March 2, 2016

Dear Friends, greetings and every good wish.

Indeed it is high time that we frankly inform you of the struggle we have been going through to begin our ministry of schooling with the children rom the camps.

Months since we made plans to begin our church educational ministry for Syrian children in the refugee camps in Lebanon.

Our aim is an attempt to rescue so many children who are scattered on the streets in towns and villages, begging for food and endangered of being abused by criminals,

and eventually getting lost unable to control their future.

The real truth is that we have attempted to prepare and furnish best locations in towns where our church existed in order to use any facility we owned

and could be a suitable one, with excess to the camps, and where teachers and workers can be found with reasonable distances.

The sad thing was that once we made the choice and began to get the location ready, some objections rose up.

We were made to move from five different locations. Yet we did not give and despite the stumbling blocks we were determined  to carry on such greatly needed ministry.

God is great and what God wills God makes happen.

FEBRUARY 25th two locations in the Bekaa valley started

One in Kib Elias, our church old school that has moved. we worked hard for months past to convince those who objected to have such ministry in the village. Their  reasons were, We do not want the village to be flooded with refugee children and then will be followed by their families, and then who can control events? We do not want to take such risks...........

Thanks be to God a ministry began with (50) wonderful children, ages 6-11. All no been to school before for any reasonable period, axcept  maybe for a week or so and ran away for one reason or another.

Attached I will send some pictures I have taken with my cell phone yesterday when I visited with three great friends from the Uniting Church in Sweden.

The lady in charge of this ministry said that every day more parents ask to have their children come. We are thinking of increasing the number once we are settled down with those fifty.

The second is in Reyak, also (50) beautiful children. This is held in a Baptist Church Facility and run in cooperation with the church. here again it is possible to double the number but we want to wait a little.

All 100 children seem happy and joyful. All are thought, Arabic, Arithmetic, Sciences, and Ethics. All are collected by busses coming and going back. All are given a meal.

All are provided with books and stationary.

A third one will be soon opened in the North and will inform you then.

 Also I will attach picturs

Thank you for your prayers and financial support and patience.

In Christ. Mary Mikhael