

Audrey and Colin Gibson are mission partners in training preparing to go to Lebanon to work with the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development (LSESD). It provides a number of educational, relief and development programmes for both children and adults from all faiths and backgrounds. These include a school and a centre for children with special educational needs (SEN). Over recent years it has extended its ministry to provide practical assistance to refugees from the conflict in Syria.

Audrey's role will be to develop new facilities and a programme for children with SEN to help them achieve their full potential; this will include liaising with parents and working with them to understand their children's needs. Colin will head the facility management at LSESD, overseeing the property to ensure that it is safe and fit for purpose, and help develop the new facilities for the SEN programme. He will also support the preparations for the various summer camps, which form a central part of the children's and young people's ministry.

The Middle East and North Africa regions are rarely out of the headlines today and it is the poor and marginalised who are suffering the most although the church has long been active in supporting such people, even before the more recent crises. Christians have particularly suffered in the region and yet there are many reports of God moving in amazing ways to bring the message of salvation to those who do not yet know Him.



Audrey & Colin Gibson
Lebanon

Colin and Audrey have been married for 27 years and have two grown up children. Colin has a varied career background, starting out as a mining geologist, with periods as a financial adviser and a flood defence engineer, but is now working as an information security manager. Audrey trained originally as a dental nurse but has been a teaching assistant for the past 14 years in a local primary school, most recently working with children with special needs. They spent four years in Zambia in the early 1990s where Colin was employed in the copper mines and both have participated in short term mission trips to Eastern Europe and Bolivia.

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