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Editorial



**17 OCTOBRE 2019: QUAND L'AMOUR
COURT LES RUES ET LA CAUSE EST AU
CŒUR DU PATRIOTISME**

Environnement, pauvreté, maladies, insécurité, souffrances, immigration, oppression... Tant de causes et de souffrances jadis méprisées et sans aucun champ d'espérance, aujourd'hui pris d'assaut par les

jeunes au Liban. Cette jeunesse qui ne cédera plus et qui fera confiance à ses promesses.

Aujourd'hui, les jeunes du Liban ont compris que la beauté de leur pays, c'est le travailleur qui rentre sale et décoiffé en fin de journée, mais content d'avoir son pain pour ses enfants pour leur assurer un avenir meilleur ; c'est la communion de toute la famille à table qui partage son pain avec générosité avec autrui ; c'est l'épouse un peu âgée qui s'occupe avec dignité de son époux malade ; c'est la personne handicapée qui a tous les droits de vivre, de travailler et d'être respectée comme tout autre être humain ; c'est l'artiste qui s'exprime en toute liberté, c'est l'air propre qui domine la ville ; c'est la civilité du code de la route ; c'est le droit au travail ; à l'éducation ; à l'hospitalisation, c'est vivre en toute dignité sous un ciel bleu, face à une mer propre et des montagnes vertes.

Il y a de la beauté en tout jeune homme et toute jeune femme au Liban, qui vivent avec amour et ambition leurs vocations personnelles qu'ils reflètent sur la société, mais aussi dans le service désintéressé de la communauté, de la patrie et dans le travail gratuit pour rétablir l'amitié sociale. Découvrir, montrer et mettre en avant cette beauté, c'est poser les fondements de la véritable solidarité sociale pour un avenir fait de paix, de tolérance et de coexistence.

Les jeunes d'aujourd'hui ne se laissent plus dominer, ils prennent un autre chemin fait de liberté, d'enthousiasme, de créativité, d'horizons nouveaux, tout en cultivant leurs racines. Dieu aime la joie des jeunes et les invite spécialement à cette joie ; mais plus encore, à cette allégresse supérieure de celui qui sait partager et ressentir les peines des autres. Ne vous privez pas des défis de la vie. Que l'élan de la jeunesse libanaise se change en courage, en envie de construire un monde meilleur !

À vous les Jeunes de l'Ordre de Malte au Liban qui en faites partie, fierté, honneur et admiration.

Nour Moghabghab - Présidente des Jeunes
de l'Ordre de Malte au Liban



ORDER OF MALTA
LEBANON

*"I ask you not about your race, your color, nor your religion,
but tell me what your suffering is."*

- LOUIS PASTEUR



The youth



Bringing Professionals to Chabrouh



Since I started the Chabrouh experience in 2002, learning first hand from the "founding generation" of volunteers from Germany I continued the service in many positions: volunteer, logistician, Group Leader, Masoul, and back to volunteer (in the 2015 "veteran camp"). Back then I could have never imagined to be one day a member of the professional staff of the Order of Malta, Malteser as we call them in Germany. Now, after 17 years of Chabrouh Camps experience, I moved with my family to Lebanon. I am trying to assist the Lebanese Association to bear their duties in helping the sick and the poor – far beyond the activities of the camps. Yet, Chabrouh stays my first home in Lebanon: nearly each and every team I try to visit, to see Dutch, British, French, Austrian, Spanish volunteers doing things the same way – or different but better since we did nearly two decades ago. Seeing this intimate service for the forgotten children "our Lords the sick" and comparing it with my professional work as humanitarian aid worker I often felt a disequilibrium.

With all our professional policies, measures, log frames and immense budgets: I missed the basic service and contact to those in need. I remember that in the middle ages the Grand Masters of the Order requested each Knight to serve one day per week in the Order's Hospital. Regardless of his higher ranks and duties, even the Grand Master himself insisted to lay down all privileges and shining armors to put on a simple robe, serving the poor and the sick.

So after a good planning and some discussions we were able to implement the first camp for "professionals" from both: German Malteser and Lebanese Association's HQ "Bureau Technique" in order to take a leave to serve our guests in Chabrouh. For our guests it meant one week of vacation, and for the overwhelming parts of the volunteers it meant a new understanding of what it could mean to dedicate their professional life for the Order's works. 37 Germans and 8 Lebanese enjoyed the camp and emphasized the three benefits: Joy for the Guests, self-dedication of the volunteers and new identification with the Order's activities..

Clemens Mirbach - Vice President
German Association of the Order of Malta

تجربة تستحق العناء

تدخل اليه مرة فتعود مراراً ، مكان تُشعر به وكأنك في بيتك وبين عائلتك عناق من هنا وابتسامة من هناك، مَحبة تتجلى بأبهي واسمى حللها ... كيف لا وما اتحدث عنه بيتنا في شبروح.

سنة مضت على اول تجربة لي كمتطوعة وكأنها بالفعل البارحة ، تجربة تستحق العناء هنا اشكر كل طفل اعطاني قبل ان اعطيه ، كل ضيف من المستشفى على حُبكم الذي يرى في البسمات كما في الآهات. واشكر شربل الذي فاجاني بقوله " يا ريت فيكي تلعب معي Football وسؤالي إن كنت سامشي يوماً؟ قد لا افعل لكنك في قلبي تبقى علامة فارقة ، محمد انت الكنز الصغير الذي يشع بريقاً في قلوبنا، وعد اتمنى ان تتلاشى اوجاعك محبتك اثرت فيّ

كما واشكر أنطوني حبيش على إعطائي الفرصة بأن اخرج للمرة الاولى قصتي الى العلن بشهادة حياة لم اتوقع يوماً ان اتشاركها مع احد ، وبما انكم عائلتي قبلت التحدي فأنا بين اخوتي واخواتي الذين اشكر الله عليكم فرداً فرداً ، ما نعطيهِ ليس سوى القليل مقابل ما نأخذهُ

Zeina Hachem, Volontaire Libanaise





Beautiful thoughts from the Chabrouh "Livre d'Or"

chab:rouh = "youth spirit" - When the youth from Lebanon and all over the world inspire us in Chabrouh!

Attracting thousands of young volunteers from around the world over the past 20 years, who come to this Holy Land of Lebanon to put their hearts and souls into touching the lives of our guests with special needs, the Youth of the Order of Malta decided to create a visitors book called a "Livre d'Or" in order for the young volunteers from all over the world to share their magical memories lived in Chabrouh, a nice life lesson and testimonials book to read carefully and very valuably crafted by Scope Ateliers.





“...A truly transformational experience under the beautiful blue Lebanese sky...”

Helene Metge Toppin –  volunteer

“...A very special week that I will not forget...”

Sophie –  volunteer

“...Hope to be back very soon, so much hummus laughter...”

Kristie –  volunteer

“...Both camps were truly life changing and fantastic...”

Zorquhil Martell –  volunteer

“...By far my favorite team, Ollie star, and the team bring out the best in us and the guests...”

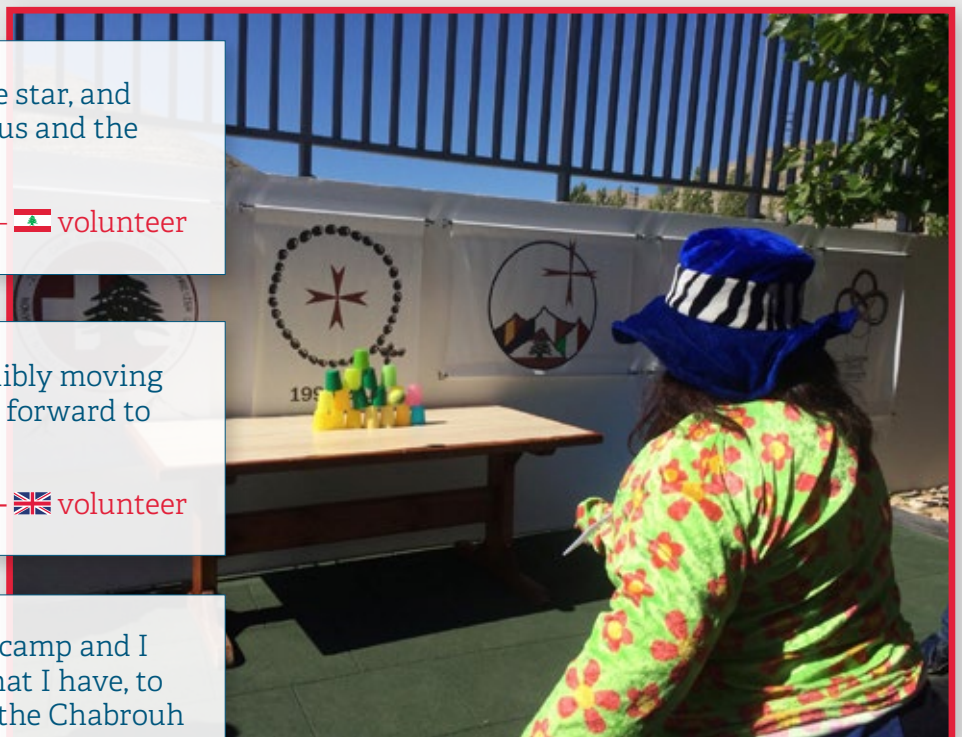
Karen Haddad –  volunteer

“...It was simultaneously incredibly moving & inspiring & I very much look forward to returning next year...”

Esther Mcphevson-  volunteer

“...I am sure it won't be my last camp and I am forever grateful to have what I have, to be who I am and to have lived the Chabrouh experience! ...”

Cel –  volunteer



An international volunteer who joined the Dutch Camp in Lebanon this July

I cannot express amply enough how wonderful it was meeting you and the rest of the team in Chabrouh. This experience made a profound impact on my persona and on my core beliefs. It inspired and humbled me simultaneously. I've seen now closer and better than ever before brave souls at work, souls whose kindness brings hope and meaning to lives otherwise forgotten. I take with me a little piece of everyone I met there and carry them in my path forward, a path I have dedicated to serving others. The extraordinary work the Order is doing stands as a pinnacle of hope in an ever more complicated world. To learn about human suffering and those who've taken upon themselves to alleviate this suffering is as vital now as it has ever been. Individuals like yourself have dedicated so much on behalf of everyone else. And it is this commendable effort, this demonstration of goodness, love and bravery that upholds humanity's dignity.

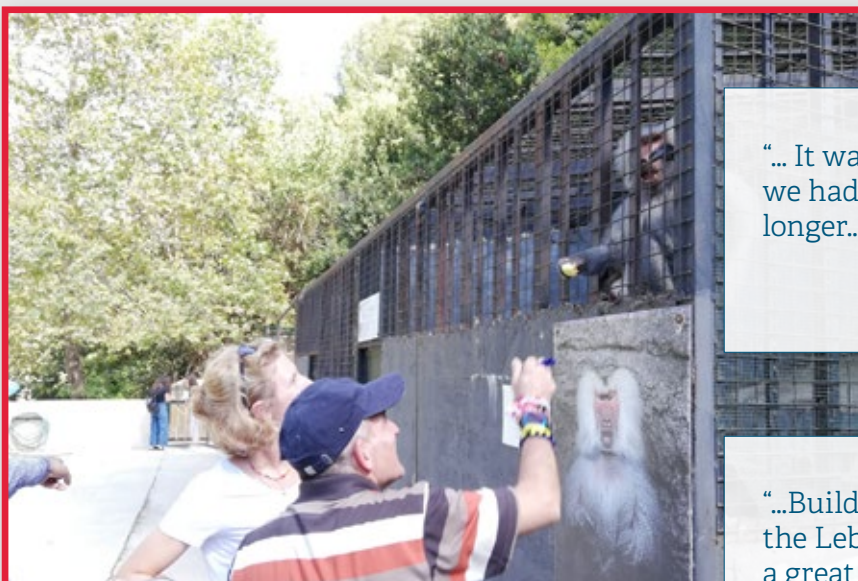
Anonymous Volunteer –  Camp

"...It is amazing! I have laughed and cried in equal measure..."

Sharon Eddne – Jersey Overseas Aid,   camp

"...I discovered a new place, new people but also how to take care of the guests in the best possible way..."

Eudoxie –   volunteer



"... It was a week of giving and caring, but we had so much love in return that will last longer..."

 Volunteer

"...Building bonds between cultures, meeting the Lebanese volunteers and the guests was a great experience..."

Marie, Jeanne and Béatrice –   volunteers



Elderly

WEEKEND CAMP



When we first met the young volunteers of the Order of Malta who came to drive us, we knew our journey will be memorable. With lots of passion for what they do, a great team spirit and work, respect for the mission, and extreme kindness, we were introduced to one of the best activities we could imagine. We arrived to the center in Chabrouh and immediately connected with the rest of the volunteers. The ambiance was great. We were excited to receive our guests the next day. In fact, we enjoyed bonding with them and sharing our stories. We were amazed with the need they had to tell their own stories. They needed someone to listen to them and to value their achievements, as we all do we guess. The activities were entertaining for both our guests and us. Having to take care of someone made us feel the sense of responsibility, and this was comforting rather than weighty because we could feel the close assistance and supervision of the mentors and senior volunteers. Yes, we were able to give some joy to our guests, but we received in return a lot of satisfaction and happiness in the meaning of this act. This was an amazing feeling. We can't wait for the next camp!

Jana, Rawane and Jad Bahous - Lebanese Volunteers



Elderly Outing

ANFEH



A beautiful sunny day well spent with the elders of Ain el-Remmaneh and Zouk on Saturday July 27 at Anfeh, North Lebanon. The day started with a visit of the small church of Saydet el-Rih. The elders and volunteers then shared a lunch at the beautiful terrace of Al-Baydar restaurant, where they enjoyed the amazing sea view. Going to the beach is always a good idea!

Maria Feghali - Lebanese Volunteer

Outing of elderly

AT SAINT JOHN MONASTERY

KHENCHARA

A time to give and receive. I felt blessed to participate in such a great activity. It was an opportunity to give a little love to an elderly, share our guest happiness, be part of a mass in a beautiful monastery. Also, I was able to meet other volunteers and have time to share with them. That's why I believe that I received more than I gave and I am thankful for such a precious gift.

Ana Carolina Heberger - Puerto Rican Volunteer





Outing of Guests OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS TO SOURAT



When we first met the guests, honestly, we were a bit reluctant. It was the first time we experienced this interaction. We couldn't understand their actions, their needs, their worries, and were scared we wouldn't be able to control them. They arrived and went directly into the bus. Each one of us sat next to a guest. We were talking to them, laughing with them. Progressively, we felt more comfortable and took the hang of it, thanks to the organizers of this exertion who were there if we needed their help. The guests were really funny, and compassionate. We could feel their joy when we were all together. Arrived at our destination, we spent hours with our guests, had lunch together, danced together. Although it was a bit tiring, since we had to follow each one of them and make sure they are okay, we really enjoyed our time with them. It was an amazing journey.

Jana Bahous - Lebanese Volunteer

International Camp GERMANY 2019



The International Maltacamp (IMS) is something unique: Young volunteers spend a week of holidays with physically and mentally impaired friends from around 20 countries in the world. The volunteers support, help and care for the young handicapped. Together, they experience extraordinary activities like rock climbing, lugging, partying and paragliding.

Where? In the middle of nature and mountains in the Benedictine abbey Ettal, about one hour drive from Munich, Bavaria.

Who? 500 participants from all over the world, 1/3 of whom are disabled, 2/3 of whom are carers, helpers and supporters.

When? August 3 - 10, 2019.

Our motivation: In line with our motto REJOICE: One week full of fun, joy and companionship.



من خلال هذه السفارة، اكتشفت أن الحياة جميلة. أشكرك يا رب لأنك عرفتنني على منظمة فرسان مالطا وشبيبتها منذ العام ٢٠١٧. وهأ أنا اليوم معهم وسافرنا إلى ألمانيا للترفيه والقيام بنشاطات مرحة سوياً. قضيت أيام جميلة مع هذه الجماعة وتمنيت ولو لم تنتهي هذه الفترة وكان لدي إحساس في داخلي لا يوصف من كثرة السعادة والطمئنان. بفضلهم أصبحت فتاة مليئة بالنشاط وتحب الحياة وتعشق المغامرات والتحدي للوصول إلى أهدافها. من خلال هذه السفارة، اكتشفت أن الحياة جميلة ويمكننا أن نتغلب عليها ونصنع الفرحة في أي وقت من خلال المساعدة. تحديت نفسي من خلال النشاطات الصلاة والتأمل. ولقد أثبت للجميع بأنني فتاة شجاعة ومليئة بالفرح. إن شبيبة منظمة فرسان مالطا نادر وجودها في هذا العالم وإنها تملك قلب مليء بالإنسانية والحنية ومن أهدافها مساعدة الأشخاص ذوي الإحتياجات الخاصة. الشبيبة كل وقتها لنا لكي نشعر دائماً بهذه العطلة وتمنيت ليت الوقت يدوم أكثر فأكثر وكانت أجمل تجربة بفضل هذا الفريق.

Eliane Aoun, - Guest at the International Camp

Rejoice in Ettal! From Beirut to Frankfurt. Frankfurt to Munich. And Munich to Ettal Abbey; pretty stretched ride! What a privilege it'd been to be part of such a wonderful team and engaged in a worthy mission. Warmly welcomed by the staff and teams in Ettal, we were all baffled by the exuberance of the place where we were about to spend a brilliant week. Superb green fields, trees, majestic basilica, and gigantic mountains all around above our heads. Simply magical. Our days were packed with all sorts of activities. It was all hustle! An amazing hustle allowing us to all unite and orbit around joy. This joyful flow was enhanced by beautiful prayers and masses. There was definitely lots of work and fatigue, but taking good care of our guests filled our hearts. And living this experience with them has been blissful. What I retain from this whole camp was the depth of love we all blended into. This week in Germany nourished our hearts and souls.

Philippe Matta - Lebanese Volunteer





Kids Outing

FLYP



The idea of taking the kids to Flyp was really a great one. Once the activities started, the kids were filled with happiness, and so was I. I had a great time with the guests. Playing with them, jumping all around, talking, spending the day with them, it was really entertaining for both the guests and the volunteers.

It was a good experience, a fun and pleasant one. It was very gratifying to see the smile on the faces of the kids, the enjoyment of every moment, and the full integration of the kids in the activities. The team work between the volunteers did make the task easier. It was really fun. I loved it and I would definitely do it again.

Rawane Bahous - Lebanese Volunteer



School Bank

ORDER OF MALTA KEFRAYA CENTER



First but definitely not my last experience! I didn't know much about the Youth of the Order of Malta. A good friend that has been a very active member for several years now introduced me to it. I was a little bit reluctant about going with the Youth to the "Centre Medico-Social" located in Kefraya in order to give school supplies to kids, before the start of the school year.

When I arrived at the center, I was astounded by the warm welcome of the sisters and the kids. They even sang a welcome song "Ahla w sahla" for us with a little cute choreography. After getting to know each other, we proceeded by offering them the brand new backpacks they were all waiting for. Those were equipped with notebooks and pens. It was heart-warming to see kids choose their bags and leave with a smile on their faces. Later, our visit was followed by a tour of the center and a small gathering around the sisters to hear more about their 3 main missions: providing medical facilities to residents of this region, especially those who are in need, and taking care of elders as well as people suffering from specific medical conditions. All in all, this was a delightful experience that made us realize how it felt to be altruistic. Anyone should give it a try, we promise you won't be disappointed!

Alberto Majdalani - Lebanese Volunteer





CancerVive Weekend Camp

*"Je ne peux pas sortir ce week-end,
j'ai un camp à Chabrouh. »*



*« On ira en semaine, on sort
avec les personnes âgées. »*

*« Une autre fois, je vais avec des
volontaires visiter un enfant à
l'hôpital. »*

Étant donné que cette expérience était complètement nouvelle pour moi, je ne savais pas à quoi m'attendre. Des amis proches m'en parlaient souvent, me racontaient les moments forts de leurs camps, mais on ne peut pas savoir de quoi il s'agit avant de le vivre. Je me suis occupé d'Ahmad, un garçon âgé de 7 ans. Avant de le rencontrer, je ne savais pas comment me comporter avec lui ni quel sujet aborder, mais on a trouvé des intérêts en commun très vite (surtout le football), et sa personnalité et son courage m'ont vraiment marqué. C'est bizarre, mais je ne me sentais pas responsable de lui. Je sentais que je passais du temps avec lui parce que j'en avais envie. Il était tellement mignon qu'il se fâchait à chaque fois que je m'absentais pour cinq minutes, même si c'était pour passer aux toilettes ! Mais en deux jours, la perception que j'avais de mon quotidien a pris un tournant lorsque j'ai rencontré des personnes pleines d'énergie et de joie malgré les obstacles auxquels elles ont dû faire face. Il est vrai que j'entendais ces phrases souvent, mais je demande déjà quand aura lieu le prochain camp pour pouvoir revivre des moments tellement forts. Il n'existe aucune différence, volontaires comme malades, enfants comme adultes, c'est le même amour qui est multiplié lorsqu'il est partagé.

Joseph Lteif - Volontaire Libanais





Lebanon on Wheels

Lebanon on Wheels is a fundraising initiative that aims to raise funds for the education and care of some of our disabled friends who live in different hospices in Lebanon. The project was founded in 2015 by two friends, George Varley and Auguste Breteau. The aim is to cycle across Europe and reach Lebanon in the hope that this might highlight a cause close to the heart and thus generate awareness as well as funds through an online fundraising platform. This proved to be a great success and Lebanon on Wheels was this year in its fourth year. The particularity this year was the participation of 3 Lebanese volunteers from the Youth!

When I first heard about the "Lebanon on Wheels" project I was kind of intrigued and impressed by this initiative, but never thought of actually doing it until Mivida suggested the idea to me. The challenge was what triggered me the most and the reward at the end was what I was waiting for. Volunteering with the Order has been an amazing experience for me whether on wheels, on foot or simply by heart and mind. I found Lebanon On Wheels to be different from the rest of the projects since it is challenging in a lot of different aspects. It really pushes you to your limits every single day and lets you discover a lot of new things about yourself. During these 20 days, 1450 km and 4 countries, we've had a roller coaster of emotions and lots of ups and downs. We've encountered a lot of different weather and road conditions, we visited a lot of nice places and met very nice people. We've also learned that cycling in Europe as Lebanese does not always turn out well especially when it comes to road navigation! We've learned to expect the unexpected. This trip taught us how to work under pressure and deal with whatever situation comes in our way. We've learned that it is mind over matter and that even if our bodies might not be fit enough, with the right mind set we could achieve everything. I would also like to thank everyone that contributed to this trip; whether by hosting us, sponsoring us or donating for the education of our friends Ousama, Moussa, Yemen and Joey. We couldn't have done it without you! Now we can proudly say that we went the extra thousand miles!

Diane Moussa - Lebanese Volunteer



Note: If you would like to be part of this amazing experience, do not hesitate to write to us: jeunes@ordredemalteliban.org



Team Bonding

OUTING - THE BROS



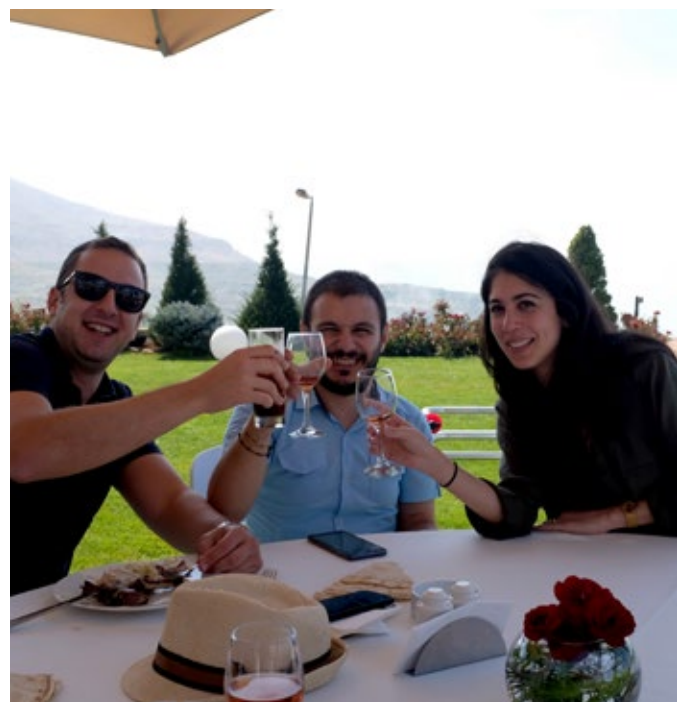
Our collaboration with The Bros Burger House has been running since more than a year and we deeply thank them for their support. By ordering and savoring the yummy “Little Caesar” burger from The Bros in Mar Mikhael, you will be helping our Youth in funding their elderly activities! This year we celebrated our 1 year collaboration anniversary!

What an amazing evening spent all together at The Bros! On the occasion of our 1st year collaboration anniversary, The Youth organized a meet and greet event at The Bros with the presence of our dearest DJ Priscilla Bakalian around a very yummy burger and some beers! A great gathering with our dedicated volunteers who were so happy to join! Groovy vibes and good mood made this gathering so special!

Lunch at Mrs. Paula Dagher's House

FARAYA

The Youth of the Order of Malta were invited at Mrs. Paula Dagher’s house in Faraya around a beautiful lunch. Mrs. Dagher insisted on inviting new joiners, active and encouraging volunteers of the Youth as well as around 18 guests who took part at the Chabrouh summer camps and Lourdes Pilgrimage. The day started with a mass by Father Antoine Assaf in celebration of the Feast of the Cross. The Youth and the guests enjoyed lunch together and especially the brownies of maman_chocolat (Blog name of Mrs. Paula’s daughter). Party time was lovely especially with our guests Philippe Chelala’ Zumba class and Ghassan Abdel Nour famous Michael Jackson’s moves. On behalf of the Youth, we would like to thank Mrs. Paula Dagher for her generous invitation and warm welcome and for supporting our actions.





New Youth Prayer Book

The Youth launched a new prayer book that aims at helping the volunteers participate at the mass, spiritual events and prayer time during camps. The content was developed by both volunteers Anthony Lichaa and Ingrid Antonios, with the help of Father Antoine Assaf (chaplain of the Lebanese Association and Youth spiritual guide). The prayer book includes all three languages, French, Arabic and English. The prayer book's pages are beautifully illustrated by the artist Mouna Bassili Sehnaoui, which gives them a young and fresh look. Special thanks to Scope Atelier for its stunning design as well!

Marche spirituelle

DANS LA RÉSERVE DES CÈDRES DU CHOUF



L'homme contemporain, avec le rythme effréné de sa vie quotidienne, s'éloigne de son essence pour se transformer en une machine productive. Mais l'homme n'est pas une machine.

Il a besoin de se reconnecter avec son âme pour retrouver son bonheur et Spiritual walk Barouk son épanouissement. Rien ne vaut une randonnée dans la nature comme ultime cure et thérapie à ce mal qui gangrène notre nature humaine. C'est avec une grande joie au cœur et à l'âme que j'ai participé à la marche spirituelle organisée par les Jeunes de l'Ordre de Malte à la réserve du Barouk, qui abrite notre symbole de fierté nationale, le cèdre du Liban. Le cèdre, symbole du Liban, est considéré comme un arbre sacré, mentionné dans les trois grandes religions monothéistes. Au son de la voie angélique de Joumana Moudawar, et grâce aux temps de prière animés par Père Antoine Assaf, nous avons pu admirer la majesté des cèdres géants et la beauté de ce lieu vierge riche en histoire, et plonger dans un état de spiritualité et de louange à notre Dieu, notre Sauveur. Notre marche riche en moments d'éveil spirituel et en rétrospection fut clôturée par une assemblée autour du feu au sein du village pour vivre la simplicité de la vie villageoise et partager des moments inoubliables, pleins d'émotion et de joie interne, simple et pure.

Ingrid Barnaba - Volontaire Libanaise

JABAL MOUSSA



Ce jour-là, le bus démarre; direction la biosphère de «Jabal Moussa». A notre arrivée, la guide nous souhaite la bienvenue. Nous avons débuté notre randonnée sur le sentier des pivoines. Cette marche fut arrêtée à plusieurs reprises.

A chaque arrêt, la guide nous a raconté des histoires de la biosphère, de la faune et la flore.

Ces arrêts ont été suivis par la prise de parole de Père Antoine Assaf. Il a mis en relation la nature et notre état d'esprit. Il a aussi mentionné quelques paroles de la Bible. Il nous a rappelés aussi de l'amour de nos êtres chers.

Ces arrêts ont été suivi par les prières de «Notre Père » et de « Je Vous salue Marie ».

Après avoir terminés la randonnée, nous sommes partis diner à une maison d'hôtes typique de la région. Nous avons dégusté les plats authentiques de mets Libanais. Cependant, tout ce qu'on nous a servi était des produits organiques, locaux produits par le village.

Cette sortie s'acheva telle une leçon : marier le cœur et le corps pour sortir le meilleur de nous !

Karim Ghattas-Volontaire Libanais



Messe annuelle de l'Ordre de Malte

La célébration de la Saint-Jean-Baptiste cette année s'est déroulée en l'église Saint-Joseph des pères jésuites, en présence de personnalités politiques et militaires ainsi que de nombreux ambassadeurs.

Cette messe, spécialement composée pour l'Association Libanaise des Chevaliers de Malte, a été magnifiquement interprétée par la chorale de la NDU, accompagnant le célèbre flûtiste de pan Michel Tirabosco, sous la direction de Mgr Miserachs, compositeur de l'œuvre et ancien directeur de l'Institut pontifical de musique sacrée au Vatican.

Comme chaque année, les Jeunes de l'association y étaient présents et ont aidé au service de cette belle cérémonie, retransmise en direct par la chaîne française KTO. L'office a été suivi d'une réception à la crypte où les amis de l'association se sont retrouvés autour du verre de l'amitié.



Veillée Spirituelle NOTRE DAME DU PUIS - BSALIM



Dans un esprit de prière, de bonté et de quiétude, nous nous sommes retrouvés au cœur du couvent Notre-Dame du Puits à Bsalm, accompagnés de notre cher guide spirituel Père Antoine Assaf, afin de contempler un coucher de soleil merveilleux et de partager un repas généreux.

Dans ce lieu fondé par Abouna Yaacoub, nous avons appris que ce saint homme libanais était le seul à partager sa vie de tous les jours dans la ville avec les pauvres, les malades, les personnes paralysées et souffrantes.

Chacun a fait un vœu et une prière après avoir allumé sa bougie. Le coucher de soleil est la preuve que les fins peuvent être belles... Apprécions chaque moment de partage et d'amour !

Rosemary Romanos - Volontaire Libanaise





MARIA SAADE

1. INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Maria Saade, I'm 19 years old and currently studying industrial engineering at LAU.

2. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE YOUTH?

I heard about the Order through friends. My first camp was 2 years ago and I've been going to activities ever since.

3. WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY?

Smiles, fun, love and hope are so dominant, it makes it hard to pick just one memory. But if I had to, I'd say it was seeing how happy the elders were, dancing around the bonfire, saying it was moments like these that brought hope back to them.

4. THE YOUTH IN ONE WORD

Extraordinary.

5. WHAT MAKES YOU COME BACK TO OUR ACTIVITIES?

Amazing family, unforgettable moments and exceptional bonds. Answering only with words wouldn't really do it justice. There's something about it that you can't experience anywhere else, an interaction that makes you see the world rather than just look at it.

JOY SAADE

1. INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Joy Saade, 19 years old, Media and Communication Studies student at AUB. I started volunteering with the Order two years ago and ever since.

2. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE YOUTH?

I personally heard about the Youth through friends who had done camps and activities before.

3. WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY?

Every other activity creates an amazing memory, each one as good as the other. But one of the best would have to be seeing the kids riding the Vespas at one of the camps last year and how happy that made them.

4. THE YOUTH IN ONE WORD

It is impossible for me to define the Youth in one word, it's even impossible to try to explain the feeling. If there was one word that englobed happiness, love, fulfillment, dedication and selflessness that would be it. :)

5. WHAT MAKES YOU COME BACK TO OUR ACTIVITIES?

The spirit within the Youth is very special, and it's something that you don't find everywhere. We're all part of a big family, doing what we do for the same cause. It's nothing but positivity. Instead of asking, then, what makes us come back to the activities, I would ask: how could we possibly ever stop coming back?

RACHEL SAADE

1. INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Hello I'm Rachel Saade, 19 years old, majoring in Biology as premedical studies at AUB. The very first camp I participated in happened two years ago and since then I can't stop coming back.

2. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE YOUTH?

I was encouraged to join the Youth by some friends that have been taking part in camps and activities for many years.

3. WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY?

There are so many of them... Seeing the kids running around, not being able to decide which game to start playing with, jumping on the inflatable castles and helping those tiny humans make their way to the top of the slides has to be one of the best memories I have.

4. THE YOUTH IN ONE WORD

Utopia.

5. WHAT MAKES YOU COME BACK TO OUR ACTIVITIES?

The hope we see in our guest's eyes to come back the next time and share with us as much and even more fun, joy, laughter, and love that they had already experienced.



LUCIENNE AZAR

Dame de l'Association Libanaise des Chevaliers de Malte

J'ai connu l'Ordre de Malte habitant l'Europe et je l'ai rejoint en 1998 à mon retour au Liban. Avec sœur Laetitia en charge du dispensaire de Zouk, elle m'a ouvert les yeux sur les besoins des habitants ; elle avait de bonnes idées pour développer et rendre service aux démunis et personnes âgées.

Puis vint mon premier pèlerinage à Lourdes : trois malades et une dizaine de pèlerins, belle expérience avec l'aide des Français. Petit à petit, avec le soutien de notre président et de son équipe, l'Ordre s'agrandit, notamment

avec l'arrivée des jeunes au premier pèlerinage, qui n'a fait que s'accroître, avec dévouement, enthousiasme et dynamisme, des idées nouvelles, les aides scolaires, aux familles dans le besoin et au troisième âge, avec le grand projet de Chabrouh et les multiples camps locaux et internationaux.

Nos jeunes sont merveilleux, dévoués, humains, simples, aimants et joyeux.

Le service est une leçon de vie : aimer, donner, c'est recevoir en double et triple.

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About the Youth

The Youth of the Sovereign Order of Malta (The Youth) is an offshoot of the Lebanese Association of the Knights of Malta, which was founded in 2006 by a small group of young and dedicated volunteers.

Our Vision is to develop a Youth Community dedicated to serve human dignity and to foster cultural diversity in Lebanon

Our Mission is to create a platform for young volunteers to work hand in hand to raise hope and serve the forgotten people of Lebanon. We do so:

- by restoring the dignity to the physically and mentally challenged people through one-on-one care, love and lasting relationship.
- by enhancing the well-being of abandoned senior citizens and underprivileged children around the socio-medical centers of the Order of Malta in Lebanon.

The You in the Youth

The continuous growth of the Youth in terms of activities, number of volunteers as well as Guests and persons in need could not have been achieved without the devotion of our volunteers as well as the generous support of our benefactors and sponsors.

How You can support the Youth?

BY VOLUNTEERING:

Without You, the Youth would not exist!

If you are a student, young working professional wishing to give us some of your time, please send us an information request by clicking here or send us an e-mail to jeunes@ordredemalteliban.org

BY SPONSORING OUR ACTIVITIES:

For those wishing to sponsor our activities, please send us an e-mail to jeunes@ordredemalteliban.org



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