BELPRES GLOBAL PARTNERS

If you would like more information on any of the below organizations, please reach out to BelPres Missions through the Missions Contact Form on the <u>belpres.org/global-outreach</u> page.

The Middle East

Humanitarian Initiative Bridges – Greece

Our mission is to serve refugees by addressing their unique physical, emotional, and spiritual needs with a holistic, Christ-centered approach so they may be integrated into society, empowered to stand on their own feet again, and trained to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

BelPres sends small teams to Athens up to three times per year to meet with and encourage all our partners in Greece.

<u>Iranian Church of Athens – Greece</u>

The main goal of the Iranian Church of Athens is to evangelize, preach and teach the gospel among Iranian and Afghan families, most of whom are Muslims, as well as provide grocery and food supplies to single mothers with their children, many of whom do not receive support from any other organization.

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Agape Church – Greece

To create and support a community of Farsi and Dari speaking people, where they can experience Christian agape, where people can grow in their understanding of Christian faith and living according to the principles of the Gospel and actively promote unity among Farsi and Dari speakers in Europe, who share Christian values.

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<u>Kathy Giske – Greece</u>

Kathy is a trusted advisor on our refugee ministries and serves with Middle East Partners, who exist to bring hope to the people of the Middle East by helping to strengthen local leaders serving their community through partnership and leadership development. Their regional focus is Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, and the refugee diaspora in Greece.

Kathy lives in the Seattle area and is frequently part of the BelPres teams travelling to Greece. She would be happy to share more about her experience working in this context.

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Horizons International – Lebanon

Horizons exists to communicate and demonstrate the love of Jesus so that the world, particularly the Muslim world, would be transformed by God's love and forgiveness. Horizons does this through a threefold strategy of Proclaiming the Gospel, Discipling the Nations, and Equipping the Church.

Horizons International is looking for long-term volunteers to help serve in Beirut or other locations. Short Term Mission Trips may be possible if there is interest and circumstances allow.

<u> Missionary Couple – Lebanon</u>

(Names have been omitted for their safety)

This couple is passionate about making disciples. They are passionate about seeing MBBs (Muslim Background Believers i.e., ex-Muslims) trained to reproduce themselves spiritually across the Middle East -- and beyond. They are also passionate about helping the whole person, reaching out to the poor, displaced and needy, helping with their physical needs while providing spiritual hope as well. They are passionate about building bridges of trust, hope and fellowship along the I-19 Highway (Isaiah 19:23-25) while removing barriers of prejudice, fear and hate. They are passionate about worship and intercessory prayer which we believe is key to reaching the peoples of the Middle East.

In that spirit, their biggest need is for prayer and encouragement. They have a regular newsletter that they send with updates.

Triumphant Mercy – Lebanon

Triumphant Mercy has one clear goal: Get integrated into people's lives to bring in the Hope of Christ into a world in despair. Triumphant Mercy strives to create safe places for children and adults where it can build meaningful relationships with families to help these individuals to rise above their circumstances and develop their potential. They want to make Christ known in deeds and in works and we work hard to achieve all the good works that God has prepared for us to do from before the creation of the world .

Triumphant Mercy is looking for short and long-term volunteers to help serve in Lebanon, including teams interested in running children's camps.

ELAM – Iran

Elam's mission is to strengthen and expand the church in the Iran region and beyond. Their vision is that all the people of the Iran region would have the opportunity to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and follow Him as a disciple, and that Iranians would be instrumental in taking the Gospel to other Muslims.

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<u>Churches for Middle East Peace – Israel/Palestine</u>

CMEP works to mobilize US Christians to embrace a holistic perspective and to be advocates of equality, human rights, security, and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East. They do that by helping church organizations, leaders, and individuals nationwide advocate in a knowledgeable, timely, holistic, and effective way to express their concerns about justice and peace for all peoples in the region. CMEP activists, board, and staff engage directly with policy makers at every level.

There is a BelPres team that meets here in Bellevue and regularly collaborates with CMEP.