



New! MEBO Monthly Prayer Focus

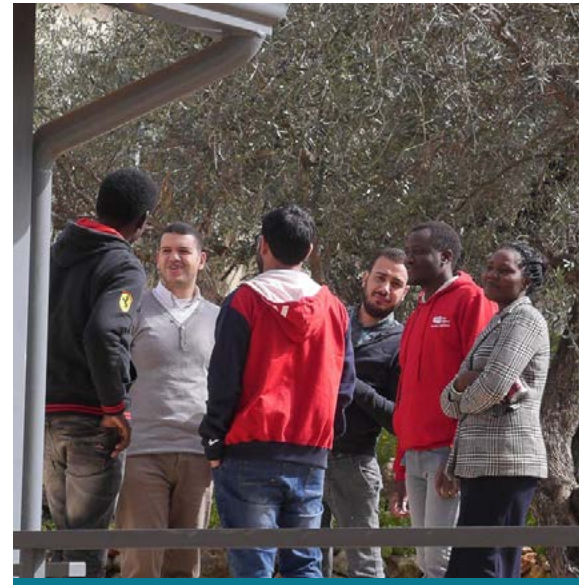
MEBO Monthly Prayer Focus is your opportunity to pray for the work of God's kingdom in Lebanon and the Middle East. Every month we focus on a different aspect of the ministries you can support through MEBO, providing you with information and prayer points so you can pray with insight. Please use this resource to pray with your Community Group, your dorm floor, globally-minded friends, pastoral leadership, believing neighbors and colleagues, and also in your personal quiet time. Invite your parents, children, or grandchildren to pray too. ***Thank you for joining us in prayer this month!***

September 2018: A new academic year

At the beginning of each academic year at the [Arab Baptist Theological Seminary \(ABTS\)](#), we embark on a new journey to train men and women for effective ministry. It is a time when our second-and-third-year residential students return from serving with their communities around the Arab world, so they can resume their studies. It is also a time when new students are introduced to life on campus and our academic expectations. Meanwhile, new and continuing students on the online degree get ready to register for term IV after the summer term.

The admissions committee has been meeting weekly during past months to study applications and interview applicants. It was a long and demanding process. Now that the admissions stage is over, ABTS will soon be welcoming our new students. Some of these students are ABTS Online Certificate in Ministry graduates admitted into the second year of the residential program. In all, they are students who have a heart and a calling to serve the Church in the Arab world.

The takeoff is always thrilling. We can't wait to see what God has in store for us this academic year!



Please pray that:

- the students' time spent at ABTS will be transformational in their lives and characters as they become servant leaders. Pray that nothing might hinder them, and that God's will prevails during this time.
- our faculty may be sparked with energy to pass on their experience and knowledge onto the students. Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit as they mentor each student.
- our new students would adapt to life at ABTS. Everything will be new to them, and students coming from different cultures will be living on the same campus, so this will be challenging at first.
- none of our new students will be denied a visa to Lebanon, as they will be arriving in October.
- God will bless our returning students, who arrived from their home countries and have just begun to resume their courses.