



THE HAURAN CONNECTION

- Prayer for the people of the Bosra-Hauran area
- Start or Volunteer in Fundraising Opportunities
- Pledge your financial support.

Kindergarten Program Monthly Tuition for One Child - \$30 per month (pay monthly or \$360 for the year)	\$ _____
Food Box Program Monthly Food Box for One Family - \$25 per month (pay monthly or \$300 for year)	\$ _____
Medical Program Funds for One Physician for One Year - \$200 per month or \$2400 per year	\$ _____
Parish-to-Parish Support Funds needed for ecclesiastical supplies	\$ _____
Clergy Support † Salary Support for One Priest for One Month - \$400 Housing support for One Priest for One Month - \$150	\$ _____
TOTAL PLEDGED	\$ _____

NAME: _____

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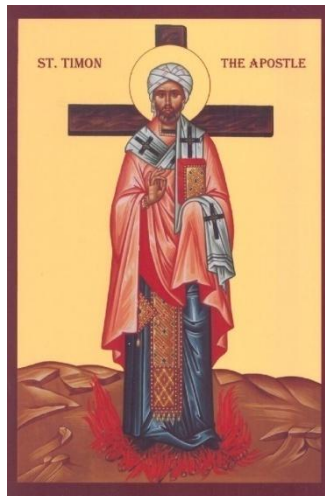
Make Checks Payable to:

DOWAMA: Fellowship of St. John

Send to: The Hauran Connection
c/o K. James Kallail
502 Creekside Ct
Derby, KS 67037

Connecting to Hauran

Against the hostility and poverty of the region, the need seems overwhelming and never ending. But by the grace of God, the example of our kind and loving Bishop, and the generosity of the faithful in our diocese, we can reach out with the kind of personal support that will enable us to partner in extending the arms of Jesus to the faithful of that needy land, and to those who have only begun to taste the goodness of God that we so richly enjoy in ours.



Patron Saint of the Bosra-Hauran Area



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A Sister Diocese Program

Archdiocese of Bosra-Hauran
and the

Diocese of Wichita and

Mid-America

“Warfare, destruction, drought, spiritual neglect, lack of job and educational opportunities.”

In southern Syria and the Golan, these are some of the words defining the struggle and suffering of the people of that region: in the mountainous Jabal Al Arab region—home of the Syrian Druze community; the farmlands of Hauran—“the granary of the Roman Empire;” and the Golan—the ravaged line of demarcation between Syria and Israel.

Only 5-10% of the population remains Christian in this troubled land. It is easy to understand both the reasons for vast emigration of Christians to Damascus, and to see the need to reach out for personal friendship and support for those who remain. His Eminence Metropolitan Saba, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of the region since 1999, is charged with maintaining the faith in the midst of the predominance of Islam.

Roots of Christianity in the Land of Hauran

Christianity spread throughout the region of Hauran during the apostolic age. The apostles Paul, James, Bartholomew, and Timon (one of the 70), as well as Sts. Cosmas and Damien and Maximos the Confessor are associated with this region. Hauran was an important early center of Christianity and which sent several bishops to the council of Chalcedon in 451. The historical St. George Church in Izraa housed the relics of St. George until the 13th century, and this great saint is honored here as in no other church. Built in 515 on the ruins of a pagan temple, Emperor Justinian copied the use of the clerestory lighting system in the building of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople in 537.

The Programs



Parish-to-Parish

Operational support for parishes to provide pastoral care. 16 parishes operating and in need of renovation. 5 parishes under construction. 3 additional communities need parishes. All parishes need ecclesiastical items.



Clergy

Salary and housing support for 12 priests and 2 novices.



Food Box

Food for the poorest of the poor. Priority support for families that have children, the elderly, and widows. 235 families currently served with many more in need.



Kindergarten

Scholarships are needed for tuition to send children to the Kindergarten Program. 125 children currently served with many more not able to attend due to costs.



Medical

Support for physicians to provide medical care. Two physicians are needed. Funds are needed for medical equipment, supplies, and medication.

Metropolitan Saba’s Vision

While on a visit to the U.S. and to His Grace Bishop Basil, Metropolitan Saba communicated his concern for support to all people of the region regardless of creed or religion. He stated that one cannot merely preach the gospel of Christ to the poorest of the poor: one must BE the gospel. For the Mt. Saba, this includes rebuilding the infrastructure of the Orthodox church by restoring and renovating churches, ordaining and educating priests, teaching a Sunday school for several churches during the week, providing a diocesan home and guesthouse, and administering projects dear to his heart: two kindergartens, a medical clinic, buying land to grow food, and providing monthly food baskets. The people from all religious communities in the area are excited and supportive of such efforts, and the Metropolitan’s efforts have been recognized by the government, as it allows freedom for his projects.