

Second letter to HRH King Abdullah II



Tuesday 9th December

2014

Your Highness,

I wrote to you over a year ago and posted the letter at the main Madaba Post Office. The postcards I sent at the same time took 5 or 6 weeks to arrive in the U.K. so perhaps my letter never reached you at the Hashemite Palace – I have enclosed a copy – my sentiments regarding Jordan and Jordanians remain unchanged.

Once again I near the end of a delightful holiday – this time I have hardly moved from the excellent facilities provided at the Mövenpick, Aqaba. Indeed this letter, written on notepaper recently sourced from Zubboli's on the central square of Assisi, comes to you courtesy of Layali, the communications manager here and a friend of the Mövenpick's concierge, Omar Malkawi.

I have taken the liberty of also enclosing a leaflet of the little charity of which I am Chairman – we do good work among people in mental distress. Perhaps you know people in England who would be interested ... our newsletters appear on our website www.beingalongside.org.uk. At present we have very few overseas subscribers.

One wonders whether Colonel Tim Checketts was your commanding officer at Sandhurst ? He is now the Secretary at Royal St. George's Golf Club where I play – a good man, who sadly lost his wife to cancer a couple of years ago but who has found

happiness again.

Thank you again, sir, for the warmth and hospitality shown by your people. I am sure I will return soon,

Insh'Allah.

Yours sincerely,

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