

# ABW 2025 Children's Mission Action Project

## Supporting Kids' Programming in Lebanon



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By giving to the Atlantic Baptist Women's 2025 Children's Mission Action Project, the monies raised will help fund Canadian Baptist Ministries' support for kids' programming in Lebanon. Engage your Woman's Missionary Society, Atlantic Baptist Women's group, and your church family to help provide relief care to Lebanese children in the following three ways:

### *Emergency Relief – Safety & Compassion*

In 2024, over a million people in Lebanon have had to run from their homes to escape airstrikes and intense fighting between military groups. Many children had to flee with their families suddenly, taking only what they could carry. Some families are staying in schools and churches that have been turned into emergency shelters, but many other families are sleeping on the streets in the cold. With Canadian Baptist Ministries' help, churches in Lebanon are helping these families by giving them food, clothing, winter jackets, blankets, mattresses, and more.

### *Summer Camps – Belonging, Connection, & Self-discovery*

In partnership with CBM, the ministry group Salt and Light will host 300 kids from across Lebanon in day camps this summer. Through games, songs, teaching times, and other fun activities, vulnerable children are given a safe space to find belonging, connect with each other, and discover both themselves and a God who loves them. The activities, while fun, are designed to help kids deal with the fear, anxiety, and anger they may have experienced coming from situations of war and

poverty. Summer camps also serve as a practicum for youth leaders in Lebanese churches where they learn how to lead, disciple, and care for kids younger than themselves.

### *Education – Hope for the Future*

This project gives access to quality education in a safe, supportive environment for over 500 children in the Zahle area of Lebanon. Most of the students are out-of-school Syrian children and youth who fled the war in Syria with their parents and now live in informal tent settlements. These children either don't have access to public schools, or didn't have the learning support they needed at those schools because of the discrimination many Syrians in Lebanon face. The project also provides Arabic literacy classes for 80 adults. These education centres grew out of churches that felt God wanted them to help local refugees in a holistic way, providing families with not just education but also food, parenting classes, and psychological support.

Offerings for the 2025 Children's Mission Action Project (if mailing cheques) are to be made payable to Atlantic Baptist Women, with 2025 Children's Mission Action Project in the memo line. Mail the offering to your ABW Provincial Treasurer or donate online by e-transfer at <https://atlanticbaptistwomen/donate>.

Addresses for provincial treasurers are available by referring to contact information on page 1 of the *2024–2025 ABW Program Resource Booklet*, or contact the ABW office: [atlanticbaptistwomen@gmail.com](mailto:atlanticbaptistwomen@gmail.com)