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Dar El Awlad Children's Home and School

For 70 years, Dar El Awlad has provided for the needs of vulnerable children in Lebanon. Boys who have been orphaned or have no one to meet their basic needs live in family-style apartments where we offer them shelter, food, medical care, and quality education. House parents lovingly provide care and guidance, with the hope of making it feel like a real home for the boys.

Dar El Awlad School was opened 20 years ago to address the needs of those boys coming to us several years behind in their education. Many of them have learning difficulties that make a traditional classroom challenging, and refugee children from Syria are often denied admission to local schools. We offer a curriculum of math, English, Arabic, art, music, computer education, and practical skills. One of our boys who had been with us for 11 years recently graduated and is now attending university in the US.

We have recently added workshops that include activities such as carpentry and gardening, and we opened classrooms for children ages 3-4. Objectives for the coming year include major site maintenance for safety, raising funds through renting our facilities to outside events, and increasing our effectiveness with families through counseling, practical services, and spiritual outreach.

Our mission to offer hope to every child we serve is possible only because of generous giving from our donors. In a country where hopelessness is common, we are seeing hope for a better future in the eyes of precious children, and lives are being transformed!

Hope Changes Everything...

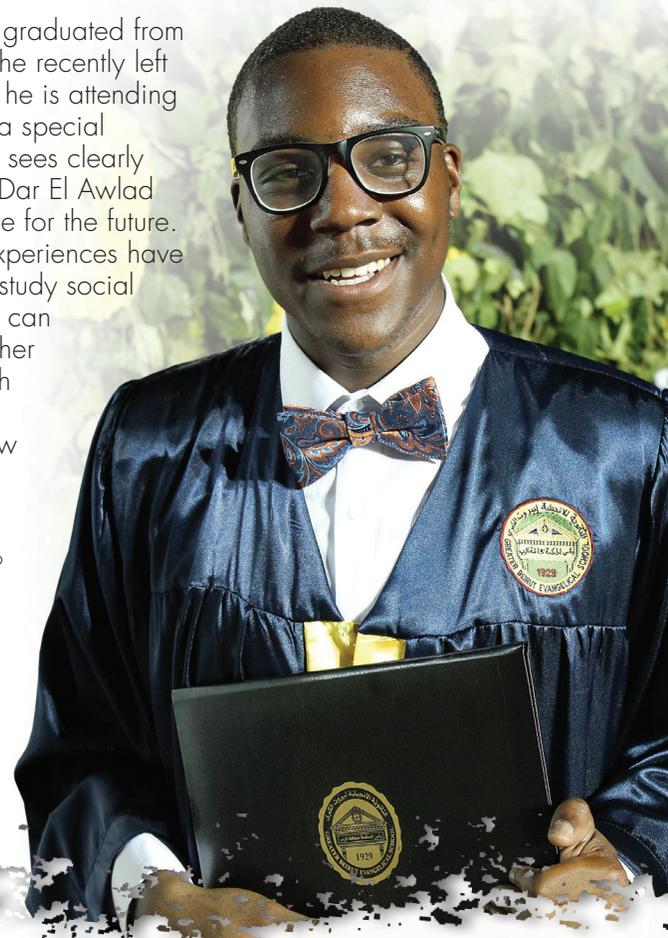
AT DAR EL AWLAD CHILDREN'S HOME AND SCHOOL!

Joseph's* story is one that began with rejection and struggling to belong. Though he was born in Lebanon, both of his parents are from West Africa, and his status as a foreigner with dark skin often affected the way people treated him. He always felt like an outsider. To make things worse, his father abandoned him, and his mother could not earn enough to provide for his physical needs. The future looked bleak for Joseph until he was seven years old, when he came to the Dar El Awlad home.

Once he arrived, he immediately found a place that loved and embraced him for who he was, not only providing for his urgent needs but encouraging him in an environment of compassionate care and guidance. After being bullied for years, it was a breath of fresh air for Joseph to make good friends. Within the Dar El Awlad community, he found a place to call home, received a quality education, and learned about the love and hope found in Jesus. He joined the local church and was baptized, growing spiritually every year.

In 2017, Joseph graduated from high school and he recently left for Texas, where he is attending university. He is a special young man who sees clearly how God used Dar El Awlad to offer him hope for the future. And all of his experiences have inspired him to study social work so that he can work to help other children. Joseph is an exciting example of how hope changes everything!

*name changed to protect privacy



"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in The Lord."

Psalms 31:24 (NIV)

What's happening...

Lebanon continues to be a place of instability, uncertainty, and great need. Over the past few years, more than a million refugees from Syria have fled from their homes and across the Lebanese border to escape the civil war. One in four children in Lebanon is a Syrian refugee, and many of them have suffered great emotional and physical trauma.

Though we had hoped that 2018 would see an easing of the refugee crisis in Lebanon, tensions in Syria are still escalating, which means that repatriation of refugees is dangerous and nearly impossible. Hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugee children have no access to education in Lebanon, due to outright denial, lack of funds, harsh regulations, and overcrowded schools. And Syrians in Lebanon often fear for their safety, as calls for violence in a politically unstable environment are a constant reality.

IN LEBANON?

Kids Alive is currently working toward adding 70 students to our education program for the 2018-2019 school year. This will also allow us to provide support and a Christian witness to their struggling families. Our goal is to care for each child's physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs, offering hope and help where most needed.

Despite the incredible obstacles we face in this country, we know without a doubt that God is at work. In addition to offering children shelter, nutritious food, and education, we have seen growth in many areas of our ministry this year. Adding skills-based classes, seeing graduates of our programs go on to university, and witnessing spiritual growth in our students are all ways we see hope transforming lives in Lebanon.

God is working at Dar El Awlad! Please pray for:

- Wisdom for strategic steps to increase our effectiveness in ministry
- Resources for a new roof and classroom technology
- Spiritual growth for our resident boys

Partner with us in prayer...

