

Some commentary from the participants of the “Education for Street Children” program

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**At the end of the project, INSAN met with the parents of the children enrolled in the program and performed a satisfaction survey. The survey, was done orally, since most of the parents are also illiterate, so INSAN’s social worker met with the parents individually and asked them if they were satisfied with the program that INSAN was offering to their children and why (if yes or no).**

Some of the answers of the parents came as follows:

A father of a 10 year old child from the program told INSAN’s social worker that he tried to enroll his son in public school two years in a row but without success; he said: “ My son dropped out of school twice because he couldn’t understand a word in class, I thought he was stupid, until he entered in your program and now he can read and write and even help his younger brother in his homework”. The problem was that he was already late to enroll him in public school and without the basics (he didn’t even know the alphabet), it was impossible for him to follow in any class.

A mother of 2 children from Iraq who followed our program; one was 9 years old and the second 10 years old; said: “my family and I came to Lebanon from Iraq as refugees 4 years ago, we were hoping to be resettled by the United National Refugee Program into Canada in a very short time so we didn’t bother to enroll our children in school in Lebanon thinking that it’s not worth it, since we should be travelling soon and continuing our lives in Canada, however after 4 years of waiting, I finally realized that the waiting period was too long and my children have missed out their schooling, so I tried to register them in a public school, but they were not admitted since they were “illiterate”. With the help of INSAN’s program, my 2 sons progressed very rapidly, as they were eager to learn and now they are able to register in grade 3 level in a public school; it’s incredible!! I can’t believe it!!”

**INSAN’s social worker also spoke to some of the children in the program and asked them to give a commentary about the program that they were following and what were their thoughts; so here are 2 of the answers that were given:**

An 11 years old girl from Syria, student in the program said: “I have been always jealous of all my neighbors seeing them carrying their backpacks every morning and going to school. Now I can show them that I am going to school too”.

A 10 year old Kurdish boy from Syria, student in the program, told the social worker: “I ask my father to buy toothbrushes and toothpaste for all of us, so I can teach my brothers how to brush their teeth”.