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EAPPI continues to provide a protective presence to vulnerable communities, to monitor and report on human rights abuses, to support the nonviolent resistance of Israeli and Palestinian peace groups, to stand in solidarity with all those struggling to end the occupation and to engage in advocacy to end it. Trained volunteers are serving in Jericho, Yanoun, Jerusalem and Hebron.

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