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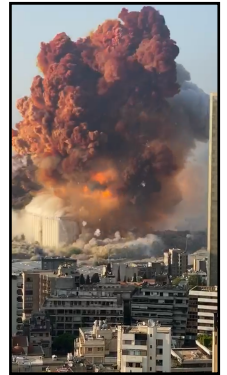
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**Lebanon, The
gateway to reaching
the Middle East!**

"And I besought the LORD at that time, saying, O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon." Deuteronomy 3:23-25

It was little before 6:07 pm Beirut time when we just finished unloading food packages at our church building to distribute to the hungry in our city. After the long day, I decided to then head straight home instead of meeting with a school owner right by the port (where I was hoping to relocate our Beirut Bridge of Hope School.) It was at the exact minute that I arrived at our parking lot at home when I heard the first explosion. We live just a few miles outside of Beirut, but a minute later, when the second explosion went off, I thought some sort of missile had actually hit our building. My wife was calling out for me and I quickly ran up to our apartment on the 3rd floor. We were looking for the children, and my middle daughter was not answering. I thought perhaps she was injured, but then she came running out from the back room. We rushed outside to the balcony, and saw a huge cloud of smoke rising from the northern part of our city, right where I was suppose to have my meeting. It was under 2 miles from our church. I knew then that some sort of bombing or massive explosion had taken place.



We thank the Lord that through all the flying glass, debris and falling rubble, there was not a scratch on our family nor our church family! The bomb had registered on the level of a tactical nuclear explosion, displacing hundreds of thousands of people, injuring every person in north Beirut and killing hundreds.

Minutes later, some of our brethren called me to come down to the church, and see the substantial damage the blast inflicted on the building. I rushed back into the city, and as I got closer to our church area, I started seeing the destruction everywhere. There were shattered windows, collapsed walls, damaged cars and injured, bleeding people walking the streets. As I approached our church street, I could see we were so close that every building on it had been severely altered.



Some of our church families gathered outside, and we could readily see the whole front of our building was blown in and destroyed. We had walls, windows, doors and our church ceiling that were flung and shattered. Our sound system, speakers and some equipment were damaged from the explosion and every floor in our building was affected. However, to God be the glory, even though we had about 7 people at the church at the time of the catastrophe, not one person was injured from our church family! Thank the Lord! The explosion was so strong that it caused a 4.5 earthquake throughout the city. Several buildings around us have collapsed and those at our church told us that the building actually swayed back and forth. Reports of people on the island of Cyprus, 155 miles away, claimed that their houses were shaking. Sadly many people are still missing under the rubble, or have been blown away into the sea.

Our church building has sustained structural damage. Major cracks are evident in the upper floors. Not only is it an old building, but this is the second large explosion it has sustained. We have a major concern that it may collapse, especially the last top two floors, which were built on top of the existing structure but without foundational columns. If it does fall, God forbid, it would fall straight down into our sanctuary. We have repaired as much as possible, while diligently looking for a new place for our church and school. We have found a property that would be ideal for our mission work. We're currently negotiating with the owner. Given the current economic situation in Lebanon, it is an opportune time to purchase a permanent home for the church, to have a foothold for the mission work in the Middle East. Our hope and prayers are to have enough funds to put towards a down payment and to move our location as soon as possible.

We appreciate your support and ask for your prayers for the people of Lebanon. We have no doubt that God is not finished. He has great revival and much people to save in this country! We ask also that you would prayerfully consider giving towards helping us purchase a church property and a permanent place of worship in Lebanon. Our vision is to purchase a campus for a church, and a school, a place where souls will be saved and Apostolic leaders will be raised, right here in the heart of the Middle East! Thank you. God bless you!

Sincerely, Missionary T. Azar and Family