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Elie and Rana El-Hage serve in Amman, the capital city of Jordan, engaging with diverse communities through education, women's empowerment, and medical outreach. Their ministry focuses on building relationships and sharing the gospel in a context that requires strategic and thoughtful engagement.

Ministry

The El-Hages' ministry has three main branches:

1. Amman Baptist School (ABS)
 - As a volunteer staff member, Rana works on developing a school manual and reviewing policies.
 - This role provides opportunities to participate in morning devotions, Bible studies, and staff discipleship.
 - They engage in one-on-one follow-ups with students and teachers, encouraging spiritual growth.
2. I Am a Woman (IAW) Ministries
 - This initiative empowers women by offering skill-based courses in a safe and supportive environment.
 - During weekly gatherings, participants hear a short Biblical message during their coffee break.
 - The goal is to create meaningful connections that lead to spiritual conversations and transformation.
3. Medical Ministry
 - Though still growing, this initiative connects with churches in rural Lebanon and Syria to provide medical aid.
 - The El-Hages follow up with vulnerable patients via calls and messages, using these interactions as opportunities for ministry.



Ministry Goals

The core mission is to build relationships with individuals in the community, share faith through personal connections, and encourage engagement with local biblically sound churches.

Challenges

- Government Constraints – Christian ministry must have a clear justification and connection to a local church.
- Resistance from Nominal Christians – Many hesitate to embrace a personal, experiential faith over tradition.
- Cultural Nonchalance – The community can be disengaged from spiritual matters, making consistent participation in ministry activities difficult.
- Financial Challenges – Sustaining IAW and medical ministry efforts requires ongoing support.

Spiritual Landscape

- Jordan has a population of 11.6 million, with Christians making up just over 1%.
- There are 25-30 Evangelical churches in Amman.
- The dominant religion is Islam, but many people connected to the El-Hages' ministry come from various Christian backgrounds.

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom & Favor – Navigating legal and cultural limitations on ministry in Jordan.
- Open Hearts – That nominal Christians would embrace a true, personal faith in Christ.
- Engagement & Commitment – That the Jordanian community would be more receptive and invested in spiritual growth.
- Financial Support – Provision for IAW and medical outreach to continue impacting lives.