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riving Saturday morning along roads that weave through the approximately 1.2 million land mines contaminating a 50,000-acre area within the Golan Heights, Teresa and I headed toward our destination, Mt. Bental, a United Nations observation post overlooking the Israeli-Syrian border. We thought from here we would be able to seek a different perspective on life for the Syrian people who remain captive to an ongoing civil war that saw its start with the "Arab Spring" in March 2011. Reaching the top, we parked our car, walked to where we could look into Syria and heard something that one doesn't often hear within the confines of a nation at peace – the very sobering sound of war - heavy machine-gun fire and artillery impacts just a few kilometers to the east of where we were standing.

Being in the Golan Heights region to attend meetings for a possible medical relief mission into Syria, we thought about the babies that were being born under these horrific conditions in the Syrian villages just a few kilometers away. In my mind, I saw pictures of Syrian people, posted from a friend that heads up the project we were considering joining, and the brutal living conditions they have known for the past six years. Please keep the Syrian people in your prayers as various factions continue to fight and destroy the innocent people in this beautiful country.

Finishing up in the Golan, the trip provided a very different perspective for us and at the same time, solidified our focus. According to





2 Timothy 3:13, we know that as time passes, evil men and their deeds will continue and grow worse and worse, but we must always return to and remember what we were taught – the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Teresa and I didn't accept the offer to lead the project presented to us, but are returning to Jordan to continue to love and serve the Muslim people and be the light of the Gospel Jesus intends us to be.

We also wanted to share with you another exciting highlight for us in October, the honor and privilege of being ordained through Charis Bible College. Ordination for us means that the ministry leaders and staff at Charis recognize the call that God has placed on our lives, and along with that public recognition, they provide us with a deep well of wisdom and experience from decades of ministry from which we are able to draw from in time of need.

In conclusion, the work of sharing the Gospel with the unreached Muslim people would not be possible without you! Teresa and I are, and have always been, very thankful for all of the prayer, words of encouragement and financial support we continue to receive from you. We will continue to boldly move forward in this journey knowing that there truly is a cause and so much work to be done.

All our best.

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