

* Mohammed Abdelhade and his sister were playing at home in Khaldeh when a phosphorous bomb exploded nearby and burned them both. 10-year-old Mohammed suffered severe phosphorous burns on his neck, shoulders, back and arm. In 1983, he successfully received skin grafts at Atlanta's Eggleston Hospital and now needs follow-up plastic surgery to be done in Lebanon.

It will take thousands of dollars to complete the medical treatment for these 18 children, and to give them a change to live a full life. That is why I am writing to you.

We need your help -- today -- to keep the promise we made yesterday. We urgently need your contribution to continue treatment for these children.

Renewing the Promise

We must renew, now, our promise to all the children -- not only to Fayzeh, Mohammed, and the other children who still need more medical care here in the United States, but also to the thousands of children in Lebanon who desperately need medical attention. Each child of Lebanon is marked with the scars of war, and each day brings new wounds.

Only with your support can Save Lebanon reach out to these children.

It was two years ago this Valentine's Day that I met our first Save Lebanon children at Kennedy Airport. As we celebrate our second anniversary, Save Lebanon is at a turning point and will begin a new phase of humanitarian aid.

Your contribution will help launch this new phase that will expand Lebanon's capability to care for its wounded children in Lebanon. Here are our future programs that will accomplish this.

Dr. Amal Shamma, a Save Lebanon board member and our representative in Lebanon, planned with us a program that will sponsor Lebanese and Palestinian doctors for training in the United States. Training would be in the areas of medicine most needed in Lebanon -- but largely unavailable -- such as ophthalmology and rehabilitation therapy. After these doctors return to Lebanon, Save Lebanon will purchase the necessary medical equipment.

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