



Lebanon



Introduction to LEBANON

THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC is a modern, Middle Eastern republic located north of Israel along the Mediterranean Sea. The small, mountainous nation is one of the most stable and progressive in the region, despite recent political violence. Its capital, Beirut, is an intellectual, commercial and cultural center for the Middle East.

The LEBANESE people

Total population:	4,017,095
Children under 15:	1,034,885
Average Life Expectancy:	73.66 years
Per capita annual income:	\$11,100
% children in primary school:	88.3%
Average years of education:	13 years
Literacy rate:	87.4%
Internet users:	2.19 million
Cell phones in use:	1.43 million
Major/official language(s):	

Arabic
French
English
Armenian

Risk issues impacting children:

-A percentage of children live in poverty, and access to safe water and sanitation is not yet universal.

More about LEBANON

Capital city:	Beirut
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	10,400
General terrain:	Narrow coastal plain; valley separates Lebanon and Anti-Lebanon mountains
Major industries/jobs:	Banking, tourism, food processing, wine
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Beirut International

Reaching LEBANON

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

Muslim - 59.7%
Christian - 39%
Other - 1.3%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 68.9%
Orthodox - 28.1%
Protestant - 1.7%
Other - 0.8%
Independent - 0.5%

Unreached People Groups:	8 (25% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.014
Average annual baptisms:	20,089
Foreign missionaries:	630
Per million:	157.08
National Christian workers/pastors:	6,000
Per million:	1,495.98
Number of churches/congregations:	1,512

Children's ministry in LEBANON

Overview: • Children's ministry is vital among churches in Lebanon. There is a general sense of value for children. Churches, parents and para-church organizations see its importance.

- Most churches have regular programs for children.
- Parents are well involved in praying with their children and bringing them to church.
- There is a need for more full-time ministry workers, especially men, to work with children.
- There is a great need to reach out to Muslim children and families, which make up the majority of the nation's population.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
1,512 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
1,034,885 children for Christ