



# BibleLands

## ..... Overseas Partner Fact Sheet ..... Armenian Evangelical College

### How it all started

During the genocide of 1915, in which historians estimate that the Turks massacred over one and a half million Armenians, many Armenians fled to Lebanon. Following a further massacre in 1922, many more fled their homeland.

The Armenian Evangelical College was established in 1923, to serve the refugee children, both boys and girls, and many of the grandparents of the current pupils were amongst these refugees.

### Current Activities

About 120 children attend this School, which has three sections: a kindergarten for children aged 4-6 years; a primary section for children between 6-12 years; and a secondary level for those aged 12-18 years.

Most of the lessons in the lower sections are taught in the Armenian language, with some lessons in Arabic. The children learn English from an early age and in the secondary section most lessons are taught in English. This is particularly admirable, as each of these three languages has a different script!

As well as teaching the usual Lebanese curriculum, the School also teaches Armenian culture and history, with a particular emphasis on the Bible. The level of teaching is so good that many students achieve top results in the government exams.

The School runs a variety of extra-curricular activities including sports teams, folk dance team, a choir and a drama society. There are also clubs for those interested in learning more about the Bible, Armenian culture and history, and the environment.

The children attend Chapel 3 times a week.

### Key facts

Founded: 1923

Location: Beirut, Lebanon

BibleLands' First Grant: 1970s

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Following its 15-year civil war, from 1975 – 1990, Lebanon was beginning to rebuild itself and there was an optimism for the future, despite huge international debts and high unemployment. However, the war with Israel in 2006 left the country unstable once again. Levels of unemployment and poverty have risen and many people fear a second civil war. Therefore, sponsorship is even more appreciated by the children and the staff. Thank you for your support.

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