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that I have had here in Beirut. For almost a whole year I dreamed and prayed to be able to come here, thinking it would bring my relationship with God into a whole new realm of seeing the world. This trip has changed the way I view the world. All the comforts of America are no longer with me, the convenience of friends, family and even everyone speaking English are absent. The Lord has stripped me down from all that is normal to me and has put me in the place where I need to always run to Him. Gracefully the Lord has provided family that I can go to for help, support, and encouragement. The Beirut Church of Christ has been more than just welcoming and loving to the team so far, but they have already been there for us in our challenges so far. It has merely been a month and the enemy has tried to deter us from continuing our mission here. Yet we have seen God move in so many ways and have seen Satan defeated. The year ahead of us will be bring trails and challenges, but will also bring victory and glory to God.

Cory Wadstrom - San Diego, CA: My experience in Lebanon so far has, in so many different ways, changed me at my core. I have seen, with such clarity, God as he guides, teaches, protects, inspires, and strengthens each and every one of us on the mission team. God's mighty hand has never been so visible to me. So far, I have learned a lot just about myself. How weak and helpless I really am. How powerless to move the hearts of men, how defenseless to stand firm against the schemes of Satan, how unstable in situations that demand secure heart, and how I am completely and utterly nothing if I do not have God. Before moving to Beirut I thought to myself that living in this foreign country would, as a result, bring me closer to my maker. This is true, but in reality it has been so much more.

Jenny Rivera - Los Angeles, CA: My experience in Lebanon so far has been incredibly inspiring, challenging, and rewarding. The warmth of the disciples here is amazing. They have been taking care of all of us, providing us with many rides and so much of their time. In this past month I have been able to see God work in miraculous ways – ways I have never seen before. One of the biggest miracles was being able to see the situation in Syria improve. It is amazing to see the faith of the disciples. We were all praying for the peace in Syria and for the families there. It was also amazing to know how we were unified with all of our churches around the world praying together for the same cause. And God heard us, I am sure of that. It is shocking for me to see how so many people here in Lebanon in the mist of wars conflicts still welcome us and open up their homes to us.

Ashley Zamora - Los Angeles, CA: Amidst war, conflict, instability and disorder I have witnessed God move in the hearts of men. Here in Lebanon I am seeing God's living word breathe life, peace, and love into the lives of many including my own. Among many of great faith a sister named Hiba has strengthened and encouraged me. Hiba, a Syrian immigrant, once resided in Damascus but is now living in Lebanon away from her family. About two months ago she made the decision to become a disciple of Jesus. Despite all the hardships she faces, Hiba wrestles fearlessly and faithfully that our God will determine her every step towards being reunited with her family once again. She continues to selflessly love others and our team despite the inner turmoil of her present circumstances.

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Long Beach, CA, USA
November 8-10, 2013

DT Hawaii Fellowship Cruise for Singles and Marrieds
Hawaii, USA
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St. Louis, Missouri, USA
July 4-6, 2014

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July 5-6, 2014

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U.S. Students Begin Year in Beirut to Build a Campus Ministry

Mouhfid Tohme — Beirut, Lebanon



Five disciples from the U.S. have moved to Beirut, Lebanon, for a year to help build a campus ministry. Evangelist Moufid Tohme explains his heart behind the plan and the campus disciples share about their experience after six weeks:

As you know Lebanon is a cosmopolitan country. Beirut, specifically, is a city with different American campuses, and many students from all over the Arab world study in Lebanon. Twelve years ago we had an experience by having some American disciples host a campus Bible talk in Beirut near the campuses, and it was a great success. I always wanted this experience to happen again. Finally, the group came and the English Bible talk started a month ago in the heart of Beirut. We are praying to be able to use our brothers and sisters from the U.S. to make a difference in our campuses, especially that the Lebanese respond very positively towards foreigners. Please be praying for the mission team to be fruitful.

Guillermo Adame - San Diego, CA: The past six weeks have been incredible here in Beirut. We've had our fair share of challenges but it's been so encouraging to see God do so many amazing things already. Due to the unstable situation between the U.S. and Syria, we were told on two separate occasions that we would have to go to Jordan. It seemed there was a strong possibility that we would have to go back to the States – something we desperately didn't want to do – but I believe that God saw our hearts and because of all the prayers from us and everyone around the world praying for us, God performed a miracle and provided a way for us to stay. Satan is constantly on the prowl trying to attack the group and rob us of our peace, but God is stronger and He has proven He is with us. He wants us to be here. It has been amazing to see so many times that if we would simply take the time to ask God for something, He will give to us whatever we need.

Johnny Madrigal - Los Angeles, CA: To try quantify my experience so far here in Lebanon is quiet the task at hand. There is so much to be shared in the month

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