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THE CORBINS

and the *EMBRACE* ministry to TCK's



THE FINGERPRINTS OF GOD
ARE ALL OVER LEBANON

As I mentioned in my last letter, I was starving for ministry opportunities this summer, since all of my scheduled ministry trips had been canceled. So, it was such a blessing to me that God opened this opportunity up for me. But I didn't want this trip to be all about making me feel better. So, I pleaded with God to use me there in some lives. He truly did.

Have you ever had a time where it was so clearly evident that GOD had His fingerprints all over the events in front of you? Or maybe, just the opposite—He seemed to be nowhere in any of it? I have definitely had both situations. And lately as I have personally wrestled with why God doesn't "fix" the mess our world seems to be in right now, I am thrilled to say He truly showed up on this trip I took last month to Lebanon. In case you missed it in our last letter, I was able to join a team of people to conduct an evangelistic English camp in Lebanon this summer. Because all of my other planned ministry trips were canceled due to the virus, it freed me

up to join in this ministry, and what a blessing it was!

Because so many of you partner with me through your prayers and financial support, I wanted to "take you with me" to let you see all the ways God showed up through our partnership together.

Through this pandemic, there have been very few countries in the world that will allow American visitors inside their borders. Lebanon is one country that for a brief time opened up to visitors from around the world. If I remember correctly, they had only opened up their borders about 3 weeks before we got there. AND...

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GOD was there!

1st Fingerprint

A Small Window

...while we were there, they closed their borders down again. The people of Lebanon have suffered so much over the past year that they were begging us to come, in spite of the fears that are so prevalent these days. So **God opened up a window** just barely long enough for us to go in and hold this camp.

2nd Fingerprint

Phillip

Many of you know the struggles I had being a pastor's kid. Phillip, a PK from Egypt, has an almost identical story. Whereas God took that difficult part of my history to do something very good in me, Phillip is still wrestling with God. As I shared my story with Phillip, he began to weep. Through two deep conversations with him, Phillip began to take steps in the right direction.

3rd Fingerprint

Aladdin

Aladdin (yes, you read that right—that is his real name) had been a **prisoner of ISIS** and only escaped because of a bombing on the prison camp. He fled to Lebanon, where he gave his life to Jesus. He can no longer go back to Syria and his family because ISIS has told his family that if he ever returns, he will be killed. But also, his family has disowned him for leaving Islam.

Even More Fingerprints of God

4th Fingerprint

Fidai (Pronounced Fee-de-ee)



Fidai is a shy Syrian young man from the Muslim faith who, at age TEN, was sent alone to Lebanon by his parents to work and send money back to the family! He feels unloved and unwanted by his family and has had no connection with them now for many years. Fidai speaks almost no English at all. But he hung on our every word in our morning Bible study (English Reading Time). On the first day of the camp, our lesson was the story of the Prodigal Son. At the end of the lesson, with tears in his eyes, he said to me, "Thank you for this. **You have opened my eyes today to who God really is.** My perspective of Him has totally changed." On the last day of the camp, Fidai grabbed a translator and said to me, "I want you to know that I have surrendered my

life to Jesus today." This precious soul is now our brother in the family of God!

5th Fingerprint

Antonio

Antonio and his family almost didn't come to the camp for fear of the virus. But at the last minute, they decided to come. Over the past year, Antonio showed a growing interest in becoming a believer, but just couldn't commit. During the camp, he spent many hours talking with various members of our staff as well as the Lebanese pastor who was there. God was truly pursuing them. The day after the camp, Antonio said to one of the Lebanese staff members, "NOW I am finally free!" He truly joined the family of God! And these are only a few of the examples of God clearly at work during this camp. His fingerprints were everywhere!



Fidai



Antonio



Beirut 36 hours after I flew out



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GOD'S TIMING IS ALWAYS PERFECT

When I first learned about this camp, I wasn't sure if God wanted me to go or not because it didn't involve any TCK's. But there is no question in my mind now. And the timing of this camp was also a very clear indicator that God was in this. We barely got into the country before the doors closed again; there were so many at the camp with whom He wanted divine encounters; AND only 4 days after the camp ended, came the massive explosion that rocked that country to its core. I departed Beirut only 36 hours before it happened. So, his timing was not only such that I was spared from going through that horrific experience, but also, just imagine how the hope that was brought to those campers the week before helped them as they faced such destruction! Some of them lost their homes. Others lost friends and family. BUT **they saw God** so vividly just days before!

Thank you for being part of all God wanted to do this summer through this ministry in Lebanon with your gifts and prayers. We are so very thankful for you. As we look forward, I will begin next month visiting TCK's around the country. Please pray for wisdom to know where I'm most needed and for open doors. We pray you are seeing God's fingerprints all around you as well. We love you.

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