

Pastor's Patch: How's it Growing?



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In our Sunday messages, we continue to consider the Fruit of God's Holy Spirit, which as the picture reminds us is fruit that is "always in season".

We're well over half way through the series, and reach the theme of "Faithfulness" this week. Yet every week we are reminded that the fruit commended to us is known and experienced firstly in the Lord and gifted to us by the Holy Spirit.

So this week we see that Jesus walked the earth to demonstrate that God our Father in heaven is faithful to humans, even when we are not faithful to Him. God's faithfulness therefore provides a blueprint to understand and a fruit to develop. Furthermore, He continues to be faithful, even when we are not. But I pose the question to myself and each of us about our faithfulness— "How's it growing?"

Take some time ponder these lyrics from Matt Redman's 1984 praise song.

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name
For the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.*

Darrell Holmes

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As part of our Mission Service today we will watch a video looking at the work of our BMS Link Missionary organisation in Lebanon - THIMAR.

For decades, members of Rahbe Evangelical Baptist Church prayed for a local pastor from their small village in Lebanon's rural Akkar region. This month, their prayers were finally answered. On 18 October 2025, THIMAR joined the church in celebrating the ordination of Pastor Bahaa Mahfoud.

This was achieved through the efforts of MERATH and the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS), two of the ministry arms of THIMAR. ABTS focuses on equipping the church and MERATH focuses on community development.

Both Wissam and Sophie Nasrallah, our BMS link missionaries, speak to us in this video.

Wissam is the newly appointed director of ABTS, which equips pastors and the church, and Sophie is the Communications Manager for MERATH.

This video gives us some idea of the incredible work that THIMAR is doing in Lebanon and Syria to build God's kingdom.

Visit THIMAR's website at <https://www.thimar.org> for more information.