

Dear Friend,

I am deeply grateful for your prayerful and financial support for the work we do at The Joshua Fund do. Especially in times as hard as these.

Recently, I have spoken with many leaders across the U.S., Canada and the Epicenter. One thing has become increasingly clear to me: if you have your health, a job, a safe place to sleep, food on the table and a little bit of savings in the bank during this COVID-19 crisis, the pandemic is difficult but maybe not so scary. However, if you get the disease, or are out of work and struggling to find employment, times are very hard and the situation can great tremendous fear and anxiety.

In Israel right now, unemployment has spiked from less than 4% at the beginning of the year to well over 20%.

In some of the Arab countries next to Israel, unemployment rates are over 30 percent – in one case a pastor told us that in his community it is over 80%! This could create a catastrophic economic ripple effect for an entire generation.

Fortunately, in the midst of all this, The Joshua Fund is there to help. You are helping us stand in the gap to help provide the humanitarian aid, prayer, encouragement and other practical and personal assistance needed so desperately right now.

In the accompanying article, I would like to share with you a story about Ibrahim* and his son Sami*. While their story played out before the pandemic, I'm struck by the thought that many others are facing similar struggles right now, and looking for God's help. I love this story because it shows that there is hope for families in this difficult and unprecedented time. I believe the global church,



through people like you, must take the lead in showing tremendous compassion for the ill and needy. Especially for families like Ibrahim's.

In the book of Matthew, we see that Jesus healed the sick and empowered his disciples to go out and do likewise:

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to...to heal every disease and sickness.

Jesus gives us such a beautiful example of what we are to do when there is a need – respond to the call and cry of the hurting. It is such a tragedy when those cries go unheard. Let us, therefore, do everything in our power to make a difference, and do so in the name of Jesus.

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1 PETITION God that He would have mercy during the COVID-19 pandemic, as many seek employment.

2 LIFT UP Dr. Carl Moeller, The Joshua Fund's new Executive Director, as he continues to determine God's direction.

3 PRAY for abundant provision for The Joshua Fund, so more surgeries can be provided for children in the Epicenter.

HEART-CHANGING SURGERY GIVES A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Ibrahim,* a street vendor from a capital city in the Arab world, was a Shiite Muslim and a new father. His life was radically impacted by God's dramatic intervention to save the life of his son, Sami.*

Sami was diagnosed with a rare and fatal heart condition; local doctors had given up on him as untreatable. In desperation, Ibrahim sought care in another nearby nation where he was told that those doctors were also unable to help. The distraught father then learned of one last place to turn for help: a ministry in Israel, one supported by The Joshua Fund. It was there Ibrahim would ask for intervention.

The ministry team met Ibrahim, his wife, and Sami in the hospital in their home city. Doctors discovered that Sami needed heart surgery within one or two days, or he surely would not survive.

Life-saving surgeries such as this could easily run into the tens of thousands, or even hundreds of thousands, of dollars! However, through the special work of our partner, we were able to have this surgery done at a dramatically reduced cost—close to \$5,000!

Another obstacle to this emergency surgery was the needed visa required to enter Israel, which normally takes three weeks to receive. There would also be significant travel costs, and there were no guarantees of a successful surgery. Instead of giving up, The Joshua Fund's ministry partner turned to prayer by Sami's hospital bed and humbly asked God to open the way. Shockingly, the Israeli authorities called just moments before the start of their Sabbath to say they would issue an emergency travel visa! The family traveled the next day.

Ibrahim and his son Sami before having a life-saving heart surgery.



Prayers were answered! The surgery was successful, the family's needs were provided for, and Sami was able to step into the life of a healthy young boy.

Perhaps this is one reason Ibrahim was open to the Word of God!

Ibrahim saw the power of God at work through prayer and the provision that saved his son's life. "Ibrahim began reading the New Testament diligently while living among our ministry team. He was curious and was always asking questions. Eventually, he declared, 'There is no mistake in this!' and became not only a hearer but a doer of the Word," our partner shared.

The compassion and kindness of financial partners like you led to two lives being radically changed—Sami's healing through the surgery, and his father Ibrahim's through the Word of God. Your gifts can save the lives of children like Sami, and bring spiritual life to parents like Ibrahim.

Imagine, just 100 people giving \$50 per month enables us to fund the equivalent of one surgery for children just like Sami - and it allows us to underwrite other critical ministry projects as well.

Thank you in advance for helping us empower our partners to see lives changed in the Epicenter.



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**Will you be one of the 100?
Will you join us with your gift today?**

By God's grace, **a gift of just \$50 a month** will help underwrite a surgery like Sami's or fund other programs that serve those in need. Your best gift today of any amount will go a long way to help us provide the funds needed to save lives, both physically and spiritually. Through your generosity, you will make a difference.



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