



JANUARY: Lebanon



Prayer Diary January – April 2011

Welcome to your new-look BibleLands Prayer Diary! Your prayers are a vital source of encouragement to our partner organisations as they put the love of Christ into action in challenging circumstances. Thank you for supporting us in this way.

Your new prayer diary has been designed so that you can fold it into a slim leaflet that can be slipped into your Bible or notebook. We hope you like the new format, and would love to hear your thoughts about it at editor@biblelands.org.uk.

■ **Cedar Home**
Cedar Home in Beirut cares for 21 girls from difficult backgrounds (see p6 of *The Star in the East*). We ask you to pray for them all, particularly those who have suffered abuse in the past. Please also pray for Chadi and Joyce Melki and their staff, who strive to create a loving home where the girls can feel safe.

■ **The Al-Kafaàt Foundation**
Al-Kafaàt is aiming to renovate its Lily Shwayri Centre, which provides education and rehabilitation for children with cerebral palsy. The centre suffered bomb damage during the Israel-Lebanon conflict of 2006, and the staff and children would appreciate your prayers as the renovation gets under way.

■ **Evangelical Swiss School**
This school is in Mejdellanjar near the border with Syria, a location that can be politically tense. Thankfully, during 2010 the situation was quiet and the school was able to progress well with its task of educating underprivileged children. Please pray that the situation will remain stable in the area.



■ **Birds' Nest Home**
Birds' Nest provides a caring home for 50 children. Over the past few years it has established a farm to grow food for the residents and to bring in some income. This has been very successful so far and we ask you to pray that the farm will continue to develop well.

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■ Helen Keller Centre

The Helen Keller Centre is an internationally renowned facility for visually impaired children. Over the past year it has undergone extensive refurbishment in order to comply with the requirements of the Israeli Ministry of Education. This has caused upheaval but is a positive step for the future and we ask you to thank God that the work has run smoothly, and to pray for its successful completion.



■ DSPR in Gaza

The Department of Social Service for the Palestinian Refugee runs vocational training centres for young people in Gaza (see p4 of *The Star in the East*). Please pray for the students at these centres, that they will find hope for the future. We also ask you to pray for all in the region who have lost loved ones as a result of the conflict, and for a resolution to the difficult political situation.



■ The Annahda Centre

The Annahda Rehabilitation Centre in Ramallah provides education and vocational training to children and young people with a variety of learning disabilities. There is a need in the area for better facilities for children with autism, and the centre plans to expand its work to meet this need. They would appreciate your prayers for this new area of ministry.

■ The Arab Evangelical School

Please pray for the students of this school, especially those with hearing impairment and those who come from difficult family backgrounds, (see p8 of *The Star in the East*). The staff would also appreciate prayer for the successful completion of the new school building in spite of difficulties over the purchase of the land.

■ Jesuit Brothers' Association

The Association provides vocational training for disabled young people aged between 14 and 24 (see p18 of *The Star in the East*). We ask you to pray for the current students and for those who have graduated from the programme and are now beginning to make a living in their own communities.

■ DUET

BibleLands, in partnership with DUET, supports the rural communities of Northern and Southern Dyabia as they work to improve their living conditions and create income generation opportunities. We ask for your prayers for the people of these two villages, that they will achieve their goal of becoming self-sufficient.



■ Fairhaven School

This school in Alexandria teaches underprivileged children with special educational needs. The school has recently begun an outreach project giving specialist training for teachers at mainstream schools, which will enable them to work more effectively with children who have learning difficulties. Please pray for those undergoing the training and for the children they serve.



■ Salaam Centre

This centre, which works with the rubbish-picking community of Ezbet El Nahkl in Cairo, has begun an initiative tackling the problem of domestic violence. The centre is working on educating women about their rights and giving them somewhere to gain help. Please pray for the continuing success of this work.



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■ Bethany Girls' School

Like many Palestinian homes, Bethany Girls' School is only allowed access to mains water for two days per week, having to rely on water storage tanks the rest of the time. Please pray for Sister Martha, her teachers and students as they cope with this difficult situation.



■ BASR

The Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation is a small hospital that aims to improve the quality of life for disabled people, to empower them and teach self-sufficiency. An important aspect of its work is advocacy within the local communities, and we would encourage you to pray that they will continue to raise awareness of disabled people's rights.

■ The Spafford Centre

In the Old City of Jerusalem, there are few spaces for children to play, so Dr Dajani and her staff are keen to set up a playgroup where young children can run around and have a good selection of toys to choose from. We ask for your prayers for the Spafford Centre's staff as they look into setting up this new venture.



■ Princess Basma Centre

This centre for disabled children in Jerusalem (*see page 16 of The Star of the East*) has a strong focus on working with mothers and children together to ensure that rehabilitation continues at home. Please pray for the mothers and children currently staying at the centre, that their time there will be positive and productive.



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