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What We Are Planting, God is Causing to Grow

Fatima is a teacher in Lebanon where hundreds of thousands of refugees have fled because of the civil unrest in Syria and the violence of ISIS. She also volunteers for a Christian organization that is helping Bibles-4-Children distribute audio Bibles to refugee children and families throughout the region.

> Fatima tells the story of Hamze, one of her students. Hamze is a young Syrian boy who received a toy lion and audio Bible as a result of Bibles-4-Children's Lion Project. He and his family are Muslim refugees from Syria. They relocated in Lebanon where they opened a vegetable store within the refugee community.

> > One day Fatima entered the small store not knowing that it belonged to Hamze's family. As Hamze's father was greeting her, out pops Hamze from the back room.

They quickly began a conversation. However, the father abruptly interrupted, "What is this thing you have given to my son — this audio Bible? Hamze won't stop talking about it. We don't work or sit down without listening to the Bible!

Hamze also makes our whole family sit down and listen to the Bible stories."

Fatima responded, "Do you listen to the Bible and the Bible stories?"

Hamze's father answered, "Believe me when I say, I don't want to listen. But Hamze encourages me because he loves them so much."

Then he opened the money drawer behind the counter. As he reached in, he pulled out the audio Bible and said, "Look — even in the shop we listen to it. And Hamze even tells our customers to come listen to the stories about Jesus on this Bible he received as a gift from the school."

Fatima could hardly contain herself.

She explains, "I was so excited because I felt that the Lord was affirming our work. He was not letting our efforts

go to waste. Everything that we have been allowed to plant, God is causing to

grow. This is a wonderful testimony of God's provision."

As a teacher, Fatima went on to explain how child-friendly Bibles and Bible stories should be appealing to children, "Presenting the Bible inside of a toy is a wonderful idea because it spurs a child's curiosity to know what the Word of God contains. We There are over 4 million refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt, and Iraq who have been devastated by war and the brutality of ISIS. Over 50% of them are under the age of 17!

often use picture Bibles. However, this is the first time we have had, and are able to use, audio Bibles. The children are so excited about them. I approve the idea of distributing the Bible inside of toys — or anything else that brings joy to these children and allows them to hear the Word of God."

Fatima's experience is a beautiful example of how God is using Bibles-4-Children and the Lion Project.

The Lion Project is a solar-powered, digital audio player placed into the pocket of a stuffed animal. Each player is



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loaded with up to 800 hours of audio. The content includes the entire Bible, Bible stories, and music in a language they understand.

So far, Bibles-4-Children has distributed over 1,000 of these cuddly animals containing God's Word to refugee children throughout the Middle East. When a child receives a Lion, they also receive the truth of the Bible. These soft, lovable animals are comforting children and letting them know they are loved and not forgotten.

When combined with the hope of God's Word, it is a powerful tool with eternal results.

Each Lion costs \$50 to produce and distribute. And illustrated by Fatima's story, each one potentially affects more than 20 others parents, siblings, extended family and friends.

Bibles-4-Children President and Founder, Phil Disney, states, *"There*

are over 4 million refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt, and Iraq who have been devastated bv

war and the brutality of ISIS. Over 50% of them are under the age of 17! We're talking about over 2 million refugee children! The 1,000 lions that have been distributed so far will influence over 20,000 with the Gospel! This is a tremendous impact. But we *can't stop here. The need is* so great. We must do more. Lives are depending on it."

> If you would like to help more children like Hamze and participate in the **Lion Project** please call **866-807-7676** or visit the *"Get Involved"* section of our website at <u>www.Bibles4Children.com</u>. You can also mail your donation.

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