

# FAMILY IS A BRIDGE

*...from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope.*

Family is a bridge across the divisions of borders, war and history. This bond leads many JMP donors to remember generations before, to honor genocide survivors, and to support Armenian brothers and sisters in Lebanon today.

As a young teen, Lori fled Syria with her mother, brother and sister, leaving her father behind to work. Her family stretched across impossible barriers. Relatives seeking refuge crowded their Beirut apartment. It was difficult to keep afloat in Lebanon's worsening economy, let alone pay for Lori's school.

*She was adrift and losing any vision she once had for her young life.*

Lori's mother sought financial help from Jinishian. Beyond that, JMP counseling gave her the encouragement she needed to press on and find direction for herself and her daughter. The social worker's faithful follow-up inspired Lori to make her own commitment for a better future.

Lori joined the **Teen Self-Development program** in which JMP provides *full tuition* for technical school and a *community of trust*. The young women gather to learn life skills in JMP's Kurkjian Center.

*Blessings have followed each step of faith that the family has taken into a life beyond poverty.*



**"IF YOU SPEND YOURSELVES IN BEHALF OF THE HUNGRY  
AND SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE OPPRESSED,  
THEN YOUR LIGHT WILL RISE IN THE DARKNESS,  
AND YOUR NIGHT WILL BECOME LIKE THE NOONDAY."**

*Isaiah 58:10*

Mom took on a second job to support her children who are now pursuing their education in Armenia. Inspired by Lori's tenacity, her brother and sister enrolled in university there. Lori is nearing completion of high school in Lebanon and looks forward to her future.

Thank you for being part of the Jinishian family of support that empowers girls like Lori to bridge any distance with hope.