

LEBANON MEDICAL MISSION TRIP REPORT

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We served Syrian and Druze refugees for five fulfilling days in two locations in Lebanon.

One site, **Al Shouf**, is a beautiful mountain community dominated by an Islamic-like people group called the Druze. Our host, Pastor Benji, was born in the house of a key Druze leader. That distinction saved his life when he decided to follow Jesus and start a church under the direction of Valley's World Outreach partner, Raja al Umam.

Our second site was inner-city **Beirut**. There, Pastor Omar leads a congregation that was able to reach out to Syrian refugees in a unique way with the dental and medical care we offered.

In five days, we saw 500 patients ranging from 17 days to over 80 years old. Every patient was treated with love and humility. Many responded eagerly when we offered to pray, even though we prayed in the name of Jesus. Pastor Benji led at least one to receive Christ as Savior.



Among the patients we saw...

- A 17-year-old boy is the sole provider for his family of six - his father is hospitalized with a long-term illness.
- A woman lost both her husband and her son in the Syrian war.
- A family lost one child to diabetes only to discover their second child had the same disease.
- Our staff helped a family understand that their child is a dwarf.



Our clinics were the joint efforts of our team and Arabic-speaking church members who provided translation and crowd control. We even had help from a few who were friends of church members yet had no personal faith of their own. This was a natural opportunity for them to observe Christ's love in action.

We also spent an evening with our Valley partner based in Cairo, Egypt. His team demonstrated the web-based app that Valley is funding to disciple Muslims who respond to Christ through their website on a daily basis. This further inspired us with the confidence that God is working among Muslims in the Middle East.

Please attend our celebration lunch on March 11 at 12:45 p.m. at the Avon Campus.

**Are you a health care professional willing to use your skills to advance the Gospel?
Consider joining the Valley team when we return to the Middle East in February 2019.**




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