Jesus is our Lord





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Pray for us EVANGELISM

Reaching the Unreached

TEACHING

Personal Discipleship

Pastoral Training

Teaching the National to Reach His Own

ESTABLISHING LOCAL NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES



Pray for us
"I Can do all
things through

Christ which strengtheneth me" Ph. 4:13

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"

Around 3,500,000 in Lebanon, around 200,000,000 in the World

News Letter # 128 (Jan. & Feb. 2020)

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Dear Pastor & Church,

Greetings in our Lord's all sufficient grace.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 17:33.

For many years Lebanon never had passed in a recession in economic like this year. The cost of living became extremely high much more that the average person can endure. Many employees have lost their jobs, several business organizations had closed, very many employees have lost their jobs completely, and many of the employees are receiving half of their salaries. This terrible recession in the economy of the country, up to our knowledge, have been referred to two major reasons. Number one: is the corruption of the Lebanese Government in many areas resulting in terrible theft by those who were at Office. Number Two: the second major reason, as we have heard from the news, is from outside the country. That is the severe restriction which the USA had put on the country of Lebanon for specific political reasons had resulted in the deterioration of the Lebanese economy. For instance, before these crises had took place, one US Dollar was equal about 1,500 Lebanese Pounds, but now, One US Dollar equal around 2.400 Lebanese Pounds in the black market. What is more incredible in this situation is: Officially the rate of the \$, up till this moment, is still about 1500 as usual, BUT you can't get from the Bank more than \$ 100.00 or so weekly if the account is "Saving a/c" but if it is "current a/c" You can get nothing from the Banks. On the other hand, you can exchange Thousands of US \$ in the black market BUT the rate is extremely high as I already mentioned. So then the country, now, is in a very big turmoil with a great fear that the Government may be going into bankruptcy...!!! This is with the fact that Lebanon is a mall country and can't be independent financially, many materials must be imported from other foreign countries and the payments must be in \$. We can't ignore that these crises are effecting our ministry. On the other hand we can give Praise & Glory to the Lord our God Who always provide our need spiritually and financially as He had blessed the five loafs & two fishes and fed Thousands of the hungry people, as we read in Matthew 15: 21 "And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children." So then we don't have to worry at all as long as "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever." (Hebrews 13: 8) What a blessing ..!!

ACTIVITES

Our Ministry in Syria, during February 2020, became a church with 36 Charter members, but we couldn't celebrate because of the bad situation in both: Syria & Lebanon. In Tyr (south of Lebanon) many of the refugees are still able to attend our evangelical ministries

besides the nationals in large numbers. We still have a great ministry among the kids in the South of Lebanon besides the ministry to the adults as well. Also, our evangelical ministry in the suburbs of the capital called "Alnbaa" is still going on successfully, thanks to the Lord our God.

Prayer Request

- 1 Please pray for our ministry in the South, the middle, and in the North of Lebanon
- 2 Please pray for the New Church in Syria.
- 3 Please Pray for our Evangelical Ministry in Alnbaa area (Suburb of the Captial)
- 4 Please pray for Lebanon
- 5 Please pray for us for health, wisdom, guidance and protection. Thank you very much for your prayers, concern, love, and support,

Abdou & Siham Issa.