

**Hello,**

We are **Mario and Elizabeth**, and we are grateful for the opportunity to introduce ourselves as we prepare to join the work of **Global Nomads Deutschland**, with whom we share a heart for the Arabic-speaking communities and a vision for fostering hope and integration.

We bring years of combined experience serving in diverse and cross-cultural environments. **Mario has spent several years working directly with refugee populations from the Middle East**, witnessing the Holy Spirit's guidance in building vibrant communities amidst displacement. **Elizabeth brings a deep, long-standing commitment to serve marginalized individuals through field-based engagement**, meeting people where they are with humility and cultural awareness, and walking alongside those who are often overlooked and misunderstood.

We've seen that while physical safety is the first desire of refugees, the emotional and spiritual longing for "home" and belonging is just as vital. In Germany, many find themselves in a "foggy" season—safe from conflict, yet feeling invisible in a new culture. **We accompany individuals on a journey of personal growth**, helping them develop a worldview that enables them to reach their fullest potential. This perspective not only honors who they are created to be but also provides a foundation for both thriving and contributing meaningfully in Germany.

### **Our Mission: From Isolation to Belonging**

We focus on bridging the gap between refugees and their new surroundings until they discover their home away from home. Encouraging individuals to share with others as they grow, we build the foundation for a self-sustaining community that forms a living bridge for the next person to cross. Practically for us, this looks like hospitality, community exploration trips, and discovery Bible studies. People who experience the life-changing effect of these activities on their personal growth, relationships, and integration go on to become hosts for the ones following in their footsteps.

### **Heb 13:1-Heb 13:3 ESV**

*Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.*

- **Hospitality:** In Middle Eastern culture, trust is built over a shared meal. We use this familiar language of hospitality to restore dignity. When a person feels seen and valued, they are much better equipped to navigate the challenges of a new culture and build positive relationships within their local German community.
- **Community Exploration Trips:** For refugees in a new home, discovering their surroundings can be intimidating. We invite them to come with us and explore local community attractions and neighborhood amenities like parks and

shopping centers. As we intentionally build relationships, confidence, and new perspectives, this simple activity becomes the catalyst of lasting transformation and growth.

- **Discovery Bible Studies:** Through group discussions, we foster values of peace and community. We empower "People of Peace" to be positive influences, encouraging a healthy and harmonious life within the broader German context. Ultimately, we lead individuals to discover purpose in their lives and everything they have experienced.

**Why Your Partnership Matters** Germany is at a strategic crossroads. By supporting this mission, you are helping us provide a "**seat at the table**" for those searching for a new start. Your partnership makes this tangible outreach possible, and we are honored to serve alongside the Global Nomads family.

**With gratitude,**

**Mario & Elizabeth**