

Lebanon Update and Prayer Requests May 2022

Lebanon's struggles deepen. Corruption and economic and financial collapse and banking issues remain unresolved.

The war in Ukraine has compounded the situation as 80% of Lebanon's grain comes from Ukraine and Russia.

Power cuts continue with only a few hours a day of electricity being provided.

30% of young people have left Lebanon, along with many doctors, nurses and other professionals. There has been a Lebanon 'boat people' tragedy with a boat supplied by illegal people smugglers, overloaded with people desperate to leave, sinking off the coast of Tripoli. There were some survivors but some people are still missing. Rumours that the boat was rammed by a Lebanese military boat have led to riots in Tripoli.

Rockets have been fired over Lebanon's southern border into Israel by Hamas related groups and Israel is retaliating.

There are decisive elections due May 15th.

Much prayer is needed for this land of Lebanon and her people.

Please pray :

-that the elections will be free, fair and safe.

-give thanks for the churches who have stood as a beacon of hope and tireless self-giving to their suffering neighbours and for strength and resources for them to continue to do so.

-that Lebanon will continue as a bastion of religious freedom in the Middle East, Christian freedom in Lebanon is treasured.

-for a government and political system free of corruption and for a workable resolution with IMF for assistance to help Lebanon get back on her feet.