

Partnership for Global Justice
August Alert/Action

As we continue to hear from the news, the crisis in Lebanon continues to escalate. The Good Shepherd Sisters, who have several communities in Lebanon, report that the infrastructure of many parts of the country is destroyed. There is no electricity, no gas, no fuel and no connection with the outside world. Traffic by air, land and sea is impossible. Shops are empty and food has almost disappeared. At least 700,000 residents of Lebanon have been displaced.

Send email/postcard to:

(Consider sending a postcard daily to these people until a ceasefire is in place. Only the US has the power to allow the aggression or restrain the aggression.)

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500
Email: comments@whitehouse.gov
Fax: 202-456-2461
Phone: 202-456-1111

H.E. Mr. John R. Bolton, Ambassador
Permanent U.S. Representative to the U.N.
140 East 45th Street
New York, NY 10017
Phone: 212-415-4404
Fax: 212-415-4443
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Secretary Condoleeza Rice
Secretary of State
2201 C. Street NW
Washington, DC 20520
202-647-5291
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And to your own Congresspersons.

Dear _____

The loss of innocent lives in Lebanon should be stopped immediately. The United States needs to exercise its leadership in seeking an immediate cease-fire in the Middle East. We urge you to assist in seeking a diplomatic solution to the Israeli/Lebanese/Syrian/Palestinian disagreements as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Name
Congregation

Further action:

The Good Shepherd Sisters are hoping to raise \$200,000 to respond through their convents and service agencies to the emerging needs in Lebanon. Please send donations to:

Clare Nolan, RGS
Sisters of the Good Shepherd
211 East 43rd Street, Suite 302
New York, NY 10017
Phone: 212-599-2711

Or you can send directly to a bank transfer:

For US\$:

Bank Account Number: 003 004 440 135669 02 5
Bank: Société Générale de Banque au Liban (SGBL)
Address : B.P. 11-2955 Beirut, Lebanon
Branch: Antélias
Swift code : SGLILBBX
Beneficiary: Congr. N.D. Charite Bon Pasteur au Liban (Provincialat)
Corresponding Bank:
Bank of New York
Swift: IRVTUS3N
ABA: 021000018

For Euros :

Bank Account Number: 003 090 440 135669 01 3
Bank: Société Générale de Banque au Liban (SGBL)
Address : B.P. 11-2955 Beirut, Lebanon
Branch: Antélias
Swift code : SGLILBBX
Beneficiary: Congr. N.D. Charite Bon Pasteur au Liban (Provincialat)
Corresponding Bank:
Societe Generale
Paris
Swift: SOGEFRPP

Background Information from the Good Shepherd Sisters in Lebanon:

-In Lebanon, there is need for food and shelter. The displaced families are in need of intensive psychological, social, medical and spiritual counseling. The children are terrified and so are the mothers. The people are living under severe emotional and

physical fatigue. Many people are reliving the harsh memory of past war and the previous loss of loved ones.

-Relief is scarce and is needed right now. Professional human resources are needed very badly.

-Fifty bridges in the South of the country were bombarded on the first day of the war as well as innumerable private houses in the villages.

-Each day the bombardments increase in their intensity and brutality, especially towards the civilian population. Living quarters were deliberately bombed and this is happening more and more each day.

-The situation is very difficult. Those helping the displaced don't have supplies and there is little that can be bought. The emotional strain and the fear of bombing are immense.