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Our overseas partners often tell us how encouraged they are by the prayerful support they receive. Your prayers continue to make a difference to those whose calling is to work and serve with vulnerable people in the lands of the Bible.

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SEPTEMBER: Lebanon

■ Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon

BibleLands has begun a new partnership with the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon, supporting a project to provide sports facilities at Dbayeh refugee camp (see p8 of *The Star in the East*). Please pray for the success of this venture, which Sylvia Haddad, their Director, hopes will be *'the first step in drawing the community together, reducing their fighting, and giving all ages a venue to use their energy constructively'*. Please also remember all those across the region who are displaced from their homes.

■ Cedar Home

Cedar Home in Beirut provides a family environment for girls who either have no family or, for a variety of reasons, can no longer live with their parents. The residents attend school in Beirut and have a safe, loving home to return to. As the new school term begins, please pray for the girls, especially those who are going into a new class and the older ones who are starting university.

■ J L Schneller School

This year the school celebrates 150 years of the Schneller ministry for disadvantaged children. Please give thanks for this long history and the education and hope it has given to so many. Please pray for the teachers at today's Schneller school as they work to promote peace and tolerance among a new generation of students of different faiths and backgrounds.

■ Beit el Nour

This humanitarian group in Lebanon runs several projects that reach out to at-risk young people. One of these projects is St Ephrem's Orphanage, which cares for children whose parents cannot look after them. With the support of Beit el Nour's workers, some are able to rebuild a relationship with their family – we ask you to pray for these children in particular.





OCTOBER



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St John Eye Hospital

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory

■ St John Eye Hospital

One of the hospital's satellite clinics is in Gaza, where the ongoing humanitarian crisis makes it a desperately needed healthcare facility. Some patients would benefit from referral to the main hospital, but it is not usually possible for them to leave Gaza.

The hospital would like prayer that it can use its lobbying power to establish a referral system that will allow patients to get to Jerusalem.

■ The Sheepfold

The Sheepfold cares for severely disabled children who have been rejected by other organisations (see p3 of *The Star in the East*).

Please pray for the 20 children it supports, that they will receive the same respect from society as they do from the staff there. We also ask you to pray for Mary Rewers and her teachers who tirelessly carry on their work in a troubling political situation, and for all children across the Middle East who face rejection because of their disabilities.



■ Rawdat el-Zuhur

This school in Jerusalem teaches around 250 primary-age children from underprivileged families. It recognises the importance of building strong links with the children's parents so they can work together in providing the best possible education. Through frequent visits to the children's families, the teachers aim to support not only the pupils but the parents and community too. Please pray for this aspect of their work.

■ The Spafford Centre

The centre provides medical services to children in East Jerusalem, seeing around 4000 patients each year. Because of the travel restrictions, it also has clinics in Bethany and Taybeh, which ensure that as many children as possible receive immunisations and development checks. Please pray for the staff at these clinics and for the children who receive their care.



NOVEMBER

Egypt

■ Episcocare

Episcocare works on community development in deprived areas of Egypt. BibleLands' support focuses on the child health and education programmes at El Salam City near Cairo (see p15 of *The Star in the East*). We would like your prayers for the ongoing success of this work, so that more children will benefit both from attending nursery and from receiving preventive healthcare.

■ The Deaf Unit

Work is well under way on the Deaf Unit's new vocational training centre in 6th of October City. The new centre will expand on the Unit's existing vocational training programme to allow young hearing impaired people the opportunity to train in car mechanics, bakery, IT, and other marketable skills. Please pray that the building work will continue to run smoothly.

■ Refuge Egypt

Based at All Saints' Cathedral in Cairo, this service offers a place of welcome for Sudanese refugees, providing emergency food, clothing and healthcare, and advice on finding somewhere to live and a source of income. Part of its work is to train Sudanese volunteers as counsellors for others – a service that is very much in demand among the refugee community and for which we ask you to pray.

■ Think & Do

We are working with Think & Do to improve literacy in rural Egypt (see p18 of *The Star in the East*). They would appreciate your prayers for the women who attend the classes, that they

will find confidence and knowledge that will help them improve their own lives and those of their families. Please also pray for Think & Do's staff, without whose commitment and energy the work would not be possible.





DECEMBER

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■ The Arab Evangelical School, Hebron

Over the past few years, the school has faced many challenges arising from its situation as a Christian organisation in a Muslim area. A vocal minority of the local population are hostile, and this has caused problems with the school's attempts to purchase some land in the town so that it can expand. Please pray for a peaceful resolution to this situation.

■ The Helen Keller Centre

The centre has recently developed links with Exhall Grange School in Coventry so that teachers and pupils can exchange ideas and learn more about each other's culture (see p5 of *The Star in the East*). A similar link has developed between **Hope School** in Bethlehem and Harris School in Rugby. Please pray that these partnerships will be beneficial for the students and teachers as they communicate across the miles.

■ SIRA School

As Christmas approaches and our thoughts turn to events in Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago, we ask you to remember the children of modern Bethlehem and the challenges they face. The Swedish International Relief Association school provides an education to those with learning difficulties. Please pray for all the children and teachers at the school.

■ Al Ahli Arab Hospital

Two years ago, 'Operation Cast Lead' threw Gaza into crisis. Al Ahli Hospital responded immediately with emergency treatment and humanitarian aid, but many in Gaza still suffer the long-term health effects of poverty and fear. The staff of Al Ahli Hospital would appreciate your prayers for the mobile clinics that relieve chronic illness among the beleaguered population.



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