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## Christian Education Resource Center & Women's Studies

Dear friends and Partners in Ministry,  
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It always fills me with joy as I share with you about our training events where many leaders come from so many churches and denominations to learn together, fellowship together and be encouraged to continue with more enthusiasm their ministries.

I would love to share with you about the Sunday School Teachers Training seminar which was held on September 26, 2015, in the Near East School of Theology. We had 66 participants who eagerly came for the training and it was so encouraging to see their passion to learn more and become better Sunday School teachers. We are continuing with our theme of “Joy of Sunday School”, and this was our 8<sup>th</sup> annual training.

The Near East School of Theology  
The Christian Education Resource Center  
Present

**JOY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL VIII**

Saturday  
September  
26, 2015

From 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

Session One:  
Digital Native Children on the Road to Emmaus  
أطفال وشبيبة الجيل الرقمي على طريق عمواس  
With: Toni Haddad

Session Two:  
Christian Education in Times of War and Crisis  
التربية المسيحية في أوضاع الصدمة النفسية  
With: Patty Ford

Place: Near East School of Theology  
Parking is Available  
Participation fee: 5000 L.L.  
Lunch & Coffee Break Included  
Register with Shake Geotcherian at:  
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OR Call 01-349901  
Last Day for Registration is September 24, 2015

## **Session One:**

The first session was led by Mr. Toni Haddad, where he talked about:

### **Digital Native Children on the Road to Emmaus**

The session was an invitation to be aware of the effect of media on children and young people. The topic included:

1. The pitfalls in the digital world.
2. The effect of online era on the family dynamics and teaching.
3. Strategy to help will be introduced by looking at the steps that the Lord Jesus Christ took when he dealt with the turmoil of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.



Mr. Toni Haddad



Thanking our speaker



After the first session we had a coffee-break.



**Session Two:**

The second session was led by Mrs. Patty Ford, where she talked about:

**Christian Education in Times of War and Crisis**

The world and the church are filled with people who have experienced crisis and trauma - even the children, especially the children. We are called to minister to these in the name of Christ, but often we feel so helpless. We will explore what it means to experience traumatic situations and how as a church we can respond with the love of Christ to bring hope and healing to these people who are so loved by God, yet suffering so much.



Mrs. Patty Ford



Thanking our speaker

After both sessions were over the participants went up to the N.E.S.T. dining hall to have a fellowship lunch where they had more chance to get to know each other and share stories.



Some comments from our participants...

- *This training expanded my knowledge in learning how to deal with children having in mind their spiritual and psychological makeup.*
- *It was very helpful that the topics were very relevant to issues that we deal with nowadays in our society and our ministry.*
- *This training taught us how to resolve problems that we had not thought about and help others in their times of need. It also helped us realize that social media must not take the place of the Bible.*

- *This training was very helpful. We explored new things. It was really interesting.*
- *Helped me to reconsider and reevaluate things , to be more attentive and alert to the things going around in our societies, and the influence of our surroundings/society.*

I do thank God that these training events are possible and have such a foundational impact on the participating teachers and leaders of children's groups so that they can put what they learned here into practice as they minister to children.

I thank you dear friends and partners for your continual support so that we are enabled to provide such training seminars for the local churches, schools and social centers.

May God bless you and keep you.

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