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English Language Camps

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Mission Statement:

Alkhaimah-The Association for Education & Development seeks to bring change to the Bedouin Community in Taibeh and other places. Through the programs of the association, parents become more involved in their children's education and the whole community is made aware of the importance of education, specifically, in the education of their own children and now we have wide support where we work.

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Alkhaimah is also setting up Learning Centers in Arab villages in order to expand their educational programs and activities for girls and boys and strengthen the overall educational quality in these villages.

Alkhaimah understands that education is the backbone of community development. It works to strengthen the young generation in the community in order that, in the future, they might lead the community to a better life and development in every aspect of life.

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Alkhaimah: Association for Education and Development is proud to be a partner with **The Olive Branch Institute** in working to do community development. We are proud to come alongside **The Olive Branch Institute** to assist in development and education of Bedouin and Arab youth. At the present, Alkhaimah is cooperating with the Olive Branch Institute to conduct a one-month English-language Summer Camp in Daboriya village, Ein Mahil village and Taibeh city, Israel, teaching Arab and Bedouin children between the ages of six and fifteen. Olive Branch has brought in a team of English teachers and volunteers from the United States and Ireland to partner with Alkhaimah in improving the English-language skills of Arab children, utilizing native speakers as instructors and partners in conversational English. Olive Branch Institute volunteers are working alongside Arab teachers to encourage and develop confidence in the children of Daboriya village, Ein Mahil village and Taibeh city, who wish to use their English-language for future educational and professional careers.

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Will Thomas with students

This summer, I was privileged to spend several weeks working for *Alkhaimah-Association for Education & Development* in Israel. My work proved to be extremely rewarding. I am an American college student studying international relations with an emphasis on the Middle East. My time with *Alkhaimah-Association for Education & Development* in Israel was an invaluable educational experience that opened my eyes to the beauty of Arab culture. I could never have attained the same experience in America.

I worked and lived in *Daboria*, an Arab village in the Galilee region. I spent my mornings teaching English at the *Daboria* Education Center Summer Camp which belongs to *Alkhaimah- Association for Education & Development in Israel*

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. We had approximately 60 students attending classes each morning. I taught a class of about 7 children, ages 10-13. Teaching English was a new experience for me, but with the help of the local teachers it was lots of fun. The children were amazing. They were filled with enthusiasm and excitement. During the summer camp, we had the opportunity to take several trips with the students. We visited some water parks and a sports park. They were very fun days. I think I played more soccer/football during my time in *Daboria* that I ever had in my life. The kids were very fun to play with.

I loved living in an Arab village. Many of the families opened up their homes to us, inviting me and the other teachers over for meals and coffee. The food was excellent and the time we got to spend talking with the families was genuinely enjoyable. We also were invited to weddings and parties in the village. They were incredible. I had never seen anything like them. There were tons of people, food, music, and dancing. All of the cultural experiences were great.

My time in *Daboria* was the highlight of my summer. It was extremely valuable to my personal development. And, I also hope that the students and friends I made were able to benefit from meeting me. I would love to go back and I would recommend *Alkhaimah- Association for Education & Development* to anyone who wants to serve and experience Arab culture firsthand.

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Ryan and Lisha Brubaker with a student

My wife and I had the privilege to work with *Alkhaimah- Association for Education & Development* in Israel for 7 weeks. During these 7 weeks, we lived in 2 different villages. The first 5 weeks were spent in *Daboria*. We have never before lived in the Arab culture, and so we had no clue what to expect. After the 5 weeks, the village felt like home and the villagers felt like family. We have both said that those 5 weeks was one of the greatest times of our lives. The school runs

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very efficiently as the staff is very well educated and very proficient at their jobs. They automatically welcomed us into their homes and created a work environment that was amazing. Also, the students were amazing. Coming from America, we have seen the mentality of school aged children declining for years. Working with the Arab children blew us away. The discipline and hunger for knowledge that the students of all ages showed us was astonishing. We ran a camp on their summer break and the children came every day ready to learn. It is humbling to teach children that show so much honor to their guests. Between the students and the staff, there were many times that we were touched by the honor and generosity they could show to guests from another country. We made friends with many amazing people and our hearts and lives were changed by the opportunity to work in *Daboria* and we hope that we get to come back and help in this village. The next 2 weeks were spent in a Bedouin village outside of Taibeh city in the center of Israel. We were the only ones running this school, so we got the opportunity to know the students even more personally. These children were amazing. On the first day, we asked them what their dreams were, and these students opened their hearts and shared amazing life goals. It was exciting to be a part of helping them get there. The students we taught were extremely intelligent, respectful, and devoted. Once again, the difference between the Bedouin students and American students is astonishing. These students know what they want and are willing to do anything to get there. Working with these students isn't just a privilege, it's a life changing honor. Also, the families are so welcoming. Sitting outside sipping tea and eating fruit with the neighbors is one of the best memories we have from our time in Israel. Both of these camps were amazing life experiences.

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, this is one of the best you will find. Not only do you get to change lives, but your life will be changed. Saeed Azbarga, the director of *Alkhaimah- Association for Education & Development* has created a program because he cares. He cares about the students. He cares about the villages. He cares about his culture. He is highly organized and he is a

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man who can actually turn vision into reality. The staff he has hired is top quality and they are some of the greatest people we have met in our lives. They run these schools with such proficiency that it is easy to volunteer. If your heart is to be a part of doing something that actually changes lives, this is it. This *Alkhaimah-Association for Education & Development* is proven to change the future for their students, and you can be a part of it.

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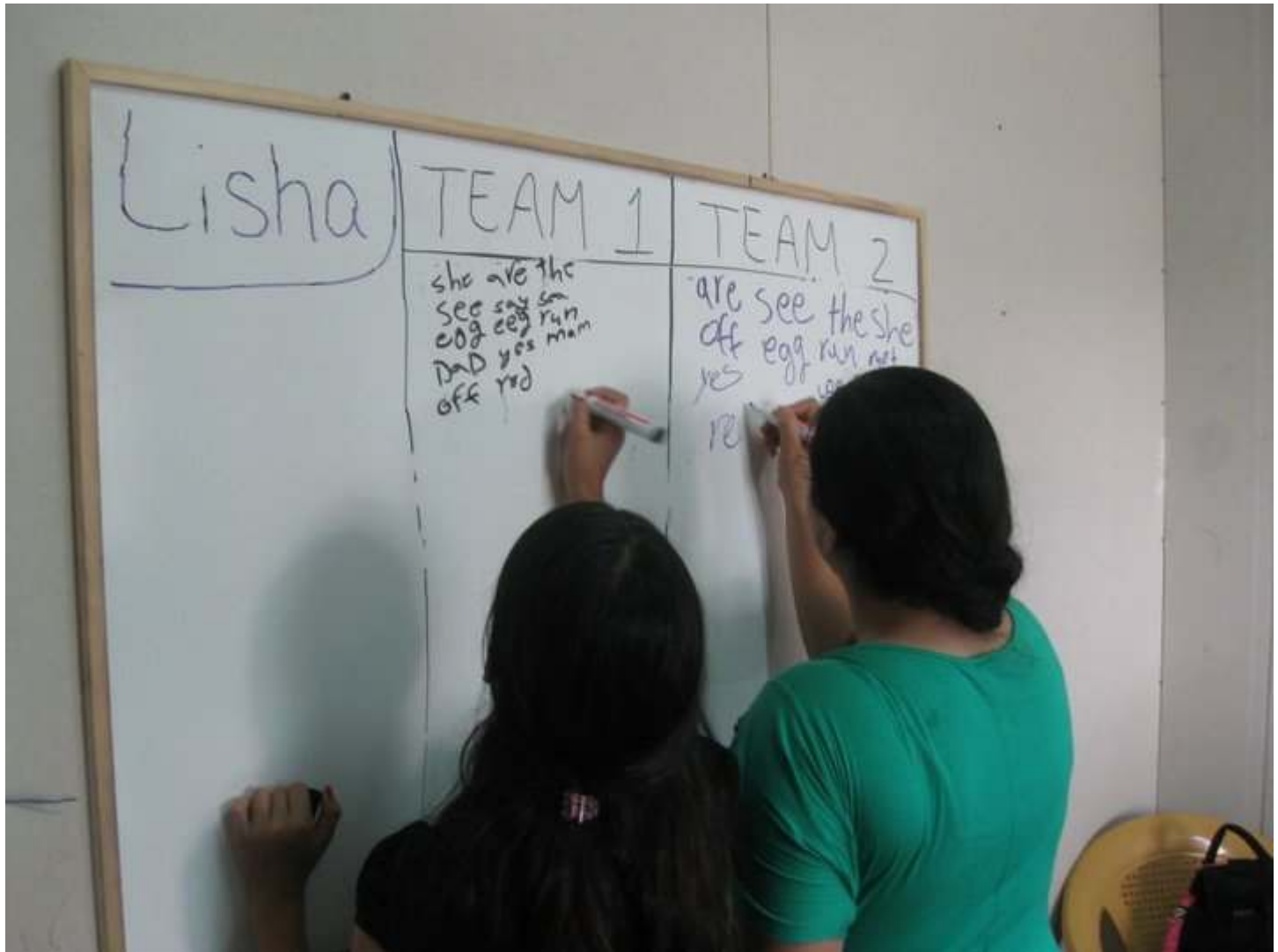
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