

Bridges

FROM POVERTY AND DESPAIR
TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND HOPE

JINISHIAN MEMORIAL PROGRAM

2019 gratitude report

**Thank you for
being a bridge for
struggling Armenian
communities to
discover their own
gifts and purpose.**





GENEROSITY IS A BRIDGE

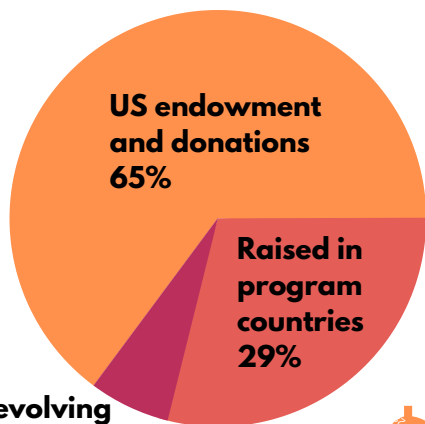
...from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope.

In 2019, your combined gifts from the USA to the Jinishian Memorial Program nearly tripled, multiplying the ability of local faith and community leaders throughout Armenia and the Middle East to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable.

As partners, you are getting at the roots of poverty, building up farms, businesses, health and faith. Every time you give, it helps someone step into a more promising future. We are honored to share these stories of how your generosity built a bridge to hope.



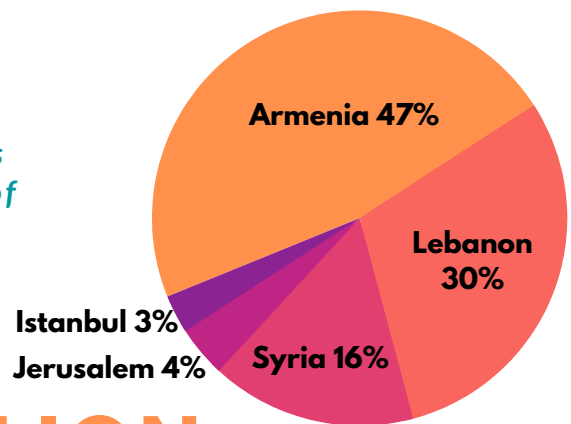
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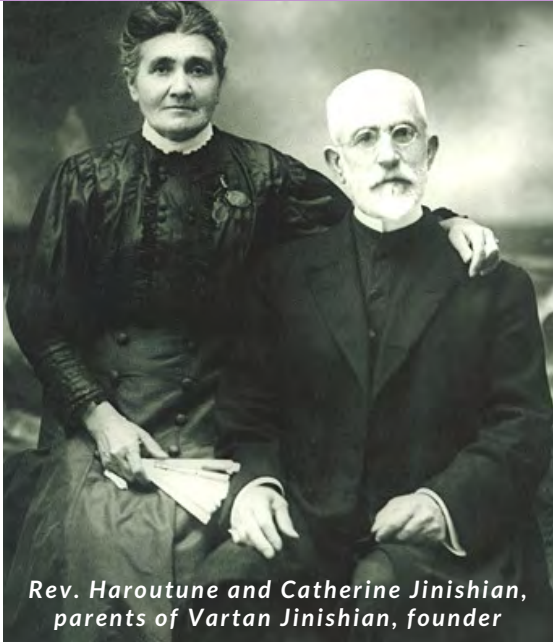
"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:11

PROGRAM EXPENSES



\$1.59 MILLION



*Rev. Haroutune and Catherine Jinishian,
parents of Vartan Jinishian, founder*

Jinishian Legacy and Leadership

Vartan Jinishian responded to the need of his people with all that he had to give when he established JMP in honor of his parents. This inspiring legacy endures as a trust administered by the Presbyterian Church (USA).

In each country, JMP is advised by Apostolic, Catholic and Evangelical local board members. Together since 1966, we have served millions of those in greatest need with the love of God.

In-country administrative costs averaged 16 percent last year. Audited financial statements are available online or by request.



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FRIENDSHIP IS A BRIDGE

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

In this second year since the "velvet revolution," the Republic of Armenia has opened the door to a just and prosperous society, but there is still much to overcome. Half of the 3 million citizens live in deep poverty in rural Armenia and thousands emigrate for work each year due to widespread unemployment.

Thanks to your support, JMP is leading the way forward with innovative, high-impact programs that focus on three core challenges:

- dismantling generational poverty,
- retaining ambitious young people,
- and lifting up those who are marginalized.

In 2019, JMP's 54 projects helped develop the potential of 70,000 resilient people. With you, we empowered them to provide for their families, strengthen their communities and grow the economy for a bright future.

Friendship is the bridge that sees possibility in the face of brokenness. Armenia is moving into a promising future after a century of intense suffering. Your friendship inspires this transformation.

The Haratunian family of New York is among these friends. They wanted to give their dad a Father's Day gift he would treasure more than any other by supporting a JMP project in his honor:

"We have been so blessed as a family. Our dedication to our faith and our community has been ingrained in us from our grandparents who were genocide survivors and were always so appreciative of the help others provided them when they most needed it. Our giving back in many ways is a continuation of the great generosity and grace others showed them over 100 years ago!"



For children battling cancer, the Michael Haratunian Tutoring program helps them to keep up with school while hospitalized, and to know they are loved by a friend. Artur is a bright and hopeful boy who wants to be an architect. "We know how important education is to their future and Armenia's," says Sona Haratunian whose family sponsored the project to honor her father. "Any small part we can play in helping these children realize their dreams would be a wonderful outcome."

A friend for children with cancer

A child with leukemia faces up to three years in treatment, fighting for his life and cut off from friends and school. Two college students in JMP's "Civil Dialogue and Action" program shared the burden of a hospitalized sibling who had no teacher visits and suffered depression. Their parents were overwhelmed. So the brothers started up a tutoring program with JMP coaching. The idea grew into a partnership among leading pediatric oncologists, local schools, families, volunteer tutors from Yerevan State Pedagogical University and one generous family across the world.

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE." *Jeremiah 29:11*

*Armenia is a success story among post-Soviet republics.
For millions who still struggle, you lift them up through JMP outreach.*



7,500
STUDENTS LEARNED
CITIZENSHIP AND
LEADERSHIP



14,230
VILLAGERS GOT CLEAN
WATER, NEW PARK SPACE
AND CLASSROOMS

LOOKING AHEAD

Growing the next generation of responsible citizens

- Students investigated problems and solutions for human rights, the economy, and environment
- University debate clubs and 70 school debate programs taught independent thinking

GROWING JOBS

Building sustainable industries for a healthy economy

- Low-interest loans invested in 288 rural farmers
- 175 young entrepreneurs got professional coaching/capital
- Engineering and IT training equipped 155 specialists

WORKING TOGETHER

Equipping communities to see possibility in every problem

- Grants mobilized 25 rural communities to take action
- School nurses were trained to keep kids healthy nationwide
- Armenian communities in Georgian villages deepened their faith and culture

Body



Spirit

People living with a disability or domestic violence are the most vulnerable in Armenia. Your gifts help protect and restore women and children at risk through these projects.

- Autism and cerebral palsy day care center in Artsakh
- Holistic therapy center for rural special needs children in Sevan
- Medical services for women suffering severe abuse

The cross of Christ remains at the heart of Armenia through every age. Your support and Christian unity demonstrate the love of God making these projects possible.

- Faith and fun for 2,800 kids at Apostolic, Evangelical & Catholic summer church camps nationwide
- Pastoral visits and spiritual experiences for isolated rural families

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*Beautiful Armenia . . .
brave new republic,
ancient homeland,
a people of promise.*

Overview of Work Funded in Armenia in 2019

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (45% of budget)

- Microlending support to farmers
- Microlending support to producer groups
- Microlending support to Kalavan community
- Youth Business Armenia (Lori, Shirak, Gegharqunik, Tavush, Syunik)
- Engineering and IT training courses (Stepanavan, Kapan)
- IT & entrepreneurial skills for unemployed

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN 20%

- Cultural and Spiritual Education for youth (Georgia)
- Haratunian Tutoring at the Hematology Center
- Summer camp support (Apostolic, Evangelical, Catholic)
- Spiritual Education and Experiences for Children

CIVIL SOCIETY AND EDUCATION 16%

- Youth Engaged in Society (school debate clubs)
- Civic Dialogue and Action for Change (seven universities)
- Youth in Action for Change

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 11%

- Christmas performances for disadvantaged children
- Playground reconstruction (Ashtarak)
- Community garden restoration (Lusakunq)
- Playground reconstruction (Geghaqar)
- Educational environment improvements (Khachaghbyur)
- School stadium dedication (Arpunq)
- School garden (Norakert)
- Cultural hall renovation (Kakhakn)
- Book dedication (Areguni)
- Cultural hall renovation (Vanevan)
- Drinking water pipeline reconstruction (Torfavan)
- Cultural and sport awakening (Kakhakn)
- Life skills development (Areguni)
- Community sport development (Khachaghbyur)
- Stadium construction (Kutakan, Geghamasar)
- Outdoor sport development (Poqr Masrik, Geghamasar)
- Event hall renovation (Arpunq)
- Classroom renovation and furnishing (Kakhakn)
- Comfortable classrooms (Lchavan)
- Step by step (Shatjreq)
- Sport facility improvements (Areguni)
- School improvement (Poqr Masrik)
- School fence improvement (Vanevan)
- Celebration hall renovation and furnishing (Vahan)
- Cultural center renaissance (Nor Amanos)

HEALTH OUTREACH 8%

- Autism and cerebral palsy day care center (Artsakh)
- Children's wellness, school nurse training (Yerevan)
- Rehabilitation center for children with disabilities and developmental disorders (Sevan)
- Health services for women suffering violence (Yerevan)

FALL 2019 MISSION TOUR

What made a lasting impression?

"It was a trip of a lifetime. I saw resilience, hope, creativity, integrity."

"So interesting to see the great work JMP is doing, the great people doing it, and the thriving people and country of Armenia."

"Everyone who hosted us and shared their homes, schools and communities. Our experience could not have been better!"

"It reinforced my understanding of those who survived the genocide as my parents and their families did."

"Spiritually, it was an affirmation that we are all created and loved by God."

COME TO ARMENIA FALL 2021



FAITH IS A BRIDGE

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

1,200

OF THE MOST VULNERABLE CHRISTIAN MINORITIES SERVED

For Armenian Christians in the slums of Istanbul, devoted JMP volunteers brought aid to more than 150 neglected households struggling to meet basic needs. And true to our mission to offer dignified pathways to self-sufficiency, JMP sponsored small business loans and employment training, thanks to you!

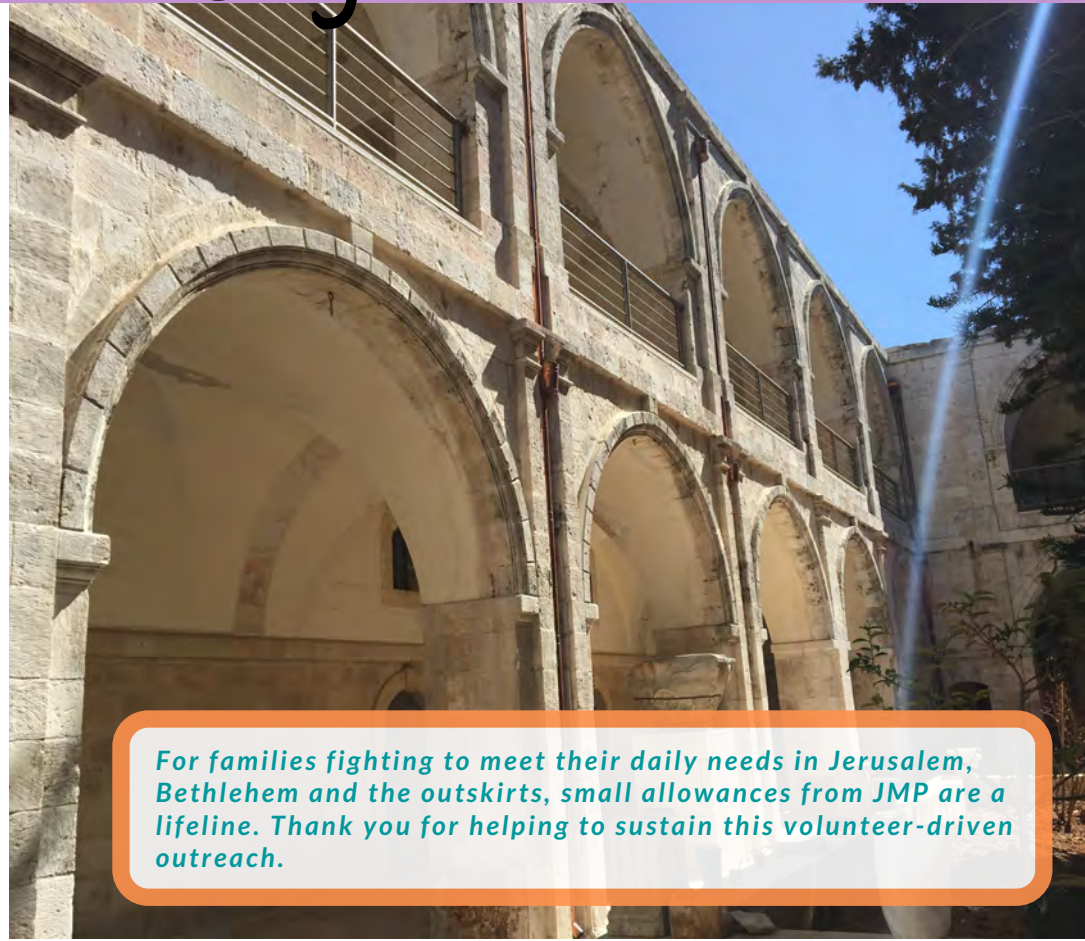
\$25,000

Istanbul & Jerusalem

\$45,000



In Jerusalem's Armenian Quarter, the Jinishian Memorial Program health clinic served more than 800 patients: families in need, seniors who are alone, and many members of the clergy.



For families fighting to meet their daily needs in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the outskirts, small allowances from JMP are a lifeline. Thank you for helping to sustain this volunteer-driven outreach.

MERCY IS A BRIDGE

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

Lebanon is in crisis. People are at the mercy of decades-long corruption and the economy is near collapse. Desperate from rising unemployment and swelling refugee camps, people took to the streets in protest last fall.

With all these pressures, families are more vulnerable to illness, homelessness, broken relationships and broken spirits.

Yet because of your concern in the midst of these trials, JMP can respond with compassion to the most vulnerable—the elderly and chronically ill without health coverage, those with special needs, and refugees. We provide a web of social, medical and spiritual support that begins with listening to each person's story.

You helped change young girl's life

Rita has lived on the edge of homelessness most of her young life. Although her mother picked up odd jobs, poor mental health made steady work impossible. They depended on her brother's income, but work was scarce.

Yet this is not the end of their story because JMP was with Rita all the way. They needed more than a single intervention.

With donor generosity, the Happy Childhood project saw Rita through rough years by providing funds for school and basic needs. When life's pressures were still too much for the young teen, Rita found herself failing and dropped out. Her self-worth was shattered.



Just two years after dropping out and nearly homeless, Rita says, "Suddenly I'm changed. I'm passing and doing well. I am focused on my studies. I live day by day - not worrying for tomorrow."

JMP helped Rita pick herself up again and connected her with the Teen Self-development program. Counseling and group sessions restored her confidence. She enrolled in Mesrobian Technical college and earned a diploma, putting her on a career path in hospitality management.

When she needed another chance, mercy was the bridge that sheltered a young girl against the forces of poverty and unrest raging around her. Your gifts are making a life-changing impact every day for thousands who need to know that they are loved, worthy and capable.

"THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE." *Psalm 103:8*



A TRUSTED RESOURCE IN TIME OF NEED

2,700 BENEFICIARIES
RECEIVED CRITICAL,
HOLISTIC CARE

13,000 CLIENT VISITS IN
2019 AVERAGED
50 EACH DAY

222 SYRIAN REFUGEES
WITHOUT MEDICAL
COVERAGE RECEIVED AID

Health programs (76% of budget)



- dispensary services including physicians
- medication for chronic illness
- hospital and medical expense assistance
- psychiatric residential care

Social Services for Families and Seniors 15%



- affordable housing
- path to home ownership
- social services for families
- employment placement office
- senior stipends and home visits

Community development 9%



- teen self-development program
- improving women's health through education
- senior community activities
- women's committee
- small business loans
- interest-free home repair loans

Seniors who might otherwise feel forgotten and lack medical coverage experience the warmth of community through activities, home and pastoral visits, and assistance with chronic medical needs.



JMP Women's Wellness programs fight heart disease and diabetes with free glucose and lipid panel testing. Social workers address threats of domestic violence, human trafficking, addiction, legal and health issues.

Donors and partners

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COURAGE IS A BRIDGE

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

War is still active in Syria. The areas we serve are in the hot spots and still under threat. Moreover, the increased cost of food, clothing, and medicine also brings instability, fear, and anxiety to so many in the community. Despite this, Talin Topalagian, JMP Syrian country director, describes 2019 as a period of *rehabilitation and restoration as "life was going on and the determination and hope of people were stronger than their obstacles and difficulties."*

JMP, along with other organizations, continued its mission by bravely providing uninterrupted service and immediate aid in the Armenian community. Along with medical services, financial aid, and educational services, JMP helped lift the human spirit by building morale for those people, including children and seniors, who may have felt hopeless.



JMP's Christmas celebration helped chronically ill patients to know they were not alone.

You Helped a Mother in Desperate Need

Scared for her family's survival, Maria, her husband, and their two young boys fled Syria for refuge in Lebanon. You see, Maria's husband was at the age of military service and she feared that he would be called in as a reserve war-time soldier. In Lebanon, however, Maria's anxieties did not end. They could not afford daily expenses, or even food for their boys, ages five and two. Desperate, Maria made the difficult decision to return to Aleppo with her children while her husband stayed in Lebanon, sending any money he could. Alone with two boys to protect, where was she to live? Her mother-in-law, ill with cancer, already lived with a friend in a zone hit by the war.

Before despair could overwhelm Maria, she went to JMP for help, and thanks to your gifts, her life began to change. JMP provided assistance to rent an apartment and found work so she could support her family. You gave a young mother the gift of shelter and self-sufficiency, and we are grateful!



JMP initiated a Health Preventative Care project to raise awareness about general health during difficult times. The sessions also offered physical and emotional healing to victims.

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO."

Joshua 1:9



Thanks to you, our donors, our faithful and dedicated staff and volunteers were able to meet some of the greatest needs of the most vulnerable in Syria's Armenian communities.



11,038 CASES FOR ASSISTANCE



4,266 INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN THREE CITIES: ALEPPO, DAMASCUS, AND KAMISHLY

Health Needs (84% of budget)



- Dental and eye check-ups for 1,128 students
- Prescription costs rising up to 250%
- Financial assistance for hospitalization, diagnostics
- Specialist referrals and treatments
- Preventative workshops

Emergency Grants 11%



- For those displaced from their home
- Disabled by war or illness
- Facing unemployment

Relief for Families and Seniors 5%



- Monthly allowances, home visits and counseling
- Food parcels and grocery coupons
- Holiday gatherings
- School uniforms and supplies
- Summer day trips
- Empowerment tutoring and social service to youth

Tutoring Offers More than Education

Children struggle during wartime. In addition to a challenging curriculum, parents without education lack the capacity to support kids with learning disabilities. JMP pairs academically struggling youth with college student mentors who help kids with their school work and serve as much-needed role models.

The smiling 10-year-old below had always been getting the lowest grades in class. After several sessions with his tutor, his rank rose to 4th. He was thrilled and his parents were so proud and grateful. The tutor had a great sense of pride and earned some pocket money. Thank you for supporting this very empowering program.



Please pray for mission staff:

Talin Topalakian (Syria Country Director)
Aleppo: Verjin Demirjian, Maria Boshgezenian (social worker), Arpy Gevoghlianian, Rita Yaghljian, Mrdich Spenjian
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During unstable times, JMP knows boosting the human spirit is as important as physical nourishment. Swimming Pool Day is one of the many social programs organized for youth in the community.



HOW CAN I *help?*

- Invite **JMP** to speak to your church or civic group about this life-changing work.
- Give monthly to make the most impact. Click the yellow “Give” button at pcusa.org/donate/E051792, enter amount, and “I’d like to make a recurring donation.”
- Visit Armenia with us! Experience the warm hospitality of this beautiful, ancient homeland and see faith in action.
- Return the envelope included. To give in honor of someone or fund specific areas, add a memo (or comment online).

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