

Monaco, January 11th, 2021

## Dear Sponsors,



*The port of Beirut in December 2021: little has been rebuilt.* 

"If you understand the current situation in Lebanon, it is because it has been badly explained to you," I was told many times throughout my mission. The inflation of prices of all raw materials, petrol, electricity, water and medicine are at the heart of the concerns of all Lebanese families. They do not understand the political situation in their country: instability, disorder, lack of understanding of the measures put in place and corruption of their leaders.

Covid 19 remains a minor concern for the Lebanese, who get vaccinated as soon as the doses arrive, but no longer bother to be tested when certain symptoms occur, as the tests are too expensive. They remain optimistic, but they are well aware that this unstable and terrible situation is

likely to last for many more months. Schools are open, but the national education authority is announcing potential closures because of the increasing number of contagions. Some universities have never resumed, and those that pay tuition in dollars have seen their tuition rates drop drastically. A \$500 semester is out of reach for most students. During our individual interviews, we met three young godchildren who, without additional support, would have had to stop their studies. These three students benefited from our financial support, to pay their annual tuition fees (nearly €1000 for each). We are happy to have allowed Jessika, future accountant, Nadine, future pharmacist, and Rabieh, future doctor, to finally make their university studies a reality and to pursue the professional career of their choice.

In our centres and schools, there is always a good mood and an unwavering desire on the part of those in charge and their teams to work towards the development, growth and learning of each child in their care. Despite the barriers, the limited number of children per session and the multiplication of sessions, no one is left out. The children happily return to school and take advantage of the lessons given in the centres in the afternoons. At the St Vincent school and at

the Collège du Sacré-Coeur, it is the relentless work of Valérie Maalouf and Caroline Kikano, social assistants of the schools, that allows the children and their families to benefit, thanks to Mission Enfance, from additional food aid so that they do not come to school hungry.

At the Deir Al Ahmar centre in the Beeka region, 200 children benefit from support classes every afternoon and 150 Syrian children have access to quality education, focused on their needs every morning. The same is true of the Roueisset centre, located in the difficult neighbourhood of Jdeideh, where more than 250 children take part in the various activities and attend support and reinforcement classes every afternoon of the week. Sister Amira Tabet, the new head of the centre, is in charge of the centre and her team. Psychological, speech therapy, medical, social and material support is provided for each child and family.



The teacher at the centre teaches Syrian children to count in Arabic, to help them learn quickly. Finally, the young girls of the Sehailé home and the sponsored children of the Dispensary are also looked after by the sisters of the Good Shepherd Congregation. At the

home, 36 young girls are currently boarders. Victims of vulnerable family situations, they find in the home the love, tenderness and support (psychological, academic and material) that they need to grow and develop.

For the chance you offer to all these children and students, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Thanks to you, 142 children are sponsored individually in Lebanon and 500 children in the projects. Like Christa Maria, 8 years old, one of three siblings, **12 other children are waiting to find a sponsor**. We know how difficult it can be for you to provide your own sponsorship, but your commitment is essential to help these children believe in a future. So help them by talking about Mission Enfance's sponsorships to your friends and family!



Christa Maria, 8, urgently needs to go to school.

On our website (www.missionenfance.org), you will find information and photos related to sponsorship. I am at your disposal if you wish to receive further information on Lebanon or on your godchild and, for those who live in our region, I will always be happy to welcome you in our offices.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Vauban Sponsorship manager

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Your capacity as a donor to our association gives you the opportunity to join our members. Being a member means that you can attend our General Assembly and vote on the annual accounts of Mission Enfance; Your generosity proves your commitment to our humanitarian actions, becoming a member of our association will help you to know it better.

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