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BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Kevin Wilson is no stranger to mission work. The Andrews University theology student is involved on campus as the student association's religious vice president, and also has spent time as a missionary overseas. In 2010, he and a group from Andrews went to Lebanon to present Week of Prayer meetings at a local university and high school.



Kevin Wilson

"I've lived in the Middle East most of my life, and the Lebanese culture was very appealing," says Kevin. "The people were very receptive. ... It felt like home."

During the trip, Kevin learned the high school needed a Bible teacher. He immediately felt impressed to be a student missionary, and began the position several months later.

Kevin served eight months at the school, teaching Bible classes to grades 1–12. It was a challenging position, he recalls, as there was no curriculum outline to follow, and the student body held varying religious beliefs. Kevin remembers feeling very alone at times.

"One of the biggest challenges was that I didn't see God during my experience," he recalls. "Many times, I felt discouraged because I would prepare so much for my class, and all I'd get is chaos."

It wasn't until the last week of school that Kevin realized just how close God had been all along. After presenting his final lectures on Jesus' death and resurrection, he made an appeal to the students to publicly declare their trust in Jesus.

"I saw 200 kids raise their hands," says Kevin. "I was shocked. It was very unprecedented because peer pressure is such a huge deal, and the kids that raised their hands ... were basically becoming victims of bullying. It was definitely powerful. That's when I knew God was with me the whole time."

Kevin claims God carried him through the entire school year in Lebanon. During March of the university's spring break, he returned to the school to visit his students and participate in another Week of Prayer. Kevin claims he eventually wants to "end up in either the Middle East or Sri Lanka doing mission work," but is open to whatever the Lord asks him to do.

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