

New Heights Mid-Year Update

January - June 2025

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

As we look back on this past season of ministry, we are filled with gratitude and wonder at all that God has done. In places of hardship and uncertainty, He has made a way. In quiet conversations, simple acts of service, and faithful partnerships, we have seen His hand move. We were able to witness transformation within hearts, homes, and whole communities. Churches engaged their communities and embraced new opportunities to serve, families found encouragement and hope, and seekers encountered the truth of the Gospel in both in-person and digital spaces. Again and again, we saw how God multiplies small efforts into lasting impact. As you read through this report, **please join us in praising God for all that He has done.**

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We have seen how God continues to work in ways beyond what we could ask or imagine. Each program, encounter, and story reflects His power at work through ordinary people and faithful collaboration. We are thankful for every person, church, and partner who has played a role in this journey. Your support, presence, and trust have allowed these efforts to take root and grow in meaningful ways. As we look ahead, we do so with steady confidence, not in our own ability but in the God who multiplies what we offer and carries the work forward, knowing that the mission is sustained by His strength and provision. To Him be all the glory.

Missional Church Network

Enhancing the Missional Impact of Local Churches in the Arab World

We are grateful to see our Missional Church Network grow to **38** partner churches. As we continue meeting new churches and introducing them to the heart behind our programs, many are stepping forward with excitement, eager to begin ministries that leverage the unique missional opportunities in their communities. Each church is starting with the program that best fits its local context, allowing the outreach to be both personal and impactful.

As a team, we are committed to standing alongside these churches, whether by providing direct support or by equipping them with ready-to-use programs they can lead on their own. Even when churches work independently, we remain close by, ready to offer guidance and encouragement whenever needed.

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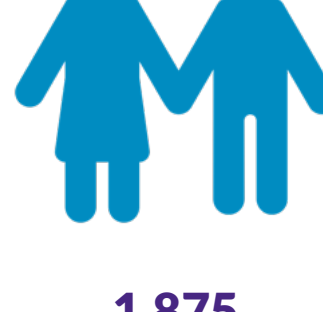
Over the past six months, our Missional Network of **38 churches** has made a significant impact, reaching their communities through various strategic programs and initiatives. Here is a glimpse of what has been accomplished together:



38
Church Partners



1,739
Families Served



1,875
Children Reached



244
Women Empowered

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



The Beyond the Box program remains a beloved bridge between churches and their communities, opening new doors for connection and relationship-building. Churches continue to share how this initiative helps them enter homes, build trust, and reflect Christ's love in simple but powerful ways.

We are currently developing a **new box and booklet**, designed to deepen these engagements even further. This new box is centered around the theme of seasons, guiding children to understand how life moves through different stages, much like the changing seasons of nature. Through the box, children are reminded that God works in every season to strengthen us and help us grow, just like the tree planted by the river, standing firm no matter the winds and troubles.

One recent story captures this impact beautifully. During a first home visit, a family welcomed the church warmly; the children were surprised and excited, and the parents were deeply touched. The church invited the family to their meetings, and the mother accepted, later attending a women's meeting held that same week and accepting prayer from the very first encounter. During the following home visit, the church volunteers were thrilled to see the children eagerly sharing the story of Paul, which they had learned from the previous box and accompanying booklet. Since then, with just a few more visits, the relationship has grown beyond what the church ever expected, showing how God is using this simple tool to open hearts and homes.



28 Churches



165 Families



792 Boxes



The Mothers' Club program continues to grow with beautiful momentum. One club in particular overflowed with joy, as the mothers were so encouraged by their experience that they eagerly shared it with their friends and family. Their enthusiasm and word-of-mouth opened new doors for the church, leading to **the launch of two more clubs**.

This program has become more than just a gathering. It is creating safe spaces where women feel seen, heard, and supported. It has also helped the church step into these women's homes, meet their husbands, and **gently share the message of hope with the entire family**. Through ongoing conversations, prayer, and care, trust has been built. Notably, **four women from one of the clubs began attending church with their families, marking a beautiful step in their spiritual journey**.



12 Churches



244 Women



The 3:11 Look initiative is a source of great joy and dignity for many families. It has been humbling to witness how it has made such a difference, especially in how people feel valued as they are able to choose clothing that fits their needs. The joy of selecting clothes they love, and the dignity it brings, is a powerful expression of care.

In Zahle, a mother with four children came to the van but initially hesitated to take clothes for her own kids. She explained that her sister had recently gone through a divorce and was living with her, bringing her three children along. With "Adha" (a major Muslim holiday) just around the corner, she wanted to take clothes for her sister's children instead. The team member gently encouraged her to pick out clothes for her own kids, assuring her that they would speak to the person in charge to find a way to provide clothes for her nieces and nephews as well. The woman was initially sad, but after picking clothes for her children, the team member told her to pick extra clothes for her sister's kids. **The woman, deeply touched, hugged the team member and said, "It is true that your Jesus does not leave anyone." That day, every time there was room in the van, this woman would go up, hug the team member, and then come back down, her heart full of gratitude.**



Another story we want to highlight was at our clothing distribution in Mastita. One little girl left tearful and dissatisfied with the clothing items that had been chosen because the other children teased her for not getting an overall. Later, her mother quietly asked if we had one more in her daughter's size, even offering to swap everything they'd already chosen. Although we didn't have any at first, one of our team members promised to look. The girl was disappointed, but after everyone else had gone, our team member searched and found an overall that fit from the shoulders; it just needed to be shortened.

When the mother showed it to her daughter, the girl's face lit up. **She told her mother, "I prayed and asked God for an overall!" The mother hugged her and said, "Remember, whenever you need anything, always ask God."**



6
Churches



233
Families Served



2,243
Clothing Items Distributed



The "LinabniHayatahom" training reached **397 attendees in four different cities** across Egypt, offering training sessions focused on creating impactful programs for children. A key element of the training was introducing participants to structured program creation, guiding them on how to develop age-appropriate activities that engage children effectively.

Each city faced unique challenges, but the results were clear. We saw a significant increase in both the number of followers and active participants compared to previous years. The training empowered local leaders to build well-rounded programs that capture children's attention and deepen their connection to the Gospel. Many expressed how valuable the sessions were, with a renewed sense of confidence in their ability to create meaningful, energetic, and structured programs for the children in their communities.

Members attending the training shared that they will be using the **LinabniHayatahom** website to create programs for Sunday School every week, equipping them to engage children more effectively with structured, purposeful activities.



In preparation for our yearly summer clubs, our team conducted a training welcoming **49 attendees from 25 different churches**. There was a strong sense of anticipation as churches had been looking forward to the training months earlier, ready to equip their teams and prepare for the summer clubs. Although some churches were unable to attend due to the ongoing conflict and road blockages, those who participated came with great enthusiasm and a strong desire to make an impact. The training was incredibly well-received, with everyone expressing how much they loved this year's summer club theme and accompanying curriculum.

This year's summer club theme focuses on **Ephesians 2:10** "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". The children are invited to embark on a journey across the sea, where they will encounter God in different ways. As they travel through various "stations," they will experience different aspects of God's interaction with us, helping them understand how God's work is at play in their lives. Participants eagerly registered their clubs and set the dates, filled with excitement for the opportunity to minister to the children in their communities.

During the training, we were deeply moved when one attendee shared that her first encounter with the church she is now a member of came two years ago through the **Beyond the Box program**. She received discipleship there, has since grown into an active church member and ministry worker, and now sat alongside us preparing to serve in this year's clubs. Her journey, from Beyond the Box recipient to a leader in training, powerfully illustrates the lasting impact of these programs.



Lebanon Crisis Response

Responding to the Displacement Crisis Following the Hezbollah-Israel War

At the peak of the crisis, shelters across Beirut were filled with families who had been displaced from their homes. During this time, we worked closely with those managing the shelters, offering support and exploring ways to serve through our programs. Relief vouchers were distributed, alongside other ongoing initiatives which continued to bring care on a daily basis.

When government decisions led to the closure of shelters and families began returning to their towns, the need did not disappear. Instead, we followed these families to the South, where many remained without stable homes. Working with partners present in these areas, we were guided to communities where people were still displaced and in urgent need of support.

Throughout this season, we remained committed to collaborating with local partners to provide relief and extend care and dignity to families across these challenging circumstances.

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17
Shelters



1,163
Children Reached



165
Women Empowered



2,745
Families Served

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

We are grateful for the opportunities we have had to respond in the midst of these challenges. We have been able to step into difficult spaces and offer care where it has been most needed. Through each program, we have seen open doors, unexpected connections, and moments of real hope. It is with thankful hearts that we share the following highlights, each one a reflection of God's provision and His continual work in the lives of the families and communities we have been blessed to encounter.



The Made Clean program brought light and hope into the shelters across Beirut during one of the most difficult seasons. With no water, no electricity, and no means for basic hygiene, people waited eagerly for the van to arrive, grateful for a service that met such a deep and simple need. Many shared how much they appreciated not just the help, but the kindness they felt from the team. One person said, **"Your team comes with a smile and gives us hope."**

Some encounters left a lasting imprint on both the hearts of those we served and the team. An elderly man, after stepping into the van to wash his clothes, called one of the team members over, gently kissed their forehead, and expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation for the service. When the team member told him it was not necessary, the man replied that he was simply speaking the truth.



The Mothers' Club has been an incredible blessing, with high demand and overwhelming participation. While many programs shifted to the South to follow the need, the Mothers' Club remained active in Beirut due to the requests and need remaining in the city. The gatherings felt safe and comfortable, almost like a morning coffee time among friends, where trust was built naturally.

After just the first two sessions, the women began to open up without fear, sharing their emotions, struggles, and personal stories. Many spoke openly about their traumas and the deep scars they carried. Throughout the program, we consistently shared spiritual stories and messages of hope, gently bringing the Word of God into their lives. All of the women attending were displaced Muslims from the South, yet they welcomed these moments of encouragement with open hearts.

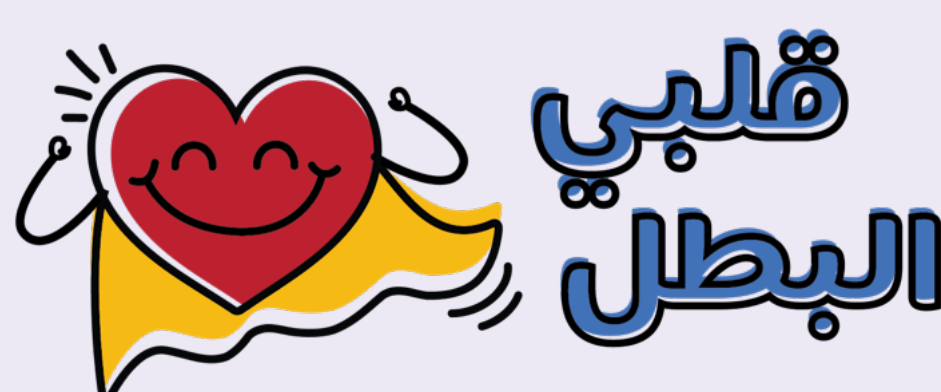
At the last session, we prepared gifts for the women and shared with them that Bibles were available if they wished to receive one, clearly expressing that it was entirely their choice with no pressure. **All of them responded with eagerness, and so far we have been able to give out around 200 copies.**

One woman beautifully expressed what these gatherings meant to her. She said, **"How important it is in life to meet people who love us just as we are, who stand by our side, listen to us, ease our burdens, share in our fears, wipe away our tears, and bring back a smile to our faces. You taught us to thank God in both the good and the hard times, and we will always be thankful for you."**



The 3:11 Look program has been a source of great relief and gratitude for many families. Everywhere the van arrived, there was a clear need and an overwhelming sense of appreciation. Not once did we visit a place where the service was not needed. Each time, the van would quickly empty, and every family was able to receive enough without anyone leaving empty-handed.

Families expressed their thankfulness, especially knowing that the team was coming all the way from Beirut to the South to serve them. During the Ramadan season, the joy was even greater as many parents were able to pick out new clothes for their children. One woman shared, **"We fled our home with only the clothes we were wearing. Thanks to you, my children now have a change of clothes. Before this, if I had to wash their clothes, they would be left with nothing to wear."**



The Kids Club program continued across several shelters in Beirut. In one of the shelters, many of the children were older and more aware, engaging meaningfully with the stories and lessons shared. Although the group was not large, it allowed each child to receive special attention, creating space for deeper connections and care. We were able to build relationships, show God's love, and gently share messages of hope with them.

As the situation shifted, the program moved to the South, where the needs felt even heavier. **Many of the older children, especially those in grades five and six, had lost parents or siblings during the war.** These losses deeply marked their young lives. The club became a safe space where they could talk about their feelings and experiences, something they rarely had the chance to do. In an environment where grief was common and often unspoken, simply asking about their emotions opened doors for honest conversations. **The children began to share their stories, giving voice to pain they had been carrying silently.**

One young girl was especially touched by the program. She shared how, through the sessions, she began to feel loved by God. During one of the discussions on the story of the lost sheep and how the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to seek the one, she felt personally seen and cared for. **This led her to ask deeper questions about faith, including concerns about wearing the hijab and the fear of going to hell. The team had the opportunity to gently share with her the story of salvation and the unconditional love of God, speaking words of hope and truth into her heart.**



Digital Ministry

Engaging Unreached Seekers with God's Word Through Innovative Digital Tools

This season has brought a noticeable shift in the digital landscape. We have been seeing greater openness, with more people eager to learn and engage. There is a growing sense that many are growing weary of their former beliefs and are sincerely looking for something more.

In response to this growing need, we have also begun exploring how AI tools can serve this ministry and be used for the work of the Lord. These efforts are still unfolding, but we see exciting possibilities ahead.

We've also relaunched our online prayer meeting to bring worship and fellowship to those who can't join a church in person. The format has been redesigned around clear, intentional prompts, inviting viewers to submit prayer requests, share reflections, and engage in real time so that everyone has a chance to participate and build deeper spiritual connections.

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39 Million
Gospel Visits



506,776
New Contacts



558
Attendees of
Discipleship
Groups



110
Confessions of
Faith



25
On-The-Ground
Connections



4
Baptisms

STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

Staying the Course

Earlier this year, we witnessed a beautiful unfolding of God’s work through a three-day conference focused on spiritual growth in Egypt. The training was designed for those who have believed through our digital ministry and are currently disciples, centering on inductive Bible study to help participants engage deeply with the Word of God.

At the beginning of June, we also hosted another conference, building on the momentum of the previous one. Discipleship has been an ongoing effort through regular visits and group gatherings, with seven to ten people attending each time. Over time, some of the disciples began attending church services regularly, growing in their faith and community life. A special moment came when five of them were able to celebrate Resurrection Day at the church.

A Life-Changing Dream

We received a message from a man sharing a dream. He had seen a radiant figure in white, full of peace, giving food to people with both authority and compassion. **The figure said, “I am the Lord, I am the Father, and I am the Son. I alone give all things. If you associate anyone with Me, you share what is Mine.”** He saw this man standing on fresh clay, holding a shovel like someone building a foundation. **The dream left him wondering if this was the Creator.**

When asked how he knew it might be Jesus, he responded, **“I’m not sure, but I remembered reading once that Jesus fed people. That’s why I reached out. I want to understand who He really is.”**

We told him, “Jesus said, ‘I am the Bread of Life.’ He nourishes both body and soul. Your dream is not a coincidence. He is calling you.” The man replied that he had seen many spiritual dreams before, but this one stirred something deeper. **He downloaded the Bible to his phone and began reading.**

Soon after, he said, **“I want to teach my friends about Jesus. This truth isn’t just for me. Can you help me learn more?”** We connected with him on WhatsApp and invited him into an online Bible study group. **Now, by God’s grace, he has begun a new chapter, a journey from curiosity to discipleship.**

Curiosity to Commitment

A girl reached out to us after coming across a short video on YouTube. She shared that it had prompted her to message us. We asked if she wanted to know about the amazing things Jesus Christ had done in our lives, or if she had specific questions she’d like to explore. She said, **"I want to know more about Christianity and what kind of religion it is,"** asking if we could send her a Bible. We responded, "Of course, but first, let us tell you about Jesus Christ."

We sent her an apologetic video titled "Who is Jesus Christ?" After watching it, she replied, **"Please send me the Holy Bible. I want to learn more about Jesus Christ".** We shared the link to a Bible app, and she immediately downloaded it. Later, we invited her to join an online Bible study.

Since then, she’s been sharing her new insights with her husband and faithfully joining our online Bible study, happily learning the Word of God. As she continues to study, we pray that her relationship with Jesus Christ deepens.

This season has been a clear reminder that God is at work in the digital space. We are seeing real openness, honest questions, and sincere steps toward faith. Whether through new tools, deeper conversations, or unexpected encounters, the Lord continues to meet seekers right where they are. As we move forward, we remain committed to building spaces where truth can be shared, relationships can grow, and lives can be changed for His glory. We trust that what He has begun, He will continue to bring to fullness in His perfect time.