The physicians' training program will bring Lebanese and Palestinian doctors to the United States for a three-to-six-month period of intensive study, allowing them to return to Lebanon with the most current procedures for emergency care.

Perhaps the most crucial of treatments currently unavailable in Lebanon is emergency eye care, and Save Lebanon's purchase of sophisticated eye care equipment will insure that this care is available. A comment by Save Lebanon's Boston board member George Najemy illustrated the immeasurable worth of this program.

Two children treated under Save Lebanon in the United States, Rabih Daou and Ahmed Tourmous, suffered eye injuries, Rabih during the Israeli invasion of 1982 and Ahmed in September 1983, explained Najemy. While both boys were blinded by their injuries, they sought different treatments.

Rabih was treated in Italy, where an operation only worsened his condition. Save Lebanon did not find out about Rabih until a year after his injury, and by the time he came to the United States, there was no chance of restoring his vision.

Ahmed, on the other hand, contacted Save Lebanon very soon after his injury, and following emergency eye treatment in Boston, his vision was restored. Najemy asked board members to imagine the number of young victims of war with eye injuries whose vision could be restored. Carol Bisharat added that the investment by Save Lebanon in both the physicians' training and eye equipment purchase projects would reap continuous returns by raising the overall level of health care in Lebanon.

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Save Lebanon Launches Emergency Relief Fund

In response to direct appeals from its contacts in Lebanon in March, Save Lebanon launched an emergency campaign to raise $37,000 to purchase two ambulances and three mobile medical units. Already more than a third of this figure has been raised.

More than 4,000 people received Save Lebanon's Action Alert explaining the emergency campaign. Local Save Lebanon supporters sprung into action, setting up fundraising events in their living rooms and community centers. Several more fundraising events are planned to insure that Save Lebanon meets its goal. If you are interested in supporting a fundraiser in your community, or in setting up one of your own, please contact Save Lebanon at (202) 429-9210.

The March Save Lebanon Action Alert also included a letter of protest to President Reagan, and asked supporters to gather signatures on it. The letter urged the President to:

* censure Israeli violations of the Fourth Geneva Convention and to allow relief work to take place unimpeded;

* call on the Israeli government to make its withdrawal from Lebanon immediate and unconditional; and

* support a United Nations peacekeeping role in southern Lebanon.

Many individuals receiving the Action Alert sent in completed petitions containing hundreds of names. At the same time, prominent representatives of church, peace, human rights and relief organizations co-signed a similarly-worded mailgram to the President.

Noteworthy signatories included John and Carol Weir, relatives of Benjamin Weir, an American currently held captive in Lebanon.

Also signing the statement were: Dale Bishop, a member of the Middle East Executive of the United Church for World Ministries; and Charles Germany and Patricia Rothrock, members of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Also: columnist Nat Hentoff; James Henderson, executive director of the National Office for Black Catholics; Peter Gubser, president of the American Near East Refugee Aid; Blaise Lupo, co-director of Clergy and Laity Concerned; and Gail Pressburg, national coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee.

Preserving the Mission: The Children's Project

Out of the original 51 children brought to the United States under Save Lebanon's Children's Project, 17 continue to require follow-up surgery or continued medical care, and seven remain in the United States or Canada.

At its March 3rd meeting, Save Lebanon's board reaffirmed its commitment to these children and set a goal of $15,000 to meet this responsibility. To date, over 200 contributors have generated more than $10,000 for the children's appeal, and donations continue to come into Save Lebanon's Washington office.

The humanitarian resolve of Save Lebanon supporters to the young victims of war in Lebanon was graphically shown last fall in Wichita, Kans. There, $25,000 was raised at an event for Save Lebanon's fund for indigent children in Lebanon, administered by board member Dr. Amal Shamma.

Dr. Shamma, meanwhile, will continue to act as Save Lebanon's liaison in Beirut, and will select children for treatment in the United States, but she will insure they receive all possible care in Lebanon before recommending them for treatment abroad.

To address the needs of Save Lebanon's children still in the United States and Canada, the board commissioned a social worker to examine the condition of the children and present a report on their needs. The social worker's report will serve both to keep Save Lebanon up-to-date on the children's medical and psychological needs, and to let the many concerned host families know that the children are safe.

Today, seven Save Lebanon children and youths remain in the United States and Canada, owing either to medical complications or special circumstances which have prevented them from returning following their treatment. The following are profiles of these children:

Children in North America Still Under Save Lebanon Care

* Fayzeh Amin - When Fayzeh was 11, her knee was shattered by shrapnel from an exploding cluster bomb. Her legs were penetrated by metal splinters and she suffered a partial paralysis owing to injury to the sciatic nerve. Now at age 13, Fayzeh can walk with only a slight limp, and she will require one more operation before she can walk normally.