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TRANSFORMED BY LOVE

A LEBANESE CHRISTIAN SERVES SYRIAN MUSLIMS

I was just 12 years old when my mother died. Despite being raised in a Christian home, I responded to my loss by distancing myself from God. To me, he seemed unjust and oppressive, so I chose to live in isolation, hiding away from others.

When I was 19, my younger sister invited me to a meeting at an evangelical church. **At first, I had no intention of going, but something compelled me.** The Lord touched my heart through the preacher's message. I immediately accepted Christ and experienced his profound love. My life was transformed!

In 2019, I became part of the Horizons family through my pastor, Joseph Zorob. Before this, I thought Christ was only for Christians. But serving with Horizons dramatically changed my perspective. Being surrounded by people from different faiths, cultures, and nationalities created a conflict within me. As a Christian Lebanese woman, serving Syrian Muslims was challenging for me because of the long history of conflict between our peoples.

For the first three months serving with Horizons, I struggled to share about Jesus with the Muslim women I was serving. I asked the Lord, "Why am I here? Why can't I do this?" This struggle often brought me to tears. **But when I looked into these women's eyes, I saw their sorrow.** The Lord began to pour his love into my heart. My mouth was opened. I could finally speak about him!

As the love of Jesus filled my heart, it broke down many barriers and closed the distance between myself and these women. I discovered that love is the foundation of serving God. I began to feel a deep sense of belonging with them, as **they began to accept me as one of their own.** They began listening to the Word of God when I spoke, and would share their pain with me. They became comfortable with asking me to pray for them often.

It is my joy that God blessed me with Horizons, since it imparted to me the message of the Great Commission and made me a more effective member of my church, where I serve in evangelism, discipleship, and leadership.

Rania Khoury

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A letter from our President

May 7, 1990, is a day I will never forget. How can I forget? It was the birth of Horizons International. It started on a shoestring budget in a small rented office in a church in Boulder, Colorado. You could count our staff on one hand! From a human perspective, we showed no potential beyond being a local campus ministry at the University of Colorado.

Yet now, looking back at 33 years of ministry, the phenomenal growth and expansion are beyond my wildest dreams. And I am not thinking of the increase in funding, the number of staff, or how many countries we serve in—although I am thankful to God for all those things.

My greatest joy comes from knowing that it is all the LORD's doing. All the souls we have seen saved over the years are because of him, not because of what we have done. Yes, God used me and my family, along with all the staff, donors, and prayer partners.

Jesus told his disciples: **"Without me, you can do nothing."**

Thankfully, He has not only given us a high calling - but also assured us of his continual presence as we carry out the Great Commission:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... and behold, I am with you always..." Matthew 28:19-20

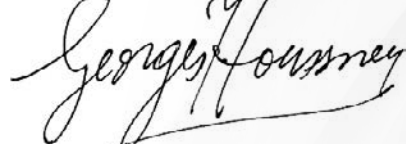
So, as you read all this wonderful news of much fruit, I want you to know that God deserves the credit for all this. Indeed, as the hymn goes: "To God be the glory, Great things He has done..."

Hebrews 11 and 12 speak of the cloud of witnesses of men and women who: **"...through faith conquered kingdoms... who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies."**

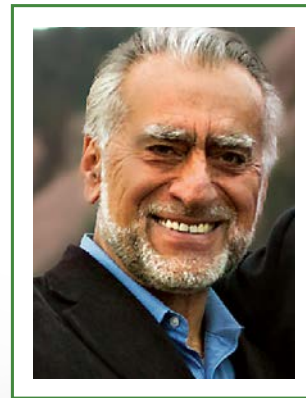
The same God who protected and strengthened those saints is working among us. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. As you read this end-of-year newsletter, please join us in giving God all the praise and glory.

I also want to thank you for allowing God to work through you, as we partner together to spread the gospel of God's love and salvation around the world.

Together for His glory,



Georges Housney



A letter from our Executive Director

We are living in some really interesting times—we barely have time to process the headlines before news breaks of another war or natural disaster. Instability and rapid change have become the norm. With increasing globalization, people are reaching new levels of polarization. Uncertainty is rampant.

Yet we share a message of certainty with a world in turmoil. Chaos cannot stop our witness, because our message is an anchor of truth, ready to secure those tossed around by the storms of confusion.

As believers, we need to look beyond the physical realm. Whether we find ourselves in chaos or calm, conflict or prosperity, we must look again with spiritual eyes to discern the true needs and opportunities around us, and take action.

James 1:2-4 reminds us that in times of crisis, we should not seek comfort and safety, but instead:

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

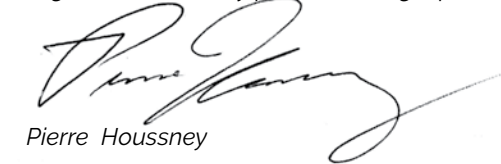
Times like these are why we were created. In Christ, we are called to turn crises into tools for our growth as believers, and to seize every opportunity for the gospel.

Historically, the Church is not a group of people who flee from hardship and conflict, but who press forward into the eye of the storm. We, as ambassadors of God's heavenly kingdom on earth, care for the needy in that storm and bring light into the darkness.

But we as believers are so often tempted to get entangled in the physical world, and its narratives that try to sway us for worldly purposes. If we truly grasped that we are sons and daughters of eternity, would we think and act like mere mortals? We should not fear things like losing our lives, in our bold pursuit of the eternal life of others.

Be encouraged! Suffering can teach us compassion for others; limitations can teach us how to do more with less. I pray that you will find new ways to make the most of the many opportunities around you. Mentor someone who needs guidance. Help and disciple others. Fearlessly proclaim the gospel wherever you are.

Together, let's boldly proclaim the gospel to a world in need.



Pierre Housney





LEBANON: A GOSPEL GATEWAY TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Lebanon's unique combination of a thriving Christian community, religious freedom, and strategic location, make it the perfect base for missions in the Middle East. This provides unparalleled opportunities for believers to share the gospel not just within Lebanon's diverse population, but also with its predominantly Muslim neighboring countries. Lebanon is home to our four centers for evangelism and discipleship, and our Middle East Center for World Missions (MEC), which is focused on training and equipping believers for missions locally, regionally, and around the world.

In 2012, Horizons established its first ministry center in East Beirut, to serve the growing Syrian refugee population. The center soon became known as a sanctuary for people seeking peace and spiritual guidance, with many Muslims coming to faith in Christ.

Today, thanks to support from believers around the globe, and our partnerships with over 130 Lebanese churches, we have grown to **12 ministry locations spread across nine cities in Lebanon**. Through direct field initiatives, regional ministry centers, and boldly proclaiming the gospel wherever we serve, the Lord has led Horizons to impact the lives of thousands of people.

Horizons' multifaceted ministry involves house visits, discipleship programs, children's ministry, and equipping believers with essential ministry skills to serve their churches and reach their communities with the gospel. In addition, Horizons works with local churches, leveraging resources to bring the transformative power of the gospel to everyone we encounter.

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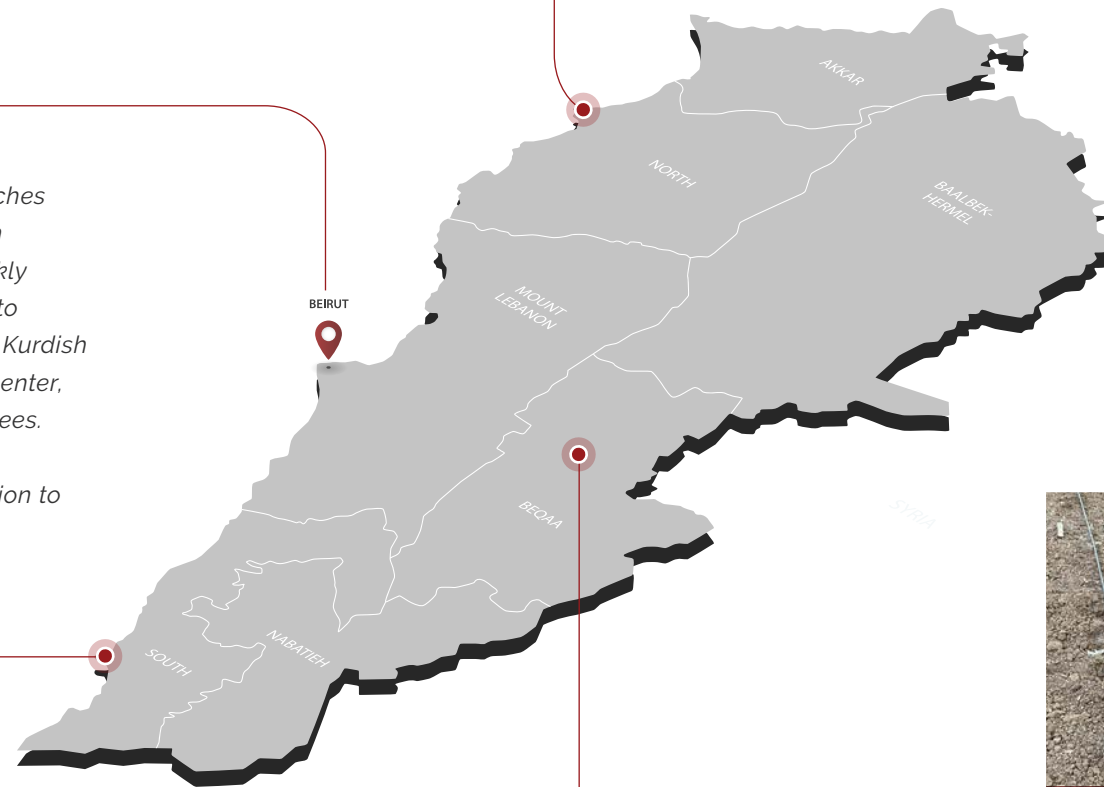
The team at the Majdlayya Center engages local families through house visits, church services, and meetings for women and children. Additionally, evangelistic events have helped us reach thousands with the hope of the gospel, enabling us to connect with families and gain trust in the wider community.



Georges Houssey trains church members in Tripoli

BEIRUT

The Nabaa Center team reaches the local community through evangelistic events and weekly house visits, which have led to many transformed lives. The Kurdish church, also located at the center, serves the city's Syrian refugees. Nearby, the School of Hope provides faith-based education to over 200 children.



Praying for a woman at a house visit in Nabaa

TYRE

The Tyre Center hosts ministry initiatives such as an evangelism and discipleship center, children's ministry, music school, medical clinic, and two farms. The children's ministry team offers education and Bible learning. The center also offers Bible studies, worship events, music lessons, discipleship groups, and house visits.



Music lessons in Tyre equip students for worship

BEQAA VALLEY

The Beqaa Center hosts evangelistic events and discipleship groups. Our field teams are constantly bringing the gospel to hundreds of refugee tents in the area. We also established two farms in the Beqaa Valley in response to Lebanon's economic crisis, to provide jobs and a sustainable food source for families in need. In nearby Zahlé, ministry teams conduct street evangelism and church planting.



Farmers cultivate crops in Beqaa



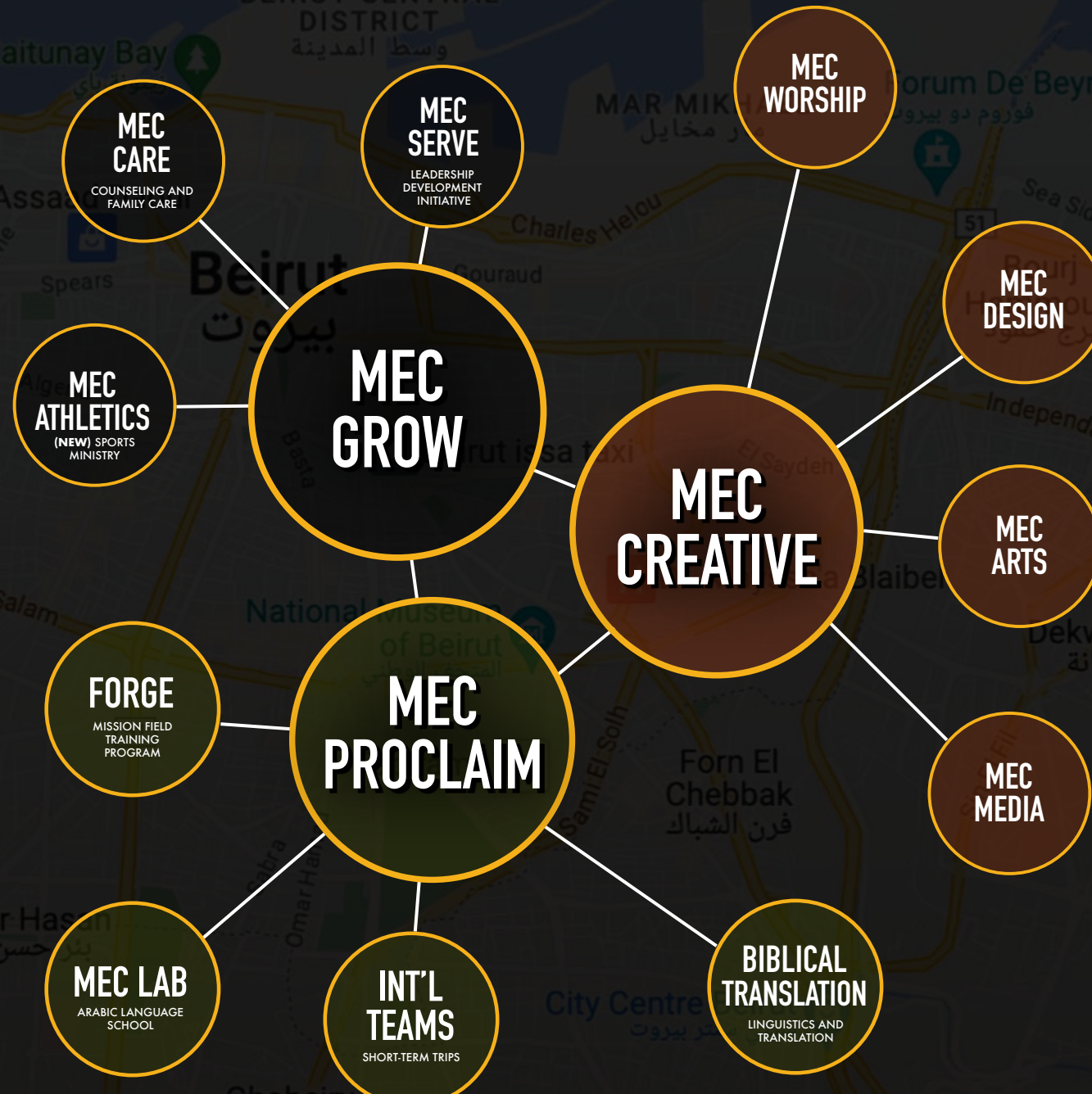
EQUIPPING BELIEVERS, TRANSFORMING NATIONS

The Middle East Center for World Missions (MEC) serves as a hub for global missions to and from the Middle East. It was established in Beirut, Lebanon, in 2019. The MEC encourages the cross-cultural exchange of spiritual gifts and callings and provides a training ground for anyone interested in international missions.

At the MEC, believers have the opportunity to develop essential ministry skills in areas such as evangelism, worship arts, media, graphic design, coding, children's ministry, administration, biblical counseling, and discipleship. Training programs, like the *Engage Muslims with Christ* course, equip attendees to effectively evangelize and disciple Muslims. The MEC is a neutral, shared platform for evangelical churches to collaborate and be equipped. It is a place for believers to gather, combine, and leverage resources to maximize our impact for the Kingdom.



Art exhibition in Beirut



The MEC invites people from around the world to come and be equipped to serve as missionaries in the region. It also trains local Middle Eastern missionaries to bring the gospel from Lebanon to the world.

Every believer has gifts and experience that can bless and equip other believers. However, these gifts are often unused due to a lack of coordination between local and global churches and organizations. When God's people work together, gospel opportunities abound. As the MEC builds its capacity to develop

ministry initiatives and coordinate outreach and training events, we are excited to witness the synergy and growth in God's Kingdom. Through the MEC, we are supporting local ministries, launching indigenous missions movements, and joining the Lord in his transformation of the Middle East and the world!



Equipping students for worship



Students worship the Lord through art



Music lessons at the MEC



SCHOOL OF HOPE

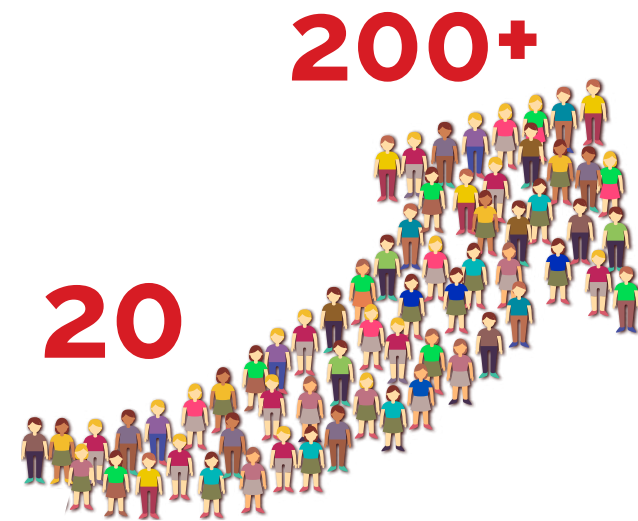
PROVIDING A FUTURE FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

As Lebanon's economy continues to deteriorate, Syrian refugees remain in large numbers—without much hope for a better life. Over 1.5 million refugees are stuck in a dire situation in camps and slums, without reliable access to food, water, medicine, or education.

Against the backdrop of this humanitarian crisis, School of Hope is living up to its name by giving Syrian refugee children a gospel-centered education. Since being founded by Horizons International in 2015, School of Hope has grown tenfold; from 20 students to over 200.

and guidance to develop godly character that will equip them for the future.

School of Hope comprises thirteen classes, from preschool right up to Grade 8, and students are taught by 23 staff members, including teaching assistants, an administrator, and a counselor. All staff share a passion for reaching students with the love of Christ. Many of the teachers are themselves refugees, **so can relate compassionately with the children while encouraging them to grow in their character and find hope in Christ.**



These children would otherwise not have access to a quality education, and School of Hope fulfills this crucial need. They are provided a safe environment where they receive a solid education, biblical discipleship,



A student enjoys starting the new school year

Subjects taught include Math, Science, Bible, Arabic, English, Social Science, History, Chemistry, and Physics.

After years of sharing the building with discipleship classes for hundreds of adults, Horizons has now moved these discipleship groups to the nearby MEC campus, so that School of Hope can use the entire building. **With an additional three classes since last year, the school is now able to serve fifty more students.** As Grace Teubl, Sponsorship Coordinator at School of Hope, says:

"With so many kids in the area desperate to get into schools and not able to, it's been really nice this year to say 'yes' to more students."

This expansion has led students to greater exposure to the gospel and the opportunity to grow in their faith. Teachers have been able to have one-on-one meetings with students, enabling these young refugees to respond to the gospel.

One student at School of Hope is 14-year-old Rolyana. With the support and care of a dedicated school teacher, **Rolyana's faith has flourished and the Lord is transforming lives through her example.**

She shared the message of Jesus with her family, and her prayers for her mother, who suffered from severe back pain, were answered miraculously. This led her parents to embrace Christ, who had brought healing into their lives!

Having learned how to read at School of Hope, Rolyana now reads the Bible to her mother, which brings her peace as she listens to her daughter's words. When asked what she values most about her school, she offered a simple yet profound answer, "It teaches about Jesus."

Through their impactful work being done at School of Hope, teachers and staff members are investing in the future of Lebanon and Syria—and the Lord is transforming the lives of children and their families.



Sponsor a child today and give the gift of Hope!

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Students celebrate Easter at School of Hope



SHINING THE LIGHT OF HOPE IN KOSOVO

In the heart of Muslim-majority Kosovo, the Messiah Evangelical Fellowship (MEF) has been dedicated to serving Christ for over three decades. What began as a small church plant among Albanian Muslims has now grown into a thriving ministry that is making a significant impact beyond the borders.

In 1994, Georges Houssney started training and encouraging three young believers, one of whom was Pastor Femi Çakolli. Pastor Femi took the lead in establishing this small church plant serving Albanian Muslims. Since then, **the work has grown and thrived, resulting in dozens of ministries throughout the country** which later formed the Dardania Church Network. Georges continues visiting to train and encourage local church leaders and evangelists.

With a population of nearly two million, approximately 96% of Kosovo's population are Muslim. This presents a unique challenge and opportunity for the Church



Pastors and missionaries attend training in Albania

to share the gospel. MEF, in collaboration with other churches and ministries, actively engages in outreach events, Christian publishing, infrastructure development, evangelistic training courses, financial literacy programs, and other community initiatives. The church has distributed over 5,000 evangelistic brochures, hosted thousands of people at events, and trained 200 women and their family members in practical skills and financial responsibility.

The journey has not been without its challenges. Kosovo, with its history of Islamic dominance, has witnessed the decline of its Christian identity over the centuries. However, through the faithful work of MEF, the Christian faith is in revival. **From a single church in 1994, there are now 30 churches across Kosovo.** The completion of the Kisha Protestante Church Center in 2017, the largest church building in Kosovo and the first to be permitted in more than a decade, symbolizes the growth and perseverance of believers in the face of adversity.

MEF's impact extends beyond the nation's borders! Modeled on the successful example of Lebanon's Middle East Center for World Missions (MEC), pastors Femi and Amir, along with Horizons staff member Florian, launched the Balkan Institute for Missions (BIM). Serving as a regional training hub in Eastern Europe,

and a sister ministry to the MEC, BIM is equipping churches across the Balkan nations to reach Muslims more effectively with the gospel.

Since its launch in 2022, BIM has organized training courses for indigenous leaders and missionaries serving Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia in a bid to equip

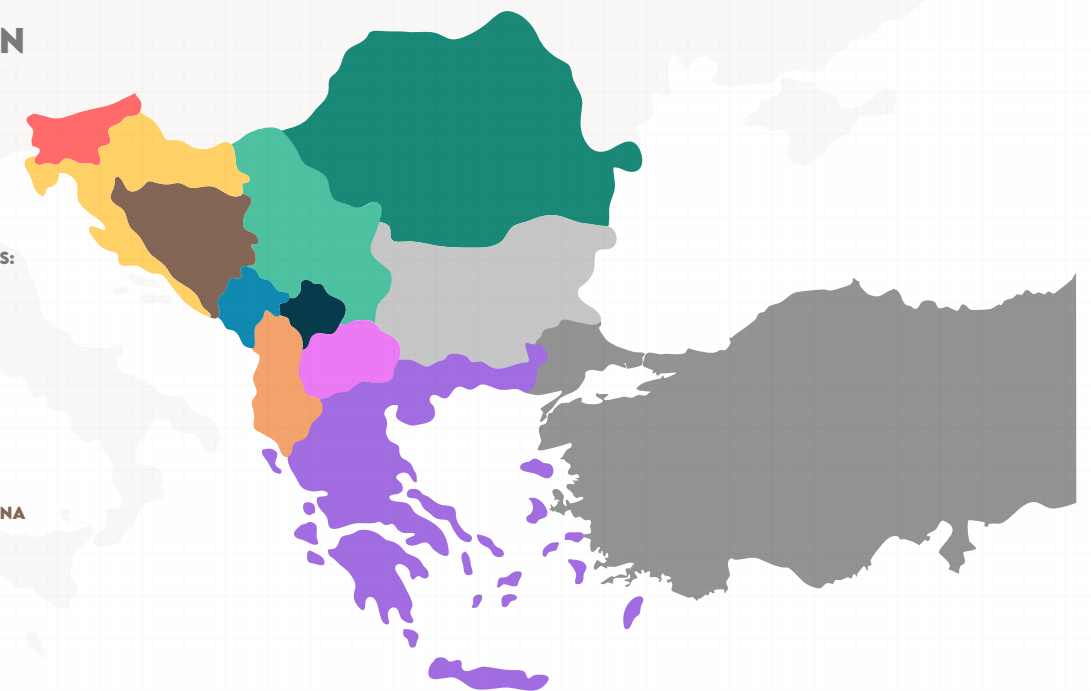
believers to share the gospel throughout the entire Balkan region. Additionally, Kosovan believers are establishing home churches among the diaspora who have left the country in search of opportunities.

In a land where Christianity has faced challenges, MEF is shining a light of hope and transformation!

BALKAN REGION

BALKAN REGION COUNTRIES:

- ALBANIA
- ROMANIA
- NORTH MACEDONIA
- KOSOVO
- SERBIA
- MONTENEGRO
- BULGARIA
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- CROATIA
- SLOVENIA
- GREECE
- TURKEY



Ancient Region, New Frontiers: MISSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

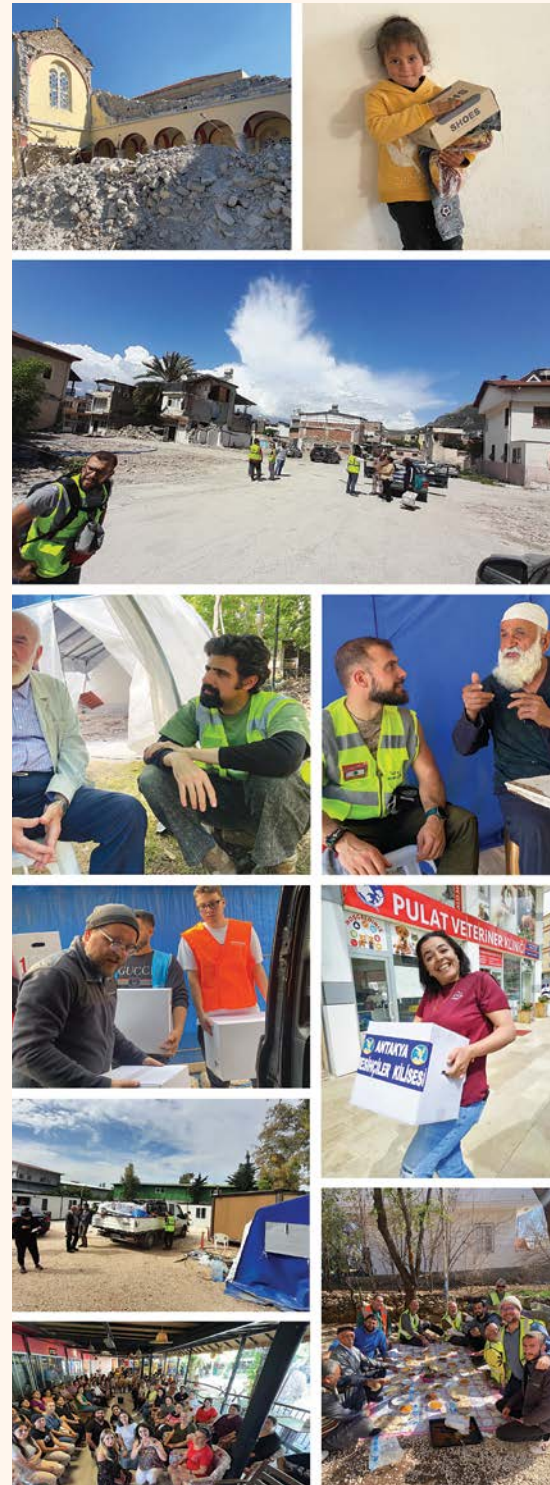
TURKEY— Horizons International started taking regular mission trips into Turkey from Lebanon in 2015. Horizons' ministry in Turkey is led by Sedat Selamet, who has been building a dedicated team of local staff members, supported by teams from Horizons Lebanon and Kosovo. Through strategic partnerships, they offer counseling services and children's ministry to families in Eskişehir, Istanbul, and Mardin. The ministry has expanded from just three families to 100 families, as the team shares the message of love with families in need.

Following the February 2023 earthquakes, Horizons Turkey, together with teams from Lebanon, distributed Bibles, gospel tracts, and essential humanitarian aid to thousands of survivors. As the initial relief work transitions into long-term recovery, **Horizons Turkey is assisting survivors to find healing in Christ**—through personal relationships and training events focused on mental health and trauma recovery.

SYRIA— Since 2017, Horizons' ministry teams have taken at least twelve mission trips to Syria. Across various regions of the country, we have partnered with churches to share the gospel and pray with people, while providing humanitarian aid such as medical supplies, heating fuel, food portions, and clothing.

After the February 2023 earthquakes, the Lord opened doors for Horizons Lebanon to send five teams to Aleppo and Shahbaa in Syria. The teams shared the gospel and prayed with earthquake survivors, while also partnering with local churches to assist with construction and repair projects throughout the country. A total of 34 homes were repaired while 21 families received tents. 1,400 families received food aid, while 525 individuals were given crucial medication. Horizons also repaired and expanded one church that had a capacity of 250 to accommodate 450 Kurdish believers at a time!

Although openly converting from Islam to Christianity is difficult in Syria, there is encouraging news from church partners of new believers making a commitment to Jesus and having life-changing experiences through the power of the gospel!



JORDAN— Since 2016, Horizons has been partnering with local churches in predominantly Muslim areas of Amman, Jordan. **We have helped these churches develop ministries and have sent trained staff to support ongoing programs** until they are self-sustaining. We have also provided training events and sent teams to serve youth and children at church-based ministry centers.

Recently, we have formed a partnership with a Jordanian couple who run a ministry center focused on families. They are currently teaching a biblical counseling course through MEC Care via Zoom. Additionally, Charbel Msallem has been collaborating with a biblical education organization called Third Millennium, to provide training events, including a free discipleship training curriculum to church leaders in Jordan.



ARABIAN GULF— Horizons staff members have been traveling to several cities in the Arabian Gulf to explore a number of ministry opportunities. As Horizons continues to seek God's guidance on the most effective ways to reach people in the country, the team recently visited a long-established church. They preached, led worship, and explored ways to support the local church in spreading the gospel.

The Arabian Gulf remains a high-security risk for believers. **However, God has led our teams to meet with small groups of Christians from Muslim Backgrounds**, providing opportunities to encourage and disciple local believers amid the risk of persecution.



EGYPT— For several years, Horizons has partnered with hundreds of local churches to offer ministry training, aiming to promote evangelism and collaboration among Egyptian churches. In August 2023, Horizons helped organize an evangelistic event with over 1,400 attendees. We partnered with Pastor Chawky Boulos, director of Living Faith Ministry, who led the event. **He invited people to accept Jesus, and over 200 people responded.** Many more came to ask for prayer, as most were extremely poor and had severe medical problems. Our partnership with Living Faith Ministry continues to bear fruit, and we are organizing more events and providing assistance for outreach opportunities.

HORIZONS INTERNATIONAL ASIA: REACHING MUSLIMS FOR CHRIST IN THE FAR EAST

After attending an *Engaging Islam* training in Hong Kong in 2014, Pastor Edward and his wife Sandy took up an invitation from Horizons' founder Georges Houssey to join Horizons and set up a new ministry base. In 2015, they launched Horizons International Asia (HIA), with the goal of reaching Muslims for Christ across the continent.



Street evangelism in Hong Kong

The HIA team, composed of three staff members and 25 volunteers, boldly proclaims the gospel through street evangelism and house visits, despite resistance and persecution. Each weekend, as many as eight evangelism teams conduct outreach on the streets of Hong Kong, engaging Muslims through conversation, prayer, and distribution of gospel literature. Additionally, they connect with 70 Muslim families through regular house visits.

After years of faithful evangelism with little fruit, Pastor Edward prayed for a way to reach Muslim families who were resistant to the gospel. The Lord answered that prayer with a new approach—providing low-cost laptop rentals to Muslim families. This strategy has allowed the team

to impact many more families who were previously unreceptive to the gospel with Christ's love.

Pastor Edward regularly leads training events, such as the *Engaging Islam* course, to prepare more believers for ministering to the large population of Muslims in Asia. He also runs discipleship courses to ensure that new believers continue to grow in their faith and to equip them for effective ministry.



Georges Houssey and the Horizons Asia team

HIA's ministry also extends beyond the Far East. The team actively reaches out to countries in Central Asia and beyond with the gospel, such as missions trips to the United Kingdom to train Chinese churches in missions to Muslims!

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PROJECT REPORTS: CHINA AND SOUTH AFRICA

CHINA

After attending a Horizons training course in 2007, Pastor "C" partnered with us to produce a Chinese translation of the *Engaging Islam* curriculum. He officially joined the Horizons family in 2009 and started teaching the program across various Chinese provinces, as well as in Malaysia and Myanmar.

Since then, Pastor "C" has equipped thousands of Asian Bible school students to reach Muslims for Christ. He has also established several evangelism teams to make disciples among the approximately 20 million Muslims who live in China.

The church in China is witnessing significant growth, with an increasing missions movement among the country's refugees. **Many pastors are sharing exciting testimonies of Muslims coming to Christ** and new church plants across the region. In addition to his work in China, Pastor "C" regularly visits Malaysia and Myanmar to equip believers to effectively engage Muslims with the gospel.



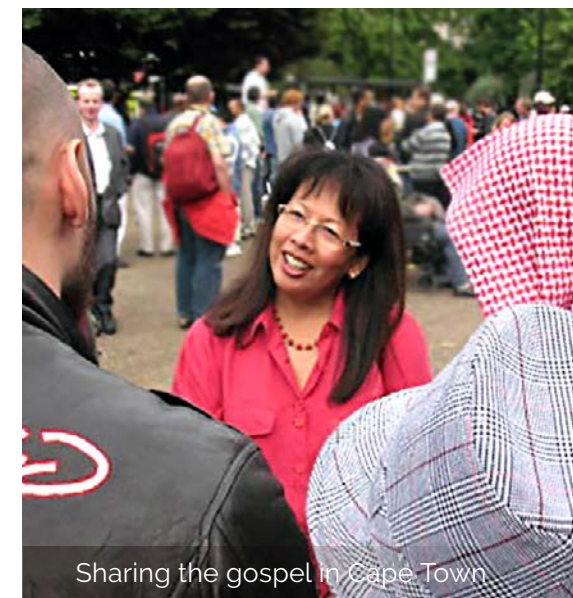
Explaining scripture in Asia

SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, Horizons staff members, Allain and Nicole Ravelo-Hoërsen, are equipping churches to meet the growing challenge of Islam. They empower believers to reach Muslims in their communities through both in-person and online training, and by modeling lifestyle evangelism. They also assist in coordinating missions conferences and training across Africa.

From their base in Cape Town, Nicole and Allain teach annual courses on Muslim evangelism at the Bible Institute of South Africa, engage in debates with Islamic leaders, teach courses in apologetics, and deliver regular training sessions to churches all over South Africa.

Nicole and Allain also lead outreach teams and help churches transition from a passive stance to an active ministry. **They encourage local churches to adopt a missional approach to reaching Muslims** and cultivating a new generation of believers who are equipped for ministry to Muslims.



Sharing the gospel in Cape Town



UKRAINE: COMPASSION IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT

Horizons began serving in Ukraine in 2018 by conducting *Engaging Islam* training courses. Over the years, these courses have equipped hundreds of Ukrainian believers to share the gospel with the growing number of Muslims throughout Ukraine. We did not know at the time that the network we were building was preparing us to respond quickly after Russia's invasion in February 2022.

In April 2022, Horizons' Founder and President Georges Houssney traveled to western Ukraine, taking medication and financial aid to churches, who were strategically positioned to minister to tens of thousands of refugees. Georges witnessed the Lord working through the local church, as they opened their doors to those displaced by the war. He also experienced the immense need for gospel-centered humanitarian aid—and soon after this trip, Horizons launched the Ukraine Crisis Fund (UCF).

The UCF delivers humanitarian aid combined with the hope of the gospel throughout Ukraine. This approach



Refugees hear the gospel in Kyiv



Providing food boxes in rural areas

empowers the local evangelical Church to address the diverse needs of families displaced by the war. Building on the example of the Lebanon Crisis Fund, the UCF works through partnerships to combine gospel-centered humanitarian aid with relevant training that helps churches and believers effectively share the gospel and equip believers for ministry.

Three months after the launch of the UCF, Horizons sent staff members from Lebanon to Kyiv to spearhead the response on the ground. **Together, the Horizons team and partner churches shared the gospel with thousands of people** through 22 ministry events and nearly 450 house visits!

Horizons is effectively serving refugees, widows, and families with vital humanitarian aid and spiritual support. They have distributed food boxes, over 3,700 Bibles, and 11,000 gospel tracts to refugees. As a result, over 300 people have accepted Christ!

While the war continues to rage, the Lord is still at work in Ukraine. Find out more:

horizonsinternational.org/ukraine-crisis



EXPLORING EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

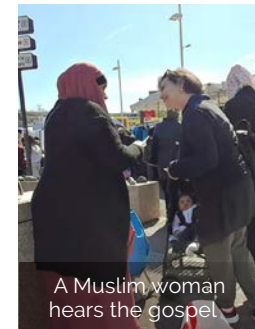
Horizons is currently exploring ministry opportunities in the UK. We are engaging with church leaders to establish new partnerships to reach Muslims, international students, and refugees with the gospel. We are now expanding our existing network of individuals and churches across the country who partner with us through prayer, financial support, and field ministry collaboration. Additionally, we hope to increase the number of short-term teams and long-term staff from the UK that serve with Horizons.



Praying for Horizons in England

FRANCE

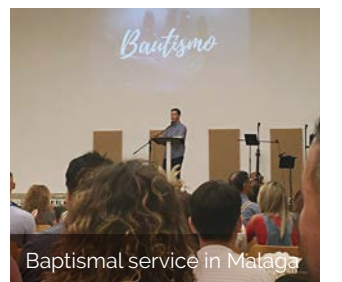
In 2018, Georges Houssney visited eight French cities to train local believers, speak at churches, and promote his newly translated book, *Abordons Les Musulmans* (Let's Approach Muslims—translated from *Engaging Islam*). A year later, Georges returned to Paris to equip new believers through the *Cubs to Lions* course and in 2022 Horizons returned to equip Arab pastors across France. In 2023, staff member Dolly Deeb ministered to refugees, immigrants, and homeless individuals, and over 100 people heard the gospel through door-to-door evangelism and ministry events! We hope to expand this ministry to Muslims into neighboring countries.



A Muslim woman hears the gospel

SPAIN

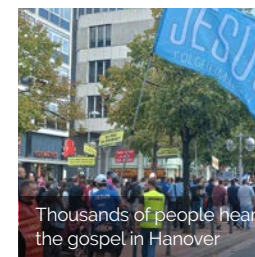
Horizons' presence in Spain began in 2019 when staff members Scott and Amy Tipton felt led to serve the North Africans of Spain, after serving together in North Africa for several years. Based in Malaga, they are now taking full advantage of the nation's religious freedom. Spain, particularly the Malaga area, presents an unprecedented opportunity; increasing numbers of Muslim refugees coming from North Africa. These numbers spiked after natural disasters in Morocco and Libya and since relocating in Spain, refugees have become much easier to reach with the gospel.



Baptismal service in Malaga

GERMANY

Horizons is building relationships with Arabic churches in Germany to share the gospel with immigrants. The team is focused on those who have been living there for many years, as they have proven to be receptive to the gospel and long-term connections. Additionally, Horizons is collaborating with local churches to organize street outreach, worship, and other evangelistic events in cities across Germany. These events unite hundreds of believers from these churches, and enable them to reach thousands of people with the love of Christ.



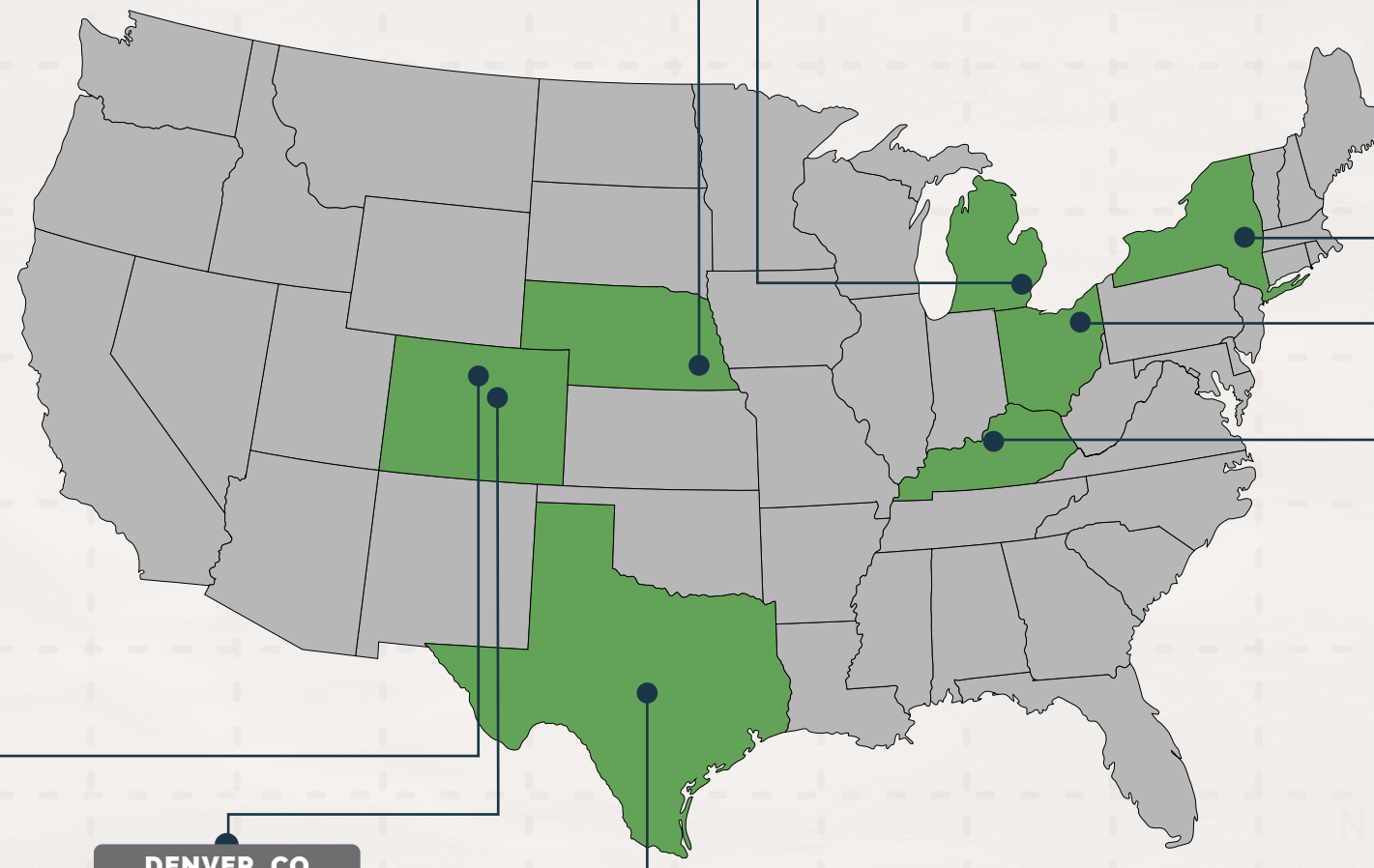
Thousands of people hear the gospel in Hanover

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY REACHING THE NATIONS FOR CHRIST

The roots of our US Field Ministry began in Boulder, Colorado, in 1984. Horizons' founder Georges Houssney, and his wife, Joy, started ministering to students on the campus of the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a focus on reaching Muslims with the love of Christ. From 1990 onward, International Student Ministry (ISM) has been a hallmark of Horizons' ministry in the United States.

In the 2021-22 academic year, almost a million international students attended college in the United States—and yet the vast majority did not hear the gospel during their time in America. With the goal of **"Reaching the Nations at your Doorstep"**, Horizons' International Student Ministry aims to cultivate thriving groups of Christian students, who are equipped to take the gospel back to their home countries!

Our ISM team is serving amongst international students and immigrants in and around ten major university campuses in seven states.



BOULDER, CO

- Ten events are held per year, including monthly dinners, Bible studies, and friendship dinners.
- 70 students from 25 countries are served by ten volunteers.
- Bibles in Farsi, Spanish, French, and Slovak have been distributed!

DENVER, CO

- 30 events per year, including conversation classes, hikes, picnics, dinners, ESL classes, and Bible studies.
- Over 150 students from 30 nations are ministered to by 24 volunteers.
- Church members volunteer as English teachers, host dinner and Bible studies, drive students to events, provide meals, and serve as friendship partners.
- Students have received Bibles in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, Farsi, Thai, and Arabic!

LINCOLN, NE

- Events include weekly in-person and online Bible studies.
- 200 students are reached through partnerships with 20 churches and other ministries.
- One man in China attends the online Bible study and is now gathering Chinese believers together to read the Word.

DEARBORN, MI

- Horizons staff members Murray and Candace Crawford moved to Michigan in July 2023 and are currently exploring opportunities for partnerships with churches and ministries in Dearborn.

ALBANY, NY

- 30 events per year, including field trips, welcome dinners, and Friendship partnerships.
- 150 students from 30 nations are being reached by 40 volunteers.
- 50 Bibles have been given to students!

AKRON, OH

- 25 events per year, including weekly dinners.
- 80 students from 12 countries are supported by 20 volunteers.
- Church partnerships provide food, volunteers, and other needs to support the ministry!

LOUISVILLE, KY

- Staff members meet international students at the University of Louisville, host students, and connect students with families.
- 14 students attend weekly Bible studies.
- 150 Bibles distributed in English, Arabic, Mandarin, and Korean.

AUSTIN, TX

- One to three events per year, including the annual Cup of Nations soccer tournament!
- The Cup of Nations brings in 100 international students and refugees from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Turkey, Tunisia, Myanmar, Congo, Rwanda, Palestine, and Syria.
- Local churches, including 30 volunteers, partner with soccer teams to form relationships for long-term evangelism!

Horizons hosts events and activities not only for students, but for refugees and immigrants throughout America. These individuals are welcomed into a friendly atmosphere of cultural dinners, hikes, sports, and Friendship Partner programs to foster relationships with local Americans—who are then able to **share their faith and stir spiritual conversations with students**. Other activities include ESL classes, local park outreaches, and families hosting students for meals in their own homes.

There are many more opportunities for ministry to students, refugees, and immigrants throughout America. If you or your church would like to get involved, please reach out to:
jim@horizonsinternational.org



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The

Spirit of the Lord

is upon Me, Because He has

anointed Me to preach the gospel

to the poor; He has sent Me to

heal the
brokenhearted...”

”

—Luke 4:18



During his life's work of ministry to Muslims, Georges Houssney found that Christians from Muslim Backgrounds (CMBs) often leave the faith due to persecution, ostracization by their families and communities, or a lack of discipleship and sound biblical teaching.

To help them overcome these unique challenges, Georges created *Cubs to Lions* (CTL) to equip them with essential tools needed for a mature Christian life. Taught by Middle Eastern believers, **CTL provides solid biblical teaching and practical training** on topics such as how to pray, read the Bible, find a church, and share the gospel with others. Horizons has also developed two new formats:

Online weekly discipleship sessions are also available, providing practical encouragement and fellowship to CMBs who can join from anywhere in the world!

- *The Cubs To Lions Family Edition curriculum features an in-depth textbook and over 200 engaging short videos. It teaches vital biblical perspectives on marriage, raising children, church relationships, and more.*
- *The Cubs To Lions Kids curriculum teaches foundational Christian values to young children through a series of eight books containing simple exercises, games, and Bible stories.*

engagingislam.org/cubs-to-lions



Biblical Missiology is a global network and online community dedicated to 'restoring the gospel to missions and missions to the church.' Established in 2009, it has become a prominent voice among scholars, churches, and believers who are committed to biblically-sound theory and practice in missions.

The Journal of Biblical Missiology website serves as an online resource for missionaries, church leaders, scholars, ministries, and lay Christians. **It encourages discussion of biblically faithful mission practices, sharing of resources worldwide, and production of biblically faithful perspectives** on current church issues. Whether it's challenging the Insider Movement, exposing Muslim Idiom Translations, or reviewing the latest missions books, Biblical Missiology is an invaluable resource for missions.

In addition, Biblical Missiology hosts a discussion group and a dedicated website (translation.biblicalmissiology.org) promoting biblically faithful Bible translation that engages people in sound missions practice from across the globe.

biblicalmissiology.org



The internationally acclaimed *Legacy Conference* equips believers for effective ministry to Muslims. The *Legacy Conference* was launched to provide practical training and networking opportunities for churches, individuals, and mission organizations who are passionate about reaching Muslims with the gospel.

Held biannually, *Legacy* features some of the most highly respected and prominent leaders in the field of Muslim evangelism. The conference offers solid biblical teaching through presentations, break-out sessions, and Q&A panels.

The Legacy Conference features unique opportunities:

- Connect and network with believers who share a heart for missions.
- Learn from experienced missionaries to Muslims.
- Hear powerful testimonies from CMBs.
- Learn effective strategies for reaching Muslims with the gospel!

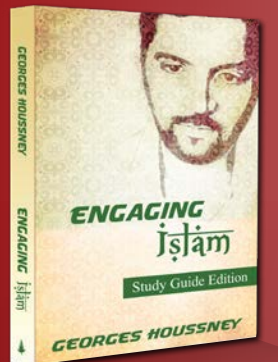
legacyconference.org



Designed specifically for small church groups, the *Engage Muslims with Christ* course is a dynamic and interactive learning experience that will empower your witness to Muslims. Taught by some of the most experienced evangelists and experts working with Muslims today, this course will equip you to engage in life-transforming conversations and discipleship with the Muslims living, working, and studying in your community.

To make our training available globally, we have developed the *Engage Muslims with Christ* online course. It is available through an e-learning platform, enabling students to engage with valuable content at their own pace.

Register for the course today!
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2023

IMPACT IN
NUMBERS



5,608

BIBLES DISTRIBUTED



3,196

MEDICATION
PRESCRIPTIONS
SECURED

252,525

MEALS PROVIDED

1,385

PEOPLE IN
DISCIPLESHIP



13,450+

GOSPEL
TRACTS
DISTRIBUTED

889

PROCLAMATIONS
OF FAITH



12,754

PURE HEART FOLLOW-UP
GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS

130

PARTNER CHURCHES
IN LEBANON

1,694

HOUSE VISITS



229,224

FOLLOWERS ON ARABIC
SOCIAL MEDIA

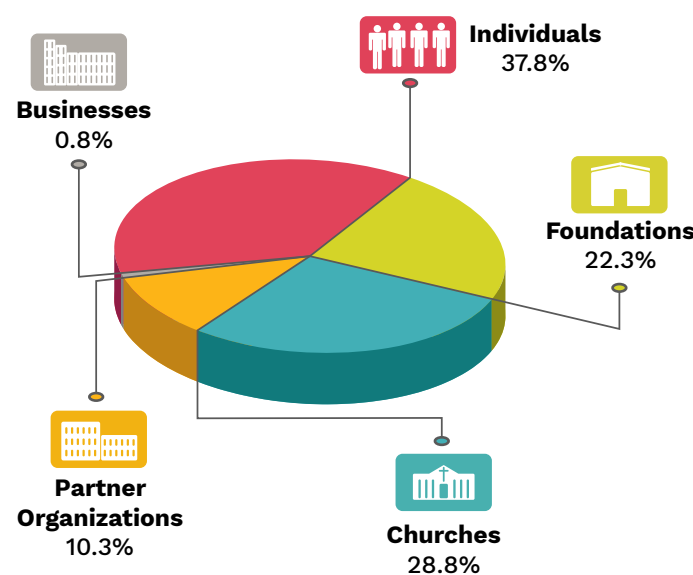


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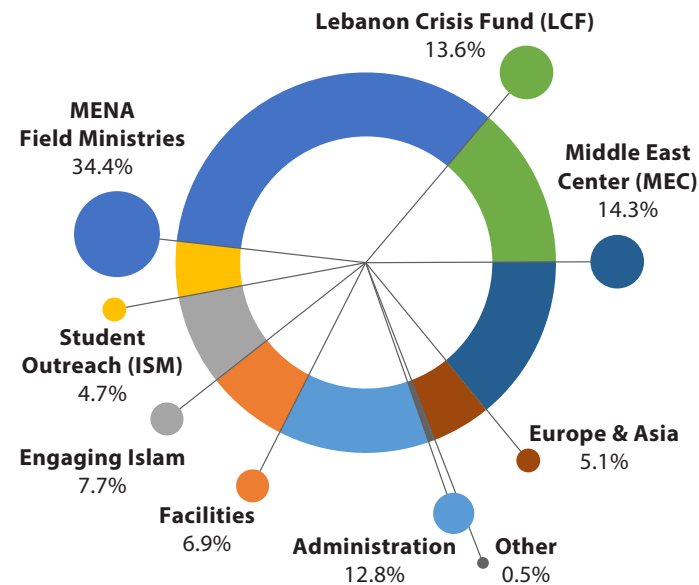
The work of Horizons is made possible through generous contributions from individuals, churches, and foundations. By God's grace, He has inspired an increasing number of people to serve through giving to Horizons' strategic initiatives around the world. Below is a financial report showing income and expenses for the last three years, as well as budgeted figures for 2024.

Expenses	2021 Income	2021 Expenses	2022 Income	2022 Expenses	2023 Projected Income	2023 Projected Expenses	Budget 2024 Income	Budget 2024 Expenses
Administration	\$1,716,759	\$576,426	\$950,039	\$588,249	\$754,014	\$710,753	\$729,585	\$703,830
(Facilities) Building	\$425,567	\$354,879	\$638,843	\$415,481	\$586,536	\$386,000	\$575,000	\$387,869
Training Programs	\$308,279	\$328,970	\$71,448	\$194,308	\$284,489	\$430,671	\$337,364	\$441,857
US Field Ministry	\$259,816	\$234,992	\$216,762	\$224,458	\$225,464	\$261,758	\$273,851	\$277,121
MENA Field Ministries	\$1,685,219	\$2,065,197	\$1,755,088	\$1,965,872	\$2,039,378	\$1,916,511	\$2,040,436	\$2,049,585
Lebanon Crisis Fund (LCF)	\$695,399	\$741,649	\$300,563	\$831,480	\$468,133	\$759,974	\$665,673	\$749,919
Middle East Center	\$404,222	\$413,382	\$1,087,324	\$1,506,140	\$833,890	\$796,262	\$659,186	\$597,240
Kosovo, Ukraine & Asia	\$179,082	\$213,061	\$39,097	\$108,969	\$166,797	\$281,958	\$173,905	\$274,787
Other	\$57,429	\$27,715	\$48,375	\$26,173	\$30,951	\$29,970	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total	\$5,731,772	\$4,956,271	\$5,107,539	\$5,861,130	\$5,389,652	\$5,573,857	\$5,485,000	\$5,512,208

* Figures are composed of Q1-Q3 actual income and expenses, plus Q4 projections. In instances in which expenses exceed income, funds rolled over from the previous year are used, or leadership approves allocations of undesignated funds, in order to seize valuable ministry opportunities and support crucial initiatives.



WHO GAVE IN 2023



WHERE WE SPENT IN 2023

HOW WILL WE INVEST IN GOD'S REVIVAL IN 2024?

The world is beset with war, conflict, humanitarian disasters, and poverty. Amid these ongoing crises, thousands of people are seeking answers as they endure unimaginable hardships. **Against this backdrop, multitudes of people are discovering that Christ is the answer!** The Church stands unwavering as a beacon of hope, pointing the way. Yet there are still billions who have not even heard the gospel! By God's grace, and in collaboration with partners worldwide, Horizons is responding by resourcing local believers to disciple thousands of new converts, equip churches for the harvest, and widely proclaim the gospel through media.

For 2024, God has led Horizons to fulfill the work of the Great Commission through the following Strategic Initiatives:

» Field Ministry and Evangelism

Expanding our gospel-centered humanitarian aid efforts, planning new large-scale evangelistic events in Lebanon, taking advantage of emerging mission opportunities in other countries, and building our capacity to effectively disciple those who come to faith.

» Training and Equipping

Launching additional training courses and materials through in-person and online formats to increase the reach and impact of our training ministry and equip believers in evangelism and disciple-making.

» Media Ministry

Increasing our digital impact through further investment in media ministry by creating evangelistic videos for our social media channels, growing our social media follow-up and discipleship team, and investing in the creation of indigenous worship music.

2023 \$125,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE

Invest in the Lord's revival today by partnering with Horizons! Your gift towards the 2023 Matching Challenge will resource local believers to disciple thousands of new converts, equip churches for the harvest, and widely proclaim the gospel through media. What makes this opportunity even more remarkable is that every donation postmarked on or before December 31 will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$125,000. This means your gift will have double the impact for God's Kingdom!

horizonsinternational.org/2023match

*“May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you
may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

- Romans 15:13



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