

Lebanon

\$310,000

From poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope

"It's unbearable." These are the words a young mother used to describe her living situation when she came to JMP for help. The words perfectly characterize the conditions in Lebanon, where poverty has drastically increased over the past year and now affects about 74% of the population. Lebanon is in the grips of one of the world's worst economic crises and is now considered a failed state. Impacted by political and dire economic conflicts and played by regional and global powers, the government began reducing subsidies for fuel, wheat, and medications due to lack of reserves. State-run electricity is supplied 3 hours a day or less, and shortages of fuel have led to severe electricity blackouts across the country. Needed generators are causing health hazards on the population.

Stress can be crushing, making families more vulnerable to illness, homelessness, broken relationships and broken spirits. With your help, 2021 was characterized by responding to those with immediate needs and emergencies with compassion, while collaborating with other NGOs to provide a safety net where none exists. JMP continued to be attuned to the socially vulnerable, the elderly who live without pension support, people with no medical or social security coverage who suffered from chronic illnesses, as well as families living below the poverty line who experienced many issues stemming from their economic hardships.

"If you weren't here for us, what would we do? We are grateful you help us stand on our feet."

- JMP beneficiary

Compassion and hope during desperate times



JMP teamed up with other NGO's to provide hot meals, bread, and flour to both current and new beneficiaries, uplifting those who were seeking to survive day to day, and help maintain their dignity.

JMP staff visited and assisted 34 families whose homes had been greatly impacted by the 2020 Beirut port explosion. Residents continue to experience the effects of the explosion and they are grateful for the aid they received.

3,600

BENEFICIARIES RECEIVED CRITICAL OR HOLISTIC CARE, IMPACTING THOUSANDS OF LIVES.

Community Health Programs (60% of budget)



- medication for chronic illness
- dispensary services including physicians
- hospital and medical expense assistance
- psychiatric residential care

Social Services for Families, Youth and Seniors, 24%



- affordable housing
- path to home ownership
- social services for families
- employment placement office
- senior stipends and home visits

Aid for Victims of Beirut Port Explosion, 12%



- aid for home repairs and replacing destroyed items
- visits for spiritual uplift

Community Development, 4%



- teen self-development program



A grateful couple became proud owners of their own home. They are one of three couples that signed a sales agreement for home ownership in 2021, completing the final phase of JMP's *Affordable Housing Project*. The project, which began in 1998, included 40 apartments and allowed residents to make rental payments to JMP towards ownership. Because of you, many families have been blessed with a home of their own.



Keeping teen girls in school. Through JMP's *Teen Self-Development* program, 20 girls attended Mesrobian Technical College. The aim of the program is to empower the teens and keep them from dropping out of school. The program included preparation of a light meal, creating awareness of risks and dangers in their surroundings and in relationships, and encouraging them to persevere in their studies. The program also helped foster their relationship with parents and peers, and to build their lives and their future guided by the wisdom of God.



Lifting the burden on patients. As government subsidies for medicine decreased, their prices increased making it even more difficult for patients to buy them, or find them on the market. JMP enabled patients with chronic illness to continue their treatment by providing them with their needed medication. With your help, JMP provided medication to 1,790 patients with chronic illnesses 8,482 times in 2021.

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