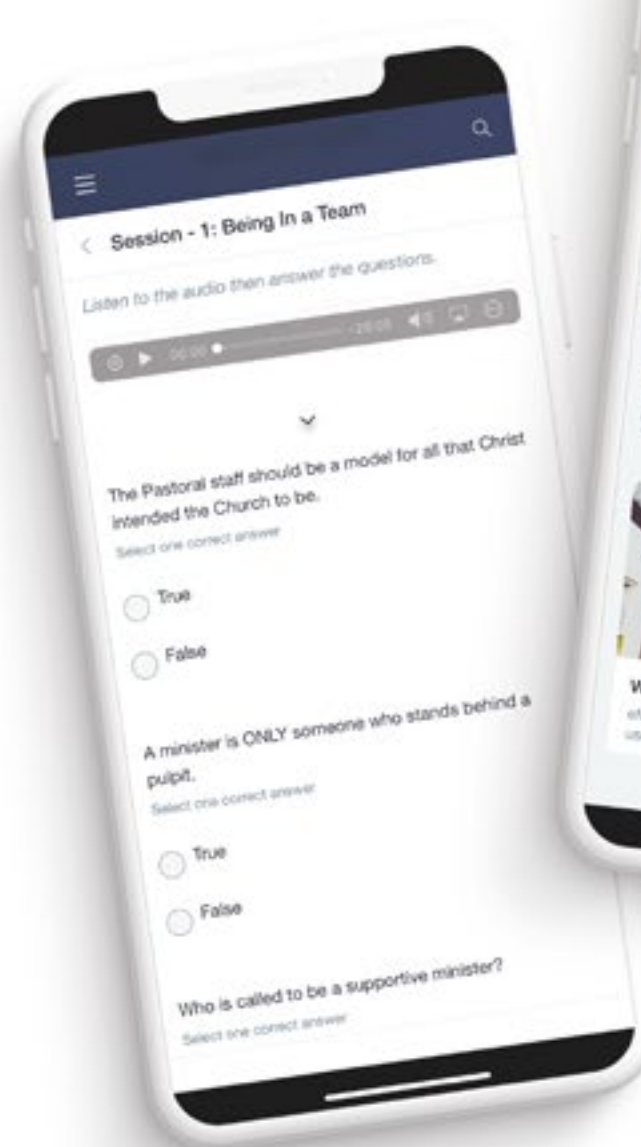
By creating space for growth with a simple focus on fundamental Bible doctrine, GoChurch Beirut has 43 committed team members that put in 33,450 hours to reach unreached people in 2022. In addition to Beirut, now we have an opportunity to launch a new location in Lebanon and have 13 other churches in 4 MENA nations participating in our weekly leader training program.

eMENA

How do we develop spiritual leaders and church planters in the most volatile part of the world? How can we bring practical training to places where movement and assembly are restricted? These are just a few questions we asked ourselves as we worked to build relationships with existing churches in the 22 nations that make up the Middle East and North Africa.

After 2 years of research, testing, and development, we have launched eMENA. This is not a Bible school but a tool for pastors. Most pastors in this region were not trained themselves and lacked the model or tools to raise leaders around them. eMENA presents basic Bible truths in five-week courses, including Bible teaching, response questions, peer reflections, and case study seminars. The 10 modules are designed to be completed on a person's own time but still interact with a study group of peers. The case studies require participants to apply their learning to practical local church ministry.

We launched in October 2022 with participants from 13 churches in 4 MENA nations. Now that the system is live in English, we aim to translate the program into Arabic and Turkish.





500 Strong

We have released our faith to grow to 500 friends and partners to take part with us in what Jesus is doing in Beirut. Our support does not come from an institution but from people that choose to help us as we train leaders and church planters to reach the 22 nations in the Middle East and North Africa. Monthly financial support, annual giving, and project funding are three ways we can grow together to be 500 strong.



40 PARALLEL NORTH



GoChurch Beirut

For 2023 we expect our GoChurch meetings to cost an average of \$3,500 each month for our BIG SUNDAY Gatherings, Groups, and outreach ministry. You can add strength to our groups-centered Beirut church by giving one time or making a monthly commitment.

\$42,000



Missionary HQ & Housing

In Lebanon it is standard to make rental payments one year in advance. As our team has grown we have acquired more space to make room for new team members, office space, and meeting rooms. You can add strength to our teams by helping us to make the annual rental payments by giving one time or making a monthly commitment.

\$24,500



Leader Training

Our eMENA virtual platform and in-person training comes at an actual cost higher than tuition can cover. The direct cost to train one student is approximately \$2,125. We plan to have at least 40 enrolled in our in-person program in 2023. You can help train leaders and church planters by giving one time or monthly.

\$85,000



Translation Project

We want to put life-giving material and training into the heart language and hands of as many as possible in MENA. Our goal in 2023 is to provide eMENA in Arabic and Turkish. We estimate the total cost of this translation and dubbing will be \$25,000. You can help train leaders and church planters by giving one time or making a monthly commitment.

\$25,000



We See

Where others see crisis, we see opportunity. We have set our faith to see 100 spiritual leaders and church planters working in the 22 MENA nations by the year 2030.

500 million people live in the Arab world, and many are in areas with no life-giving church, no Christ-followers, and no Bible in their heart language. We aim to see a church planting movement ignited so “that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you” (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

Join with us to see the least reached nations touched with the light, life, and love of Jesus.

MENA nations

Active Training & Outreach



Faith Focus





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Matt, Julie, Trinten, and Kaitlynn Hattabaugh live and minister in Beirut, Lebanon and lead a team to train leaders, and ignite a church planting movements across the Middle East and North Africa and the 500 million that call this area home.

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