A Journey from Jordan to TN and Back to Jordan: Genetics and Environment

• Parents born in Jordan
• Born in Akron, Ohio
• Dual citizen
• 2001 arrived at Vanderbilt
  – Pediatric Infectious Disease Fellow
• 2005 conference call
  – Najwa Khuri-Bulos, MD, FIDSA
    • Pediatric infectious disease doctor trained in US
• Sten Vermund, MD, PhD, Amos Christie Chair of Global Health
Nashville-Amman-Nashville

- 2006 Dr. Khuri-Bulos visits Nashville
- 2007 Pilot Study in Amman, Jordan
- 2007-2009 VIO grant
- 2009-2013 UBS Foundation Grant
  - 3169 children enrolled
  - RSV major burden
  - Vitamin D levels extremely low
  - Conference in Amman