

## 14 August 2022

### Update and prayer request from Embrace the Middle East

Su Mc Clelland writes: *"We've just received the mid-year narrative report from our dear friends in Jericho and so I thought I'd share the highlights with you. I know I've said this to you before, but I can't tell you how much it means to them to know that you are continuing to pray for them. We're also very concerned for our friends in Gaza and in Tel Aviv. We pray that the ceasefire will hold. It's heartbreaking to know that 16 children were killed in Gaza over the weekend."*

During the group training period, based on the weekly follow-ups with the participants and through the evaluation at the end of the training, approximately 65% of the participants expressed that they are now more aware of the servant-leader style and how to adopt it in order to have a better impact and influence. This was the core message of the training, stressing that Jesus Christ was using this leadership style. **Please pray** for the leadership conference they'll be running this month and that their good reputation will continue to grow. The project has also been running a series of one-off workshops aimed at both Christian and Muslim young people. As a result of these workshops PBS have reported that 50% of the Muslim participants demonstrated a changed attitude towards Christians. They expressed that the training helped them understand more about Christians and their commitment to serve our people and community. Some mentioned that they see the Christians as part of the local community and this training affirmed that. Finally, Elias writes:

*"The training gave them a glimmer of hope to believe in their abilities, as well as a correct orientation towards building their capabilities, personalities & influence. Despite all the frustrations surrounding them, they have come to realize that the path to success requires perseverance and effort, and the development of the influential leadership personality that builds in us what we must strive for. The participants have become more aware of the role they play in building their communities, developing their personalities, and investing in others to get out of the cycle of laziness and weakness and start working towards reaching their ambitions and dreams."*