



“I’m very happy to receive these orders. My designs make me proud... these designs signify peace, which is something we lack here. We are all looking for it.”

*-George Gareed, Olive Wood Carver,
West Bank*

George runs his woodworking workshop with the help of his sons Faris and Elias. With the onset of health problems, he is grateful for the fair prices he receives on behalf of the Holy Land Handicrafts Cooperative, which allow him to pay for special medication and stay healthy. He also appreciates the recent funding from Serrv and Catholic Relief Services to renovate his workshop, which will help him increase efficiencies and improve his space. The orders for George’s nativities and ornaments are helping him to be able to continue his work and make sure his son Faris can maintain their olive wood carving tradition.