



# BUILDING A NEW HUB FOR MIDDLE EAST MISSIONS IN BEIRUT



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# HORIZONS STAFF RECHARGE AT THE WESTERN STAFF SUMMIT

In late June of this year, Horizons Boulder was proud to host our 2018 Western Staff Summit, which was attended by over 30 staff members from the U.S., Canada, and Lebanon! This 4-day gathering included exciting ministry reports, team-building discussions, staff outings, and other activities. The 2018 summit was also attended by four new members to the Boulder International Student Ministry team: Kevin and Natalie Clark, and Yuksel and Dijle Kurada! Praise God for blessing us with such wonderful new staff members.

The Western Summit, which takes place every third year, is a great opportunity for our team to connect with each other, and to experience firsthand the fruit of each others' presence and unique callings. From ministry to international students, to church planting and discipleship, Horizons' staff members were able to share about the work God has done and make plans to work together in carrying the vision into the future.



## ENGAGING ISLAM INSTITUTE 2018

This year's first of two Engaging Islam Institutes was held at Horizons' Lebanon headquarters from June 4-15. Attendees and teachers alike were blessed with 10 days of instruction, fellowship, and hands-on evangelism. This training equipped over 135 attendees from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, New Zealand, China, Russia, and the U.S.

In addition to in-depth classroom instruction, participants took part in several days of outreach, both on the streets and by visiting Syrian refugee camps. Stopping at tents and ministering to refugees, as well as taking part in Horizons-organized worship events and children's events, participants were coached as they experienced first-hand what it means to share the gospel with those in need. In all, participants reached hundreds of Muslims in 3 different areas of Lebanon with the gospel!

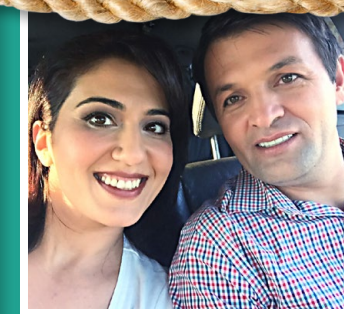


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Horizons is proud to announce the addition of 4 new staff members to our International Student Ministry team in Boulder!



Kevin and Natalie



Dijle and Yuksel



## MEET OUR NEW ISM STAFF!

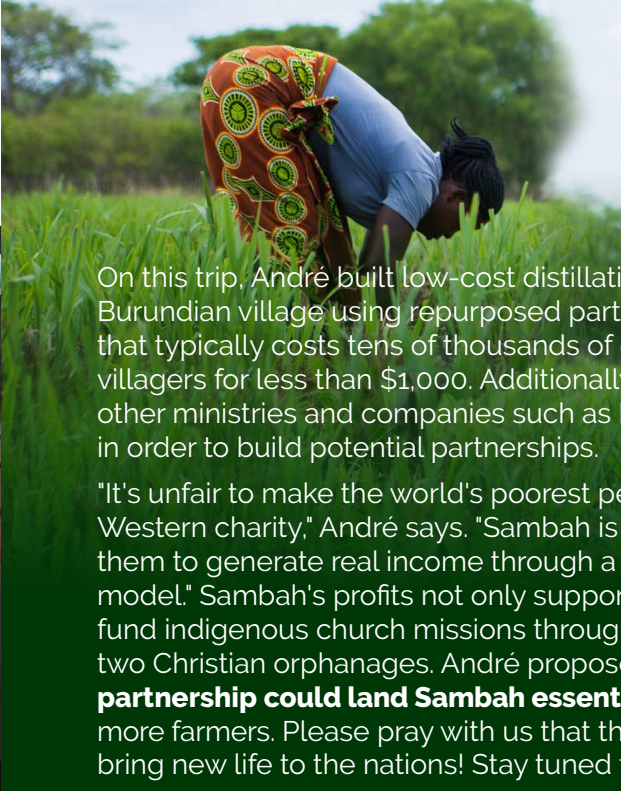


International Crossroads  
Christian Fellowship

- **Kevin and Natalie Clark** relocated from Memphis, TN, to direct the Horizons' International Student Ministry at CU Boulder.
- **Yuksel and Dijle Kurada**, originally from Turkey, felt God leading them from Houston to Boulder, to reach out to international students, and particularly Muslims.

Our new ISM members are engaging in campus outreach, church engagement and partnerships, special events, and more. In doing so, they join team of Horizons ISM staff that spans 18 campuses in 7 states! To learn more about our newest team members, as well as ISM staff already serving in other locations, visit [www.horizonsinternational.org/ISM-staff](http://www.horizonsinternational.org/ISM-staff)

## THE LORD'S ABUNDANCE IN AFRICA



André Houssney is back from his fruitful three-week trip to Rwanda and Burundi. On this visit, he investigated potential partnerships for Zambia-based Sambah Naturals with local ministries and Whole Foods. **Sambah, an economic ministry, partners with 10,000 farmers—but these partnerships could increase that number to nearly 60,000!**

On this trip, André built low-cost distillation equipment for a Burundian village using repurposed parts, bringing technology that typically costs tens of thousands of dollars to these villagers for less than \$1,000. Additionally, he worked with other ministries and companies such as Dan Brose and Pacha in order to build potential partnerships.

"It's unfair to make the world's poorest people dependent on Western charity," André says. "Sambah is focused on enabling them to generate real income through a reproducible business model." Sambah's profits not only support African families, but fund indigenous church missions through WOTA Ministries and two Christian orphanages. André proposed Sambah's method and products to Whole Foods executives, **whose partnership could land Sambah essential oils in Whole Foods stores nationwide** and employ tens of thousands more farmers. Please pray with us that the Lord will bless Sambah Naturals in these partnerships and use them to bring new life to the nations! Stay tuned for more Sambah news, and be sure to visit: [sambahnaturals.com](http://sambahnaturals.com)



**"It's unfair to make the world's poorest people dependent on Western charity"**

SAMBAH IS CURRENTLY SEEKING BOTH DONORS AND INVESTORS. CONTACT [ahoussney@gmail.com](mailto:ahoussney@gmail.com) TO LEARN MORE!

**The Middle East Center** for World Missions is an ambitious new project that stands to change the face of Christianity in the Middle East. Through Horizons' ground-level involvement in over 8 countries in the MENA region, as well as numerous partnerships with national churches and ministries, God has revealed an opportunity to catalyze regional church unity on a scale never before envisioned, a vision of synergetic collaboration built on our decades of work to equip the Church for the Great Commission.

# WELCOME TO THE



The MEC will serve as a pivotal piece of strategic infrastructure in the region, to link and empower a network of local ministries and churches. The evangelical church in the MENA region is still a young and growing patchwork of entities, in need of a shared platform for communication, strategy, training, education, and sending capacity.

As a physical hub and gathering place for training and missions in the Middle East, the MEC will be an entry point for believers from outside the region who want to get involved, and also will mobilize and equip indigenous missionaries to serve in their region and abroad.

## Why Beirut?

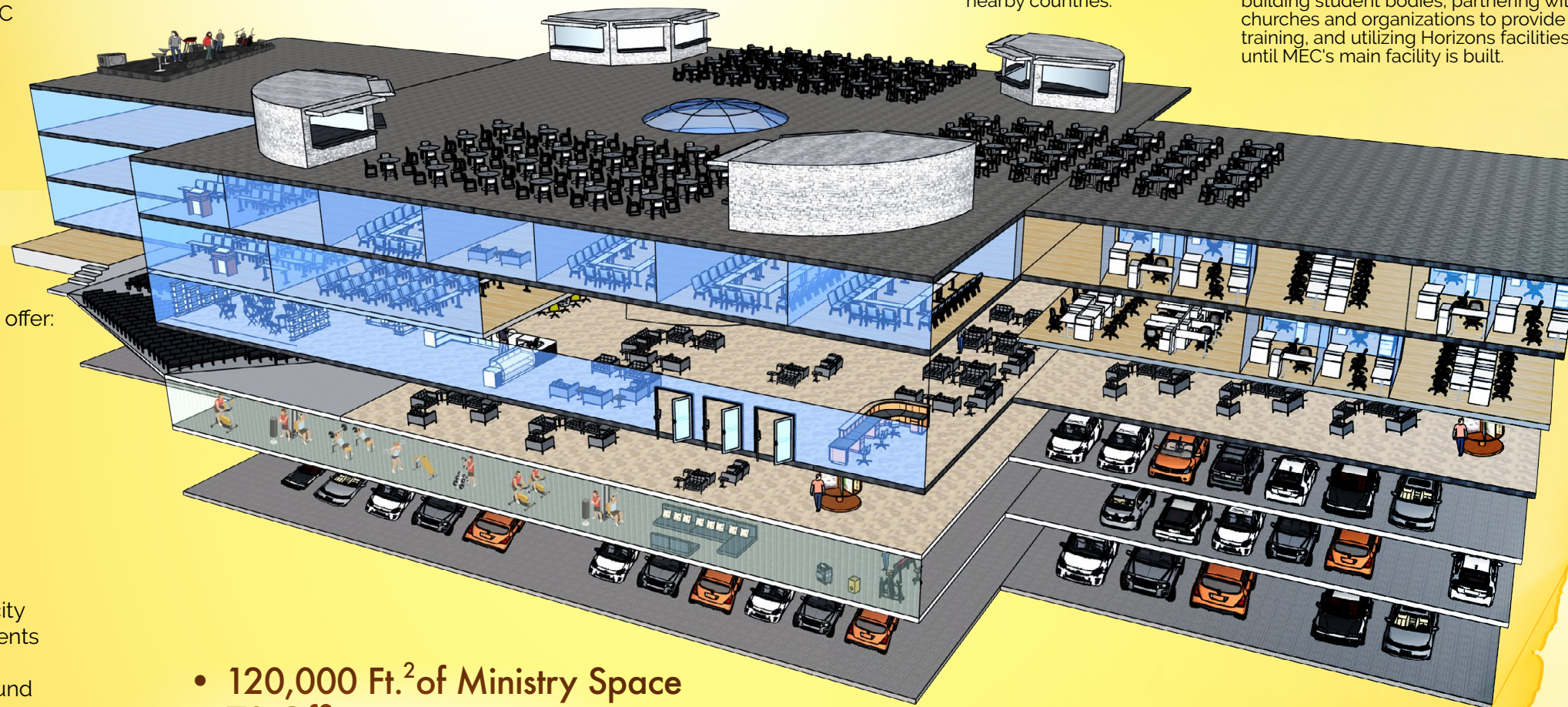
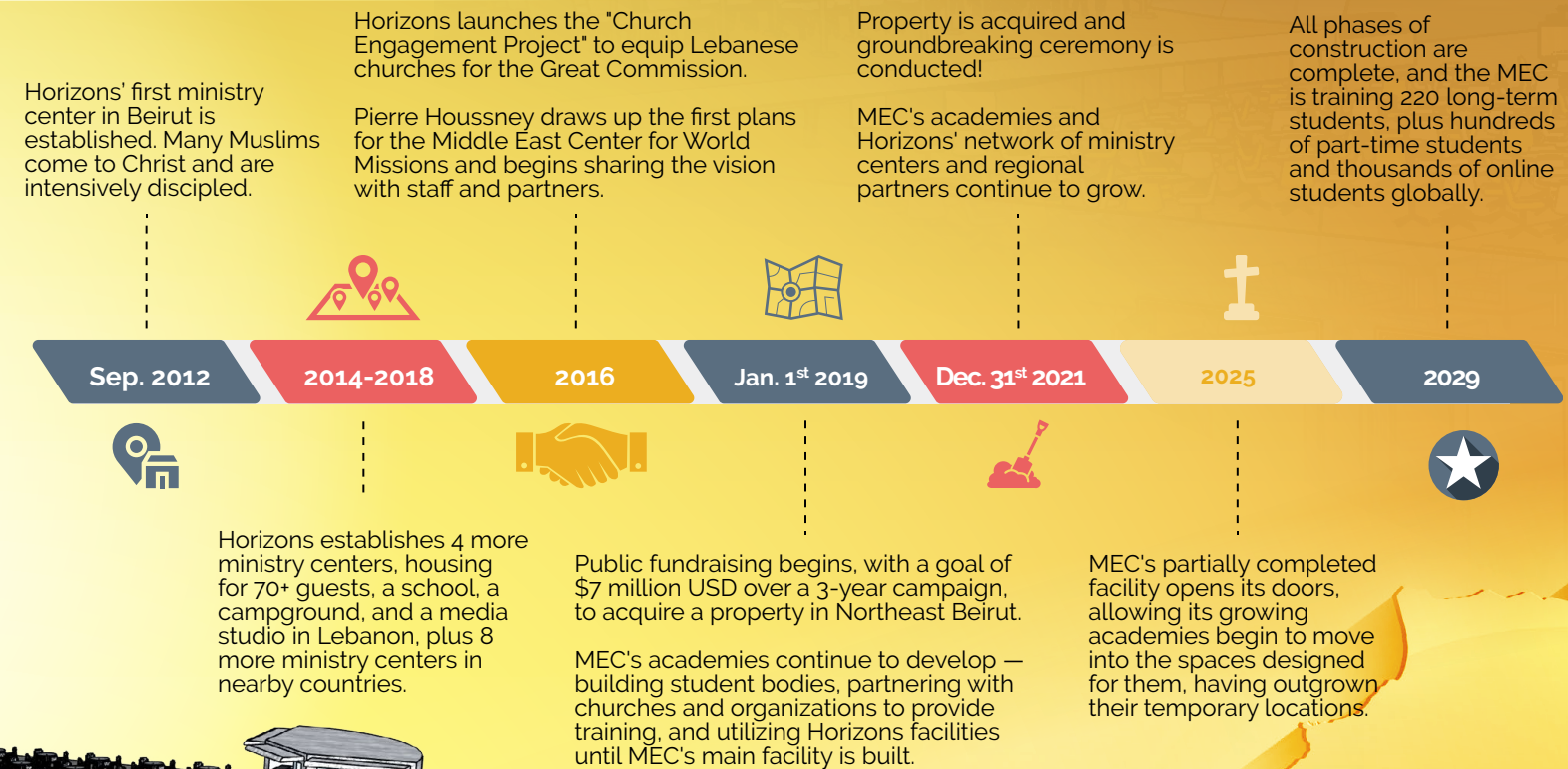
Beirut, Lebanon, provides opportunities that no other city in the Middle East can offer:

1. Freedom of religion
2. Large Christian populations
3. The highest concentration of evangelical churches in the MENA region
4. Central location - a strategic key to the region.

The MEC is projected to have the capacity to house and equip 220 long-term students annually, plus thousands of short-term students and instructors. Our aim is to fund and purchase land by 2023, be partially operational by 2025, and fully operational by 2030. In this ambitious undertaking, we firmly believe that the Lord will be faithful to provide for the vision he has given us!

- 120,000 Ft.<sup>2</sup> of Ministry Space
- 70 Offices
- 1,700+ Capacity Auditorium
- 200 Dorms/Guest Rooms
- 7 Audio/Video Studios
- And more!

# MEC TIMELINE: PAST TO FUTURE



Beirut

# THE MEC IS NOW!

The MEC isn't a building. It's a movement, and it has already started! With so many areas of Kingdom building, teams from around the world are coming to bring their own expertise and passion to the field!

## EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

In June 2018, Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa, OK, sent a team to provide administrative and logistical support for the Engaging Islam Institute in Beirut. This enabled Horizons' Lebanese staff to focus on curriculum, participant care, and training. Over 105 mostly indigenous ministers of the gospel were trained through this event, and hundreds of Muslims heard the gospel through outreaches during the event. The Evangelism and Discipleship Academy's goal is to equip thousands more for fruitful ministry among Muslims around the world.

## WORSHIP ARTS SEMINAR

Crossroads Church in Colorado sent a vision team to Beirut in Jan 2017 to explore how to get involved, and they brought instruments to donate to the Horizons studio! In early 2019, Pastor Brad Richardson will lead a team of "musicianaries" to conduct Worship Music seminars and coaching. Multiple Lebanese partner churches will send participants, to develop and improve their worship teams.



The Crossroads Team at Horizons' Beirut studio in January 2017

## LANGUAGE ACQUISITION ACADEMY - SMALL BEGINNINGS THROUGH TUTORING

Horizons Lebanon has been tutoring visitors, interns, and foreign staff, helping them learn Arabic in order to serve in Lebanon. We plan to develop these efforts into a language academy for not only Arabic, but also to teach language acquisition techniques, preparing indigenous missionaries to learn languages wherever they are sent.

## PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS CENTER

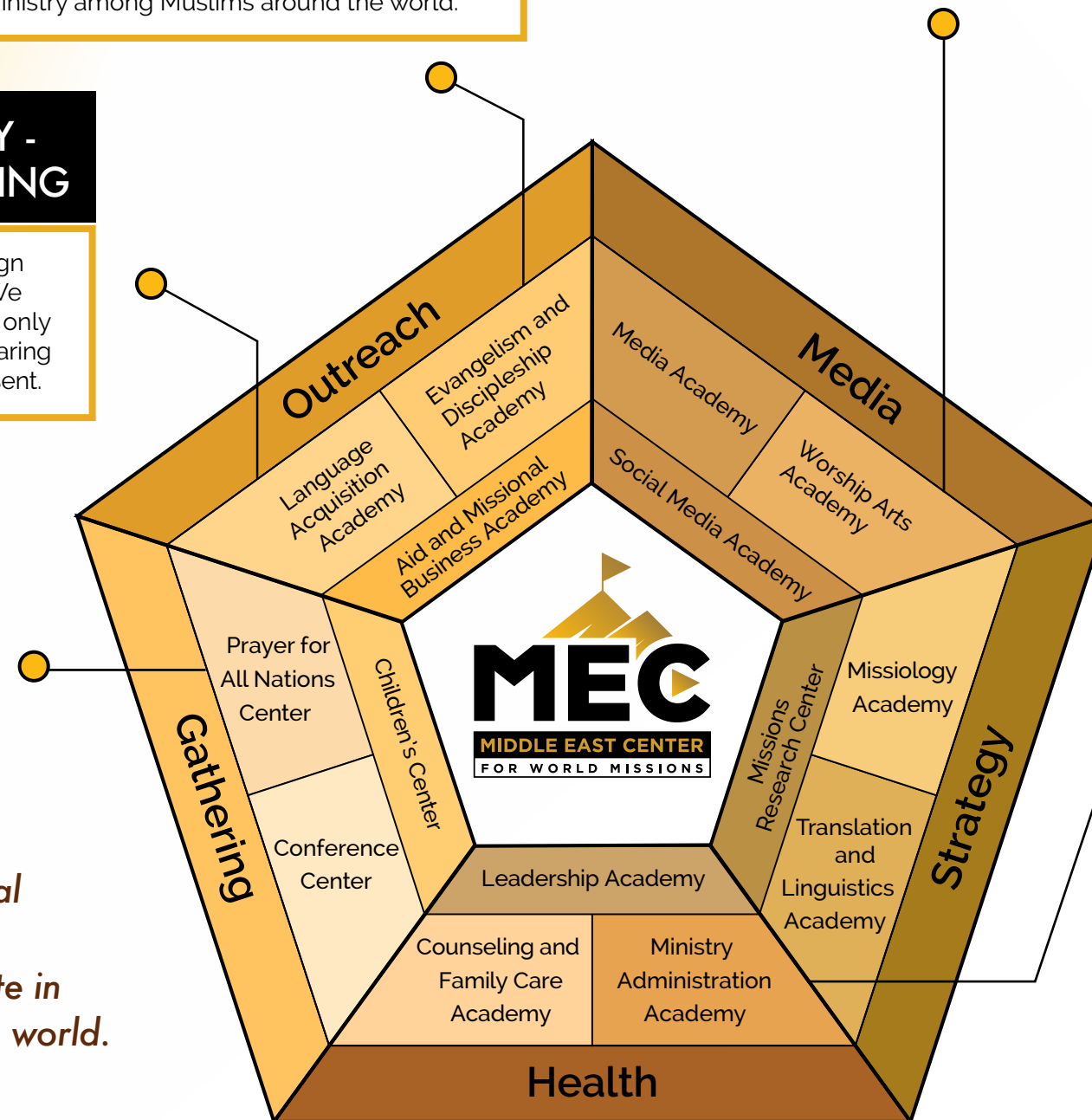
MEC's Prayer for All Nations Center has now received startup funding, and is launching in Fall 2018. It will be a place where believers from Lebanon and international visitors will join together in prayer and worship, learning about and interceding for unreached people all around the world. We are trusting that God will call many believers to missions through this prayer center.

*"I really believe that God is doing some special things through Horizons in Lebanon. It's not often that we get a chance to participate in something that can change a whole part of the world. It's an honor for me to help in this way and to support the work there."*

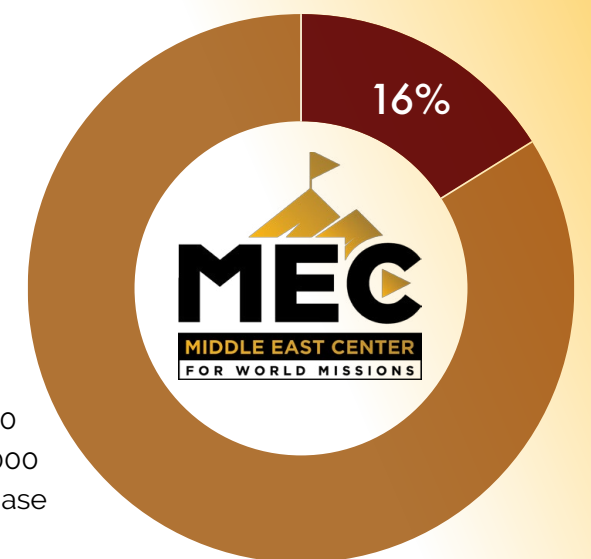
- Email excerpt from an anonymous donor who generously donated to the MEC

## MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR

Teams from two different US churches have been interfacing with Horizons Lebanon staff to assess the administration/technology training needs of churches in Lebanon, and to establish training relationships maintained through internet communication and periodic visits. These efforts are part of a plan to increase the administrative capacity of local churches, helping them in areas such as project planning, fundraising, accounting, designated funds management, church databases, and more.



## Progress Toward Initial \$1 Million



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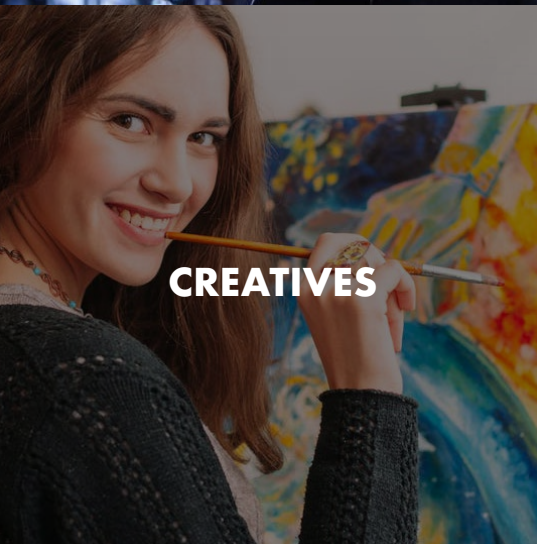
**WORSHIP  
MUSICIANS**



**COUNSELORS**



**ARCHITECTS  
& BUILDERS**



**CREATIVES**



**ADMINISTRATORS**



**EDUCATORS**

## YOUR SKILLS CAN MAKE AN IMPACT.

Your areas of expertise can empower Middle Eastern Christians to carry out the Great Commission in partnership with the MEC.

Interested to find out how? Email us at [connect@horizonsinternational.org](mailto:connect@horizonsinternational.org)



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