



# 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 International Board of Directors of the Hospital met in Paris

The meetings of the International Board of Directors of the hospital including the Medical and the Financial Committees were held in Paris on May 5th and 6th. The Administration Committee of the hospital, Dr. Jacques Keutgen, Dr. Robert Tabash and Sr. Sophie Boueri participated in the meetings.

Following these meetings, the President of the Board of Directors, Baron Albrecht von Boeselager, the Grand Hospitaller of the Sovereign Order of Malta together with the President Delegate of the Board, Baron Jacques Guerrier de Dumast and his wife travelled to Bethlehem for the historical visit of the Pope Benedict XVI and they assisted at the Mass that His Holiness held on Manger Square in Bethlehem.

The hospital put up a banner on each side of the road where His Holiness passed several times on the day he was in Bethlehem.

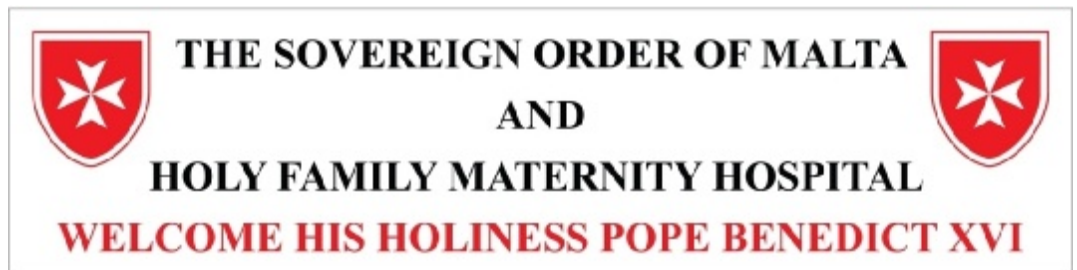
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# EDITORIAL



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**“Be a Bridge of  
dialogue  
and constructive  
cooperation”**

While peace talks between Palestinians and Israelis are still getting tangled up in a non-dialogue or at least in a dialogue of the deaf, not making allowances for the justified needs and aspiration of both people for peace, the visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has, on the Palestinian side, revived the flame for hope on a fair agreement concerning a “two State solution”. Nevertheless we should not change this visit into a political visit while the goal of the presence of His Holiness was a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, taking the opportunity for a dialogue on the spot with the representatives of the three monotheistic religions. The Pope also urge a demonstration of supporting and encouraging the Christian minority to stay here in spite of the travel restrictions inside the West Bank and especially to the Holy places in Jerusalem as well as having to fight with daily economic difficulties.

The presence of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in Bethlehem should not be felt only as an emotional event but should be considered as a testimony of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who was born here two thousand years ago .Pope Benedict XVI came to bear a strong sign for discouraging the Palestinian Christians to leave the country. The Pope stressed that the Christian minority has a role at the forefront to play in the region as a “bridge” : “Be a bridge of dialogue and constructive cooperation in

order to build a culture of peace replacing the current dead end of fear, aggression and frustration, “he said.

In fact, in a country where in 1948 Christians made up 28% of the Palestinian population, today the Christians are less than 2% of the population. In 10 years, 80% of Christians living in the Holy Land will have chosen exile because of economic, religious and political reasons, especially confiscation of land and houses.

Following Pope’s invitation to be “witnesses of the power of life, the new life brought by the risen Christ, the life that can illuminate and transform human situations even the darkest and most desperate”, every day Holy Family Hospital is trying to be a link of hope in the chain of sadness which affects the local people and to be, in this country marked by discord and endless conflicts between the faithful, “the place where Christians and Muslims can meet in harmony and concord. Unfortunately this goodwill cannot be extended to Jews, who are not allowed to cross the separation wall.

Thank you Holy Father for your support to the Christians and Christian institutions in the Holy Land, for having once more demonstrated the importance of inter-religious dialogue and for having reminded everybody that the history of our salvation began here in Bethlehem on this land which epitomizes the difficult way of God with humanity, the salvation of all people on earth.

# ACTIVITY REPORT

## Monthly Deliveries

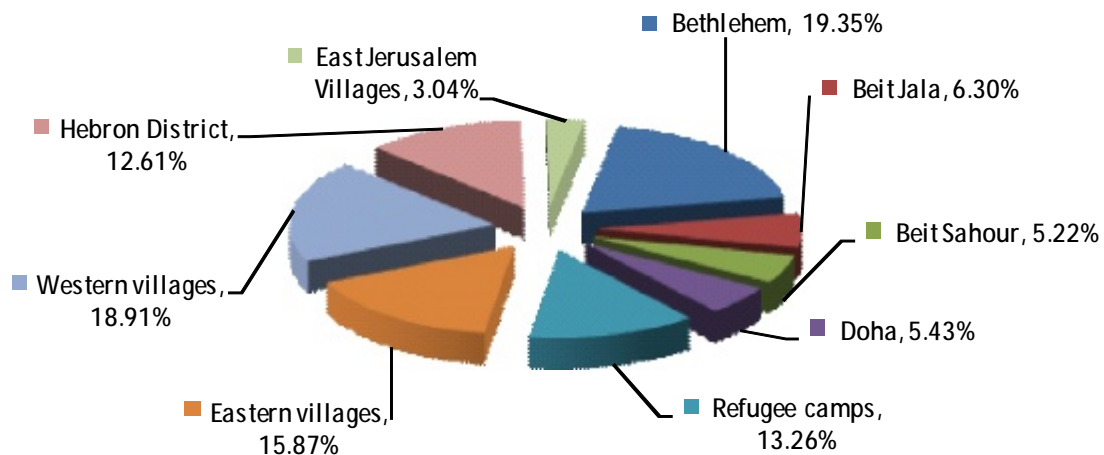
The number of monthly deliveries since 1990 is as follows:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230	248	221
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228	217	239
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259	236
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270	280
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340	284
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	294	
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	260	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	277	
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224	241	
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238	248	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>1135</b>	<b>1656</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1876</b>	<b>2164</b>	<b>2359</b>	<b>2688</b>	<b>2465</b>	<b>2977</b>	<b>3052</b>	<b>1839</b>	<b>1617</b>	<b>2481</b>	<b>2745</b>	<b>2793</b>	<b>2946</b>	<b>3226</b>	<b>3224</b>	<b>1260</b>

**TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990 45 325**

More and more patients are coming to HFH from outside the district of Bethlehem. Here is the breakdown of the catchment area of the hospital.

### HFH Origin of Patients 2009



# DETAILED STATISTICS

2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Ob/Gyn consult. HFH	767	806	857	895	859								4184
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	214	233	270	260	220								1197
Ped. Consultations	213	187	207	238	244								1089
Mammography	0	0	0	0	0								0
Detailed scan	9	14	11	22	9								65
private cons. o/g	442	416	473	557	552								2505
private cons. Pediatric	63	75	68	63	56								325
private cons.Endoc.	1	3	4	3	1								12
<b>T. Consultations</b>	<b>1708</b>	<b>1734</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2038</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9377</b>
<b>TTL. Op. Del. File</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>
Deliveries 3rd cl	194	215	207	233	248								1097
Deliveries 2nd cl	4	4	5	3	1								17
Deliveries 1st cl	2	0	0	3	0								5
Del..2nd cl. private	15	15	17	32	21								100
Del..1st cl. private	6	5	7	9	14								41
<b>TTL Deliveries</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1260</b>
<i>incl. C/S sections</i>	53	34	33	53	43								216
<i>incl. Del. UNRWA</i>	92	105	97	101	105								500
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	21	21	24	23	23								112
Gyn. Oper. 2nd class	0	0	0	1	0								1
Gyn. Oper. 1st class	0	0	0	0	0								0
Gy.Op.2nd cl Private	10	9	13	5	16								53
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	2	1	2	0	1								6
<b>TTL Gyn. Oper.</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172</b>
<i>incl.op. UNRWA</i>	11	15	20	13	22								81
<i>incl. minor g. oper.</i>	25	18	28	22	14								107
<i>incl. major g. oper.</i>	8	13	11	7	26								65
days ob/gn 3rd cl	423	513	475	523	550								2484
days ob/gn 2nd cl	36	52	49	55	73								265
days ob/gn 1st cl	22	12	21	30	30								115
<b>TOTAL days Ob/Gn</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2864</b>
days neo level 1	112	73	74	72	53								384
days neo level 2	236	161	327	206	204								1134
days neo level 3	149	253	94	121	149								766
<b>TTL days Neonatal</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>399</b>	406	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2284</b>
Admissions Obst.	52	55	74	68	76								325
Admissions Gyn.	220	239	236	280	284								1259
<b>TTL Admiss. Ob/gn</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>360</b>								<b>1584</b>
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	132	150	148	141	151								722
Adm. Neo. level 1	7	10	3	7	2								29
Adm. Neo. level 2	11	11	23	15	20								80
Adm. Neo. level 3	25	18	12	14	17								86
<b>TTL Admiss. Neon.</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>195</b>
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	16	15	13	12	11								67
<b>Occupancy O/Gyn</b>	<b>34.48</b>	<b>45.79</b>	<b>39.07</b>	<b>45.04</b>	<b>46.81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42.15</b>
<b>Occup. Neonatal D.</b>	<b>89.07</b>	<b>96.63</b>	<b>88.71</b>	<b>73.89</b>	<b>72.76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84.03</b>



*“Because the Poorest deserve the best”*