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Dear Friends of Ramallah Meeting,

Words fall short of conveying our love and concern for Ramallah Friends and all people of Palestine. We listen with tender hearts to the news of violence in Gaza, throughout all of Palestine and its rapid increase around the world. Here in the United States the recent shooting of three alumni of the Ramallah Friends School finds the same blind anger infecting our communities.

We write to reach out to you and let you know that you are not forgotten and are in our prayers. This letter is being sent by physical mail, (and email) so that we can both touch the physical paper that it is written on in lieu of being there and grasping a hand or giving a hug and sharing a tear. Distance precludes being with you in person, yet you are with us. Each day as the opportunity occurs or is created, we find the words to describe our Palestinian brothers and sisters in ways that accurately reflect your humanity and you're suffering. We are very conscious of the need to dispel the inaccurate depiction of Muslim and Christian Palestinians. For those of our Monthly Meeting who have visited with you in Ramallah we tell of the gracious hospitality you provided us and the stories of your lives that were shared.

We reach across the distance with donations to the United Palestinian Appeal and the AFSC to help meet the immediate needs. We are painfully aware of how small that gift is when so many are in need.

Our donations do not prevent the bombs from falling Gaza, nor does it turn the water back on or does it stop the Settlers from coming in the night in the West Bank. We do lift our voices to our government beseeching them to help stop this madness and focus on the needs of all the people of the region.

Our actions are grounded in prayers for peace, requesting that you know and feel God's presence with you. That your prayers be answered in these times of suffering, providing you strength and guidance in the daily struggles that all the people of Palestine are enduring.

We will continue in these actions. If you have recommendations of other specific actions that we could do, please let us know what we can do.

May God's peace be with you,

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