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LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Since Monday, Israel has been striking targets across Lebanon on a scale heavier than at any other point since the start of the conflict in October as it seeks to destroy Hezbollah's capabilities. Despite blows, Hezbollah continues to launch rockets and projectiles at Israel.

With at least 1346 people dead and nearly 6408 wounded in recent days – including at least 1305 killed and 2056 injured between Wednesday and Sunday – people are terrified and uncertain of what comes next.

Daily life has been upended as places like schools and churches have turned into shelters for the roughly 1,200,000 people recently displaced. Of them, 155,000 are sheltering in 387 schools across Lebanon and the rest sleeping in public squares, on beaches or in cars around Beirut.

Our partner churches opened their doors to welcome and support as much as they can handle. Today they gave families food to eat, but they have many more needs.

At the schools, Each family filled a classroom. Some rooms had as many as 10 family members but only a few mattresses to sleep on. The families brought only their most essential belongings. They lack many other necessities, such as feminine pads, diapers, medicine, and extra clothes. The school has only a few bathrooms and no showers.

With much of Lebanon under fire and the Israeli military suggesting that it may soon launch a ground offensive, we are working closely with our church partners there to respond to growing needs. In the coming days, our aim to support and provide 1,000 mattresses and pillows, along with upwards of 500 meals to churches and community centers across Lebanon.

We continue to ask for your prayers and support.

To respond to current needs and future ones as they arise, please use our church account

Ref: Emergency Fund.
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Thank you & May God bless you

