



## JANUARY — jerusalem arc • cedar home • hope school • deaf unit

### Prayer Diary

January – April 2012

**W**elcome to your 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.

*'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need.'* Romans 13:12-13

#### ■ Jerusalem Arc

Last summer, BibleLands supported a project bringing together Palestinian Christian young people (see p18 of *The Star in the East*). Please pray for the participants, that they will continue to experience the benefits of their time at the project and that their generation will be inspired to work for peace in their land.

#### ■ Cedar Home, Beirut

For many years, Chadi and Joyce Melki devoted their lives to the welfare of the girls at the Home, creating a positive and loving family environment for those whose own families rejected them. Chadi and Joyce have now moved on to new areas of ministry – please pray for

them, and for the girls and staff at the Home as they adjust to the changes.

#### ■ Hope School, Beit Jala

Since the sad death of the headmaster, Solomon Nour, in August last year, the school has gone through a time of uncertainty about its administration. Please pray for Solomon's family and the staff and students who miss him, and for those responsible for continuing the school's ministry of peace-affirming education in the future.

#### ■ Deaf Unit, Cairo

The Deaf Unit's school teaches hearing impaired children

whose families cannot afford to pay for education. Beginning by helping the child to communicate in any way possible, and then teaching Egyptian Sign Language, the school opens up a world of learning opportunities. We ask you to pray for the students, especially those who board at the school and are temporarily away from their parents.



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FEBRUARY — think and do • department of service for palestinian refugees  
habitat for humanity • joint christian committee for social services

■ **Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees, West Bank**

BibleLands has gone into partnership with DSPR to provide the most food-insecure households with agricultural skills and resources such as livestock, seeds and fruit trees, to enable them to engage in small-scale sustainable farming. We aim to fund this project over the next three years – please pray that we will be able to help many farmers escape the poverty trap during this time.

■ **Think and Do, Minya**

Part of our work with Think and Do (see p6 of *The Star in the East*) empowers young

women who have dropped out of school and been denied their rights. As well as providing basic education and skills for economic development, the programme aims to improve their self-confidence and assertiveness. We ask you to pray for all the participants, that they will leave the programme equipped to make informed choices about their future.

■ **The Joint Christian Committee for Social Services, Lebanon**

JCC works with Palestinian refugees, including those of the Sabra-Shatila camp, where BibleLands has helped fund a playground for the kindergarten (see p16 of *The*

*Star in the East*). Please pray that this Christian-led work will build bridges and impart a message of compassion to a community scarred by the massacre of 1982.

■ **Habitat for Humanity Lebanon**

BibleLands is half way through a project with Habitat for Humanity to help disadvantaged people build safe, decent houses. The project prioritises households headed by single mothers, and many families' lives have already been transformed by improvements in sanitation and access to both hot and cold water. Please pray for the ongoing success of the project.





## MARCH — helen keller centre • diocese of egypt • j l schneller • beit el nour

### ■ Helen Keller Centre, Jerusalem

The centre provides an excellent education for children with visual impairment, plus ongoing support and advice for former students who have moved on to mainstream schools. Please pray for those in their final year at the school, who are preparing for integration into schools where they will have sighted classmates.

### ■ Diocese of Egypt

The Diocese has helped many people who were left destitute after last year's revolution (see p8 of *The Star in the East*). At the time of writing, the last phases of the parliamentary

elections are scheduled to take place in March, but protests have led to violent clashes in Tahrir Square. Please pray for a peaceful outcome, and that the leaders of a new government will show wisdom and compassion as they represent the Egyptian people.

### ■ Beit el Nour, Beirut

This humanitarian group assists some of Lebanon's most troubled young people. It provides rehabilitation programmes in prisons and detention centres, and offers a safe haven and vocational training for teenagers at risk of exploitation. These young people are very vulnerable and

we ask you to pray that Beit el Nour will be able to help them regain control of their own lives.

### ■ J L Schneller School, Bekaa Valley

Last year, BibleLands paid for renovations to the girls' boarding home, fixing the leaky roof and making the accommodation much more comfortable for the residents. All the students and the staff who teach and care for them would appreciate your prayers — especially the young people who have lost one or both parents.





## APRIL — al-kafaàt • bethany girls' school • duet • basr

### ■ **Bethany Girls' School**

The school faces ongoing problems with its mains water supply, which is only available to the Palestinian areas of Bethany for limited periods each week. As the hot summer approaches, please pray that the staff and students will be able to preserve enough water for their needs, and that ultimately there will be an end to this situation of injustice.

### ■ **Al-Kafaàt, Beirut**

The new building at Al-Kafaàt's Village opened at the end of last year (see p15 of *The Star in the East*.) The

new facilities give young people with cerebral palsy the opportunity to learn vocational skills, so that they can go into employment



either in Beirut or at the Village's sheltered workshops. We ask for your prayers for everyone who attends the Village, that they will enjoy and benefit from their training and go on to earn a living.

### ■ **DUET, Upper Egypt**

DUET's Child to Child programme recognises the importance of children's contribution to the development of their village. Recently DUET has helped children learn about health issues, so that they can encourage their parents to improve home hygiene and nutrition, and raise awareness of the dangers of smoking.

Please pray that this work will continue to give children a voice in their families and communities.

### ■ **Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation**

BASR's individual relief programme covers the cost of medical treatment, rehabilitation services, surgery and mobility equipment for people from disadvantaged communities such as refugee camps. Please pray for the individuals receiving this support and for BASR's dedicated staff.

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