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We are Georgina and Youssef Boutros. We are Lebanese and live in Lebanon, a country that has been going through very difficult times for more than fifty years, marked by war, violence and injustice.

Married for 32 years, we give thanks to God for our two daughters and two sons.

We have been members of Teams of Our Lady for 31 years. Throughout our married life, we have served the Movement in many capacities, including as a pilot couple, sector couple, national information couple, formation couple, and regional couple. We currently serve on the ERI as the Zone Responsible Couple for the Central Europe and Middle East Zone, which encompasses 23 countries.

Georgina is a registered nurse specializing in community health. She works full-time at a well-known university hospital in Beirut, serving eight hours a day, five days a week. Youssef is a surveyor and operates his own surveying office.

We are also involved in Faith and Light, a community whose mission is to build relationships of friendship with people with disabilities. It is, in fact, where we first met.

Christ remains for us a true source of strength when we pray together and place Him at the center of our lives. In moments of tension or fragility, we have come to understand that we cannot build this unity through our own efforts alone. It is by returning to Him that we find peace, the capacity to listen to each other and to forgive one another.

Amidst the chaos, uncertainty and fears during the period of war, we discovered that our strength did not come from ourselves. When everything around us seemed to waver, Christ became our anchor. He taught us to draw closer rather than allow anxiety to divide us. In prayer, in shared silence and even in the heart of our worries, we found an unexpected peace. As a couple and as a family, we remained united in spite of fear, by preserving moments of listening, peace and hope.

Even in our service to Teams of Our Lady, we continued to move forward and to prepare our commitments. These took on an even deeper meaning: to serve, to love and to remain present to others despite the war became for us a concrete way of living our faith in hope.

Continuing to travel for ERI meetings and to visit teams in different countries of our zone was not straightforward, especially with the fear of seeing the airport close. Each departure raised doubts and questions, sometimes even the temptation to give up. Yet we chose to trust and not to let fear decide for us. Those journeys then took on a new meaning: they became a way of remaining faithful to our mission and close to others. Each encounter became precious, each face a source of encouragement. We had the deep conviction that, despite the war, an even stronger bond continued to unite us. It was like an echo of Christ's call:

"Come, follow me." Gospel according to Saint Matthew 19:21.

Christ did not remove the risks, the worries or the trials, but He gave us the inner peace to move forward. He transformed our fears into opportunities to grow in trust, and our

commitments into a witness of a living hope. He caused to grow within us a unity and a hope that nothing has been able to break.

This testimony remains a path still under construction, for our relationship with Christ grows and renews itself each day. But we deeply believe that, as long as we remain rooted in Him, He continues to make us radiant witnesses, united in love. As Saint Paul says:

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Letter to the Philippians 4:13.

Glory to God