



El Qrayeh, March 22, 2017

Subject: Letter of twinning proposal to the village of El (Al) Qrayeh, Sidon, Lebanon.

My name is Maroun Antoun, and I'm the new elected Mayor of Al Qrayeh, a small village in Southern Lebanon, of around 9000 inhabitants, and whose history dates back for more than 2000 years. In fact, some says that Jesus had stopped by, when preaching in the neighborhood of Sidon.

We are very sensitive for the desire to associate our village with another International one. We believe that in these pairings will born not only, a certain spirit of "citizen of the world", but also meetings, cooperation, stances in regards of common issues, like for example, water management or global warming.

It is with our concern for International balance, and our willingness to bring people together, in order to seek a final PEACE in our world, that we wish, that your commune would consider a partnership with our village. It would be somewhere, not only a symbolic action of respect, and MORAL support, to a Lebanese village, struggling to join the developed world, but also an affirmation of our mutual desire to live together in harmony and a small step towards the creation of a better habitat for the Human kind.

By this letter, we manifest a desire to develop friendly relations with your commune and to exchange and implement a joint action in the following areas of mutual interest:

- Educational, cultural, artistic, sporting and economical exchanges;
- Policies of communal management.
- Training of local personnel.



- Women and child rights.
- Youth development.
- Management of communal territory.
- Environmental aspects such as drinking water, remediation of Wastewater, and the protection of biodiversity.
- The implementation of social housing.

In general, the topics and issues that can be shared mutually and positively.

We, hereby, have the honor to invite to visit our charming small village of Lebanon, a visit, during which you will have the opportunity to discover our beautiful village, admire its landscapes and taste the flavors of our exceptional cuisine.

Staying at your disposal, we ask you to believe, Mr. Mayor, in our cordial salutations.

Mayor of El Qrayeh,

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