



EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM
WESTERN USA LIEUTENANCY



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Subject: Holy Land Economic Development Fund (HLEDF) Update

Dear Fellow Members of the Order:

We are pleased to keep you up to date on the good works that are being accomplished through our individual members' support of the HLEDF! Your contributions to the Fund are directly and positively impacting the lives of Christian families who need financial assistance to grow and maintain the small businesses they operate in the Holy Land. We recently have been able to provide funding for two new loans totaling \$30,000:

- One loan to a mother of three for \$15,000 funded the remodel of a rented store and purchase of refrigeration equipment for her son to own and run a butcher shop in a very desirable location in Bethlehem and employing two employees.
- The second loan, just approved by H.E. Michael Feeley, is to a mother of five for \$15,000 to provide funding for her Fashion Store to purchase materials necessary to design, embroider, knit and produce over 20 new traditional Palestinian wedding dresses for sale. Her business provides employment for three others. An interesting note, the two guarantors of this loan, were both beneficiaries of successful business micro-loans from Caritas Jerusalem many years ago.

The total amount of loans funded to date by the HLEDF/Micro-loan program is \$66,000. Repaid funds and new funds are allocated to additional loans so that the money is constantly at work.

Thank you again for your commitment to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and for your support of the HLEDF program. This program is truly making a difference in the lives of Christian Palestinians.

We ask for your continued prayers and support of this program as we move forward and undertake efforts to secure additional financial support from sources outside the Order. The growth of this program will enable us to increase the amount of loans that can be made to support Christian families and their small businesses in the Holy Land.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of our Church in the Holy Land!

Deus lo Vult!

Sincerely in Christ,

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