

# Lebanon



## God's Word for Refugees

**Project: 60509**  
**Non Tax Deductible**



# 1.5m

Syrian refugees and almost 500,000 Palestinian refugees are taking refuge in Lebanon.

# 49%

of Syrian refugee families suffer from food insecurity.

# 60%

of Syrian refugee families live in overcrowded, endangered, or substandard housing.

### Overview

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Working with humanitarian aid agencies, Bible Society Lebanon is offering hope to refugee children through an interactive drama presentation about reconciliation and forgiveness, based on Bible stories. The presentation — called “Reconcile!” — is accompanied by the distribution of literature which paraphrases Bible stories about reconciliation.

### The Need

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Lebanon hosts an estimated 2 million registered refugees, and humanitarian agencies are struggling to keep up with their basic needs. Entire generations are being born and brought up in confined camp facilities with very low hygiene and an absence of social and educational platforms. Children are being raised amidst hate, despair and vengeance. Mitigating this negative atmosphere, along with helping children to process their trauma, is a huge need.

Bible Society has been approached by several humanitarian agencies to assist by entertaining children in the camps, using hopeful and positive strategies as well as appropriate trauma healing techniques. The Bible, the book of hope, will be the source of these presentations in the camps.

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*  
- Ephesians 4:32, NIV

## Goals

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The goal of this project is to create a positive atmosphere of reconciliation among refugee children based on the creative presentation of Bible Stories. In addition to this, Bible literature on reconciliation and forgiveness will be distributed in parallel with the performances. The program also distributes the Arabic Peace and Justice Bible to refugee camp leaders and family heads. The objective is to help children endure their trauma through a healing process inspired by the Bible.

In January 2025, the team will prepare presentation and printed portions of Scripture. From February to December 2025, they will visit camps and present program and portions, sharing portions of the Bible with 100 children at each visit.

## Impact

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This project aims to impact 16,000 people, including 15,000 children who will be reached by creative programs focused on reconciliation and forgiveness, along with resources with Bible stories on the same topics. Around 1,000 camp leaders and heads of families will be offered copies of the Arabic Peace & Justice Bible.

From January to September 2024, 3,169 children were reached with the creative programs on reconciliation, healing, and forgiveness. They received 2,927 portions from the Bible about reconciliation, healing, and forgiveness; 194 leaders and heads of families received copies of the Arabic Bibles.

The impact of this project will be seen in the changed behaviour of underprivileged children, in a positive atmosphere in refugee campsites, and in further opportunities to run the creative program. Another area of impact will be seen among the camp leaders and heads of families, who come to understand the Christian and biblical values of peace and social justice.

## Testimony

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*"I want to open my heart to Jesus so that he can be born in it. I love him very much because he was born for me in a manner."* — Zainab\*, 11 years old

*"I was moved by the play of the heart and I want Jesus to enter my heart."* — Atef\*, 10 years old

*\*Names changed to protect privacy.*

## Prayer Points

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- Pray for the children growing up in the unacceptable conditions of these camps.
- Pray for the leaders, that they would facilitate this program and willingly receive the Arabic Peace & Justice Bible.
- Pray that Bible Society's program will help heal the children's wounds of trauma.