



Holy Family Hospital



An Institution of the Order of Malta

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

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The maternity of Bethlehem

Over the last few years, Holy Family Hospital has become the major provider of maternal and newborn healthcare in the District of Bethlehem. From its share of 37% of the total deliveries of the district in 2002, the activity has passed to 67% in 2007.

Holy Family Hospital has done so while preserving a level of care that is comparable to anywhere in the civilized world and while keeping the door always open to the needy and destitute.

This could not have been possible without the continuous support of the Sovereign Order of Malta and of our generous benefactors.

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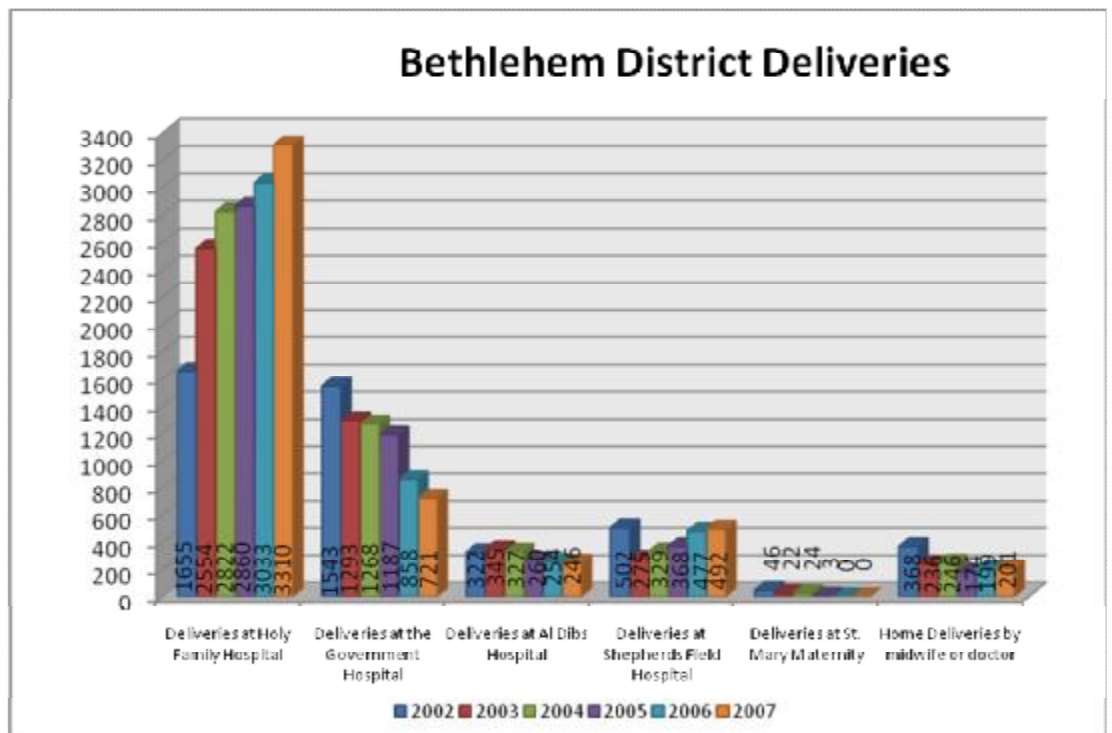
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EDITORIAL



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*At the
Service of
our
Masters
the Sick
and the
Poor*

Sometimes getting out of our routine work can be useful in order to think closely about the sense of our presence and our humanitarian action here and to have a critical look at it, especially in this particular situation in which we are plunged in Palestine. How is our presence perceived by the local people? How to make the influence of our hospital itself felt in the local society? Of course the statistics of deliveries at Holy Family Hospital will give partially a positive answer considering the increase in the number of patients having recourse to our care in the last years. Actually we are delivering about 70% of all pregnant women in the district of Bethlehem and nearly 100% of all high risk pregnancies in the district of Bethlehem. Is it sufficient to justify our enthusiasm to stay further in this country?

Of course beyond these encouraging statistics there are two major reasons justifying the continued presence of the Sovereign Order of Malta in the Holy Land. One of these reasons is to continue the centuries old tradition of the Order of St John of Jerusalem in taking care of our "Lords the Poor". Since

1048 under the leadership of blessed Brother Gerhard, the monastic community of the Hospitaler of St John of Jerusalem, treated pilgrims and sick people and took in destitute people. In 1113, the Pope Paschalis II consecrated the congregation of the hospital of St John of Jerusalem as a religious order. In 1310 the Order took possession of the Island of Rhodes thus acquiring territorial Sovereignty. In 1834 as a Sovereign Order enjoying the rights of extraterritoriality, the Order settled in Rome and since then the humanitarian mission of the Order has continue to increase worldwide.

On the other hand we are staying especially here in the Holy Land in order to bear witness of our faith to God in respect of the faith and the religious culture of local people; it is in a certain way an ecumenical project dedicated to God and to the Palestinian people. We hope that everybody working or being treated in this hospital could experience the same enthusiastic feeling of dedication to an outstanding institution combining high standards of medical care with peace, love and humanity.

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	217
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	291
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	1625

TOTAL DELIVIREIS SINCE 1990

42 466

Bethlehem district deliveries in 2007

