



## LEBANON QUARTERLY REPORT



### Impact

- 1. Nine students are moving on after graduating sixth grade.** The students prepared themselves to continue their education elsewhere, equipped with the spiritual lessons instilled in them while they were with us. Pray that they always remember what they learned at Kids Alive Lebanon.
- 2. Thirteen Syrian refugee women passed a beginner English literacy course.** They are mothers of students in our school who took advantage of our Women's Program. Learning English is an important step to help them take advantage of their vocational skills and enable them to live independently.
- 3. Ten Syrian refugee women enrolled in an Arabic literacy program.** These, too, are mothers of Kids Alive Lebanon students.
- 4. Sixty families are eating better thanks to Kids Alive Lebanon.** We provided food vouchers redeemable at a local supermarket to the families. Nutrition is essential for the children's spiritual, emotional, and physical health.

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## Feeling Secure for the First Time

Two brothers, Jad, age 9, and Samir, age 7, came to Kids Alive Lebanon one summer morning with sad faces and tattered old clothes. The juvenile court brought them to us because of the horrific violence they experienced at home.

It took the brothers a little time to adjust to their new circumstances because their history taught them to be wary of their surroundings. But they gradually warmed up to the staff as they began to see the sincerity of their love for them. Jad and Samir felt secure for the first time in their lives, and those sad faces gave way to expressions of joy. The brothers' joy only increased when they found new playmates.

Today, Jad and Samir are making significant progress physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



# Teachers Struggle Too: A Testimony from Ms. Nada, English Teacher

"This has been a difficult year filled with many obstacles: my class size was large, and several students exhibited challenging behaviors. I was so overwhelmed that I felt like giving up. But one smile or one hug from the students encouraged me to press on, and the Lord's grace helped me overcome my stress."

Kids Alive Lebanon staff supported Ms. Nada through her trials. She says God filled her with His love and power to continue loving and teaching the children.

"One smile or one question from a student turns my tough day into a joyful one; for that, I am forever grateful."

Ms. Nada learned something valuable through her struggles: children often mirror the behavior of the adults in their lives. They sense joy, love, anger, and frustration in adults and act accordingly.

"This proves that our actions and attitudes shape our students' behavior. It also reminds us that our Father never leaves us and gives us the hope to persevere."

Ms. Nada is ready to welcome new students into her classroom this year with renewed hope and gratitude.



## Events

- 1. An American Church conducted a summer Bible Camp.** The Kids Alive Lebanon children and the American volunteers had a blast playing games and learning more about God's Word. Everyone benefitted from the beautiful intercultural exchange.
- 2. Fifty-four mothers participated in a three-day Bible conference.** The Women's Program hosted the Putting Pieces Together event, focusing on the Biblical story of Joseph and the concepts of perseverance and trust he displayed in the Genesis account. Perseverance and trust are essential virtues in these unstable times.
- 3. Thirty-one new students began their educational journey.** We welcomed 16 new preschoolers and 15 new elementary students at the Kids Alive Lebanon School. Think about how much influence we can have on the children and their families over the next several years as we walk with them on their journey.

**4. Kids Alive Lebanon's staff received additional caregiving, safeguarding, and trauma training.** We are passionate about every aspect of a child's life, so staff go to great lengths to ensure their development and safety by staying on top of their game through continual professional development.