

Our response to the Beirut explosion



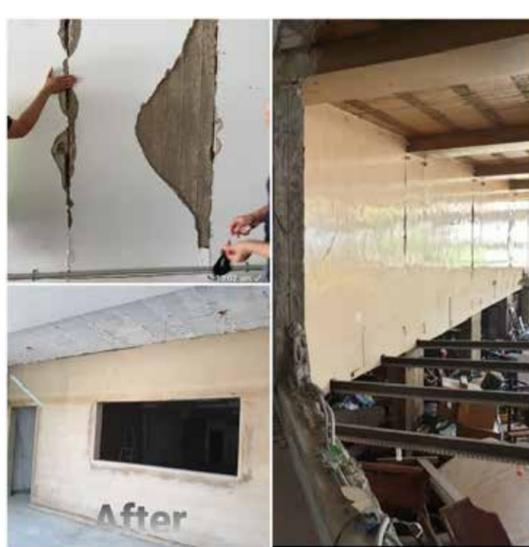
"I lived in this modest apartment with my husband for many years. God did not grant us any children. My husband was very ill so he was admitted to the hospital. After his health started to improve, he was tested Covid-19 positive. In a few days, he passed away at the hospital. I was neither able to see him nor to bury him. This is a very sad time in my life. I live now with my brother who is mentally and physically challenged. I take care of him as much as I can. Our small apartment was hit on August 04th and is really devastated. Thank God that we did not die, but we were in a desperate need to fix our apartment particularly as winter is approaching very soon. I was seeking help with no success. Thank you very much for coming to my help and fixing my apartment. I do not have the right words to thank you."

Apartments

By God's grace and your support, Together, For the Family was able to fix 32 apartments in the devastated area of Beirut. Our focus was to make sure that these apartments could be safe and secure to be occupied by their residents before the winter season is here. In fact, now the rain is pouring heavily in Beirut and the occupants of the 32 fixed apartments are thanking God that they are back in their apartments. Without your practical Christian love, these families would have been living in despair and displaced.



Also, we were able to renovate 2 churches



Food Partials

The rapidly declining economic situation in Lebanon along with the impact of the Beirut explosion has left a huge number of families in Beirut to experience dire poverty. From the third day after the explosion Together, For the Family aimed to distribute food baskets to needy families. Our strategy was to partner with other ministries in Beirut so the impact will be greater. We were able to partner with:

- *City Bible Church, Beirut
- *Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches
- *Group of Polish volunteers
- *Lebanon Inter-Varsity Fellowship
- *Church of God, Achrafieh, Beirut
- *Bikfaya Baptist Church
- *Evangelical High School, Zahle
- *Global Hope International



This partnership along with your generous support enabled us to provide and distribute 950 food baskets to needy families.

Emotional Support

The impact of the Beirut explosion was much more than the destruction of buildings and property. It had an emotional and psychological impact on children and young adults.



Together, For the Family partnered with an orphanage near Beirut to offer counseling and support to traumatized children. It was a camp of fun for these children and each one of them went home with a food basket. Together, For the Family also contributed to a 3 day camp for university graduates aimed towards helping those who are experiencing the negative impact of the explosion.

Thank you for becoming a major part of answering the prayer:
"Your kingdom come on earth (Beirut) as it is in heaven."