



LEBANON

Children's Camp and School Reconstruction Project

Dates: 14 days in July 2012

Individual Budget: \$750. This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation, translators, and travel/health insurance. This is an estimated cost and does not include visas or international flights, and is based on a team of 10 people for 12 days in country.

Materials for Project: \$13,000.

*\$6,000 for the camp housing the 70 kids in a summer conference compound in Mount Lebanon. The money will also cover their transportation, lodging and food, and some tools for the indoor and outdoor edifying activities.



Project

The project aims to reach out to the Bedouin tribe who settles in the Bekaa valley in East Lebanon. The tribe is of Muslim background but its leaders are Christian at heart. The tribe owns a school which has around 70 Bedouin kids who come from very poor families who still live in tents and have no running water or sewage system. The children's camp and school reconstruction project has a holistic nature that addresses the spiritual as well as physical needs of the community. We will organize a camp for around 70 Bedouin kids and present the Gospel message to them in a way that suits their environment. The Bedouin tribe are people who are attached to the work of shepherds and to the life of the tent, and we can only reach them through visual methods such as Puppet show, drama and theater presentations. Volunteers can assist in these activities and also teach the children English. They are also very welcome to be involved in any preaching, singing and giving testimonies that suit the kids.

We will also take care of the basic physical needs of the Bedouin school by renovating the windows and doors of the classes and upgrading the bathrooms and courtyard. If the volunteers are inclined, the team can help to better the lives of the tribe's women by teaching them how to sew clothes from textiles and wool.

Project Location

One of the world's smallest sovereign states, the Middle Eastern republic of Lebanon is situated on a long, narrow strip of land on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea in western Asia. Lebanon covers an area of 4,016 square miles (10,400 square kilometers); it extends roughly 135 miles (217 kilometers) in length and measures approximately 25 to 55 miles (40 to 89 kilometers) in width.

Lebanon is a rugged land with two mountain ranges that are almost parallel. The Lebanon Mountains extend the length of the country close to the narrow Mediterranean coastal plain. In the east the Anti-Lebanon Mountains rise along the Syrian border. Between the two mountain ranges lies the high, fertile Bekaa Valley.

LHM International Volunteer Trips provide the opportunity to learn through authentic cross-cultural experiences and have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus. If you are interested in touching lives, please call Chris Myers at 314-317-4268 or 1-800-944-3450, ext. 4268; or by email christine.myers@lhm.org.

Sample Itinerary

- Day 1. Arrival and rest.
- Day 2. Orientation, visit project site and planning
- Day 3. Worship and free time
- Day 4. Workday
- Day 5. Workday
- Day 6. Workday
- Day 7. Workday
- Day 8. Workday
- Day 9. Workday
- Day 10. Worship and free time/sightseeing
- Day 11. Workday
- Day 12. Wrap up of project
- Day 13. Sightseeing
- Day 14. Departure



A detailed itinerary will be customized and provided to you by LHM according your travel days and team size.

Entry Documentation

- US passport must be valid 6 months beyond arrival date
- U.S. Citizens can now obtain their visas instantly at the airport in Beirut without applying through the Embassy. A free one month valid visa renewable for three months is granted at the airport and the border centers for US citizens

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Jamaica, American Samoa, Guam, Midway Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Please visit the Embassy of Lebanon website for the most current visa information.

Insurance Coverage

Medical evacuation for all team members is mandatory and LHM provide insurance from AIG at the cost of \$3.30 a day. We will provide you with an insurance card with a policy number on it and a contact number in cases of extreme emergency – i.e. something that requires evacuation. The person you talk with will advise you on what to do in those circumstances. For all other claims please pay any bills that you incur and make a claim directly to the insurance company when you return.

Sightseeing

For sightseeing, it is recommended that the team visit Jeitta Grotto, which is now added to the new 7 wonders of the world. There is also an opportunity to see some of the places that were mentioned in the Bible, like Sidon, Tyr, the Cedars and the Roman castle of Baalbeck. Lebanon is relatively a small country and you can travel from its northern borders to its southern borders in 8 hours, so the sightseeing will not take a long time. The cost of any activity including transportation will not be higher than \$25 per person (excluding food).

Lodging and Meals

Lodging for the trip is dependent on the team's budget. There is an opportunity for the team to stay at a camp like facility for around \$25 a night per person. The cost used in the budget is based on team member's staying at a hotel. Both facilities include breakfast. For lunch and dinner there are several restaurants in the area including fast food.

Budget

Sample budget based on 10 people traveling 12 days:

Insurance	\$3.30 x 14, includes travel days	\$46.20
Lodging	11 nights @ \$25 includes breakfast	\$275.00
Lunch & Dinner	12 days @ \$24	\$288.00
Bottled Water	\$5 per day	\$60.00
Transportation	12 days @ \$65/day divided by 10 people	\$78.00
Total		\$747.20

You must also budget for your international flights, miscellaneous cost with sightseeing and souvenirs. An airport tax should be included with your flight costs. Be sure to check this when booking your flights.

The budget is an estimate and your team may choose to eat more or less expensive, which would affect your budget. We generally over-budget as much as possible so you do not run short of funds; it never hurts to have some extra funds available. It would also be wise to carry a small amount of additional contingency funds for any medical emergencies that may occur or unexpected costs.

Project Costs

Project costs are \$13,000. \$6,000 covers camp for 70 children which includes their transportation, lodging and food and some tools for the edifying activities. \$7,000 covers the renovation of the school's classes and bathrooms. These costs are a shared cost from all the team members. The timeline for payment of both Project Costs and Individual Costs will be provided once specific travel dates are determined. Project Costs must be paid 4 weeks prior to departure and Individual Costs must be paid 2 weeks prior to departure. In some cases, if LHM needs to make hotel or transport reservations, we may ask for partial payments to be made on a different timeline.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Vaccine recommendations are based on the best available risk information. Please note that the level of risk for vaccine-preventable diseases can change at any time.

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
Routine	Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots, such as measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, poliovirus vaccine, etc.
Hepatitis A or immune globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection (see map) where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.

Hepatitis B	<p>Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission (see map), especially those who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment (e.g., for an accident).</p>
Typhoid	<p>Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in the Middle East, especially if staying with friends or relatives or visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas where exposure might occur through food or water.</p>
Rabies	<p>Recommended for travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, especially in rural areas, involved in activities such as bicycling, camping, or hiking. Also recommended for travelers with significant occupational risks (such as veterinarians), for long-term travelers and expatriates living in areas with a significant risk of exposure, and for travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals. Children are considered at higher risk because they tend to play with animals, may receive more severe bites, or may not report bites.</p>

This information is based on current information from CDC and often depends on where the team travels in Lebanon. Always consult with your doctor regarding vaccinations, as Lutheran Hour Ministries cannot be held liable for any recommendations made.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel>

Forms

Please return all required forms to LHM St. Louis if you have not already done so.

LHM Ministry Center

The Word of God is brought to Lebanon through Lutheran Hour Ministries' Middle East Lutheran Ministry in Beirut, which began in 1950. The LHM—Lebanon office uses an array of media tools to bring the Gospel to many Arab countries throughout the region. Locally produced radio programs use a variety of formats, including Bible Study, meditations with hymns, Bible readings with short commentaries, and dramas. Additional ministry resources include five Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC), doctrinal books, Arch books, and audio and video cassettes.

LHM—Lebanon cooperates with local Christian churches wherever possible by referring contacts to them in addition to training members in Lutheran leadership and discipleship. They have been a partner in planting Lutheran churches in local communities. The ministry center also opened a Christian book store, "Concordia Bookshop," to share Lutheran literature with others. LHM expanded its outreach by reopening the West Beirut office in 2001, and by establishing contacts in Egypt and Jordan.

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