

Follow-up Ministry

*Clubs Report 2007

God's blessings have been extending throughout the years and continuing this year also.

The year 2007 has been really fruitful, regarding the children's attendance, participation and involvement in the clubs, and regarding the volunteer leaders' enthusiasm in spreading God's love.

15 follow-up clubs and 5 sports clubs took place successfully this year reaching 2100 children in 10 area; Dekwaneh, Bourj Hammoud, Jdeideh, Dbayyeh, Batroun, Deir El-Ahmar, Al-Kaa, Baalbek, Saadneyil, and Marjeyoun

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Kids' comments on the programs were always encouraging for the leaders to get motivated to continue in this kind of ministry. For instance, after watching a sketch Kareem asked: "Can I really get a new heart instead of the old one?" In addition to that, many of the parents stayed with their kids for the whole day and they heard the message of the Gospel. All in all, thank God, 'Fondation le Grain de Blé' club ministry in 2007 was very productive and rewarding. Hopefully the 2008 club ministry will be full of abundant blessings as well...

Follow-up clubs included worship time, fun sketches and games and a spiritual part; while the sports clubs included sports time worship time, fun sketches, some short games, and a spiritual part, Basketball and Football in to the presence of some famous basketball players.

Whatever the religion of the village we were in, kids were always willing to participate, even if they had to be attending from surrounding towns. "On our way to

*Telephone Ministry Allo Junior

Persisting successfully for another year is the "stories through phone calls service", and with it continues the children's calls and new children are introduced to this service and are benefiting from it and its gifts. What made this year distinctive is that Allo Junior's friends got invited to join a camp made especially for them. This camp was held for 3 wonderful days and attended by 44 children.

Many of these children had heard a story for the first time, got a gift and friend card for the first time and for the first time also got invited to participate in a camp. New programs and new surprises await your children even if they are calling for the first time.



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2007 in words

Camps in 2007

"I wish I could stay here for one month to learn more about Jesus' Love" A testimony from 9 year old Sudanese girl in the Easter Camp summarizes the year 2007.

Easter Camp

We started planning for the 2007 camps with a new vision that is reaching out for new audience. Therefore, the Easter camp was divided into two; one for the children from Beirut and South and North of Lebanon which had 50 participants, and another camp for the first time for 37 Sudanese children in Lebanon. They all gathered in Theopolis to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The children were very touched by being loved and served by people from other ethnic background and color.

Summer Camps

As summer was getting closer, the excitement of the summer camps was rising and the camps started with a daily camp for the displaced children in Dar Al Awlad in Mansourieh where 34 children from Beirut refugee camps attended the 4 days of the camp. Despite of the crisis which was taking place in Naher Albared camp, parents were encouraged to send their children to that camp.

The main Summer Camp was in Theopolis. 75 kids from all over Lebanon attended. They learned new songs and heard Bible stories that touched their lives.

187 kids attended the camps for the Bekaa area which took place in Rayfoun and Dombosco. The kids found themselves surrounded with love and care which they don't

usually feel due to the tough situation they live in. They played and sang with loud voices as they learned new songs to glorify "Allah" whom they found out in those camps to be a loving and caring God; it was very hard for them to leave the camp and go back home after spending an unforgettable week.

For the second consecutive year, the camp in Kharaba - Syria was held during the month of August where more than 100 kids attended the daily camp. There they learned about the unchanging love of Jesus that can change lives.

Christmas Camp

The Christmas camp was a true blessing where 47 kids from the North and South of Lebanon attended. It was the first time for 27 kids of them to attend 'Fondation le Grain de Blé' camp. The last evening program was a surprise for the leaders when the kids prepared plays from what they had learned about the true meaning of Christmas.



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Just for kids Children's Team

Just for Kids Children's drama team reaches out to thousands of children in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and the Gulf States. Just for Kids uses powerful and creative communication skills to capture children's attention and help them to understand the message of the Gospel. They instruct children morally, spiritually and socially through the use of drama, clowning, songs, puppetry, story telling, games and audio-visual productions.

In 2007, more than 45,000 children attended the Just for Kids programs. We estimate that during the year 2008 this figure will exceed 50,000.



Lebanon

During the year 2007, four different productions were performed by the Just for Kids team in Lebanon. All productions were written and directed by our team with a total of 202 performances to 36,180 kids covering the whole of Lebanon. Of the latter total, an estimated 20,000 kids come from rural areas where the team visited. Copies of the Book of Hope and *Toujours Joyeux Magazine* were distributed to a large number of children especially those coming from schools in Christian areas, where distribution of such literature will not cause problems to the children receiving it.

In partnership with World Vision, we also ran birthday parties for the underprivileged. Kids who have never celebrated their birthdays were chosen and a surprise party was organized for them. Games, sketches, face-painting, puppetry, cake and presents filled in the two-hour party which was free of charge for the birthday kid. We also did private birthday parties for children whose parents wanted to add more meaning and value to the children's birthdays.



"Why don't you visit us more often, we want to learn more of God"
Fahed Hys, Aleppo

"I've hit and hurt a lot of my friends in class, but today I've learnt that God wants me to be good"
Philip, 8yrs North Lebanon

Iraq

Between 2000 & 2002 Grain de Ble organized several Just for Kids missions to Iraq. Since the war broke out in Iraq in 2003, Grain de Ble had to put on hold all its activities in Iraq especially the Just for Kids missions. In July 2006, 39 Iraqis attended the Beyond Words Children Ministry training conference that took place in Jordan. As a result of this conference, a new breakthrough happened in June 2007 when 4 Iraqi young people from different churches were invited to Lebanon Grain de Ble in Lebanon to go through an intensive training of 8 days in Beirut. In spite of all the travel delays and visa hassles, the Lord opened a way for these 4 to come to Lebanon. Now, we can confidently announce the birth of the first Iraqi children's team; who until October 2007 has reached more than 1,000 children during their performances in the Churches in Baghdad.

Syria

During 2007 Just for Kids was able to organize five tours to Syria covering the main cities of: Damascus, Aleppo, Homs and Hassakeh. A total of 42 performances to 12,145 children were done thus covering a big number of Christian schools and Churches.

The Gulf

UAE: Some 3,900 children were reached during the last Just for Kids tour in the United Arab Emirates in May 2007. That was one of the largest tours with respect to the number of children reached since the beginning of our ministry there in 2005.

Jordan

On March 26th, the Just for Kids team headed towards Amman Jordan via Syria. The same night, their team leader Ronnie and Toni Jones the clown flew there to hold training workshops for the Sunday school teachers, and the Jordanian partner Just for Kids team. Three days was all they could spend in Amman because of their busy schedule. Nevertheless the team performed six times to over 1,000 kids, helped run a two day workshop and spent time with a local Christian team giving inspiration and encouragement.

The production was around the subject of 'us being unique and special in the eyes of the Lord.' Even though we are different, we are all of value. It was based on the parable of the Prodigal Son.

That was not our first trip to Jordan, and hopefully not our last.

Kuwait

In September/October 2006, the Just for Kids team toured in the churches in Kuwait reaching some 2,800 children. A new tour was organised from 1 to 10 November 2007, in partnership with the Bible Society in Kuwait. Around 3000 children were reached during this tour



Training 2007

Country	Number of participants
Lebanon	453
Syria	220
Jordan	65
Gulf	432
Total	1,170

These quotes and many others vote for the training that has been accomplished this year. It was encouraging to see people encouraged, motivated, and inspired. It seemed that the 1,170 participants from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and the Gulf share the same desire to serve God.

The technical part of the training was genuine and creative including Creative Thinking, Brainstorming, Christian Art, and How-To that teachers need. The spiritual part was necessary and touching. Focusing on worshipping God, listening to His Word, and praying to the students was also needed.

"I learnt how to renew my strength and refresh my soul to start again with a new spirit." Joanna

"This training woke me up from my sleep: I was away and it brought me back as I encountered wonderful ideas, simple yet powerful, and helpful."
Anonymous
"I improved about 75 %"
Ra.Mi

"It is the first time something like that is done in our area... usually we go to Beirut. Thank you for coming to us."
Lina, Sunday School Teacher.

Lebanon

In February 2007 'Fondation le Grain de Blé' conducted a training seminar on how to communicate the Gospel to children from other faiths.

We conducted training for the local churches in Lebanon. Some of our counselors attended the seminars given by Wendy Strachan from Scripture Union - Australia. We also participated in giving seminars at the conference that was organized by the World Vision in Lebanon.

In collaboration with Urban Saints, Peter and Cynthia Empson gave a course on children's Ministry to participants from Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. The Training Of Trainers conference was designed to train Sunday school teachers who went back to their churches to train others. Our aim was to develop Sunday School trainers in the churches of the Middle East. The participants



enjoyed the teaching and the fun games.

'Fondation le Grain de Blé' in partnership with 'KidsAlive' organized a seminar on child protection led Ron Newby and Keith Drinkwater from Global Care UK. The conference motivated people to continue the work concerning child protection, and lots of ideas and projects evolved.

Kuwait

Fifty participants from different churches came to the Coptic Church in Kuwait to join the training and participate in the workshops. The training was organized in partnership with the Bible Society in Kuwait.

Syria

We focused more on training in Syria; six training events took place for the Evangelical Churches and to the Roman Catholic Churches there.



Jordan

Sixty five Sunday School Teachers, Youth Workers, and School Bible Teachers gathered from different parts of Jordan to join the training that took place at the Nazarene church in Amman. Eight Iraqi participants were present; the training was intensive but enjoyable.

United Arab Emirates

In February 2007, we were invited to take part in the Catholic Christian Formation Conference in Fujairah. Around 600 participants of different Catholic churches around the UAE and the Gulf were present. We also organized a training workshop in Abou Dhabi for the Evangelical Church.

Beyond Words 2007 Dubai, UAE - 15-12 October 2007

I can't tell you how enthusiastic our people who attended are. They found it a wonderful experience, humanly and spiritually. It was absolutely excellent, and I think it will make a very big difference indeed... Thank you once again. You are making a great difference to our work." "All the excellent presentations were really done with the spirit of Beyond Words, or perhaps, I should just say, the Holy Spirit!" Fr. Francis, Vicar General, Catholic Vicariate of Arabia.

This is what Beyond Words Conference 2007 in Dubai was all about. Making a difference! Making a difference to those 250 participants coming from different churches, denominations, and Gulf states. Every morning for 3 days and before splitting into the workshops, those diverse people would come together in unity worshipping the Lord together, praying together and hearing God's Word together.

Thanks a lot to our valued hard working staff and our valued partners in the event, the Bible Society in the Gulf, all our friends, prayer partners and generous donors, and especially to all our wonderful & talented workshop leaders; thank you! God counted on all of you to make it happen.

Training influence

In most training events, participants were filling a response sheet for us to survey their feedback and gather outcome statistics. The statistics show that every participant will influence 16 children, 2 teens, 1 youth, and 1 leader on average. This result votes more to our training continuity and development.

We will continue to pray for all who we met at our seminars, and for those taking the training one step further in training other teachers. We will continue to pray as well as plan to meet them again in our training schedule for 2008.