



Holy Family Hospital



An Institution of the Order of Malta

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

By Dr. Robert Tabash
General Manager

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USAID Delegation visited HFH

Mr. Howard Sumka—Mission Director, USAID West Bank Gaza, Ms Anne Aarnes, senior Deputy Assistant and a delegation from USAID visited the hospital on Sunday 16th August 2009. The visitors were introduced to the hospital and its activities.

Communication Skills Course

During the last months, the management of the hospital found the need to develop the communication skills and enhance the relationship between the hospital's employees. Mr. Jalil Hazboun, a lecturer at Bethlehem University in the Business Faculty, conducted this course during this month. 50 Employees were chosen from all different departments of the hospital, varying in positions and tasks.

Job Vacancy at HFH

Applications are invited for:
Position: Director and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Qualifications: Certified specialist in Obstetrics/Gynecology
Licence to practice from the Palestinian Ministry of Health
Fluency in Arabic and English

Responsibilities:

The Chairman is responsible:

1. For ensuring that the highest possible standard of care is provided.
2. Must have an active role in the teaching of residents and consultants as well as direct responsibility for the care of patients.
3. Is expected to maintain an updated knowledge of his specialty and develop programs to ensure that the consultants and residents do the same.
4. Must live in the Bethlehem area.
5. Cannot practice medicine outside the hospital but is entitled to hold his/her private clinic in the hospital.

Applications and enquiries in English before October 15 2009 to Dr. J. Keutgen, Medical Director of HFH: keutgen@holyfamilyhospital-bethlehem.org

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EDITORIAL



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"Find support for young Christians"

As Christian and CEO of a Christian institution, living in Bethlehem is a permanent challenge, either being a matter how to give the best care to pregnant women and their baby and to train Palestinian doctors properly or being a matter of knowing the complicated geopolitical stakes of this country. This of course seems to be very exciting, but sometimes it is in fact also depressing.

I would like to share with you this month some remarks and statistics concerning the Palestinian Christian population.

Palestinian Christians comprise only 1.37 %of the Palestinian population in the West Bank/Gaza/East Jerusalem while the percentage in Israel it is 1.66%.In comparison to other countries in the Middle East like Lebanon (30%) and Egypt (10%) the percentage of Christians living in the Holy Land is low.

Regarding Christian localities, Bethlehem Governorate is home to 43.4% of all Christians, Ramallah Governorate 24.7% and Jerusalem 17.9%. Since 2001, according to the presidential decree on the appointment of head of local council in main Christian localities, ten municipalities and village councils in Palestine have to appoint or elect a Christian member to head their local council in spite of the fact that sometimes the Christians are a minority in some of these localities. Another presidential decree listed 13 ministers, 2 of which should

be Christians.

Nevertheless the percentage of Palestinian Christians has been declining since the mid-fifties of the last century. The main reason and driving force for this emigration is the lack of freedom and security, followed by the deterioration of the economic situation. Few job opportunities, dire economic situation, closures and separation walls and fences that prevent the villagers from accessing the cities, are other reasons for emigration. In 2006, forty five thousand Palestinians had applied to diplomatic foreign representatives for immigration, most of whom were either highly educated or businessmen. This massively affects the level of economy and education amongst the Muslims and Christians in Palestine. Bethlehem Governorate ranks first for the highest Christian population as well as for the highest figure of Christian emigration of whom Palestine had lost ,thus far, 61% of its Armenian Orthodox,50% of its Assyrian Orthodox and 28% of its Roman Catholic Christians.

Therefore, one of the most important challenges for Holy Family Hospital is also to find support for young Christians by providing training and job opportunities as well as providing family, women and child health care.

Let us not forget the Muslim community who celebrated a few days ago the beginning of Ramadan and are suffering from the same bad economic and political situation.

ACTIVITY REPORT

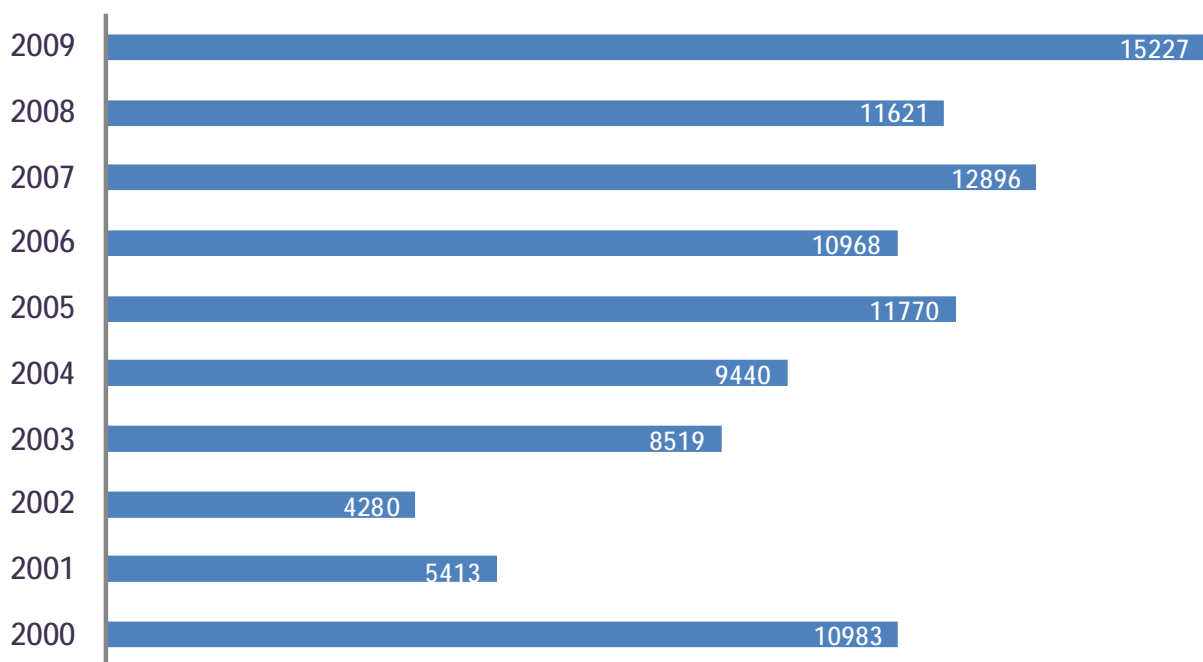
Monthly Deliveries

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	275
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	294	328
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	280
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	
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226	3224	2143

TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990 **46208**

OUTPATIENT CONSULTATIONS January - August 2000 - 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	801	898	935					6818
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	214	233	270	260	220	249	287	277					2010
Ped. Consultations	213	187	207	238	244	244	203	221					1757
Mammography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Detailed scan	9	14	11	22	9	8	6	5					84
private cons. o/g	442	416	473	557	552	406	570	504					3985
private cons. Pediatric	63	75	68	63	56	56	34	41					456
private cons.Endoc.	1	3	4	3	1	2	0	0					14
T. Consultations	1708	1734	1890	2038	1941	1766	1998	1983	0	0	0	0	15124
TTL. Op. Del. File	17	15	6	7	15	13	13	18	0	0	0	0	104
Deliveries 3rd cl	194	215	207	233	248	243	286	244					1870
Deliveries 2nd cl	4	4	5	3	1	4	4	4					29
Deliveries 1st cl	2	0	0	3	0	3	2	2					12
Del..2nd cl. private	15	15	17	32	21	15	17	18					150
Del..1st cl. private	6	5	7	9	14	10	19	12					82
TTL Deliveries	221	239	236	280	284	275	328	280	0	0	0	0	2143
<i>incl. C/S sections</i>	53	34	33	53	43	42	50	50					358
<i>incl. Del. UNRWA</i>	92	105	97	101	105	99	119	102					820
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	21	21	24	23	23	30	31	24					197
Gyn. Oper. 2nd class	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					1
Gyn. Oper. 1st class	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Gy.Op.2nd cl Private	10	9	13	5	16	16	7	17					93
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	3					10
TTL Gyn. Oper.	33	31	39	29	40	46	39	44	0	0	0	0	301
<i>incl.op. UNRWA</i>	11	15	20	13	22	27	13	12					133
<i>incl. minor g. oper.</i>	25	18	28	22	14	29	33	30					199
<i>incl. major g. oper.</i>	8	13	11	7	26	17	6	14					102
days ob/gn 3rd cl	423	513	475	523	550	588	638	556					4266
days ob/gn 2nd cl	36	52	49	55	73	66	71	68					470
days ob/gn 1st cl	22	12	21	30	30	26	24	42					207
TOTAL days Ob/Gn	481	577	545	608	653	680	733	666	0	0	0	0	4943
days neo level 1	112	73	74	72	53	69	112	60					625
days neo level 2	236	161	327	206	204	218	231	302					1885
days neo level 3	149	253	94	121	149	152	80	20					1018
TTL days Neonatal	497	487	495	399	406	439	423	382	0	0	0	0	3528
Admissions Obst.	52	55	74	68	76	89	78	86					578
Admissions Gyn.	220	239	236	280	284	275	328	280					2142
TTL Admiss. Ob/gn	272	294	310	348	360	364	406	366					2720
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	132	150	148	141	151	148	153	144					1167
Adm. Neo. level 1	7	10	3	7	2	8	7	5					49
Adm. Neo. level 2	11	11	23	15	20	9	12	15					116
Adm. Neo. level 3	25	18	12	14	17	17	11	11					125
TTL Admiss. Neon.	43	39	38	36	39	34	30	31	0	0	0	0	290
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	16	15	13	12	11	8	4	14					93
Occupancy O/Gyn	34.48	45.79	39.07	45.04	46.81	50.37	52.54	47.74	0	0	0	0	51.81%
Occup. Neonatal D.	89.07	96.63	88.71	73.89	72.76	81.30	75.81	68.46	0	0	0	0	92.45%



“Because the Poorest deserve the best”