

Featuring: Emad & Almess Botros



God works in mysterious ways. When Emad and Almess Botros first met, they didn't know that God would not only call them to each other, but that he was also preparing them for a life of ministry at the very school they were attending. Now serving in Lebanon with Canadian Baptist Ministries, Emad and Almess have the unique opportunity to serve a wide range of people, all for the glory of God. Emad uses both his teaching and pastoring backgrounds in his role as a professor at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS). Almess is also involved with the seminary through mentoring and leadership development programs for the students. In addition to that, Almess has seen a need to connect with Syrian and Iraqi refugees, and is beginning the process of making a difference in that area.



Emad, Almess, and their sons, Timothy and Nathaniel, have been serving in Lebanon since 2015.



Each year, the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary hosts an international consultation which equips participants to respond to the challenges in the Middle East and beyond.

Part of Emad's work with ABTS is the development of ministry programs where he mentors seminary students in how to connect the message of the gospel with the cultural context of the Middle East. Emad also teaches Old Testament courses, Islamic studies, mentors the seminary students, and is pursuing a doctorate degree.

The leaders who are trained at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary are sent out across the Middle East to serve in their communities. Through the training that they receive at ABTS, these pastors and ministry leaders are equipped with a foundation of biblical knowledge and a deep relationship with the Holy Spirit. They develop skills that will help them to bridge gaps between faith groups, promote peace in their communities, and glorify Jesus despite the adversity they might encounter.

God has been doing many great things through Emad, Almess, and the ministry team at ABTS. Items of praise include:

- ☉ The passion of the students who attend ABTS and their eagerness to utilize their training.
- ☉ Health and energy for Emad and Almess amidst their busy ministry.
- ☉ The gospel's message of love is sinking into the hearts of people in Middle Eastern communities.
- ☉ SENT short-term mission teams from Canadian Baptist Ministries will be arriving in Lebanon in June to participate in ministry training with the Botros family.

Things to lift up in prayer for the Botros family are:

- ☉ Safety as they work in the communities in Lebanon and the surrounding areas.
- ☉ Joy and endurance for Emad



Canadian Baptist Ministries Global Field Staff Emad (R) and Almess (L) Botros live in Lebanon.

as he continues to work on his dissertation.

☉ The Botros's niece, Marcylya, who is seeking approval for immigration to the USA to be reunited with her family.

☉ Clear direction for Almess as she begins working with Iraqi and Syrian refugees.



Emad and Almess with their sons Timothy (right) and Nathaniel (centre), and their niece, Marcylya.

"How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news."

Romans 10:15b, NLT

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Romans 10:12-15