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worshipping in their own church building. What touched his heart the most was seeing his children enjoy the fellowship and be deeply moved by the faith of the disciples.

A beautiful moment took place when his daughter Gisel connected with Abigail, the daughter of Pastor Moufid.

Gisel expressed her desire to study the Bible and become a disciple before returning to the U.S. During her stay in Lebanon, she studied daily with Abigail and our youth women’s leader, Lara. Moved by the love of God and the power of the Scriptures, Gisel made the decision to get baptized in the Mediterranean Sea, a true miracle and a testimony of God’s perfect timing.

We wanted to share this story to inspire our brothers and sisters: the seeds you plant today may not bear fruit immediately, but in time, with others watering and God giving the growth, miracles will happen.

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#### > **International Conference of Youth & Family Ministry 2025**

July 30, 2025 • ICOC Youth & Family Service Team  
The “I AM” Conference invites leaders and volunteers in our children’s, youth, and family ministries to rediscover their identity and calling through the unchanging nature of God. Rooted in the powerful name God revealed to Moses – “I AM” – this is a...

#### > **CHORD: Thread App Seeks Product Manager**

July 25, 2025 • CHORD Leadership Center  
The Chord Thread App is a tool designed to provide immersive and integrated resources for churches and their members to experience new levels of depth and unity through curated podcast content, biblical...

#### > **Conferencia de Las Americas 2026**

July 21, 2025 • Alcides Morais – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Every three years, brothers and sisters from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Hispanic ministries in the US meet together for a time of encouragement, fellowship, learning and worship. This conference is called “Conferencia de Las Americas” and has...

#### > **Antelope Valley Church seeks Associate Ministry Couple**

July 17, 2025 • Steve Hiddleson – Antelope Valley, CA, USA  
The Antelope Valley Church (AV Reach) is seeking an associate ministry couple for immediate employment. The Antelope Valley is located 60 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. We are a church of...



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## A Full Circle of Faith in Lebanon

August 5, 2025 • Layla Matar – Beirut, Lebanon

George Gebran is a Lebanese-American who, in 1996, made the faithful decision to move to Lebanon and join the mission team for our church planted there a couple of years prior. During his time in Lebanon, George was instrumental in studying the Bible with many, including our current pastor, Moufid Tohme.



In 2001, George moved back to the United States. He eventually married Rose, a Lebanese-American woman, and together they have two children, George and Gisele.



This past July, 24 years later, George returned to Lebanon with his family for a vacation. He visited the church he helped plant, and it was incredibly inspiring for him to see how it had grown from a small group of 12 people to a congregation of around 200,

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Heartland Jubilee**

Kansas City, KS, USA  
August 29-31, 2025

#### **DFW Singles Workshop**

Dallas-Fort Worth, TX, USA  
September 12-14, 2025

#### **DT Travel: South Africa**

September 20-October 2, 2025

#### **Climb Small Church Conference**

Lansing, MI, USA  
October 1-4, 2025

#### **Conferencia de Las Americas**

Oct 15-18, 2026  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

#### **ICOC Delegates Meeting**

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
October 22-24, 2025

#### **InsideOut Counselors Conference**

St. Louis, MO, USA  
October 24-25, 2025

#### **ICYFM**

Indianapolis, IN, USA  
November 7-9, 2025

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