



SAT-7 NEWS

#PRAY FOR LEBANON

SAT-7 STANDS WITH BEIRUT ON SCREEN AND ON THE STREETS

As Beirut contends with the aftermath of the explosion, SAT-7 ARABIC and SAT-7 KIDS come alongside those suffering – both with programs offering spiritual and mental health support, and with on-the-ground initiatives that make God’s love visible on the streets.

“We thank you for your prayers, and we so appreciate them,” says Mirna Adaymi, SAT-7 ARABIC’s Beirut-based Supervisor. “By sight, things are very difficult. But by faith, we know the picture can be different. God can do the impossible. He can do miracles. And so we ask you to keep praying.”

Since the explosion, SAT-7 has broadcast daily prayers for Lebanon from church leaders across the Middle East and North Africa, along with testimonies from the capital on [You Are Not Alone](#) and special [children’s programming](#) to support the youngest victims.

The channels are also sharing short, informative clips on coping with mental health after a traumatic event, and they are producing a longer program that will address this in detail.

And alongside their work to produce these broadcasts, the team have been active on the ground.

Juliana Sfeir, Brand Manager for SAT-7 ACADEMY, reports from the streets to share a story of devastation, resilience, and a people coming together:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMAI7aaN_DE&feature=emb_logo&ab_channel=SAT7Network

Several recent initiatives have also seen SAT-7 staff bring food and water to those continuing the mammoth task of clearing glass and securing buildings, including providing a breakfast to one volunteer group.

“It is natural for SAT-7 to be on the ground with people who are in need during this situation,” says Maroun Bou Rached, SAT-7 Lebanon’s Executive Director. “Especially because this goes along with the message of SAT-7, which is to reflect the love of Christ to the people.”

As Mirna asks, please keep praying for Lebanon and for SAT-7’s work to support its people. For more information on our #ForBeirut campaign, [click here](#).



https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=vUs7mXqcFzI&feature=emb_logo&ab_channel=SAT7Network

MUSIC AND TESTIMONIES RISE FROM THE RUBBLE IN BEIRUT

As the dust settles from the explosion that ravaged Beirut, stories of resilience, heroism, and faith flow from the city. On the SAT-7 ARABIC program *You Are Not Alone*, part of the channel's #ForBeirut campaign, viewers heard from "piano lady" Mai Melki who played on amid the chaos, a life-saving nurse, and a grieving man who clings to faith.

While homes lay in rubble and smoke filled the air on 4 August, the classic melody "Auld Lang Syne" could be heard rising from an apartment building affected by the blast.

Mai Melki, 79, had stepped across her debris-strewn apartment floor, lifted the lid on her piano, and begun to play. As she played, she prayed.

"I began the song and said, 'Thank you, God. You are the God of the universe. You know everything. You see who is in need.' It was a communication between me, and the music, God, and the people," she says in her interview on *You are Not Alone*. As she played, she says, she prayed for the injured and those with no-one to care for them.

Since then, Melki's video has been shared widely on social media and encouraged many.

Mai Melki is the mother of Camille Melki, founder and CEO of the non-governmental organisation and SAT-7 partner, Heart for Lebanon.

FEARLESS ON DUTY

You Are Not Alone also spoke with Pamela Zeinoun, a nurse at St George Hospital University Medical Centre who spent hours rescuing three infants from the neonatal intensive care unit following the blast.

Despite the destruction and death around her, Pamela lifted the babies while their father lifted the metal shelves that trapped them, dug her way out of emergency exits, carried them down four floors amid rubble and debris, and walked for five kilometres before finding help.

"After the explosion, everything was chaotic," she says. "The department was so unrecognisable that I couldn't find my way back from where I was thrown. I climbed down carrying the children, only to find a shocking scene of patients and nurses strewn on the floor, covered in blood, and others running frantically everywhere. Luckily, I found a doctor from our hospital who helped me carry the children and find a hospital to care for them," she says.

"These children were my responsibility. They needed me. The children couldn't escape this. I didn't do anything heroic. This is my responsibility and duty: to protect the children," Zeinoun continues.

Video clips: <https://sat7.org/post/music-and-testimonies-rise-from-the-rubble-in-beirut>

FAITH IN CHRIST AMID CHAOS

Also on the program is Roni Nahra, who lost his cousin Shady, 36, after the building he was in collapsed. In his interview Roni declares his faith in God despite the pain of loss he is feeling.

"The first thing that came to my mind was 'why?' My cousin was a strong man and I expected him to survive it, but after 24 hours under the wreckage, he died. I'm consoled when I remember that he is with Jesus. He died in Christ and will be resurrected in Christ. This is the only consolation that I have, that I one day shall meet him; but the pain of separation from a loved one is huge," he shares.

Roni gave a message encouraging everyone to hold fast to God:

"If we don't live every day with Jesus and spend time with Him, we won't be able to face the current or future circumstances. Jesus said that prayer is like bread – we need to have it daily. If I don't spend time with Him daily, I won't be able to stand firm."

You are Not Alone is a program from SAT-7's Lebanon studio that began broadcasting during the coronavirus pandemic. It has been the voice of many marginalised and unprivileged members of Arab society and will continue in the coming weeks to walk alongside viewers in Lebanon. ■



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