

### Christ-centered love provided hope after the explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon.

One Joshua Fund partner decided to immediately help. From picking up debris and shattered glass, to covering windows with plastic, there will be work to be done for many months, with some 300,000 displaced persons.

Despite the need, there is progress. Our partner shared: "On the second day we helped a man clean his home. It was very chaotic. We started cleaning, and he said several times 'You drew a smile on my face.' We covered his windows with plastic sheets; he said, 'If it wasn't for you, my windows wouldn't have been fixed until winter.' One of our teams went to help clean a restaurant and fix the storefront with plastic sheets.

The owner welcomed us and asked if we could help him clean his house as well. Of course, we didn't turn him down! Arriving at the home we learned he lives alone and was unable to clean up all the shattered glass by himself. As we were cleaning he shared, 'My brother used to sleep here where all the glass fell. **If he didn't travel a day before the explosion, he would be dead by now.**' "



**OUR GOAL:**  
Establish a Rapid Response Fund of **\$300,000** to help in future times of crisis, chaos, and panic.

### REFLECTIONS FROM OUR FOUNDER



**Thank you for your prayers and support during this tremendously difficult time in Lebanon.** We recently shared an e-newsletter about the explosion in Beirut on August 4, which killed nearly 200 people, injured 5,000, and left an estimated 300,000 people homeless. The explosion destroyed grain silos with 15,000 tons of grain, leaving Lebanon with very little food reserves.

The following is a report from Kehila News which illustrates the complex and evolving situation: *Recently, "Israel offered aid to Lebanon through [United Nations] channels. The Lebanese government refused Israel's offer. Yet, what the government couldn't do, Messianic congregations can through unofficial channels."*

You may have already heard, The Joshua Fund set out to help the people of Lebanon and many responded so graciously with prayers and gifts. Thank you for helping us meet that goal and for being so kind and compassionate. Partners from across the world have aligned to give generously, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Believers rallied together to make a difference in the lives of those impacted in Lebanon.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

**1 PETITION** for God's mercy as COVID-19 continues to have a major impact throughout the Middle East.

**2 LIFT UP** Dr. Carl Moeller, The Joshua Fund's new Executive Director, as he leads with God's direction.

**3 PRAY** for our ministry partners in Lebanon, that Christ's light would shine brightly through them in this time.

FROM THE COVER

## RAPID RESPONSE

**Imagine the realization that your sibling would have been gone from this earth had the day unfolded differently. It was a blessing to show the love of Christ in this moment.**

As a partner with the Joshua Fund, you have helped begin the process of restoration. There is much more work to be done, but thanks to generous donors, our ministry partners have been meeting many immediate needs.

Because of this sobering reality, and a desire to be ready should another urgent need arise, we have set up a **Rapid Response Fund** to provide emergency relief. This fund will allow us to respond **in the moment** to serve the hurting.

**Our motto: "Praying for peace; preparing for pandemonium."**

Our goal is a Rapid Response Fund of \$300,000 to help in future times of crisis, chaos, and panic in the Middle East. We want to help immediately when our partners call upon us—whether from terrorism, natural disasters, to support local churches and pastors continuing to serve in times of crisis, or any other emergency. With your help, this fund will be able to meet these needs quickly.

Through your gifts, our Rapid Response Fund will be there to provide for the emergency needs of our partners, and to mobilize the global church to stand with them in prayer.

This Rapid Response Fund will enable us to be prepared to provide critical resources like, food, hygiene, security, and other life essentials, through trusted ministry partners.

**Thank you in advance for helping us show the love of Christ. Through you, God's love is being seen and felt in Beirut and other areas in the Middle East.**



**DR. CARL A. MOELLER**

*Executive Director*



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From those in business, churches in Israel, and even a young child who gave all of his birthday money to show the love of Christ to the people of Beirut, Believers have stood in the gap. If you were a part of that, you responded in partnership with trusted Christian allies in Lebanon, you have played a critical role in providing for that emergency in a rapid response capacity.

**As you can see, God is clearly at work in the Epicenter.**

This is the reality of Israeli followers of Jesus who are moved to give sacrificially, with joy, to ensure that their Lebanese brothers and sisters in Christ can be a shining witness of how the love of Jesus changes everything.

You, like us no doubt, personally feel Believers responding in obedience to the urging of the Holy Spirit is itself demonstration of the Lord continuing to radically change lives. This is a moment worth recognizing and celebrating, even in the midst of tremendously overwhelming darkness.

In Christ,

**Millions in the Middle East will face crises at some point. Will you help them with a generous gift today?**

**Your best gift today will underwrite a massive preparatory effort and fund programs to serve those in need.** Any amount will go a long way to help us provide funds needed to save lives, physically and spiritually.



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