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Upcoming Open Ministry Trips

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Children's summer day-camp ministry

HI wants to run camps in at least three locations—Tyre, Beirut, and Beqaa between early July and mid-August. In Tyre, there is a week specifically for special-needs children. Otherwise, camps are open to all refugee children. Churches can send a whole team or just one or more individuals who serve alongside other teams from around the world.

Cost: Finances are needed to run each camp-- \$30/child for a 3-day camp. \$75/child for a 5-day camp. Churches that want to send a team should try to sponsor at least some of the children coming that week. (Capacity is 100-200 children.)

Construction teams

Contact info@kinshipnetwork.org for more details about current projects. Many teams welcome additional participants from other Kinship churches.

Cost: Varies per project and length

Medical clinic teams

Teams are needed in multiple locations. Dentists as well as doctors, nurses, and support "crew" are needed. Many teams welcome additional participants from other Kinship churches.

Cost: Approximately \$50/day. Teams usually bring some meds.

HI STAFF RETREATS

Providing a retreat for all staff or for a department or just for men or for women would be a great blessing. See details below.

Two-day/one-night retreats

Single Kinship church or collaboration

This retreat would be primarily for personal renewal. There would be a couple of devotional messages provided by the American team and some worship. There is also potential for "pampering" services, especially for the women: massage, manis/pedis, etc. Most of the time would be free for the staff to get alone with God, enjoy the quiet setting, chat with each other, and potentially with the American team. There might be informal counseling/encouragement opportunities, but the American team should not come with the expectation that they are there for in-depth mentoring. Rather it is a way to serve these team members who may most need time alone to hear God's voice.

Cost: \$80/person. The Kinship church would need to underwrite their own cost and the cost for the team. HI team size would run 6-35 people. Kinship churches could work together. And this type of ministry could be attached to another type of ministry while the team is in Lebanon.

Three-day/two-night family retreats

Probably best in a collaborative model

Same as above except that with family retreats, the American team would also provide a program

for children for part of each day, freeing their parents to spend some time alone as a couple. There might also be opportunity to provide some organized family fun activities and perhaps a session or two on marriage/family enrichment as well as something on living as a single.

Cost: \$125/adult plus a graduated children's fee. Again, the Kinship churches would need to underwrite their own team's cost and the cost for the families. This would probably include 20-50 HI people, including children.

Children's ministry training team Kinship-collaborative team

A one-day workshop for teachers and prospective teachers is a great place to begin. Most Sunday school teachers have had little or no training, so there is need for beginner-level training to introduce the basics of leading children into biblical truth. This might include sessions:

- How to teach a Bible story to children
- How to lead a child to Christ
- How to manage a classroom
- Curriculum writing for experienced teachers

Cost: Approximately \$50/day.

Women's ministry training conference Kinship-collaborative team

This would again be a first step in building credibility among churches' women leaders and future leaders. We could begin with a one-day program that could include:

- How to launch and lead a women's Bible study ministry in your church
- How to train other women to lead Bible studies
- How to mentor other women
- A children's program to run concurrently so that the women have a place for their kids.

Cost: Approximately \$50/day.

Church leadership training team Kinship-collaborative team

This would be a pilot, one-day training featuring perhaps just two of the tracks below. Note that

this pilot training day might only draw ~5-10 people, most of whom would be HI staff who are also pastors or church leaders. However, as described above, if it is highly valuable, it will open doors for future expanded audiences.

Potential track—leadership

Developing new elders—Morning sessions on how to identify those with spiritual leadership potential and how to begin to develop their leadership gifts. For ME churches, this means first thinking about the shift from top-down to shared authority, so the message is not just “how” to do it but also “why.”

Developing strong, healthy leaders—Afternoon sessions on how to combine spiritual ministry and various other leadership tasks that elders and other gifted believers can assume. This could be presented as something they could teach others but is also an area every pastor needs to consider for themselves.

Potential track—handling church finances

Multiple sessions covering how to set financial goals, recording, reporting, accountability, etc. There could also be one or more sessions on the financial aspects of partnering with potential funders. This could cover how to develop proposals that answer partners' questions, how to develop reporting, and how to communicate well with such partners.

Potential track—grief care ministry

This track could have a dual focus of how to develop something like GriefShare to be led by lay people. And it could also include training for pastors as to how to counsel people in grief.

Potential track—marriage and pre-marital counseling

This track would be introductory level material helping pastors to think more carefully about how to evaluate the needs of couples both before and after marriage.

Cost: Approximately \$50/day.



Trips with Ananias House are more limited because it is currently not feasible for Americans to travel in-country. Therefore, limited amounts of training can be offered for those who are able to make the trip to Lebanon for such sessions.

Children’s trauma training team

Kinship-collaborative team

AH would like Kinship churches to send a small but highly specialized team to provide training to those who want to be better equipped to deal with children who have been traumatized by war.

Cost: Will vary based on logistics.

Children’s ministry training team

Kinship-collaborative team

The conference described under the Horizons section could also be offered for AH children’s ministries leaders, either in tandem or at a separate location and time.

Cost: Will vary based on logistics.

Contact us at info@KinshipNetwork.org for more information on any of these trips.



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