



Holy Family Hospital



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“Where there is always a place in the inn for all”

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New accounting system invades the hospital

A new modern accounting and human resource management system, bought from the Database company “Finpac” was put into operation at the beginning of January. Implementing the new system eliminated paper work, economized time consuming and facilitated the accounting process. The payroll system as well brought a new level of flexibility to the payroll process. It handles everything from the simplest to the most complex payroll applications. The system is funded by the US foundation for Holy Family Hospital in Washington.

Ms. Kathryn MacQuillan - Ireland

We received Ms. Kathryn MacQuillan, consultant in midwifery and nursing, for a period of two weeks within the USAID visiting professors’ program. Her experience, observing and teaching skills were of much value in developing midwifery performance.

Mr. Philip Scallan - Celtic Linen Ltd.

Accompanied with Ms. Maeve Dwyer, member of the medical committee of HFH, Mr. Philip Scallan from Ireland, Joint Managing Director—Celtic Ltd, is helping the hospital with the management of the laundry. He visited the hospital during January and set ahead a plan that assists in operating it more efficiently.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW ARRIVAL! Mrs. Elizabeth Anastas, the USAID Project Assistant, gave birth to her newborn baby boy, Jreis, on 29th Jan 2008. We wish the new family a life full of happiness and health.

WELCOME to all volunteers who crossed thousands of kilometers to arrive to our Hospital:

Dr. Stephane Rondeau –Pediatrician

Mss. Emilia Vallois—Midwife

Mss. Marie Abielle—Midwife

Mss. Eve Van Den Buschee - Staff nurse (Neonatal Department)

Mss. Caroline Trompete - Staff nurse (Neonatal Department)

TO MAKE A DONATION:

BANK ACCOUNT:

HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL

ACCOUNT No : 9050-701600-0-510

WITH:

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EDITORIAL



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“Because in my eyes, you are of great personal worth and value”

- (Israh 43.4)

One often wonders what motivates volunteers to come to Holy Family Hospital despite being unjustifiably cautioned by western media against coming to this part of the world.

Is it only their love for adventure that makes these volunteers travel thousands of kilometers far away from their homes, families and work places? Is it dissatisfaction with their stressful work which leads them to accept unpaid jobs? Or is it because their work has become routine and they have lost their motivation? For those who believe in God, is it an inspiration to spend a part of their life in the Holy Land? Is it because of disillusionment with their emotional life? Or is it something else?

Although motivation may be different for each individual volunteer, a volunteer's moral strength and desire to help his fellow human beings, to practice international solidarity and to discover a new culture are essential to keep him going. Holding on to our motivation as volunteers is not always easy, especially when we are under stress or when our work becomes a deadly routine. Our success depends solely on having the right motivation, which for us as Christians is our deep faith in God and our true belief that we have been called upon by God to undertake what we are doing. "Tuitio fidei and obsequium pauperum" as Brother Gerard did a century ago in Saint John's Hospital in Jerusalem.

"Personally I left my family motivated

by going and meeting others, meeting myself and especially here in the Holy Land, Jesus Christ. I am sure, this will grant me a deeper dimension for my job and future life," told me one volunteer.

"If you cross waters I will be with you and the rivers they will not submerge you. If you go through the fire, you will not suffer and the flame will not burn you" (Isaiah 43.2)

"Because in my eyes you are of great personal worth and value" (Isaiah 43.4)

Leaning on this assertion which was transmitted by the prophet Isaiah, most volunteers believe that their "mission" has a deep human and spiritual component and that they are taking into consideration life with all its aspects, success and failure, joy and sadness, richness and poverty. This is especially indispensable in this wounded country of Palestine.

Our team at HFH is very grateful to the five French volunteers (one doctor, two midwives and two nurses), who are staying at HFH between 6 months and 2 years. We are grateful for their readiness to integrate with the local team and for their willingness to respect the Palestinian culture and for exchanging their work and life experiences. It is a mutual enrichment and a door which opens the world to those Palestinians who aren't allowed to leave their country.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Monthly Deliveries

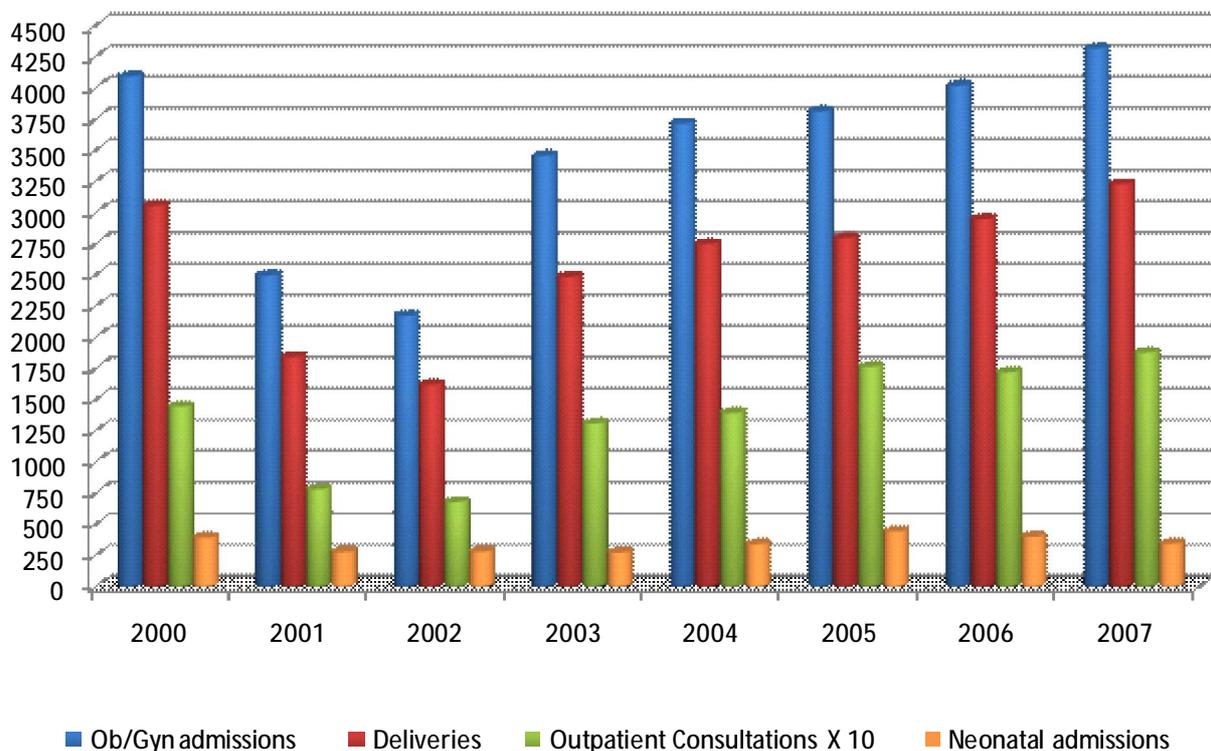
The number of monthly deliveries since 1990 is as follows:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230	248
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228	
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224	
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238	
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226	248

TOTAL DELIVIREIS SINCE 1990

41 089

Activity Comparison 2000-2007



Bethlehem under SNOW!!!!

31st January 2008



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