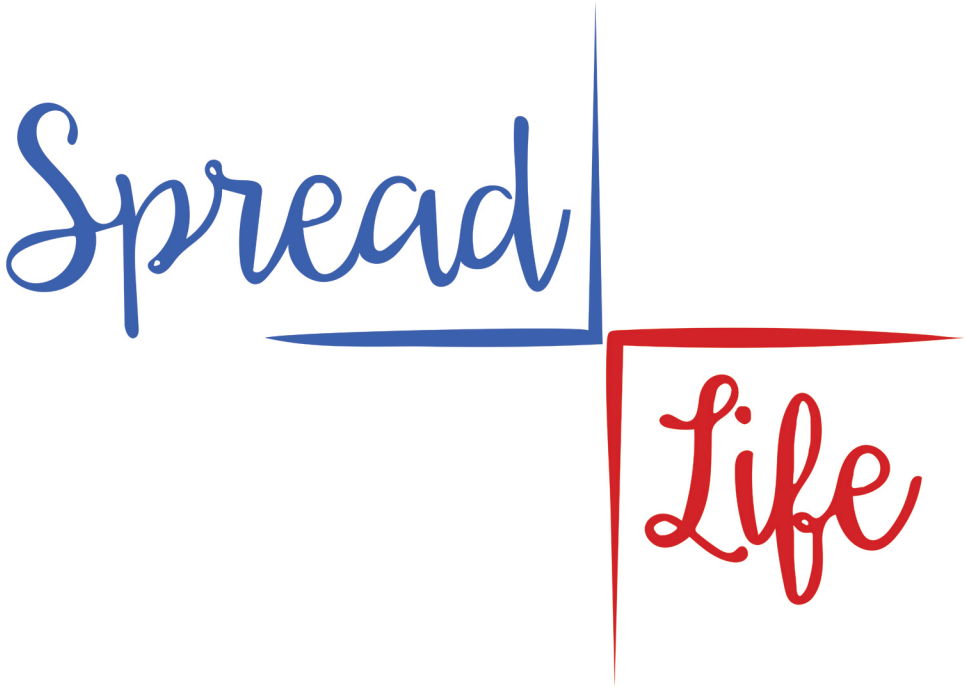
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TO OUR
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"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isiah 41:13

As we look back on 2024, we are reminded of the unwavering truth: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). This year brought immense challenges for Lebanon, marked by instability and culminating in the Israeli war that intensified from September through December.

The conflict not only created widespread uncertainty but also severely impacted access to essential resources, particularly medicine. Many families were forced to relocate to areas where Spread Life serves, deepening their need for support. Yet, through God's provision and your steadfast generosity, we persevered in our mission to serve those most in need.

By the grace of God and with your invaluable support, Spread Life was able to reach 960 individuals (600 families) this year. This achievement is a testament to our collective resilience and the power of faith-driven action. Our mission—to plant God's word in every household we serve while offering a helping hand—has been carried forward with even greater dedication. This year, we expanded our impact through new collaborations with the Lebanese American University School of Pharmacy, the Bible Society, One Hand Organization, and Total Care Polyclinics in Lebanon, while continuing our meaningful partnerships with existing organizations. These collaborations strengthened our ability to provide essential aid and spiritual encouragement to those in distress.

BIBLE SOCIETY
جمعية الكتاب المقدس

OneHand
För barns framtid och utveckling

TOTALCARE™
Polyclinic

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الجامعة اللبنانية الأميركية
Lebanese American University
School of Pharmacy

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Despite the challenges, our engagement with local communities remained at the heart of our work. In particular, our collaboration with Lebanese American University students allowed us to extend hands-on support. Together, we visited families, prepared and distributed medications, and took the time to understand their needs. These encounters not only addressed urgent concerns but also shared the joy of the Lord, instilling in volunteers and beneficiaries alike the transformative power of service.

In the realm of education, 2024 was a year of meaningful progress. We launched a French section in our after-school program, ensuring that French-educated students received the academic support they needed. Additionally, recognizing a gap in university-level assistance, we began shifting our efforts to support more university students. While many organizations focus on primary and secondary education, few address the financial and academic struggles of university students. This strategic shift aims to bridge that gap and empower young adults with the tools they need to succeed.

Though this year presented significant trials, the love of God remained steadfast. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve families affected by conflict, offering not only material aid but also hope, faith, and encouragement in times of hardship.
As we look to the future, we remain committed to enriching lives and strengthening communities. With God's guidance and your continued partnership, we will press forward in our mission, spreading His light and love to those in need. Your unwavering support fuels this work, and for that, we extend our deepest gratitude.
We eagerly anticipate many more years of serving God and His people, trusting that together, we will continue to spread life in His name.

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2024 at a glance

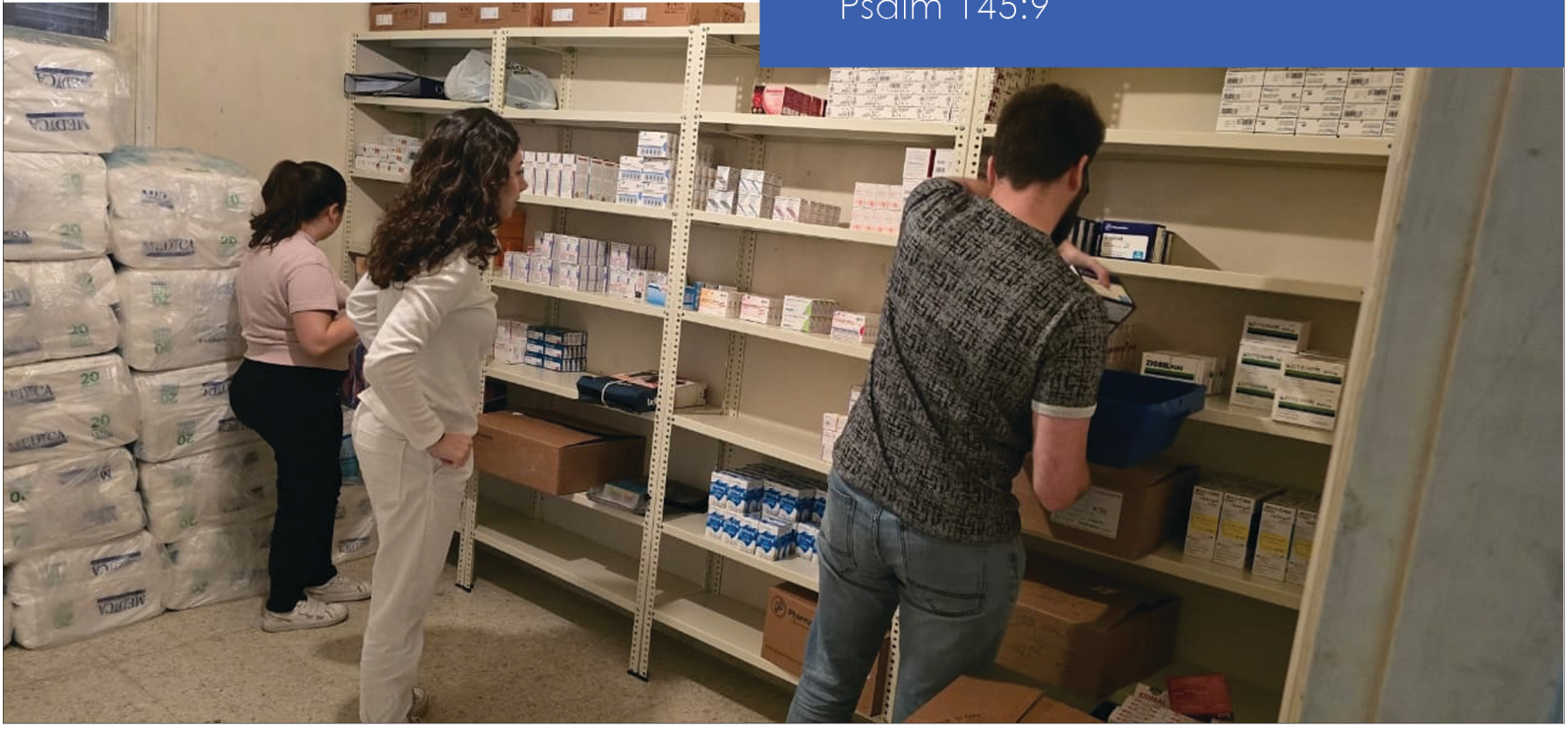
In 2024, the greatness and care of God were evident in every aspect of our work. The dedicated servants of Spread Life devoted countless hours to ensuring that families received the dignified service they deserve, honoring their value as beloved children of God. Nights were spent at the bedsides of patients in hospitals, and hours were dedicated to prayerful planning and reflection. Each day was spent actively fulfilling our mission, leading to the provision of vital assistance to over 960 individuals (600 families), addressing their medical, nutritional, and educational needs.

The Spread Life team worked tirelessly, trusting the Lord to guide our steps and make each effort impactful. Prayer and discernment were central to our decision-making process as we sought God's wisdom in our outreach and service.

Despite the crises and the effects of war impacting Lebanon, our commitment to serve remained unwavering. Through proactive measures and reliance on God's faithfulness, our operations continued uninterrupted, ensuring that families received the support they needed even in the most challenging circumstances.

"His greatness is seen in His care for everything He has made."

Psalm 145:9



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2024 Key Achievements

. Increased the number of families served from 480 to 600, marking a notable 24% increase.

. Expanded our service in Zahleh, extending support from 100 to 120 families.

. Developed our Bet Tarbitho – Spread Life monthly prayer meetings, inviting more families to join in prayer each month.

. Established Partnerships with the Lebanese American University – School of Pharmacy, Bible Society, Total Care Polyclinics and One Hand Swedish Organization.

. Launched monthly intercessory meetings for Spread Life servants, providing a dedicated space for prayer and reflection.

. Developed the Spread Life mobile application, creating a global praying community.

. Launched the French Section in the After-School Project.

. Played an active role in the Lebanon's relief mission during the Israeli war on Lebanon.

. **Developmental Initiatives**
   a. Continued its Spread Honey Project.
   b. Expanded consultancy services (organizational structure, auditing, and medical) for small businesses including pharmacies.
   c. Began producing Spread Wine (both Red and White wine) from the Bekaa Valley.

. **Community Celebrations**
   a. Hosted a festive Easter project, distributing 525 KGs of Easter cookies to 350 families.
   b. Served 360 Christmas Eve meals to 360 families.

Internal Milestone

A vital internal achievement in 2024 was the launch of Spread Life's monthly evaluation and prayer meetings. These meetings allow us to reevaluate the status of each served family, assess changes in employment, health, and emergencies, and efficiently manage our resources to better serve them. More importantly, the meetings include a dedicated hour of prayer, where our servants come together to lift up challenges, worries, and burdens before the Lord. We seek new blessings, listen to His will, and pour our service before Him. Praying together fills us with the Holy Spirit, empowering us to serve with renewed strength and to encourage the families in our care.

As we continue forward, we remain steadfast in our mission, trusting in God's guidance and the faithful support of our community. Together, we will continue to spread life in His name.

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2024 Evaluation

"His greatness is seen in His care for everything He has made."

Psalm 145:9



As we persevere in accomplishing our mission, we eagerly look forward to a blessed year, placing our complete trust in the will of God and walking in His light. Drawing from our past experiences, Spread Life meticulously plans, prays, and dedicates its talents to serving our beloved families, knowing that God blesses and guides our steps. In our 2023 annual report, we outlined the following objectives for 2024:

1. Further increase the number of families served by 20%.

2. Organize our first youth service project for youth residing abroad to participate in a two-week mission with Spread Life. (Note: This objective is subject to the political situation in Lebanon, which may affect the ability of youth to visit.)

3. Invite families served to attend Bible study meetings at their homes.

4. Develop further relationships with local and international organizations to better serve our beloved families.

5. Launch our mobile application, which connects all Spread Life family members (served families, servants, donors, friends, etc.), creating a prayer community to support each other.

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Despite the war in Lebanon, Spread Life team faithfully worked throughout the year to meet the objectives set for 2024. Quarterly meetings were held to ensure progress was being made, with close monitoring of results. With the blessings of the Lord, we were able to achieve the majority of our objectives, though the circumstances, primarily the war, hindered some achievements.

To begin with, our commitment to our families was met, and we successfully increased the number of families served from 480 to 600 families (940 beneficiaries). Not only did we provide medical and nutritional support, but we also organized prayer meetings and masses to pray and enjoy fellowship together.

In 2024, one of our key goals was to develop partnerships with other organizations to build a more efficient process for serving our community. We were blessed to formalize our partnership with One Hand Organization in Sweden, and we also partnered with the Lebanese American University – School of Pharmacy. Additionally, Total Care Clinics Lebanon expressed interest in partnering with Spread Life to provide healthcare services for the families we serve. The Bible Society also joined our network of partners, supporting us with all our scripture needs and Bible purchases.

After more than a year of hard work and development, we are proud to announce the completion of the Spread Life mobile application, which aims to create a prayer community for all Spread Life stakeholders (beneficiaries, donors, friends, etc.). The app was officially launched for Android users in January 2025 and will be available for iOS users later in 2025.

Before concluding this section, it is important to highlight the continuous success of the monthly prayer meetings in collaboration with Bet Tarbitho. These meetings are attended by over 150 people each month, with more and more individuals engaging in worship, prayer, and fellowship, deepening their connection with God and their brothers and sisters in Christ.



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Finally, I would like to address the objective of organizing our first youth service project for youth residing abroad, to participate in a two-week mission. This was contingent on the political situation in the country, which unfortunately did not allow for the arrival of youth from abroad in 2024. However, we are hopeful and will work hard during the summer of 2025 to make this project a reality.
Regarding the Bible study at the households of our beneficiaries, it was conducted twice this year. This initiative was designed primarily for cancer patients who are unable to attend prayer meetings. However, the continuity of this project was challenged by the fact that cancer patients are often medically unstable. Additionally, it was not recommended to expose these patients to gatherings in close proximity to others, as it could increase the risk of illness. We found that praying in small groups during our routine monthly visits and discussing the Bible with them served them better than large gatherings, allowing for a more personal and protective environment.

2025 Objectives

As we move toward 2025, Spread Life's primary commitments remain focused on fulfilling its mission of spreading God's word and offering a helping hand to those in need, in a renewed manner, with a focus on efficiency and development. Building upon our past experiences in engaging with all stakeholders, Spread Life's vision for the future remains to create a network of medical service providers.

During 2023 and 2024, Spread Life successfully provided financial and medical consultancy services to small pharmacies, ensuring fair pricing and consistent availability of medicines. This initiative has helped Spread Life maintain a steady supply of medicine, preventing shortages and ensuring that local pharmacies are equipped to meet the monthly needs of our beneficiaries.

Looking ahead, Spread Life aims to establish its own radiology and laboratory center to serve the community and offer paid services to the public, with proceeds funding other Spread Life services, much like the income generated from our consultancy services. While this remains a long-term goal, we are working daily toward it and awaiting the right time and resources to pursue this dream, ultimately enhancing our ability to serve the communities in need.

Furthermore, Spread Life plans to expand its small development projects, including Spread Honey and Spread Wine premium goods. Over the past three years, Spread Life has successfully produced premium-quality honey to raise funds and build a trusted brand. Due to its high demand, the entire harvest sells out every year. In 2024, Spread Life also began investing in a winery in the Bekaa Valley, producing 1,000 bottles of wine. We aim to expand this project as part of our vision to create trusted brands that contribute to funding the charitable and spiritual services of Spread Life.

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Therefore, 2025 will bring operational, spiritual, and developmental expansion to better serve our beneficiaries, while staying true to Spread Life's mission of fostering a community committed to prayer, meditation, and living the word of God.

The objectives for 2025 are as follows:

1. Further increase the number of families served based on available funding and human resources.
2. Launch Spread Life services in Tripoli, North Lebanon.
3. Launch the Spread Life mobile application for iOS users.
4. Initiate an internal revamp of our policies and procedures, led by an external consultant, to elevate Spread Life to a more professional organizational level and make it eligible to attract international donors and institutions.
5. Develop further relationships with local and international organizations to better serve our beloved families.
6. Organize our first youth service project for youth residing abroad to participate in a two-week mission with Spread Life. (Note: This objective is subject to the political situation in Lebanon, which may affect the ability of youth to visit.)
7. Develop and advance the Honey and Wine projects to expand the visibility and reach of Spread Life products, thereby supporting the fundraising efforts.

2025 is a significant year for Spread Life, marking the 10th anniversary since the first visits made by Spread Life in October 2015 when it first began its work. By God's will, with the expansion of Spread Life into the North of Lebanon in 2025, we will have the opportunity to cover all areas in Lebanon where our community resides, including Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Bekaa, and the North.



Finally, as each year passes, we are deeply aware that the service we provide would not be possible without the generous support and prayers of our community of donors, friends, and fundraisers. Your continued and growing assistance enables us to persevere and constantly seek ways to better serve our society. We pray that the abundant blessings, grace, and love of our Lord fill your lives and the lives of your loved ones. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission.

Elie Raheb Khallo
Executive Director
15 February 2024

OUR **MISSION**

Our mission is to plant
God's words and Love
in every household we serve
and offer a helping hand
to those in need



IMPACT



Spread **Christ's good news**

Spread **joy** and **happiness**
to served households

Spread **love** to families

Spread **warmth** to the needy

Spread **hope** to the anguished

Spread **peace** to the **anxious.**

OUR **TEAM**

With the expansion in the number of beloved beneficiaries served, we reorganized the families into geographic regions, where each account officer is responsible for a specific area. This restructuring, along with the increase in the number of families served, led to the addition of one new account officer, Mr. Charbel Georges, to our team in 2024.

Special thanks to ShiBfeed Christian Organization, which managed all our social media pages and video production. They graciously opened their studio and offered their skilled team throughout the year to produce videos for our monthly meetings and other projects.

We proudly present our team:

Board Members



Elie Raheb-Khallo



Dr. Jad Mrad



Mary Kello



Julien Jalkh



Mikhael Dunya

OUR **TEAM**

Management & Administrative Team



Elie Raheb-Khallo
Executive Director



Mary Kello
Accounting &
Financial Manager



Viviane Moukhtar
Operational Administration



Rod Chami
IT & Development



Mireille Murr
Chief Pharmacist

Account & Field Officers



George Makdisi
Field Service
Coordinator



Hani Moukhtar
Account Officer



Jack Dolmayeh
Account Officer



Steve Bechara
Account Officer



Elie Zino
Account Officer



Adel Syriani
Account Officer



Joseph Zino
Account Officer



Malek Shaker
Account Officer



Charbel Georges
Account Officer

OUR **TEAM**

Kitchen Program



Amal Chamii
Chef



Simon Chamii
Assistant Chef



Chakeh Hajjar Saadeh
Dietitian

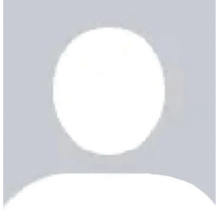


Issam Eid
Transportation Services

Pantry Program



Georges Abou Sleiman
Transportation Services



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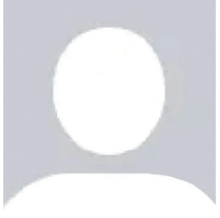
Pantry Program Coordinator



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Pantry Program Assistant

Educational Program



Mikhael Dunya
Program Coordinator



Sara Chemali
After-School
Project Supervisor



Bahjat Babi
Account Officer



Fadi Abou Assaly
Career Support Officer

OUR **TEAM**

After-School Team



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George Koko | Jonathan Jajan | Marc Moukhtar (Camera Shy)

Media

ShiBfeed Organization
Videography



Walid Azar
Photographer

Consultants



Souad El Mayss
Legal Consultant

WORKFLOW

Process

Before planning and launching any program, we design proper policies and procedures in order to provide guidelines for our work and ensure the capability to serve in a smooth manner reaching out to as many beneficiaries as possible.

Two vital principles that Spread Life continuously works hard to implement; dual control and segregation of duties principles. Enhancing the control environment at Spread Life is one of our top priorities where it provides stakeholders with confidence and ease with the mission.

The major achievement in this area was the principle that none of the servants can accept any new beneficiary, even the executive director, without the approval of another authorized servant. It is worth mentioning that all control measures are governed by the internally developed software - which is updated continuously to match our expansion and new controls - keeping records of all patients' files, applications, and medical records, etc. Notifications are received by email and push notifications on the mobile phones at the level of each servant's inbox and phone to ensure smooth procedures that serve all stakeholders.

Finally, all policies and procedures are discussed during board meetings, which are held on a quarterly basis. Additionally, procedures are reevaluated annually to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.

Hereby, we present the main workflow (same for all programs) of our work which rotates around a primary site visit, application submittal, approval process, and follow-up:



WORKFLOW

1-Site Visit

a. At the initiation of the relationship with the beneficiary, a site visit is conducted by the account officer and/or the field officer to gather the required information, understand the beneficiaries needs and gather supporting documents if needed.

2- Application Submittal

a. Above-gathered, required information is posted on the online Spread Life Software.

b. The chief pharmacist reviews the medications and either approves or rejects them according to the established procedures.

c. The application is pre-designed to include all information and documentation required in order to facilitate the decision of the authorized servant to grant approval or rejection.

3- Approval Process

a. The first approval servant reviews the application and grants the fair decision.

b. Following the first review, the second approval servant will review the application and the comments of the first approval servant to grant the final decision.

c. The approval process is based on a predefined authority matrix in our policies which grants approval rights to program coordinators, the executive director, and the board depending on the size and the circumstances of the beneficiaries being served.

4- Follow up

a. After the approval is granted, the account and/or the field officer starts regular visits to the beneficiary in order to provide the needed support.

b. In these regular follow-ups, a prayer time is always included since personal and spiritual care are always a big part of our service.

c. Also, any new required needs are gathered in order to ensure that our beneficiaries are being taken care of properly.

TRANSPARENCY & PRIVACY

Two opposing words, but at the same time two essential requirements to ensure that our mission is being served with the utmost care to all our partners and stakeholders; including donors, team, and beneficiaries.

Transparency

On the one hand, our donors are putting their trust in us, so the least we can do is repay this trust by ensuring what was donated is put to proper use based on their expressed desires. This entails the utmost transparency.

We highly view transparency with the extreme importance in our work. It makes sure that we are held accountable for our service, which would build trust with our donors. Therefore, we work diligently to provide whatever needed to show transparency even if this is not required by our donors. Therefore, the below measures are taken upon any donation, regardless its quantity:

1- Whenever a donation is debited to our cash book, a donation receipt is issued from our accounting software.
2- Upon utilizing any donation, a detailed donation letter showing how it was spent along with the attached supporting documents (receipts) are communicated to the donor.
3- Our website includes our yearly program expenses, with a quarterly update on figures in order to include the most recent progress of our work.
4- The website also includes all of our processes and policies so that everyone can be informed how we serve.
5- An annual report is prepared yearly to describe our work in details in addition to what we are planning ahead.

Finally, despite not being required by Lebanese law, Spread Life voluntarily engages with an external audit firm, Barbara & Co, who are a member of Prima Global. This demonstrates our commitment to transparency and accountability in our operations. We believe that working with external auditors strengthens our financial integrity and ensures the trust and confidence of our donors, partners, and stakeholders.

TRANSPARENCY & PRIVACY

Two opposing words, but at the same time two essential requirements to ensure that our mission is being served with the utmost care to all our partners and stakeholders; including donors, team, and beneficiaries.

Privacy

On the other hand, our service exposes us to personal and sensitive information about our beneficiaries. Therefore, ensuring privacy of this information is as important, if not more, than, transparency. Accordingly, we have set some measures to mitigate and protect personal and sensitive information as follows:

1- We have set limitations to the access of information on our web platform (each servant is granted access over the families that they serve only and not the entire population served).
2- The identities of our beneficiaries are not shared on any social platform (via video or photo) without prior approval from them, nor with any other organization we partner with.
3- Our database is not shared with any party, even of our donors. Even though some require this condition, our policy is quite clear regarding this matter.

Furthermore, a non-disclosure agreement is signed by each servant that has access to such information.

MEDICAL PROGRAM

The medical program is at the heart of Spread Life's beginnings and continues to be a central focus, as medicine is vital for the families we serve. With the deterioration of the situation and the emergence of various crises, more people are unable to provide for their medications. Each month, we offer essential support by providing medication for chronic conditions such as hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and more. This assistance is extended to individuals who cannot afford their medical expenses or who are incapacitated, making it difficult for them to meet their healthcare needs. Through this program, Spread Life strives to ensure that essential medical care remains accessible to those who need it most, promoting health and well-being within the community.



We are blessed to have several physicians from various specialties who are ready to examine any of our beneficiaries and donate their consultations, providing free medical help to better serve our beloved families.

The program also extends its support to include laboratory, radiology, and hospitalization services, as well as special care and nursing.

In our previous annual reports, we expressed our goal to enhance the primary care services offered to the families we serve, given the challenges in Lebanon's primary healthcare landscape. Our vision for the near future has focused on strengthening primary healthcare services. In 2022, we had the privilege of partnering with one of Lebanon's most experienced primary healthcare organizations, Karagheusian Primary Health Care, to serve patients in Beirut. In 2024, we succeeded in establishing a partnership with Total Care Polyclinic, located in the heart of the Metn area, to serve beneficiaries residing in Metn. These two organizations provide a range of services, including primary medical consultations, specialized consultations, laboratory, and radiology services.

We are grateful for these partnerships and their contribution to improving healthcare access for those in need within our community.

Finally, we are truly blessed to serve the "Sami Kodsi Elderly Home" in Atchaneh through our medical program by providing monthly chronic medications for 25 elderly residents.

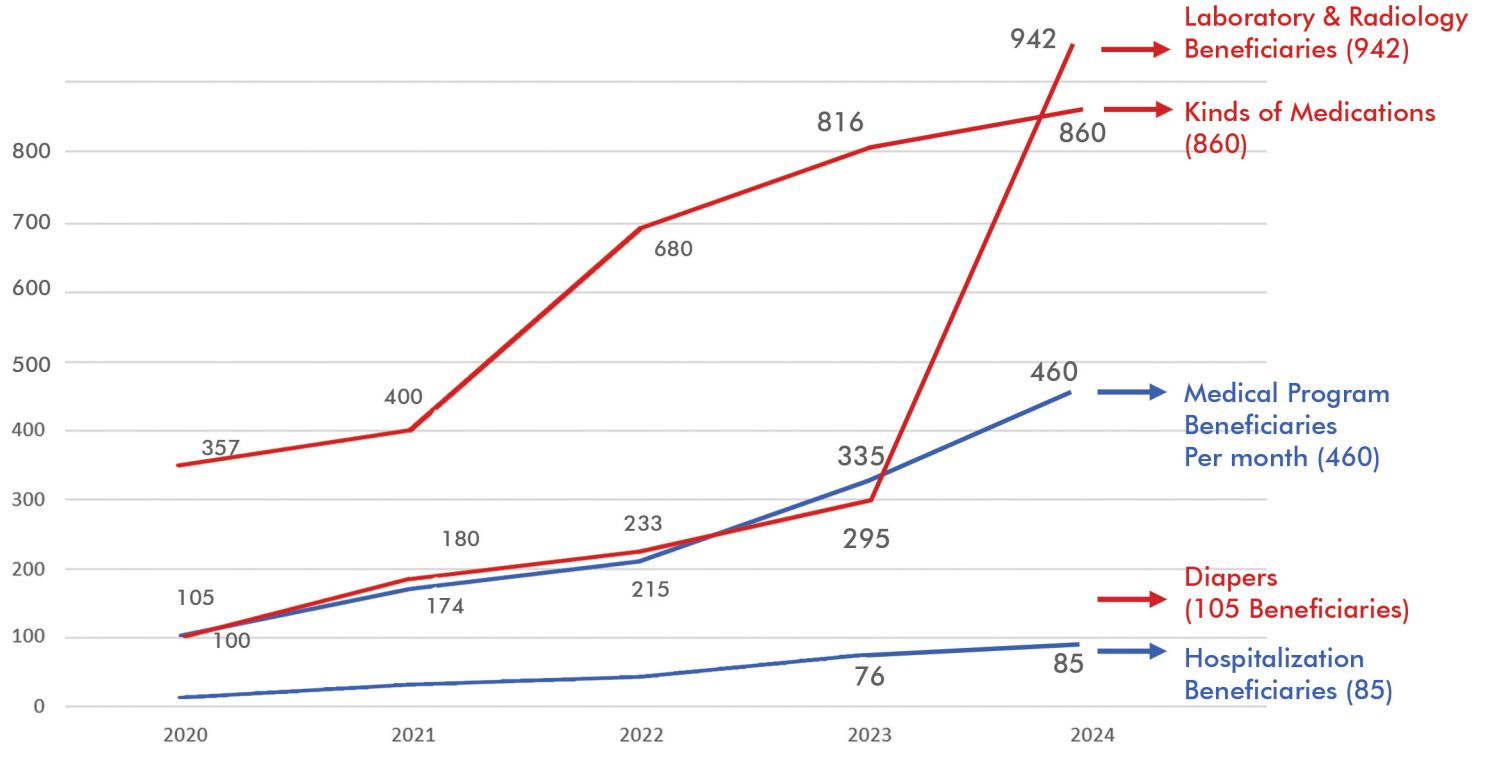
In addition to medications, laboratory, and radiology services, the medical program also provides diapers for 105 elderly individuals.

MEDICAL PROGRAM

Workflow

The program is managed by two licensed pharmacists, ensuring that we can efficiently provide the necessary medications to all those we support. We strive to maintain a stock of commonly used chronic medications to guarantee a steady supply for our beneficiaries. The pharmacists work closely with the family physicians to ensure accurate diagnoses and prepare dedicated medicine bags for each patient based on proper medical prescriptions. These medicine bags are then delivered to individuals at their doorsteps during routine visits by our account and field officers, who also offer personal and spiritual encouragement during these visits.
Regarding laboratory and radiology services, when prescribed by a specialized physician, the account officer submits a request for approval through Spread Life's web-based application to the Field Service Coordinator, who oversees the annual budget for such services. Once approved, the patient is notified and directed to undergo the prescribed laboratory or radiology service at the designated medical center. This streamlined process ensures that our beneficiaries receive the necessary diagnostic services promptly and efficiently.

The Program in Numbers



MEDICAL PROGRAM

I would like to draw attention to the remarkable increase in laboratory and radiology services. The drastic 220% rise in beneficiaries, from 295 to 942, can be attributed to the significant increase in the cost of these services, rising insurance costs, and the inability of many households to afford these expenses. As a result, many families are unable to access necessary blood tests or radiology exams. Additionally, our budget constraints limited the number of beneficiaries served, ensuring it did not exceed the reported figure for 2024.



In 2024, Spread Life witnessed a significant 37% increase in the number of individuals receiving their monthly chronic medications. This surge in beneficiaries exceeded our budgeted projections for the year. However, despite the unexpected rise, we were compelled to accommodate this higher number due to the pressing need we observed and the detrimental consequences that would arise if we did not provide assistance to these individuals.

As a result of this increased workload, our account officers are operating at maximum capacity. Our dedicated team of 11 Account Officers works tirelessly throughout the day and, in some cases, into the night to ensure that all patients receive their medications on time. It is important to note that while medication distribution is a critical component of our service, our primary focus at Spread Life remains on encouraging individuals to develop a personal relationship with Jesus, engage with their Bibles, attend our monthly prayer meetings, and participate in church life. Therefore, before adding any new recipients to the program, we ensure that our servants have the capacity to conduct monthly prayer visits to the households already being served. This ensures that our efforts remain focused on providing both spiritual support and holistic well-being alongside medical assistance.

MEDICAL PROGRAM

Going Forward

The medical system in Lebanon faces significant challenges, with instability and increasing costs making many medicines and procedures inaccessible to a large portion of the population. While national social security insurance and other support schemes exist, they often fail to fully cover medical expenses, leaving families burdened with overwhelming bills.
In response to these challenges, Spread Life is committed to further expanding partnerships and collaborations with organizations that provide medical services. By strengthening our network of partners, we aim to increase the range of services available to our families and better meet their needs.

Over the years, we have observed how financial crises have resulted in many individuals losing access to hospitalization services altogether. Additionally, inflationary charges in the medical sector have further restricted access to hospitalization, primarily impacting the middle class and those above it. Through strategic partnerships and ongoing advocacy efforts, Spread Life is working to address these challenges and ensure that essential medical services remain accessible to all members of our community.
As a result, in 2025, we will reformulate our budget to allocate additional funds to the medical program, with a particular focus on hospitalization, laboratory, and radiology services.
Furthermore, we are exploring a long-term project to open Spread Life Laboratories, which will serve our beneficiaries and an even larger portion of our community that remains underserved.

With this vision in mind, we fervently pray that in 2025, Spread Life will be able to intensify its efforts towards the development and expansion of our medical services, reaching an even greater number of people in need. Through continued dedication and collaboration, we hope to make significant strides in improving access to essential healthcare for all members of our community. May God guide and bless our endeavors as we work towards this important goal.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Mission Statement

Support and guide youth in their education, career, and personal development to enhance their future well-being, ultimately contributing to the creation of a healthier community.

Objective

Our educational program does not merely support youth at a specific point in time, but rather accompanies them through every stage of their educational journey until they reach full independence. We support their education by funding tuition, transportation, and supplies, while also striving to elevate their learning experience through various programs designed to enhance their growth and development.

Pastoral Care

Our life coaching program is designed to help high school and university students make informed decisions during this critical period of their lives, ensuring they are on the right path for the future. We meet with our youth on a monthly basis to assess their educational progress, listen to their aspirations, and discuss any personal challenges they may face. Through these sessions, we ensure they feel supported and confident, knowing that someone is there to guide and advise them.



After-School

Our after-school program, launched last year, has clear educational performance objectives for students and training programs for teachers. This initiative not only enhances learning but also creates income opportunities for many, offering support during this challenging period.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Where do we stand

In 2024, we shifted the focus of our educational program from covering tuition fees at all educational levels to prioritizing university students. This adjustment was made in response to the lack of any dedicated support for university students within our church community.

To ensure a smooth transition and continue supporting our beneficiaries, we maintained tuition coverage for school students who had already been receiving assistance.

As a result, we continued to support 45 school students, the same as the previous year, while increasing university support from 17 to 25 students. The total cost of this initiative amounted to approximately $21,000.

The war had an impact on our after-school program, preventing us from fully launching the two planned sections—English and French—this year. However, we are pleased to report that the program will restart in February 2025, supporting around 25 students with the help of five dedicated teachers.



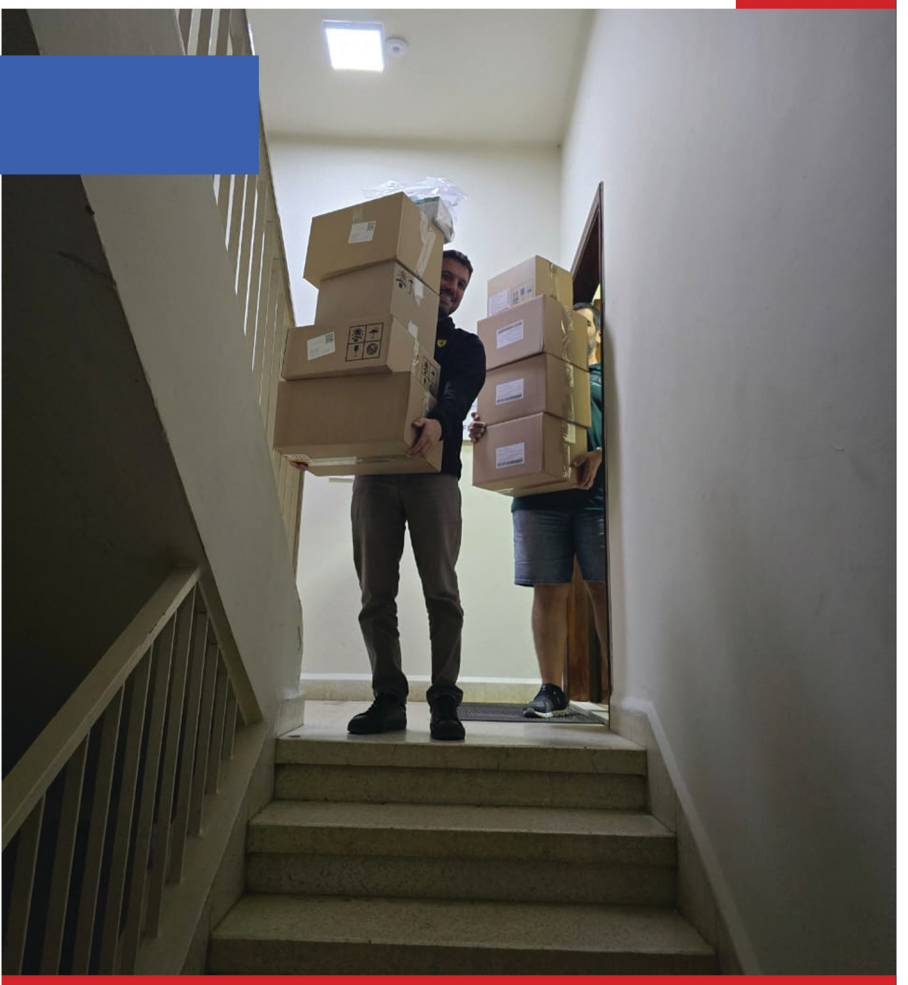
The education sector in Lebanon has yet to recover to its pre-crisis state, when it was one of the best in the region and highly regarded globally. Even families who previously sought private tutoring to enhance their children's education are now hindered by the steep rise in costs. Additionally, job opportunities for university graduates have dwindled significantly.

In response, we are committed to strengthening our current programs, ensuring they provide robust, high-value support to our youth. We remain dedicated to continuously developing complementary initiatives within our program, aiming to offer the highest level of care for our children, who are the future of our community.

PANTRY PROGRAM

Overview

The Pantry program was initially launched in 2020 in response to the financial crises affecting many families. Designed to provide essential support, the pantry box offers a monthly supply of food and other household necessities. Each subsidy box is carefully curated to contain all the necessary food ingredients for a family to sustain themselves for one month. Items typically include pasta, tuna, rice, lentils, olive oil, sunflower oil, tomato sauce, as well as cleaning and washing detergents, and tissues, among others. In total, the box comprises 23 different items commonly used in households.



Workflow

Our Pantry program is meticulously managed to ensure that we maintain a stock of essential items for at least six months to one year, serving as a buffer against market shortages and inflationary prices, particularly during uncertain times.

Furthermore, the program operates dynamically, with new items added to the box each month based on the evolving needs of the families we serve. Goods are procured in large quantities and packaged at Spread Life workshops. Prior to placement in the boxes, all items undergo thorough examination to ensure quality and suitability. We prioritize including items that may be less affordable for families in need.

Each month, our dedicated team prepares the boxes and hands them over to our driver for transportation, with the related account/field officer present to oversee delivery at the doorstep of each family. Beneficiaries of the program are families who are unable to afford purchasing food but have the ability to cook at home. Through these efforts, we aim to provide vital support to those facing food insecurity, ensuring they have access to nutritious meals and essential household items

PANTRY PROGRAM



It is indeed worth mentioning that we take great joy in receiving feedback from the beneficiaries of our Pantry program. Their positive comments affirm that our subsidy box is perceived as rich, well-diversified, and of high quality. We strongly believe that our beneficiaries deserve nothing but the best service and the highest quality of goods. Their satisfaction serves as a testament to our commitment to providing essential support with excellence and compassion. We remain dedicated to continually improving and enhancing our services to better meet the needs of those we serve.

The Program in Numbers

The growth of the Pantry program has been significant over the past few years. The number of pantry boxes distributed increased from 124 at the end of 2020 to 228 in 2021, further rising to 280 in 2022, and reaching a maximum of 300 boxes in 2023. However, during 2024 and throughout 2025, we noted that the need for pantry is decreasing, people are more in need for medical and education program; thus, following the Israeli war on Lebanon in December 2024, and throughout 2025, we will gradually decrease the numbers of pantry boxes to allocate the budget into the medical program. By the end of 2024 we distributed 180 boxes. As we continue to strive towards improving our services, we recognize the importance of assessing and expanding our capacity to ensure that we can effectively support all those in need.



KITCHEN PROGRAM

Overview

The Kitchen program, which was launched in 2019, provides daily personalized meals that are prepared under the supervision of a Spread Life dietitian and delivered directly to the door of each beneficiary. This program primarily serves elderly individuals and those who are unable to afford to purchase food or do not have someone available to cook for them at home.

Participants in the Kitchen program receive ongoing support from a dietitian to ensure that they receive proper nutrition tailored to their medical needs, in close coordination with our Chef. Our meals are prepared with meticulous attention to hygiene standards to guarantee the highest quality of food, delivered with care and compassion. Through this program, we aim to ensure that our beneficiaries receive nutritious and delicious meals that contribute to their overall well-being and quality of life.



The Program in Numbers

The Kitchen Program was launched in 2019, initially serving 6 families. By 2020, the number of families receiving daily hot meals had increased to 13. Through God's grace, this number continued to grow, reaching 19 families by the end of 2021. The program's expansion continued, and by the end of 2022, it served 20 families. In 2024, we experienced the loss (passed away) of 3 beneficiaries, but we added 4 new families, bringing the total to 31 families receiving nutritious and comforting meals delivered directly to their doorsteps.

It's important to note that this program is designed for families who are unable to afford food or cook for themselves. Families who can prepare their own meals are referred to the pantry box program. We carefully assess each case before adding any new families to ensure they meet the criteria for this support.

DISPLACED RELIEF FUND PROGRAM

At the beginning of this crisis, Spread Life initially decided not to engage in relief efforts, as we believed our focus was on serving the households we were already committed to and to keep aligned with our budget. However, as Christian villages in the south were displaced, we witnessed their struggles firsthand. So, after prayerful consideration, God led us to partner with like-minded organizations to serve these families together and cater to their needs.

Many displaced Christian families were staying with relatives in our area. Imagine a household of over 10 people, having left behind everything they own. In response, Spread Life is providing a USD 35 subsidy box containing essential food and hygiene items. For those unable to afford their medications, we are also covering their medical needs.
What makes this service even more meaningful is that we were invited by several churches to minister to the displaced families spiritually. We prayed with them, delivered sermons, and at the end of our meetings, we distribute Holy Bibles to those who couldn't bring their own when fleeing. This is perfectly aligned with our mission.





DISPLACED RELIEF FUND
PROGRAM



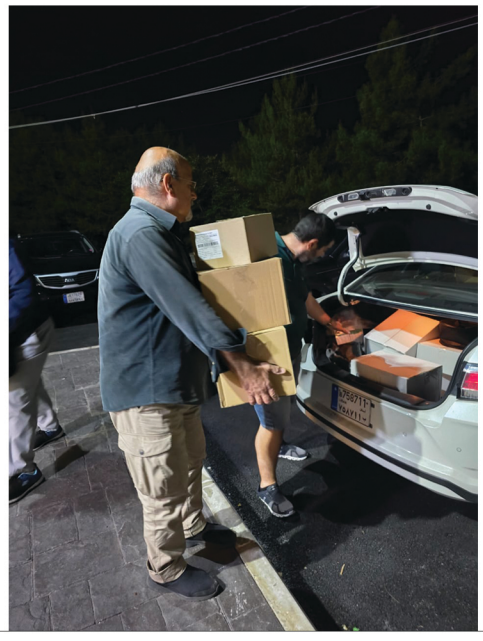
How did Spread Life manage to indulge in this service?

God led several generous donors who love Lebanon to us, immediately upon receiving funds we purchased food and hygiene products to prepare subsidy boxes for displaced families. We were able to distribute 420 subsidy boxes to families in the Bekaa region, Mount Lebanon, and the South of Lebanon.

During the first month of the war, nutritional needs were paramount. However, with the arrival of substantial food aid from various countries, the immediate demand for food decreased. Conversely, the need for medicine has grown significantly, especially as displaced individuals have exhausted their personal supplies. While international NGOs have provided general over-the-counter medications, there remains a critical gap in the availability of essential medications for chronic conditions.
In light of this, Spread Life has realigned its efforts to address these evolving needs. In coordination with local churches, which are closely attuned to the specific requirements of their communities, we have shifted our focus toward providing medical aid.







DISPLACED RELIEF FUND PROGRAM

Therefore, following the declaration of ceasefire, many families remain unable to return to their homes. Some villages are still occupied by Israeli forces, while others have been deemed unsafe by the Lebanese government. These families continue to rely on Spread Life for support, particularly for medical aid. This includes individuals currently residing in a Christian center, IRAP, located near our offices.

The last batch of medicine bags are to be distributed in the Christian villages in the South in the churches on Christmas eve.



SPREAD LIFE
EVENTS 2024



Great Lent / Easter

Great Lent is a holy season which calls us to share our blessings and spread love to each other. Last year, Spread Life team distributed 525 KG of Easter Cookies among 350 families. The School of Pharmacy of the Lebanese American University accompanied Spread Life team in this day to help us and share the joy of giving

Christmas



The Christmas season of 2024 was truly special, as God blessed Lebanon with a ceasefire just before Christmas. Spread Life distributed 360 Christmas Eve meals, along with a bottle of wine from our new brand, Spread Wine. It was a challenging but rewarding day, as the process didn't wrap up until 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve, ensuring that families could enjoy a joyful and warm Christmas.

Spread Life Zahleh also embraced the Christmas spirit by distributing 120 Christmas packages to the families we serve. Each package was filled with delightful treats, including chocolates, Christmas cookies, and a bottle of Spread Wine. Through this thoughtful gesture, we aimed to bring extra cheer and warmth to our community, sharing in the joy of the season. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to spread kindness and create smiles during this meaningful time of year.

SPREAD LIFE
EVENTS 2024

Spread Life – LAU School of Pharmacy Service Saturdays

As mentioned earlier, Spread Life has partnered with the School of Pharmacy at the Lebanese American University. As part of their curriculum, pharmacy students are required to complete several hours of community service in order to graduate. The school selected Spread Life as a partner, allowing students to experience the joy of service firsthand. On Saturdays, students join the Spread Life team in their mission of distributing medication and offering prayers to the households we serve. In doing so, they assist Spread Life's servants in providing practical services, while also spreading love and warmth to the families we support.







SPREAD LIFE
EVENTS 2024

Spread Life Spiritual Retreat

Spread Life places great emphasis on the spiritual well-being and growth of its servants, recognizing the profound importance of regularly attending spiritual retreats. These retreats provide invaluable opportunities for reflection, meditation, and discerning God's will.
In line with tradition, every summer the entire team gathers to evaluate the past year, renew the vision, pray for guidance in overcoming challenges, and discuss projects for the year's end. This year, the retreat took place on July 26 and 27 in Ehden, in the North of Lebanon, with the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Mor Chrysostomnos Mikhael Chamoun. His Eminence delivered an inspiring talk on faithfulness in service and how to overcome obstacles encountered in our ministry. He reflected on the challenges faced by the early disciples of the church and how they triumphed through unity in spirit and love. In addition to the spiritual focus, the retreat also offered moments for fun and blessed fellowship, strengthening our bonds as a team.







Going Forward

Spread Life remains dedicated to spiritual retreats, celebrating Christmas, Lent/Easter, and initiating a yearly youth service project for international youths, pending political circumstances in Lebanon.

SPREAD LIFE
SPIRITUAL MISSION

Zahle Mass Service

On May 22, 2024, Spread Life Zahleh organized its first spiritual event, a mass held in Zahleh, inviting all the families we serve. The mass was graced by the presence of His Eminence Mor Justinos Boulos Safar and Father Malkeh Karat. During his sermon, His Eminence emphasized the importance of working together as one hand to serve our community and support each other as the body of Christ. Following the mass, a fellowship dinner was held in the church hall, providing an opportunity for everyone to come together, strengthen bonds, and deepen our sense of community.







SPREAD LIFE
SPIRITUAL MISSION

Spread Life - Bet Tarbito Monthly Meetings

At Spread Life, our core mission is to spread God's word, foster personal relationships with Jesus, and strengthen church community connections. In 2023, after seven years of household service, we partnered with Bet Tarbitho to host monthly prayer meetings. To ensure everyone could participate, we offered free transportation, inviting the families we serve to join us for prayer, worship, and community-building. These gatherings, which began in March 2023, saw over 180 attendees by the end of the year, with participants coming together each month to share in faith and fellowship.

To further support our community, Spread Life continues to offer free transportation for all families willing to attend the meetings. The meetings have been incredibly successful, with many participants expressing interest in increasing their frequency.

After each gathering, a dinner is served, providing a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, where attendees can meet, connect, and grow together as one body of Christ.







SPREAD LIFE
SPIRITUAL MISSION

Spread Life Mission in Sweden

In February 2024, three Spread Life servants—Mary Kello, Dr. Jad Mrad, and Elie Raheb-Khallo—visited Sweden with a singular mission: to share the work of the Lord within the Spread Life community in Lebanon and extend an invitation to the youth of the Syriac Youth and Scouts of Sweden. Hosted by the Syriac Swedish Scouts, the visit provided an invaluable opportunity to present Spread Life's services in Lebanon, share testimonies of God's work within our community, participate in various meetings with church officials, and express heartfelt gratitude to all Spread Life supporters across different parishes.

Additionally, during this visit, we had the privilege of initiating a formal partnership with One Hand Syriac organization, whose mission is to support the education of the Syriac diaspora in the Middle East.







SPREAD LIFE
DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS

As part of its vision to become more self-sustaining in the future, Spread Life has embarked on building small projects that can generate a reliable source of funds for its operations. Currently, Spread Life runs three modest but impactful projects that contribute a portion of its budget to support its charitable and spiritual ministries. These initiatives include the Spread Honey Project, Spread Wine Project, and Consultancy Services for Small Businesses.

Spread Honey Project

Launched in 2022 in northern Lebanon, the Spread Honey Project aims to produce high-quality natural honey. Over the past three years, Spread Life has invested in this initiative, which has quickly gained popularity due to the exceptional quality of its honey. In 2023, the project produced 160 kg of three types of honey—Oak, Cedars, and Wild—which were sold out within the same year. In 2025, Spread Life aims to scale up production to meet the growing demand from its stakeholders.





SPREAD LIFE
DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS

Spread Wine Project

In 2024, Spread Life ventured into the wine industry by investing in a winery in West Bekaa, producing wine from the famous grapes of the Bekaa Valley. In its first year, the project produced 1,000 bottles of red and white wines. Looking ahead to 2025, Spread Life plans to introduce Rosé wine to its product range. Proceeds from the Spread Wine Project are directed towards supporting Spread Life's ministry and furthering its mission.





Consultancy Services

With the diverse expertise of Spread Life's board in business, economics, and risk management, the organization has begun offering consultancy services to small medical businesses. These services are an additional source of income that contributes to funding the ongoing ministries and charitable work of Spread Life.

As Spread Life continues to grow, both in the number of families served and in its spiritual outreach, the budget required to sustain its operations expands. To meet this challenge, Spread Life plans to expand these income-generating projects to increase the funds available to reach more people in need. It's also worth noting that these projects have provided a unique opportunity to spread the word of God. Many customers who purchase honey or wine have been invited to Spread Life's spiritual prayer meetings and have become involved in the community. This approach allows Spread Life to raise necessary funds while staying true to its primary mission: sharing God's love and offering help to those in need.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

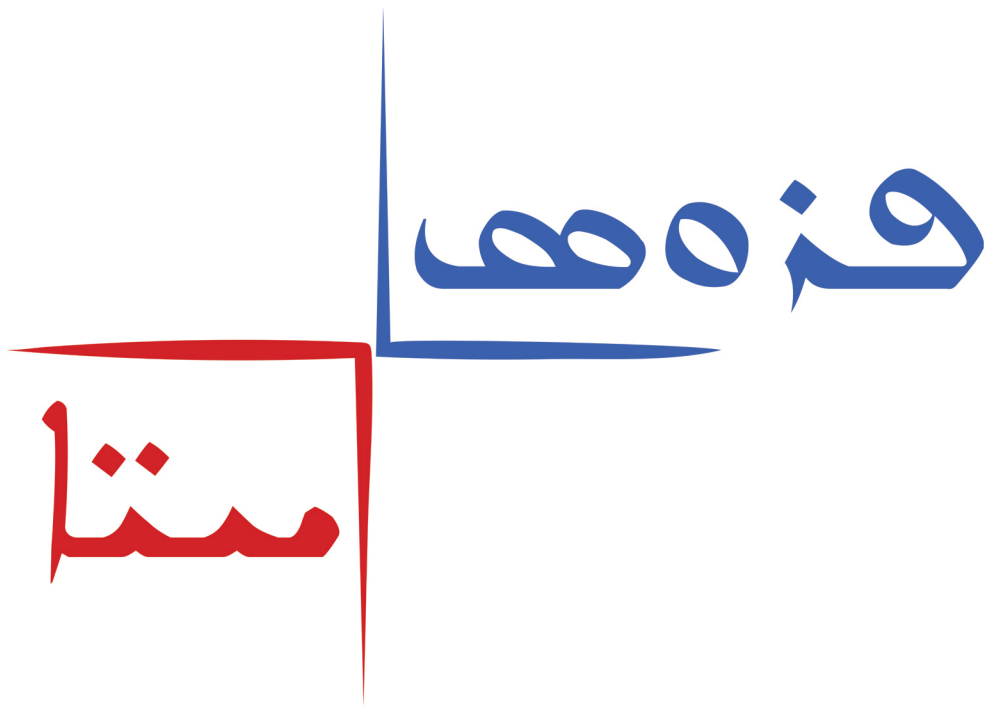
With the grace of God, we successfully covered all expenditures in 2024. We extend heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations and for aligning with our mission to serve the community in Lebanon and spread the word of God. Below, we provide the income statement for the year 2024.

Donations	**USD 817,480.70**
Developmental Projects	**USD 20,942.50**
Medical Pogram	USD 289,217.17
Zahle Region Service	USD 61,198.74
Educational Project	USD 52,315.89
Pantry Program	USD 30,980.71
Cash subsidies Program	USD 71,095.96
Archdioceses Aid	USD 5,932.00
One time aid	USD 7,118.00
Kitchen Program	USD 15,646.35
Atchaneh Elderly Home Aid	USD 5,508.55
Christmas Project	USD 9,220.00
Monthly Prayer Meetings Cost	USD 3,761.22
Easter Project	USD 2,196.76
Bet Tarbitho Aid	USD 2,145.00
Syriac Scouts Donations	USD 700.00
Displaced Families Relief Fund	USD 28,460.00
Total	**USD 585,496.35**
Operational Expenses	**USD 65,683.22**
Salaries & Wages	**USD 130,380.00**
Other Financial Charges (Bank, Taxes Exchange...)	**USD 19,149.59**
TOTAL EXPENSES	**USD 800,709.16**
RESULT OF THE YEAR	**USD 37,714.04**

Please note that the years' results are saved in the balance sheet for unbudgeted events, incidents, etc...

“But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. “

Joshua 22:5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