## **BAGGAO**



# Melanie Baggao

LANGUAGE MINISTRY PRIORITY BIRTHDAY

Arabic Education 1/8







As the director of INSAAF: Justice and Compassion of Jesus, a ministry serving migrant domestic workers (MDWs), MELANIE works with women from Africa and Asia who are in Lebanon working as maids. She connects with local partners to run an integrated care center that provides for the physical, professional

and spiritual needs of the MDWs. Services at the center include medical care and food security, computer and entrepreneurial skills classes, language courses and Bible studies. Melanie also teaches English at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon.





Two of our women learn to take each other's pulse during a health awareness session at the INSAAF Center.



## **MINISTRY STORY**

Fae has faithfully attended INSAAF's Friday morning Bible study since the pandemic, and often tells others she looks forward to it every week. Fae works as a Nigerian maid in Beirut and has a toddleraged daughter. Last January, we received a message from Fae filled with gratitude and blessing. After receiving a jacket and a package of diapers, she was in awe that INSAAF provided them, especially when protection from the cold was desperately needed. The jacket received was just one out of a hundred given to us by a partner organization to distribute to the women. In her message, Fae shared, "Ever since coming to INSAAF, I've never missed my family back home. I am just so happy!"

We partner with a local nursery that accepts children of MDWs and Fae's daughter is enrolled. The nursery's weekly parent meeting conflicted with our Friday Bible study at INSAAF. Instead of having to choose, Fae talked with the nursery and convinced them to move their parent meetings to another day.

Through our ministry at INSAAF, Fae has received from the Lord not just items to live, but the Words of Life. We are happy that our ministry provides this for her and for hundreds more women from 24 countries working as MDWs in Lebanon.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that every woman who comes through our doors experiences the love of Christ in tangible ways.

Pray for our witness among the migrant workers in prison and detention centers in Lebanon.

Pray that God will continue to supply us with the resources to meet the increased needs of our women as the ongoing financial crisis continues to cripple the Lebanese economy.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10 (NIV)

