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**Easter 2001 Newsletter**

It is our hopes and prayers that all of our friends and families are doing well and are preparing to celebrate this Easter season. It is time to update you on the activities of United People in Christ for this past year and to report on where your donations were spent. Also, we ask for your continued support to help our needy Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Middle East.

First, your contributions for the year 2000 totaled \$12,539.00. This was much less than our anticipated goal of \$20,000. However, we put the money to good use as we disbursed \$7,498.23 to Christian charities in six Middle Eastern Countries.

Egypt	\$ 2500.00
Iraq	1000.00
Jordan	1000.00
Syria	1032.25
Lebanon	1000.00
Sudan	250.00
Medical Supplies to Lebanon	440.61
Medical Supplies to Syria	275.37
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$ 7498.23</u>

Our expenses for the year 2000 totaled \$1,282.25. This left us with a balance going forward in 2001 of \$3,758.52. As always, our financial records are open for inspection to anyone who wishes to do so. Regarding expenses, we try very hard to keep expenses that are paid from your donations to an absolute minimum, currently 10.2%. Of course, our annual expenses were much higher than \$1,282.25 and we are thankful and fortunate that these additional expenses were paid by the UPC Board Members.

During the first quarter of 2001, UPC became involved with a special program to directly help needy Christian families. In March 2001, thanks to your donations, \$ 5,000.00 was sent to Archbishop Paul Bourkosh in Horan, Syria. These funds went to purchase five cows for five families. Each family has a home suitable and the knowledge of how to care for the animal. They are willing to do the work necessary to not only produce milk and milk products for themselves, but also to sell any surplus thus providing needed income. They even sell the cow manure as fertilizer! Also, any calves will be raised and then sold for additional income. As you can see, this program not only provides immediate help, but gives Christian families an opportunity for the future. UPC wants to continue assisting with this program.

Our Spring Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, May 20, 2001 at 1:30 PM at Turkey Lake Park** in Orlando. You will be receiving a separate invitation in the upcoming weeks that will give you all of the details and directions to the park. Our last picnic was a great success as everyone had a great time and we generated \$3,634.00. For our spring picnic **all proceeds will go to needy Christians in South Lebanon**. As you may be aware, the Christian people in South Lebanon are having difficult times and UPC wishes to provide as much assistance as we possibly can.

One of the highlights of our last picnic was the raffle and auction. **We ask that if you have any items that you would like to donate for the raffle and auction, please contact Dr. Habib at the address/phone number above by April 30, 2001.** We would like to thank those that have already donated such items as restaurant gift certificates, pictures/paintings, wine sets, children's items and other treasures. Donations from any individual and/or business are tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated. All donors will be recognized for their contribution. We look forward to seeing you on May 20th.

As you can see, UPC is active and growing. As such, we need new **Board Members and Volunteers** to help with our picnic and other activities throughout the year. Our Board meets monthly and anyone interested please contact us.

Finally, we always appreciate ANY donation, whether one time or on a weekly or monthly basis. Our Easter envelope is included with this newsletter.

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**A letter from the Board President:**

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**Five Cows for Five Families**

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