

Friends and Family,

My church, Rockport Baptist Church, has continued in supporting missionaries. I have had the pleasure in meeting one of those missionaries, Walid Bitar. Walid is a native to Lebanon in the Middle East. There, he has served the Lord faithfully through much discouragement and troubles. His main work is with his church and evangelizing to Muslims by handing out Bibles and preaching the Word. Walid is involved in the missions organization "Heartcry", in which Rockport works close with and trust wholeheartedly.

Even at a young age, I can see that the Lord has gifted me with preaching and teaching. I pray that I will continue to be faithful in this area. One way that I plan to be faithful and grow in these gifts is to surround myself with godly men and women. I currently do not have the means for the schooling that I wish I could, but I feel that the Lord is providing in other areas.

One of these ways to advance my gifts is to visit Walid in Lebanon to work under him. While there, I hope to gain a greater passion for evangelism and the spreading of the Word of God in an environment that isn't "safe" and to learn a more disciplined life in the Word. Additionally, for those that know Walid know how easy it is for someone in his circumstances to become discouraged there in Lebanon. My humble prayer is that I somehow also would be an encouragement to him by the Grace of God.



I am planning to go to Lebanon and learn under Walid for the first two weeks in August. This trip is pending on money and prayer. Therefore, I am going to ask for both. The trip will cost around \$2,000 for airfare. While in Lebanon, I will be staying with Walid and his church has agreed to take care of me.

Romans 10:14-15a

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent?

1 John 2:2

He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

Revelation 21:23-24

The city (Heaven) has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Philippians 4:17

Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

Thank you,
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To contribute, give to the church and make sure it is marked.