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Our Overseas Partners often tell us how grateful they are for the prayerful support they receive. Your prayers continue to make a difference to those whose calling is to work and serve with the vulnerable in the lands of the Bible.

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MAY

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

■ **The St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem.** Because of the travel restrictions across the Occupied Palestinian Territories three static clinics have been set up in Gaza and the West Bank. In addition, daily mobile clinics travel to villages across the West Bank offering diagnostic services and basic treatment. Please pray for the Hospital's dedicated staff who often work long hours.

(For more on St John Eye Hospital see pages 8-10)

■ **The Annahda Centre in Ramallah** provides a range of educational programmes for 60 children and young adults with special needs in the local community – educational and vocational training programmes. Please pray that, through the work of the Centre, students will be accepted in the communities and society in which they live.

■ **The Arab Evangelical School in Hebron** provides an education for 350 primary aged children. The majority of the students are from Muslim families, whilst most of the staff are Christian. Please pray for this School as it teaches religious tolerance and understanding.



■ **Bethany Girls' School** has nearly 400 pupils aged between 3 and 15 years. All the students are from poor Arab families, and most are Muslim. The School is run by a local Russian Orthodox convent, but it is illegal to teach Christianity to Muslim students, and vice versa, so pray for the witness of the staff through their everyday interaction with the girls.

"Thank you for your prayers. Don't relent as we really need them!"

Sister Martha,
HEADMISTRESS OF
BETHANY GIRLS SCHOOL



JUNE

"It encourages us to know that we are in your prayers."

MS MARAL DEYIRMENJIAN,
PRINCIPAL AT THE ARMENIAN
EVANGELICAL CENTRAL
HIGH SCHOOL.

Lebanon

■ **Cedar Home in Beirut** provides a home and family for girls who have lost at least one parent and are unable to live with their other parent. The 30 girls who live here are aged between 4 and 18 years and the Home aims to meet their spiritual, physical and emotional needs. The Home also helps to pay the school expenses of 30 other local children. Please pray for all the girls as the Home helps them to grow in an environment of love and care. *(For more on Cedar Home see pages 6-7)*

■ **Mejdelanjar Swiss Evangelical School in the Bekaa Valley**, is the only Christian School in an entirely Muslim town. However, it is very popular as its teaching standards are so high. It has 450 students, aged from 4-6 years of age. Please pray for the staff and pupils at this School, which encourages religious tolerance and understanding in its teaching.

■ **The Schneller School in the Bekaa Valley** has over 500 pupils, of whom 200 are boarders. The children learn all the usual lessons in Arabic, and English is introduced early, followed by German. Pupils not only attend lessons but learn about tolerance and understanding too.

■ **The Zvartnotz Centre in Beirut** is a small day-care centre for children and young adults with a mental disability, some of whom may have additional physical disabilities. In the family-like atmosphere with devoted staff they learn how to develop their potential. Please pray for this work with families and local community, as it seeks to integrate each student into society.





JULY

“Please pray for our programmes, staff and for the situation of refugees in Egypt and within their home countries.”

REFUGEE EGYPT, CAIRO

Egypt

■ The Harpur Memorial Hospital in Menouf

serves a large sector of the poorest community in the Nile Delta. It treats 50,000 patients each year, including several leprosy patients. For many such patients, this is their first encounter of love and care since having contracted the disease. The Hospital is currently undergoing renovations that will improve patient care, and would appreciate prayer as they continue their work whilst the building work is also taking place. *(For more on Harpur see pages 15-17)*

■ The Salaam Centre for Medico-Social Services (SCMSS) in Cairo

serves the Zabaleen (“rubbish pickers”) community, who live and work among the rubbish of the city. The Centre runs education and healthcare programmes, including a special one for children under five, who are treated for burns, cuts or other injuries that they get from the rubbish that they live and play in. Please pray for the work of this Centre as, without it, children in this severely deprived area would not receive an education or access to health care. *(For more on the Salaam Centre see pages 18-19)*

■ The Deaf Unit in Cairo

operates a school, a vocational training centre, and a deaf club. The School provides education to 50 hearing-impaired children aged 4 – 16 years, who are taught Egyptian sign language, lip-reading and speech therapy, as well as the usual curriculum. The Vocational Training Centre provides trade skills (eg sewing, metalwork, business management etc) to hearing-impaired adults. Please pray for the Centre, as it reaches out to an increasing number of deaf people in the community.

■ The El Saray Evangelical Church in Alexandria

serves the local community through a variety of outreach programmes. These include a programme of care for the elderly, a medical clinic and eye care programme, and Fairhaven School for children with special needs. More than 200 students, aged from five years to young adulthood attend this School. Please pray for the staff, who are dedicated to providing the level of care and education that each child needs.





AUGUST

"We could not do the work we do without your support and we thank God daily for our blessings."

Solomon Nour,
HEADMASTER OF HOPE SCHOOL.



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■ The Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany

provides shelter and care for 90 children and adults with disabilities, most of whom are from very poor families, and so cannot afford to pay for the treatment and care they receive. It is the only residential care home of its kind in the West Bank and Gaza, and relies heavily on donations to continue its vital work. Please pray for the staff, who work in such challenging conditions. *(For more on Four Homes see pages 4-5)*

■ **Hope Secondary School in Bethlehem** has about 140 students, aged from 12 – 18 years. It began, almost 60 years ago, as a school for refugee children and orphans and most of the students are still from poor family backgrounds. Whilst many of its students are Muslim, the School encourages religious tolerance and understanding. Please pray for the students, as they learn about peace in a land that often seems to be devoid of it.

■ The Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children on the Mount of Olives

provides rehabilitation services for physically disabled children. Around 30 children stay at the Centre for up to one month, usually with their mothers, receiving a professional assessment and an individual programme of care. Please continue to pray for the work they do and for continuing compassion and dedication for the staff.

■ Rawdat El Zuhur primary School, in Jerusalem,

provides an education to 230 students, mainly from families on a low income. For many of these children, the journey to work is very difficult, sometimes impossible, due to travel restrictions. Please pray for these children, as well as for the staff who face similar travel difficulties, and yet provide a peaceful atmosphere for the children to learn in.



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