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URGENT Christmas Appeal for the Holy Land
A Personal Pilgrimage of Your Heart

Dear CRETIO Friends and Supporters:

Thanks to your support through prayer, participation, and pledges, CRETIO Foundation continues to provide Hope to those living in the Holy Land, our spiritual homeland.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa asks CRETIO for **Urgent support** to avert what His Beatitude has called **a Crisis that will burden the church**... the Crisis of Christians being forced from the Holy Land!

It is happening for many complex reasons. The impact of fewer and fewer Christians living in the Holy Land is also detrimental to the non-Christians living particularly in East Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza who rely on Christians for their schools and hospitals.

Jerusalem, June 2024.
His Beatitude, Card. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, received CRETIO Foundation's Co-Founders Barbara Pereira and Joseángel Domínguez for a personal meeting.

Card. Pizzaballa is convinced that the Hope for Christians in the Holy Land depends on their ability and opportunity for work.

We at CRETIO, have spent 2024 **creating paths forward to collaborate in transforming the reality of despair, desolation, and dependence into opportunities for growth**. It is not easy! In fact, at times it almost seems impossible!

The **polarization among people living in our Holy Land is palpable,** and it affects everyone, including our CRETIO friends...

- How does one reassure a 24 year old Bethlehem Christian woman that she has a future living in the city of her 800+ year family lineage?
- How does one console at a Shabbat dinner, a young Jewish mother who's sons have been burdened with the horrors of war and are now laden with hatred for those whom they once called friends?
- Or, how does one encourage a young Arabic language teacher and scholar from East Jerusalem that she will have work in the land where her family has dwelt for thousands of years?

So many people suffering and so many stories. Even so, nothing is impossible for God!

Bethlehem is not just the birthplace of "Jesus, the influencer" (Pope Francis) but a part of the physical homeland of our Christian hearts! For many of us, it was on pilgrimage in the Holy Land that we re-discovered our heart...and recognized our spiritual homeland and the need to care for the places and people in it.

This Advent, would you make a Personal Pilgrimage of Your Heart?

Please join your heart with our hearts at CRETIO, as a catalyst for the transformation of life in our Holy Land.

YES! I want to collaborate with my time, talent and treasure in CRETIO's 2025 "Future of Hope" Projects in the Holy Land.

Peace to you and your family, and with Hope for Peace in our Holy Land.

Most sincerely,

Christmas 2024.

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