

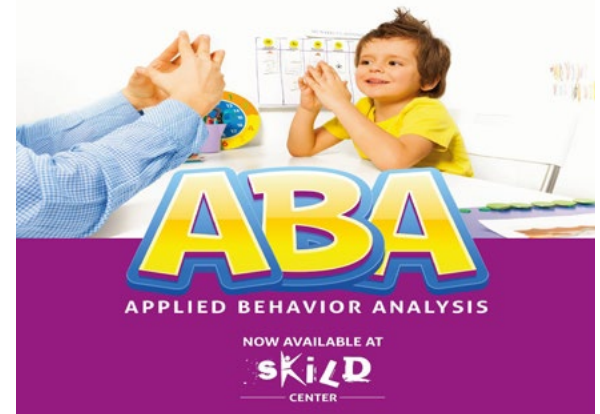


**MEBO Monthly Prayer Focus** is your opportunity to pray for the work of God's kingdom in Lebanon and the Middle East. Every month we focus on a different aspect of the ministries you can support through MEBO, providing you with information and prayer points so you can pray with insight. Please use 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!**

## November 2018: New season for SKILD Center

It is an exciting time for the team at SKILD (Smart Kids with Individual Learning Differences) Center. They have just started a new year supporting special needs children in Lebanon. Their work in public and private schools, helping teachers provide inclusive education in their classrooms and assisting with special needs cases, has begun again. The psychosocial support program, which benefited over 1,200 traumatized refugee children in the last year, is also up and running after the summer break.

Two of the biggest developments for 2018/19 is the launch of the Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) program and Night to Shine event. ABA helps children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and other behavioral problems learn how to adapt their behaviors to everyday situations they struggle with. ABA sessions have now begun at the SKILD Center north of Beirut and are helping children nurture social skills (such as communication) and functionality in daily living (washing and dressing etc), encouraging independence at home and in the wider community. SKILD are planning to launch an all-day school-like ABA program for kids with behavioral problems at the Center in February 2019. Night to Shine is a prom night for individuals with special needs founded by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Popular in the United States, Tim Tebow has given SKILD approval to host the first ever Middle Eastern event in Lebanon on 9 February.



## Please pray that:

- the new ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) program will be a success. Pray for the 5 students taking part in sessions at the SKILD Center and that more will join them.
- the preparations for Night to Shine in February will go smoothly. Pray for the practicalities of putting this event on (funding, finding a suitable venue and logistics) and that it will be an enriching and affirming evening for the special needs teenagers who attend.
- the psychosocial support program will continue to have an impact in the lives of hundreds of vulnerable and traumatized refugee children
- SKILD's work in private and public schools will benefit teachers, special needs children and their families
- the SKILD staff will have renewed strength and wisdom in their work over the coming year, particularly those who have just joined the team. Pray too for 3 pregnant staff members all due in December
- the ongoing training by a US professor over 2 months will help develop SKILD staff's knowledge and skills

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