Baptist Union of Wales

How to get involved

This is your opportunity to commemorate Timothy Richard in a unique way by supporting some of the most vulnerable children in the world today.

Together, our aim is to raise £40,000 towards BMS World Mission’s work with Syrian refugee children in Lebanon between June 2019-June 2020.

Get your church involved by using the resources made available to help raise awareness of the BUW appeal.

List of resources:

- **Service resources**
  Enclosed you will find a service resource which you are welcome to use and adapt to suit your church during the course of the appeal. A special collection could be made during the service towards the Timothy Richard Appeal.

- **Film**
  The film introduces the appeal to BUW churches. It can be downloaded from [www.bmsworldmission.org/BUWappeal](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/BUWappeal)

- **PowerPoint**
  A PowerPoint presentation with notes can be downloaded from [www.bmsworldmission.org/BUWappeal](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/BUWappeal) which will help you explain to your church the aim of the appeal and share stories about some of the children benefitting from BMS work with Syrian refugees.

- **Poster**
  Please display the poster enclosed at your church to raise awareness of the appeal and remind your church to pray and give during the year.

- **Donations**
  Please send all donations directly to BMS with the donation slip enclosed: BMS World Mission, PO Box 49, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 8XA. You can also give online here: [www.bmsworldmission.org/BUWappeal](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/BUWappeal)

Prayer:

Lord, we pray for peace in Syria and all of the Middle East. We pray for the families trying to find a new home in Lebanon and beyond. Give them protection and a future full of hope. We pray especially for the Christians who remain faithful in Lebanon while they help others to feel welcome and share your love. Bless them and guide them as they serve people by giving to those most in need. Help us as churches in Wales to do our part in supporting them and helping wherever we can. Amen.

*See over for Fundraising ideas*
Fundraising ideas:

- Use some seasonal events and celebrations to raise money for the appeal:
  - Harvest supper – try experimenting with Syrian themed food eg pitta bread and hummus
  - Christmas collection – Jesus himself was a refugee as a baby, fleeing from Herod’s violence. This gives us an opportunity to ask people to give to today’s refugees in Lebanon.
  - St David’s Day cawl evening – why not include a quiz with rounds on Wales and Lebanon?
  - Summer BBQ

- Organise a Timothy Richard Appeal service using the resources provided and make a collection for the appeal.

- Organise a sponsored bike ride, walk, or run as an all-age fundraising activity. Get people involved using social media and word-of-mouth and have children collect sponsorship from neighbours, friends and family members. The children can design the route they’ll ride and will have fun mapping it all out with a little help from a responsible adult. If appropriate, the route could be from the church to the school to link in with the education ministry in Lebanon – you could even get the school involved. Ask a group of parents to supervise the event and supply plenty of food and drink en route or at the finish.

- Sponsored stopover – you could campout in the summer, or have a sleepover in the church building during winter.

- Use empty jam jars to encourage your congregation to collect loose change over a period of time.

- To raise awareness of the appeal you could make a collage to hang up in your church. One popular art form in the Middle East is the use of mosaic – small coloured glass or stones assembled together to create an image. You could print out the Lebanese flag, cut coloured paper, gather buttons, beads or other small items and let adults and children glue these to the flag accordingly.