



UPDATE

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Greetings in His Precious Name,

Good News: Our US Church Groups are on their way to the States! Praise God for their safety. We bid them farewell this morning - the Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church (Georgia), and First Baptist Church Forney (Texas). Both had come to Lebanon earlier this month on mission trips. They're now in Cyprus awaiting their turn to head back home. Please keep them in your prayers that they may have a smooth return.



Figure 1: Lebanese laying hands on American sisters and brothers in prayer before their departure

Their "extended" fellowship and prayer time was God-planned as was perceived by one and all:

- *Two are better than one; I'm glad that we met the group from Georgia.*
- *When I left Texas I had already made up my mind what to expect: Heads covered with Turbans... Yet what I found was the joy of Jesus in you leading me to further my relationship with Christ;*
- *You've been an inspiration to us as Christians. May Lord bless you, your families, your ministries ...*
- *Your 'symphony' has caught us in it and you have added chords and instruments that have enriched my life;*
- *I often tell my Bible School students back in Texas that testimony is the way we live not the words we say – and your lives are a testimony of your faith;*
- *You've been a breath of fresh air to us. We have mixed feelings as we see you leave; we're happy that you'll be back home with your families; yet you'll be leaving a big gap.*

Indeed I'm glad that God had other plans. I'm sure that He will use these sisters and brothers to tell the story.

In Him,
Nabil Costa