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WHERE IN THE WORLD **IS GEORGES HOUSSNEY?** 





### STAFF REPORTS: WHAT DID GOD DO IN 2016?

**Pauline Shamigian**, Turkey Missions Coordinator, Café Manager – Beirut, Lebanon

Over 50 people heard the gospel in our Saturday youth meetings in the café. Over 20 gave their lives to Christ and are being discipled weekly.

During my mission trips to Turkey in 2016, many heard the gospel for the first time, and lives were being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**David John**, *Muslim Ministry – Akron, Ohio*We praise God for the opportunity to share our lives with refugees from Pakistan, Syria, Afghanistan, Congo, Iran, and Iraq. Praise God that we have six Iranians who are learning about who Christ is.

A Muslim couple came for Christmas dinner at our house. Afterwards, we all went to the church service. They had many good questions. Also, we are very close to starting up an Arabic worship service!

**Olcay Balitatli**, Social Media Ministry, Video Producer – Turkey

We have planted a new church in Izmir, Turkey, in the biblical city of Smyrna. So far we have baptized around 10 Muslims in this church. Also, through our Facebook ministry, around 100 Turkish Muslims accepted Christ from all over Turkey in 2016 alone! We sent the majority to nearby churches in their cities to be discipled.

**Linda Raymond**, Cubs to Lions Coordinator, Marketing Specialist – Alberta, Canada

In 2016 the Cubs to Lions discipleship program numbers were the largest in our history! It was such a blessing to help disciple 53 CMBs from 22 different countries. God moved powerfully among them with many coming forward to receive Christ for the first time and others making commitments before God to share the Gospel with others!

Kraig Meyer, ISM - Denver, Colorado

I have been helping Dwain with the Tuesday night English Conversation. I have made friends with several Muslim students, one from Turkey. I have been involved in a weekly Bible study for international students on the Aurora Campus.



**Ashley Dykstra**, *Director of Member Care – Dauphin Island, Alabama* 

I praise God that he is growing Horizons as a community of diverse believers from different countries and backgrounds. The diversity challenges us to grow in our communication and understanding of one another, and makes us a better picture of the reconciled body of Christ.



Dur indigenous staff members reached new levels of leadership, and our partnerships blossomed as we have begun supporting over a dozen Lebanese churches!

-Pierre Rashad Houssney MENA Regional Director



Danny and Susan Forte, ISM – Albany, New York
God brought two very special Chinese friends into
His family in the first month of 2016 and a Korean
friend at the beginning of the Fall semester. We
were able to invest time in discipling and helping
them grow closer to our Lord. It has been so exciting to see what the Lord has done in their lives,
and in the lives of the 75+ students/scholars/family members that we have been sharing the gospel
with regularily over this past year!



**Selina Yamout**, ISM – Dearborn, Michigan

It has been a blessing to see how God has prepared me for my move to Lebanon to serve him this year. Whether through serving in Dearborn, Michigan and watch as a 17 year old Muslim gives her life to Christ, or even on my support-raising trips to share with brothers and sisters in Christ about what God is doing in the Middle East. He is faithful to the end!

**Charbel Msallem**, *Director of Media Production – Beirut. Lebanon* 

We filmed 16 testimonies of transformation for our original series, "Women of God." We pray the Lord would help us finish the docudrama sequences to complete the program and impact millions!

**Jimmy Smith**, *Training Coordinator*, *Director of Operations – Boulder, Colorado* 

We were blessed to see 3 Saudis come to Christ at the Gulf Arab Retreat, which drew over 40 believers from Muslim backgrounds!



Annie Ostrander, Arab/Kurdish Ministry and School of Hope Sponsorship Coordinator – Beirut

The people we visit and pray with are seeing dreams and visions of Jesus! People who've never heard the gospel before are accepting Christ and seeing transformation in their lives!

This Christmas, for School of Hope, we were blessed with an opportunity to gift each SOH student with new socks, and pants or sweaters!



Ahmed Khamassi, ISM – Boulder, Colorado A highlight was when a Chinese father of one of our regular students came to me and asked for a Mandarin Bible. I have never seen someone this happy to receive a Bible before.







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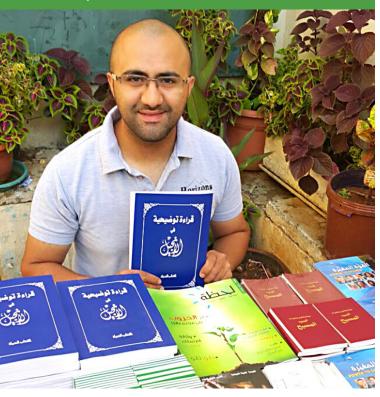
3,424

FOOD PORTIONS DISTRIBUTED

343

MEDICAL AID ADMINISTERED

12,000+BIBLES & TRACTS DISTRIBUTED



Rasheed Passing out Bibles



Humanitarian Aid Distribution, Beirut, Lebanon

# 1360 MONTHLY MINISTRY CENTER ATTENDEES Beirut, Tyre, Tripoli, Jordan, & Syria

411+PROCLAMATIONS
OF FAITH



Karaoke Night with International Students





**76** KIDS EDUCATED & DISCIPLED

Through the School of Hope, Beirut, Lebanon To Sponsor a Child, write to: school of hope@horizonsinternational.org

18 NEW STAFF

13 NEW INTERNS 50+ PARTNER CHURCHES



Through Weekly Discipleship Classes, House Groups, and Cubs to Lions Conferences

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16 LOCATIONS Preaching, Teaching, Encouraging, Counseling, Training, and Discipling 80+ PROCLAMATIONS OF FAITH Ushering Souls into the Kingdom

356+ COMMITMENTS TO MINISTRY Raising up a New Generation of Harvesters



From the roof of a tall building in Morocco, I looked down and saw the crowds of Muslims and was overwhelmed by the masses of people who seem to be hustling and bustling aimlessly. Then I remembered what Jesus said: "I have other sheep... I must bring them also..." John 10:16.

The Lord directed me to a prophecy of Jesus in Luke 13:29: "People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God." Today more than ever before, we see this prophecy being fulfilled in our time. Indeed people are flocking into the kingdom from every corner of the earth and I am very encouraged. While travelling to 11 countries in 2016, I saw Muslims coming to Christ everywhere. This letter is only a glimpse of what God is doing worldwide.

It is a new day and I am excited to be alive at this time to watch and see the nations come to Christ. I dream to see the church in the Middle East **become a missionary sending base** to launch into the great harvest an army of workers.

We want to see the gospel deeply penetrate the walls of resistance in the Muslim world and churches **awaken** to the great opportunities around them and around the world.

With your help we are making an impact on the Middle East by:

- 1. **Proclaiming** the gospel to those who have never heard.
- 2. **Discipling** the new believers into a close walk with God.
- 3. **Equipping** and empowering the churches in the Middle East to send workers to the vast harvest.

It is happening, and it is happening fast.

We feel privileged that God is using Horizons to bring many lost sheep to his fold. We rejoice over the plentiful fruit in the year 2016 and look forward to another fruitful year.

With appreciation for your prayers and support,

Georges Houssney



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