

Hermel School

Providing Hope and Light

The latest updates

Through your generous support in prayers, encouragement, and financial, the school has been operating for two months with two classes, 80 students grouped in ages of 7 to 9 and 10 to 14 years old.

Students continue to be excited coming to school and desiring to learn and grow in their interactions with each other.

Some of the students' younger siblings jealous of their brothers and sisters going to school, have created an opportunity to add a makeshift pre-K class to solve sibling rivalries.

Our young and energetic teachers are focused on the basics. Given the minimal literacy these students have acquired so far, our goal is to teach elementary level with emphasis on social and emotional needs.



Students learning their alphabet

Frosty Winter in Hermel



Miniature wood stove installed in the corner of the picture providing heat during class time.

Hermel in Northeast Lebanon is situated about 2560 ft above sea level. Winter temperatures range from 40 to 60 degrees making classrooms too cold without heat.

Your generous contributions have enabled the school to purchase and install 3 miniature wood stoves along with fuel for two months.

Winter ends in early April. We are hoping for additional funds to support the remainder of winter months fuel.

Teachers are instructing classes in Arabic and English in addition to teaching Math and Science. We are researching various educational programs available through the internet and Chromebook type devices. Stay tuned for future developments and bringing the school online.

Lebanon News

Economic crisis in Lebanon continues to worsen with the exchange rate reaching 40K Lira to a Dollar. The middle class has been eliminated and most people are living on an hour of electricity from time to time.

Future Opportunities

We hope to expand our humanitarian support into an outreach for women, water filtration, and basic medical needs. In addition, we are researching recruiting and retention of educators in the community to ensure success of the school.

Trip to Lebanon

2nd half of March 2023

At our own expense, Susan and I will be traveling to Lebanon to visit and check the progress of the school.

We invite anyone interested to join us on this journey which will include UNESCO historic site visits as well as volunteer opportunities.