

Heating Homes in Lebanon

Since 2019, Lebanon has been experiencing a severe economic crisis, which has worsened greatly in the past year. The local Lebanese currency has lost over 90% of its value and it is approximated that 85% of the population lives below the poverty line, defined as approximately \$50/month. Additionally, those living as refugees in the country (Syrians and Palestinians) are facing intense discrimination, lack of clean drinking water, limited food resources, and lack of job opportunities due to their "refugee/nationality" status in the country. A large majority of those living as refugees are living in informal settlements (tents) or dilapidated houses.



Surprisingly, Lebanon's winter brings a decent amount of snow, which subsequently results in flooding due to poor infrastructure. The primary heat source in the country is diesel fuel, which is utilized in a "camp-fire-like" heater to warm one room of the house. Families typically live and sleep in one room together during the winter, often 12-15 people in a room. This year, it is estimated that a one month's supply of diesel fuel will cost approximately \$275. This is over five times the average monthly income of the majority of families in the country. Sadly, most families resort to burning trash (creating harmful toxins) to stay warm as they are unable to afford this costly resource.

Last year, we launched a "Heating Homes" project and were able to help over 1000 families by providing a month's supply of heat during the long winter months. This year, we are hoping to help even more families by collecting money on a monthly basis. With the help of our local partners, we identify those in greatest need (often families who have children with disabilities, or single mothers with little income), and distribute them under the name of our local Non-Government Organization (NGO). As a result of meeting this very critical and practical need, families were able to continue to feed their children, purchase essential medications, and keep their children in school. Of note, many boys leave school around age 8-10 so they can work and provide the family with additional income.

We are humbly asking you to consider supporting our "Heating Homes" project. Any financial gift is deeply appreciated! Most helpful, would be a monthly gift of \$140 which would cover approximately half a month's supply of heat for a family. Additionally, would you consider sharing this opportunity with someone else? We believe God moves in powerful ways by mobilizing His people to meet the needs of those all over the world. Feel free to pass along these details, along with the information below. Thank you for your prayers and willingness to support the work God is doing in this region of the world. Thank you for being willing to extend His kingdom to those in greatest need!

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