



prayer *diary*

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2007



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Dear Reader

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of BibleLands' Prayer Diary. In this edition you will find suggested prayer topics for the months of September to December, with each month featuring a different country in which we serve.

Just over a year ago, we were very concerned about the conflict in Lebanon and Gaza and urged our supporters to pray for our Project Partners as they continued their work in impossible circumstances. Sadly, despite the ceasefire that followed, both areas have suffered ongoing civil conflict, bringing destruction and deprivation to those already facing an increasingly uncertain future.

Despite these enormous difficulties, our Project Partners are determined to continue their work undeterred (see our magazine, *The Star in the East* for further information). They are a symbol of hope for those in such desperate situations whose prospects must seem very bleak indeed.

Again and again the messages we receive from our Project Partners underline the tremendous significance they place on our prayerful support. For those who must be strong in the face of impossible difficulties, we can offer our support through this vital area of ministry. As we pass on our Partners' grateful thanks, can we also urge you to continue your prayers at this time of need?

To keep in touch with the very latest prayer needs of our Partner Projects, you can call our 24-hour prayer line on 01494 897939 or log on to www.biblelands.org.uk/prayer

Yours in Christ

Alison MacTier

Editor

Cover photo: A young boy on summer camp at the BibleLands-supported Helen Keller Centre, Jerusalem.



A Kindergarten graduate receives her well-earned certificate at the Schneller School.

September 2007 Lebanon

- **The Schneller School in the Bekaa Valley** has been kept open during the unrest that has continued in Lebanon. Pupils have attended their lessons as usual and learnt about tolerance and understanding. Please pray for their safety and wellbeing in difficult times.
- **Cedar Home in Beirut** provides a home and family for children who have lost at least one parent. The Home aims to meet their spiritual, physical, emotional and educational needs, enabling them to grow in an environment of love and care.
- **Mejdelangar Swiss Evangelical School in the Bekaa Valley** is the only Christian School in an entirely Muslim town. Please pray for the staff and pupils at this School, which encourages religious tolerance in its teaching.

“Thank you very much for your prayers that are very encouraging and are providing us with the protection we need.”

GEORGE HADDAD,
DIRECTOR OF
SCHNELLER SCHOOL

SPECIAL DATES ...

Please pray for the children of all BibleLands-supported schools as they return to their classes after the summer holidays.

We ask you to continue to pray for our ministry, as we believe very much in the power that we have when as believers we unite in prayer.

TWAFIQ GEORGE,
DIRECTOR OF
THINK AND DO



Learning through technology at the Deaf School.

October 2007

Egypt

SPECIAL DATES ...

13 October

BibleLands' Annual Service in London. All are invited!

16 October

Raif Shwayri, Director of the Al Kafa'at Foundation, will be giving an evening talk at St Paul's Cathedral.

- **The Deaf Unit in Cairo** provides education, vocational training and a social club for deaf children and their families. Please pray for the Centre, as it reaches out to an increasing number of deaf people in the community.
- **Fairhaven School in Alexandria** is one of the outreach programmes run by El Saray Church. The number of children at this special needs school has increased to more than 200 students, aged from five years. The staff are dedicated to providing the level of care and education that each child needs.
- **The Sonshine School in Alexandria** teaches more than 40 Sudanese refugee children aged between 4 and 15 years. All children receive a nutritious breakfast as well as an education and 30 adults receive weekly language classes.



Receiving treatment at the Al Ahli Hospital.

November 2007

Israel and the Occupied Territories

- **Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza** provides health care and rehabilitation services to around 60,000 inpatients and community outreach clinics to those who cannot reach the Hospital. Please pray particularly for the staff, working in such a volatile area, unsure of what each day will bring.
- **The Annahda Centre in Ramallah**, which provides a range of educational and vocational programmes for children and young adults with special needs in the local community. Please pray for a new programme where children with special needs and those without will be taught together.
- **The Helen Keller Centre in Jerusalem** cares for 70 children with visual impairment, providing an education and training in mobility and other skills that will enhance their independence. It also supports a further 30 students in mainstream education.

“Thank you for praying for us. This spiritual support is as important for us as the monetary contributions you send us.”

SEBASTIAN SCHNEIDER,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF STAR MOUNTAIN

SPECIAL DATES ...

November is the season of harvesting olives – the symbol of Palestine and of peace. Please pray for peace in this troubled region.

“In the name of our whole staff team, of our families and of all the Lebanese, we ask you to pray for us and for the healing and resurrection of our dear country.”

ROBERT CARACACHE,
DIRECTOR OF THE
BEIT-EL-NOUR CENTRE



Children at the Armenian Evangelical Social Centre (Trad) receiving a lunchtime snack.

December 2007

Lebanon

SPECIAL DATES ...

Please pray for all children from BibleLands-supported schools and their families as they take their Christmas holidays.

- **The Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East, based in Beirut**, who provide support to Schools including the opportunity for teachers to meet and train together. Please pray for them as they support the Schools through this difficult time in Lebanon.
- **Birds' Nest Home in Byblos** which provides a home for 50 children from deprived families. They board at the Home while they attend a local school during the day and return to their families during the school holidays. Please pray for them and their families over the Christmas holidays.
- **CAHL (the Centres for Armenian Handicapped, Lebanon) in Beirut** provides an education for 50 children with special educational needs. Without this Centre, many would struggle to gain an education at school and have few prospects for the future.



Mediterranean Sea

○ Jbeil (Byblos)

● BEIRUT

Bekaa Valley

○ Anjar

○ Damascus

LEBANON

SYRIA

Sea of Galilee

○ Nazareth

River Jordan

ISRAEL AND
THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES

JORDAN

○ Nablus

● RAMALLAH

● JERUSALEM

● BETHANY

● BETHLEHEM

○ Gaza

● HEBRON

Dead Sea

○ Alexandria

○ Menouf

● CAIRO

EGYPT

○ El Minya

Don't miss **BibleLands'** Annual Service this Autumn!

Saturday
13 October 2007
10.30am–4.00pm
St Michael's
Chester Square
London SW1

To book your FREE
place and order lunch
(£7 per person) please
call Sharon Eldred on
01494 897933

Join us for a day of events, including:

- A keynote address from our guest speakers, **Nadeem Shwayri** (*right*), founder of the Al Kafa'at Foundation (Lebanon) and his son **Raif Shwayri** (*below right*), the current director.



- An update of **BibleLands'** activities over the last year.



- A time for your questions and answers on the current work of BibleLands and its Project Partners.

- A Service of Thanksgiving led by BibleLands Trustee **The Revd Nichola Jones** and Address by **The Revd The Lord Griffiths**, ex-President of the Methodist Conference.

- **Exhibitions** of projects supported by BibleLands.

- **Refreshments** throughout the day, including a buffet lunch (*for those who have pre-booked*).



*The Still Time Band
will lead our worship.*



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