

## CLC Lebanon – Mission Update

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Dear friends in the World CLC community,

We write to share with you an update on the mission you have helped ignite in Lebanon—a mission that continues to grow in reach, depth, and grace thanks to your generous support and encouragement.

### Expanding Mission: From a Handful to a Wider Embrace

Our journey began during the war in September 2024, when we welcomed a few displaced families from Yaroun at the Jesuit House in Bikfaya. At that time, our mission was small and emerging. Today, thanks to your donation and spiritual closeness, this mission has unfolded in unexpected ways.

The logistics team has recently completed a round of visits to 21 displaced families from Yaroun now residing in Beirut and the nearby village of Rmeich. It is worth noting that only two of these families were part of our original outreach. The rest were discovered through persistent outreach and phone calls – a testament to the ripple effect of your support.



On May 5, 2025, during our first visit to Rmeich, our members were finally able to meet these families in person. This encounter allowed us to truly listen to their stories, feel their suffering, and be inspired by their resilience and determination to remain close to their land and communities. Our support was expressed in tangible ways, tailored to each family's needs:

- School tuition fees (paid directly to schools)
- Supermarket vouchers
- Rental assistance
- Medicine purchases

Beyond financial aid, this encounter brought mutual consolation: for them, a reminder that they are not alone; and for us, a deep sense of joy and meaning drawn from their love, gratitude, and quiet strength.



A follow-up visit took place on July 12, 2025, during which additional families in need were identified, contacted and supported.

## Faith in Action: The Spiritual Team's Parallel Journey

On the spiritual front, following our meaningful meeting with Archbishop Georges Iskandar and a Zoom exchange with local parish priests, the spiritual team has also stepped into action. On Sunday, June 1, 2025, they visited the villages of Baraachit and Safad El Battikh; regions deeply affected by war and abandonment.



The team began the day by participating in the parish mass in Baraachit, after which they met with parishioners in the church hall. The exchange was candid and warm. Meanwhile, another CLC group led a special session with the children, fostering instant connection through games and storytelling. This heart-to-heart engagement quickly turned into a joyful, meaningful gathering.



We shared our intention to return this summer with a mission camp and invited

the people to tell us what their communities – especially the youth and children – need to grow spiritually and intellectually.



On July 12, the spiritual team carried out a one-day meeting in Tyre, where the team met with the youth of the eparchy coming from different villages. The day included a twofold training: one on Christian leadership inspired by Covey's 7 Habits, and another on Lectio Divina.

In addition, we had fully prepared for a summer mission camp in August, set to take place across three villages: Qana, Ain Ebel, and Safad el Battikh, under the theme "For them to have life and have it abundantly." The preparation was completed in full coordination with the eparchy priest, Fr. Richard, who is responsible for the mission in the region. More than 20 CLC Lebanon members were involved in the preparations, eager to bring hope and companionship to the local families. Sadly, just one day before the camp's start, the region was targeted again by bombings. For reasons of safety, we were compelled to postpone the camp to a later date in September.



## Carrying Light Amid Shadows

It is important to underline that all of this is happening in a highly unstable and dangerous context. The southern villages remain under threat. Just last week, an Israeli strike hit Baraachit that we will be visiting on the upcoming June 28. And yet, in the midst of fear and tension, joy, hope, and commitment are flourishing within CLC Lebanon.

During our recent General Assembly, we took time at the Eucharist to share this mission experience. The testimonies from both the logistics and spiritual teams were moving and uplifting. There was a shared realization that something greater than us is at work here.



## A Shared Mission: One World CLC

We strongly feel this is not only CLC Lebanon's mission – it is truly the World CLC's mission in Lebanon. It would not have happened without your compassionate listening, your steady encouragement, and your call to "go out and do something." Through your trust and support, you are present with us in every home we visit, every child we gather, and every prayer we whisper. You are helping to sustain the Christian presence in regions where despair looms and where faith often flickers. Your light reaches further than you may imagine.

With full hearts, we thank you. Please keep accompanying us with your prayers, presence, and support.

In communion and hope,

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