Walking The Abraham Trail...from Nablus to Duma. The Abraham Trail is a Camino from Syria to Egypt, only walkable in part presently, but a joint effort between Christians, Muslims and Jews to walk in the footsteps of our common Patriarch of Faith. We overnighted with local families in Duma, and then continued on into the desert to lunch in a Bedouin tent.

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"I really enjoyed the trip for a number of reasons, the first being the people that we met there. Our host families were incredibly gracious and friendly. Many of the people we stayed with were perfectly fluent in two or three languages. They were very welcoming and happy to share their culture with us.

Additionally, the youth there were very similar to Americans. They all had smart phones, social media, college plans,, etc. While it may seem cliché, this trip was a great reminder to me of the reality of how similar we all are. While I "knew" this to begin with, having firsthand experience was absolutely essential to getting a better understanding of that similarity.

Lastly, I feel that I now have a better understanding of what it means to live in Palestine. Palestine ususally only makes the news when there is a bombing or a shootout, which creates this idea of Palestine as a terror-plagued state, but I quickly learned that this was not necessarily the case. All the people we met live normal lives, untouched by the acts of violence often reported on American television. It seemed that the greatest nuisance to Palestinians in the West Bank wasn't terror, but daily mistreatment by the Israeli Government.

While our ten days in the Israel-Palestine region may have been but a window into their world, I do feel more knowledgeable about the lifestyle and conflicts of the area. I realize that what is reported on the morning news doesn't always reflect the whole, true nature of a place. And I can now more fully understand and appreciate the similarities between all people, and that is something that I never could have learned in an article or out of a book."
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