



# Take a Survey Trip to Lebanon

**February 8-16, 2019**

## PURPOSE

- ➔ Learn how God is building His church in Syria and Lebanon.
- ➔ Develop personal relationships with Syrian and Lebanese pastors who have a heart for reaching refugees. Bless and encourage these leaders at a time of great opportunity and overwhelming demands.
- ➔ Establish the foundation of ongoing partnerships to engage the gifts of both Middle Eastern and North American churches to see God's work expand in both contexts.



## WHO SHOULD GO?

These trips are specifically designed for pastors, missions pastors, and other missions leaders of churches which are seriously interested in pursuing partnership. The trip will focus on learning, relationship building, and prayer, not hands-on ministry. We encourage each church to send two people, if possible. We recognize that in some cases, a final decision to partner will not be made until the survey trip is complete and the opportunity is reviewed by church leaders.

We are often asked about safety concerns on a trip such as this. Currently Lebanon is a land where many religious groups coexist relatively peacefully. Statistically you are safer in Beirut than in Chicago! However, the Middle East is a region of great volatility and situations can change.

## COST

Each participant will arrange their own airfare to/from Beirut. Your on-the-ground costs will be approximately \$1,400/person. This will cover not only your expenses but also travel/hospitality costs for pastors coming across the border to meet with us. The cost varies based on the number of trip participants sharing the costs for a variable number of pastors.

## SCHEDULE

Participants will arrive into the Beirut airport on Saturday evening, be met by Horizons staff, and shuttled to their guest-house facilities in this modern city. Sunday we will worship in various local churches, seeing firsthand both the growth and the challenges of these multi-ethnic congregations. This will be followed by fellowship and orientation to the current ministry context in the Middle East. Monday and Tuesday we will spend with Horizons and with local pastors. We will visit multiple churches and ministry sites, providing us with extended time with pastors for relationship-building and prayer.



On Wednesday, we will drive up to the Bekaa Valley, home to hundreds of tent camps housing Syrian refugee families. While life for refugees is difficult in



Beirut and other cities, it is exponentially harder for those enduring cold winters and hot, dusty summers with only the protection of a flimsy tent.

After our time in the camps, we will continue to a conference center where we will meet a group of pastors who will have made the sometimes-risky trip out of their country to spend the next two days with us. On Thursday and Friday, we will worship together, share our stories, and learn directly from these leaders about the context, spiritual responsiveness, and needs in their country today. Open discussions will highlight how partnerships can help these leaders grasp more of the amazing

opportunities around them and survive the pressures of a war-torn nation. After a busy week of eye-opening interactions, we will depart for home on Saturday morning.

## EXPECTATIONS OF THE TRIP & OF KINSHIP PARTNERS

This trip will revolve around relationship-building with Syrian and Lebanese pastors and ministry leaders. Our Middle East brothers will be taking time from overflowing schedules and many demands in order to meet with us. Yet they are eager to know that their fellow believers in the West care about them. Therefore, we are looking for participants who are very motivated to enter a three-to-five year partnership as a result of this trip.

## KINSHIP NETWORK DETAILS

Please read our Kinship Network Introduction for more specifics about partnership opportunities and the details of our Network.

## COME AND SEE!

**The next anticipated trip is February 8-16, 2019.** Will your church join us? Contact [us](#) for more information and to reserve your space on this trip. Note that trips are not definite until we have confirmed sufficient interest. In some cases, trip dates can be adjusted to accommodate participants' schedules, if possible. Please let us know of your desire to participate as early as possible.

