

.....Overseas Partner Fact Sheet.....
Armenian Evangelical (Shamlian Tatikian) School

How it all started

This School for Armenian children is in a poor suburb in the north-east of Beirut. It was founded in 1934, for refugee children whose families had fled the massacres in Turkey in 1915 and 1922. It has 323 pupils in its kindergarten, primary and secondary classes, who mainly come from the local area.

Key facts

Founded: 1930

Location: Beirut, Lebanon

BibleLands' Grant:
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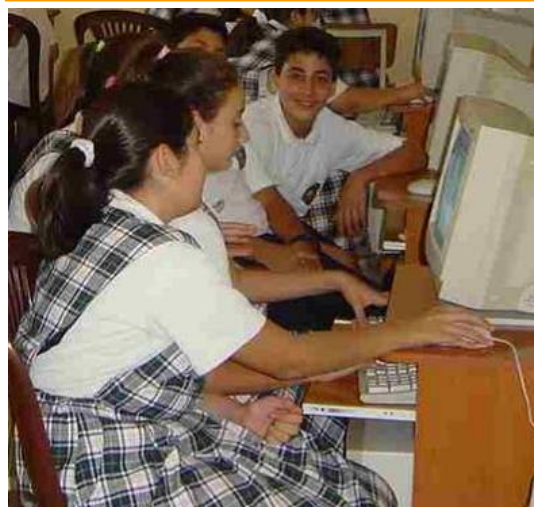
Current Activities

The School's main aims are to encourage the children's interest in spiritual matters and to provide a good, Christian education.

The School teaches all the usual lessons, in Armenian, Arabic and English. Even the kindergarten pupils practise their letters in the three totally different alphabets. The children are also taught French from the age of 10 upwards. There is a special emphasis on Armenian history, language and culture.

All the students study the Bible, and older students are also taught Church history, which includes the history of the Armenian Church. School starts at 7.30am with daily assembly. The younger children go to Sunday School and all pupils take part in the Sunday services once a month.

The physical health of the children is also very important, and any child with health problems can go to the Armenian dispensary which is beside the School for medical or dental treatment. A local organisation also provides free eye care to the children.



Other resources in the School include a well-used library, which the School Board has recently extended, and a laboratory, which has recently been re-equipped. The School also has a good reputation for the teaching of Science to a high level. In sport, the School does well in competitions and is open on Saturday for football, basketball, running and table tennis. Students also have the option to take part in the its Armenian Folk Dance Team, the last performance was covered by the local Armenian newspaper and radio station.



Following its 15-year civil war, 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 helping a child to feel secure and to have a Christian education.



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