

# Syria response update



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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## 2016 Response



PDA Director Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus with a student in the Bekaa Valley

In 2016, PDA granted \$80,000 to the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL). These funds were used for emergency food aid, winter relief, structural repairs due to mortar shellings for the Damascus church, and the schools project.

The schools project with NESSL opened five schools in 2016. These five schools are in Rayak, Kib Elias, Tyre, Minyara and Tripoli and host a total of around 350 Syrian refugee children. The schools provide medical and dental exams, food, winter coats and hats.

NESSL is working to insure that once peace is restored in Syria, the children in these schools will pass the entrance exams for Syrian schools and continue their education. To quote Dr. Mary Mikhael of NESSL, "The school is the only happy place for them."



## 2017 Commitment

In 2017, PDA is committing an additional \$50,000 to support the refugee schools in Lebanon and \$77,000 to rebuild homes in Homs, Syria so that displaced families who fled their

embattled city can return to begin the hard work of rebuilding their shattered city and broken neighborhoods.

