



New! MEBO Monthly Prayer Focus

MEBO Monthly Prayer Focus is your opportunity to pray for the work of God's kingdom in Lebanon and the Middle East. Every month we focus on a different aspect of the ministries you can support through MEBO, providing you with information and prayer points so you can pray with insight. Please use this resource to pray with your Community Group, your dorm floor, globally-minded friends, pastoral leadership, believing neighbors and colleagues, and also in your personal quiet time. Invite your parents, children, or grandchildren to pray, too. *Thank you for joining us in prayer this month!*

May 2018: Leaving No Child Behind

Families in Lebanon are finding it harder to cope. The Lebanese economy, which has been heavily impacted by the war in neighbouring Syria, is struggling, with unemployment on the rise and the cost of living dramatically increasing. Taxes are going up and many of retirement age do not have an adequate pension to rely on.

Beirut Baptist School (BBS), which is supported by MEBO, does not want any of its students to be left behind for any reason. That is why they are doing all they can to help those who are struggling to pay their fees. Over \$30,000 in financial aid was distributed to 19 students in 2016/17 whose families were experiencing financial hardship due to a range of issues, such as unexpected loss of employment, drastic increase in expenses due to critical illness and the death of a parent. The number of financially-constrained families is increasing, so BBS is welcoming funds to subsidize the tuition fees of those most in need.



Please pray for:

- Children at BBS who have lost a parent, whose families now face difficult choices
- Parents struggling to honor their spouse's dying wish to keep their children at BBS, while financial pressures mount
- Parents working multiple jobs to make ends meet
- Brothers and sisters who desperately want to stay at BBS, but who are in difficult financial situations
- Families going through medical crises
- BBS, that they will be able to support families who are struggling with fees so children can continue to learn and reach their full potential at the school

Donate to help families struggling to pay their school fees: go to the Beirut Baptist School giving page and select Student Scholarship Support <https://www.mebo.org/give/bbs/>

For more on BBS <https://www.mebo.org/ministries/beirut-baptist-school/>