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Lebanon Trust – what we did in 2018



Dear friends and supporters,

Again this year, in October, we went to Lebanon to deliver your generous donations and to visit the Institutions that we support: the Father Andeweg Institute for the Deaf (FAID), two refugee kindergartens, and the Home of Hope, for street and orphaned children.

At **FAID**, where we also stayed, we renovated the students' Computer Room and the Earmould Laboratory. Removing all the furniture and equipment, scraping and painting walls, windows, railings and doors, replacing the old carpet with a new one, moving the furniture back: we did it all over the course of several days and a weekend, in order not to disrupt the teaching schedule too much. We also did painting and maintenance work on the girls' dormitory playground that we built in 2016, as well as a complete clearance of the overgrowth in the garden.

We donated 8000 dollars to finance a speech therapist for the nearly 70 deaf children, ranging from kindergarten pupils to teenagers. Speech therapy teaches deaf people how to speak and lip-read, allowing them to communicate with the wider world and equipping them for a productive future.

This year our team had a wonderful addition: Emma, from Italy, who worked hard, always keeping her good spirit. A perfect volunteer!

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Scenes from our stay at FAID:



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This year we returned to the **Home of Hope**, that welcomes street children and children with no family. The Education Director and our friend Brady showed off their impressive – and very creative – work in the field of robotics. We talked to many of the children, and left a donation of 2000 dollars for their computer class, where they learn programming and robotics. We also gave them many footballs, donated by O’Neills sport in Dublin.



As we have been doing every year since 2011, we went to visit the **kindergarten of the refugee camp of Shatila**. We love this place – despite its really bleak surroundings in a dilapidated and overcrowded refugee camp, the kindergarten is full of joy, colours, laughter and songs. The teachers are all super-motivated and full of energy. The children, aged 3 to 5, learn to read and write in Arabic and English. The classrooms are full of drawings; we added great clouds of soap bubbles, which the children adore.

We gave the kindergarten’s director Mariam a donation of USD 2000 towards the purchase of books and material for those children whose families cannot afford them.



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One of our regular appointments when we are in Lebanon is the visit to the **kindergarten of the refugee camp di Burj el-Shemali**, in the city of Tyre, in the south of the country. We very much look forward to this, every time. It is a great day that we spend with the children and the teachers. They are all very warm and welcoming, always enthusiastic, motivated and full of ideas and projects.

We all sang songs in English, blew soap bubbles, ate sweets and made a lot of noise. On behalf of our supporters, we left a much-needed donation of 2000 dollars in support of the kindergarten's activities. After the children left, the teachers surprised us with a huge Palestinian lunch, which was really delicious!



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Income: Donations to Lebanon Trust (Euro)

Fundraising events	
Private donations, collection boxes, sponsorship cards	
Corporate sponsorships	
Total	15418.30

(Year close Nov 30, 2018; EUR/USD/CHF currency exchange rate: as applied by our bank in Ireland)

Expenditure: Donations to the supported institutions, expenses (Euro)

Web hosting & domains, Paypal/bank fees	121.15
Hardware & materials, transport, logistics, local labour	1896.50
Donation to FAID (*)	7120.00
Donation to the Home of Hope	1780.00
Donation to Chatila refugee kindergarten	1780.00
Donation to Burj el Shemali refugee kindergarten	1780.00
Total	14477.65
<i>Difference</i>	<i>940.65</i>

As always, the volunteers organized many fundraiser events over the past year: street collections, weekly raffles, cake sales, quiz night, flea market, weekly gallon of beer draw, parties, etc.

Our special thanks to the friends who helped this year:

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