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.....Overseas Partner Fact Sheet.....

Armenian Evangelical Central High School

How it all started

Many Armenian refugees fleeing from the first genocide in Turkey in 1915, settled in camps on the outskirts of Beirut. Over one and a half million Armenians were massacred and those that fled settled in nearby countries, including Lebanon. This school, one of the oldest and most well-established schools of the Lebanese Armenian community, was founded in a refugee camp, in 1922. Ten years later it moved to its present location in a poor suburb to the north-east of Beirut.

Current Activities

The school has up to 250 pupils between the ages of 4–18 years. Classes have no more than 30 pupils, a much lower ratio than in State schools. The school teaches the usual Lebanese government curriculum, with a special emphasis on Health Education, when children are taught about hygiene and health, such as nutrition, the importance of a balanced diet, and how to clean their teeth (see photo)!

Armenia prides itself on being the first Christian nation, and this forms a significant part of the Armenian cultural heritage. As all of the school's pupils are from Armenian Christian families, additional lessons are given in Armenian culture, history and language, and the school day starts with assembly in the onsite chapel.

In-service training is a high priority for all the teachers, to help ensure that the best possible education is provided to the children. This service is often extended to include all the other Armenian Evangelical Schools in the area.

Key facts

Founded: 1922
 Location: Beirut, Lebanon
 BibleLands' First Grant: 1971
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Lebanon's recent history has been deeply unsettled. Just as the country was emerging from a 15-year civil war, she was plunged into renewed turmoil by the assassination of Prime Minister Hariri in 2005 and war with Israel in 2006. However, successful parliamentary elections in 2009 led to the formation of a coalition government which, it is hoped, will usher in a period of stability, unity and co-operation. The latest news, prayer points, and other information are all available from BibleLands.

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