

# News Of Hope

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- New transportation van.
- Donations to send more kids to schools.
- Funds for a fulltime psychologist.
- Budget for hospitalization
- Professional staff.

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## ... THEY TAUGHT ME ...

Do something for someone who can never repay you and you'll feel like the richest person alive.

In May this year I made the decision to go to Lebanon and volunteer my time in an orphanage caring for abandoned, mistreated and abused children. I never thought that the 3 months I would spend there would be the highlight of my life so far.

I went there expecting to teach them so many things but the exact opposite happened.

These children have little to next to nothing. They have been through so much in so little time they've lived to tell the story of someone who's died and come back to life. They are something really inspirational.

These children aren't hungry nor thirsty thanks to this wonderful organization, rather craving a bit of love, a kiss, a hug...

**The Home of Hope is one of its kind in Lebanon.**

It's an organization that cares for abandoned children irrespective of their race, religion or political alliance and to provide that, is something extremely dear to my heart.

*If wealth is measured by what's in our hearts, then mankind is extremely poor and on the brink of bankruptcy.*

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## NEW STAFF

Last month we had some new staff members join us. **Brady and Amber Black**, originally from Texas, USA, but came to us most recently from Oman where they had been working for 5 years teaching English. Now they have moved to Beirut to work with us full time, and they plan to be here for many years to come. They say that the work here could take

up many lifetimes, so they will be here as long as Home of Hope will have them. They are excited to be able to help out in every way needed, but they are specifically interested in revamping the educational programs, encouraging and managing volunteers, and promoting Home of Hope's cause to an American audience.

So far their experience here has been a wild ride for the first month; getting used to a new place, changing their Arabic dialects, and trying to come up with some ideas on where to begin to help. While it has been tiring, it has also been extremely rewarding and they look forward to what the future will hold.

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## Once Upon a Child

Like all daughters, Faith loved her father very much. But because of things he would do to her when they were alone, she was often afraid. She would pretend to sleep in hopes that he might not bother her.

Eventually Faith discovered her father was bothering her younger sister, too. But when she told her mother, her mother denied it and hit her. But Faith had a sister, Hope, from another mother, and when Hope discovered that their father bothered Faith in the same way he bothered her, she went to the police, and their father was put in jail.

Faith's mother was not reliable, and after their father went to prison, sometimes she and her siblings had to live with their aunt, who was cruel and would make the children work and then take their money. During this time, her mother also tried to marry her to fifty-year old man. Faith was just fifteen.

But now Faith and her siblings are at Home of Hope. Faith says, "I was once sad and scared. But at Home of Hope I am happy and comfortable. I love the activities and the staff has really helped me. Even though I am saddened by my parents, I am really trying to forgive them."

Note: Once Upon a Child is a dramatized, but not exaggerated, narrative of a child previously or currently present at the Home of Hope