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*Where there is always a place in the inn for all*

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As this is my first editorial in the monthly newsletter, first I would like to express my grateful appreciation to our generous donators for their help to maintain the highest standard of care given by our hospital to the mothers and newborns in the Holy Land.

As Holy Family Hospital reaches 95,000 deliveries, I would like to thank the hospital staff, who despite the pandemic and the impossibility for my predecessor to travel to Bethlehem, held firm in the storm. Despite daily difficulties, the staff maintained the hospital at its highest level. God bless them. I would like to thank also all the support given by my predecessors who were keen to maintain the high standard of care and the effective reputation of the Holy Family Hospital throughout the years.

On behalf of the Order of Malta, I would like to thank the Daughters of Charity for their cooperation with the maternity staff.

May Saint John, Saint Vincent and Blessed Gerard grant us their support so that together we increase the reputation of the Holy Family Hospital, the well-being and the pleasure of working in the service of our brothers and sisters. May they intercede so that the Order of Malta and the Daughters of Charity continue to offer the best to the poorest.

Gilles NORMAND  
CEO

## WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR



Since February 2, Gilles NORMAND, the new director has been in place. Just retired from the French Army where he served during more than 38 years, he was recruited by the Board last November. Professionally, he left a family in France to find another one in Bethlehem.

Gilles is 59 years old. He is married and his four boys are also married and ten grandchildren. He graduated from the Sorbonne University and also from the University of Aix Marseille as an HR specialist. Claire his wife also joined on February 2.

Just before retiring, as an officer, He was director of the institution for invalids of the French Foreign Legion in Aix en Provence, where he acquired knowledge of the medico-social environment and developed very close collaboration with members of the Order of Malta.

These new functions at the head of a maternity hospital in the Holy Land are the logical continuation of a personal development that began a very long time ago.

He is totally convinced that the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem is a great place of hope and peace and that the staff are the architects and craftsmen of this amazing haven. Each life is a miracle and a chance for the mother and the child, its mission is to help the maternity staff every day to renew the miracle of life.

The parable of the talent reminds every Christian of his solemn responsibility to recognize the great opportunities and privileges he has been given — and to use them to give back. That's why he applied for this job as he retired from the Army.

On behalf of our esteemed medical staff and all our staff who make up the Holy Family Hospital's team, I thank you for making us your second family.

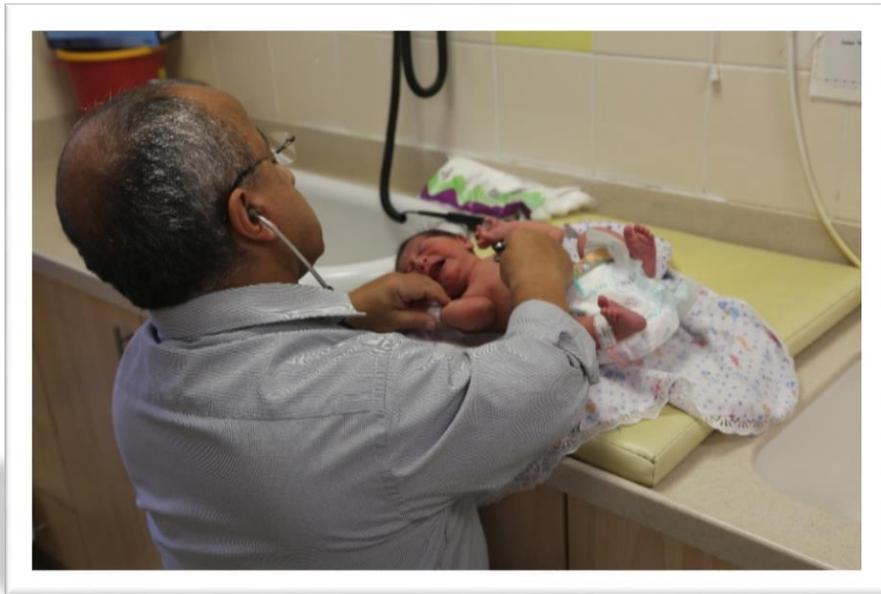
***CONGRATULATIONS***

## FAREWELL

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 we said goodbye to one of our pediatricians who joined our team in 1999.

“December 1st, 1999 was my official start as pediatrician neonatologist at the Holy Family Hospital, same place where I was born 65 years ago. Twenty-four years of great pleasure serving with my colleagues medical and paramedical this specific population of newborns at term and premature. I never can imagine Bethlehem without the maternity. The continuous existence of the maternity is also because of the support of the discreet contribution of donors all over the world. They are the unknown soldiers”.

“ After all these years this is a very difficult time to say goodbye to friends. I have enjoyed every moment here with its ups and downs. You have been very important and precious to me. Finally, as for myself, I always had in mind the sentence of Pope Benedict: “the one who is in the position to help others, acknowledges that he also is helped and that it is not out of his own merit and greatness to be able to help. This is a mission of God... And a Grace”.



***“We wish you a life full of Happiness and Good Luck”***

## MEET OUR NEW DOCTOR

With Great Pleasure, we officially introduce our new pediatrician Dr. George Juha who spent more than ten years serving Caritas Baby Hospital babies.

He is Passionate about taking care of babies and adept in handling the Neonatal intensive care unit babies as well as newborn babies.



We are sure he'll be a great value addition to our Holy Family Hospital.



***CONGRATULATIONS***

## BABY QUSAI

"I gave birth to my first baby at Holy Family Hospital in 2018 and my second baby in 2019, today I came back to Holy Family Hospital to give birth to my third baby, to find that the hospital maintained its high standard medical care. The last two years with the pandemic were tough years for everybody around the world but Holy family Hospital was able to maintain its level of care"



"I feel extremely thankful for my husband who stood with me, and the midwife for her confidence and understanding of what I needed and when. Holy Family Hospital's team seemed to be there to support me and create a safe space so I could comfortably and confidently give birth to my baby. It truly was a healing experience that left me feeling empowered and I'm grateful to have been able to have the birth I always wanted".

**HEAVENLY FATHER OVER OUR CHILDREN AND GRANT THAT THEY MAY  
RESTORED TO PERFECT HEALTH WHICH IT IS YOURS ALONE TO GIVE  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN**

## CONGRATULATION FOR THE NEW BABY



Our Staff Nurse , Lamees Rishmawi , and her husband Dr. Tamer Musleh, Assistant specialist at Holy Family Hospital, gave birth to their second baby on February 21<sup>st</sup> ,2022.

Congratulations on the birth of you precious child , may he will be happy , and make a lifetime of incredible memories with you.

## BEAUTIFUL COINCIDENCE

While Dr. Micheline Qassis, our neonatologist was visiting Caritas Baby Hospital, a man called her with passion asking her if she remembers them. Fortunately, he was the father of the baby Juan who was born severe premature at 25 weeks weighing 800grams.



I was overwhelmed to see baby Juan looking good and healthy after staying at our Neonatal Intensive Care unit for 94 days.

What a wonderful and beautiful coincidence.

***God Bless You Beautiful  
Juan wish you all the  
Happiness and Success in Your  
life***



## BABY BUSHRA



“Unfortunately , at 27 weeks , I unexpectedly went into labor. I was terrified , my husband rushed us to Holy Family Hospital where our daughter Bushra was born on 5<sup>th</sup> of Decembder 2021, weighing 1085 grams. Our baby was admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for follow up and care where she spent 60 days growing and recovering with us by her side”.

“We spent most of our time at the side of the incubator continuously worrying about every little beep or alarm that went off. The doctors and nurses were fantastic though. They kept us informed of what was going on throughout the different stages. We tried to keep ourselves involved as much as we could”.

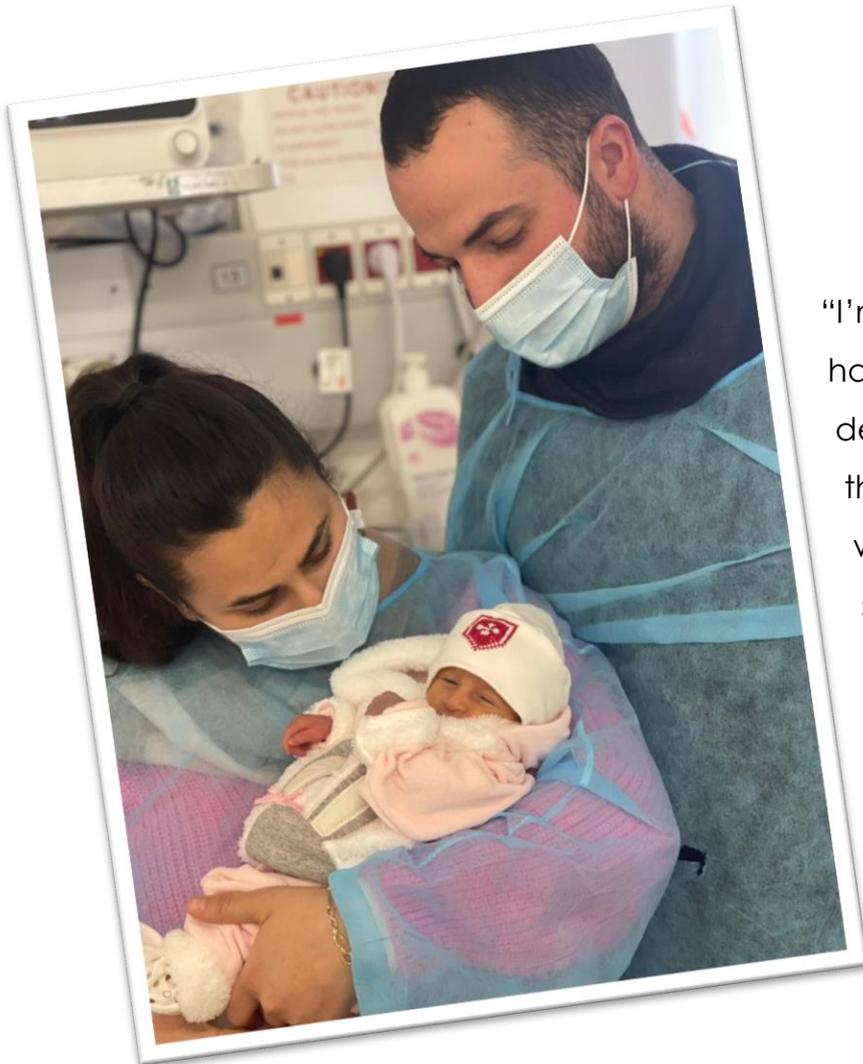
“If my Daughter could speak, she would have said, all Respect to all the love and care you have given me , I felt that I’m a part of Holy Family Hospital”.

Luckily, she was discharged in a good health weighing 1820 kg.



## A BLESSING

“On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 I went through an urgent Caesarean, giving birth to my daughter while she is only 34 weeks weighing 1940 kg and then being admitted to the Neonatal intensive Care Unit was not an easy experience for me. I was emotionally stressed but The Hospital's Staff didn't hesitate to take the opportunity to support us and provide us with medical, psychological and financial support to overcome our crises”.



“I'm taking my baby home very happy, there is no word that can describe my feelings, I'm very thankful for the Hospital and the whole team for their hard work and support”.

## MISCELLANEOUS



"One of my favorite things about being a Midwife is my constant search to be better, to know more, and constantly love what I do'.

"What could be more beautiful,  
than bringing new life into the world?"



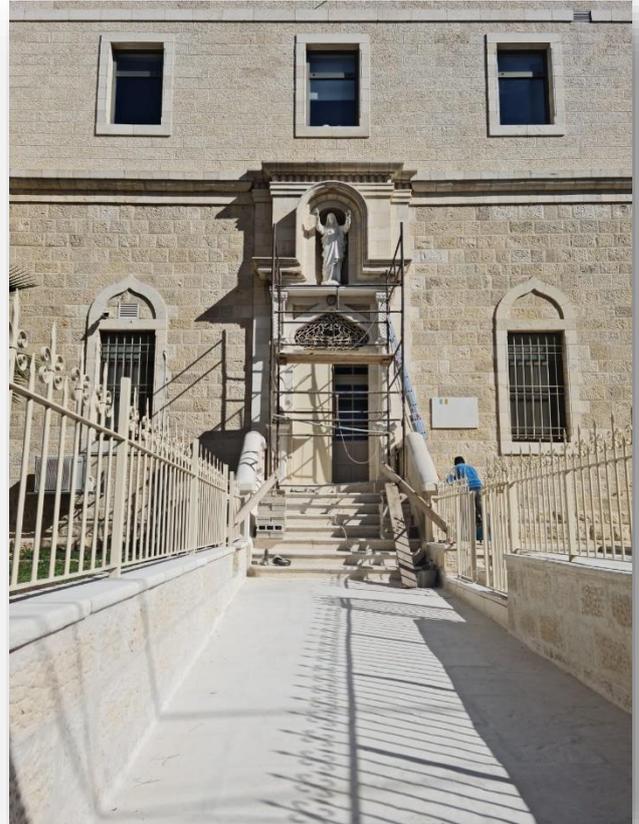
*Heavenly Father,*

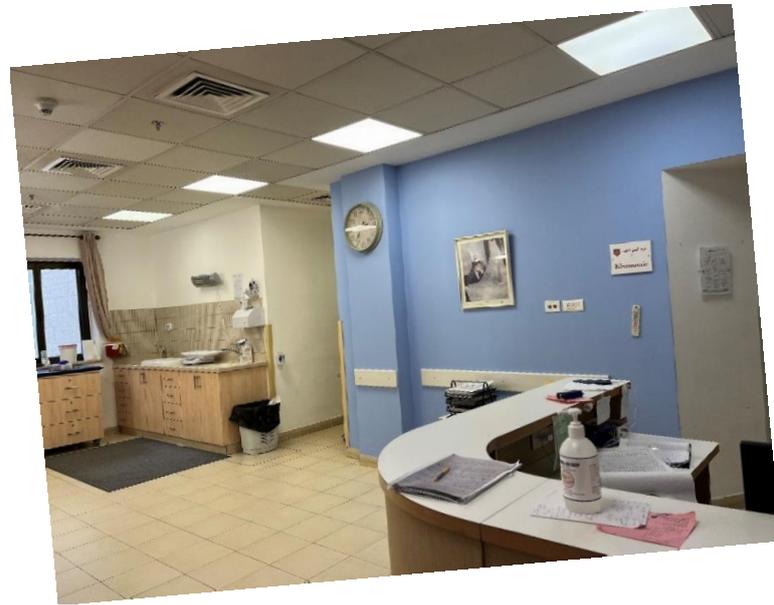
*We thank you for the gift of life and for bringing these babies safely into this world. May you bless them and keep them, helping them to grow loving, strong and heavenly in Your love.*

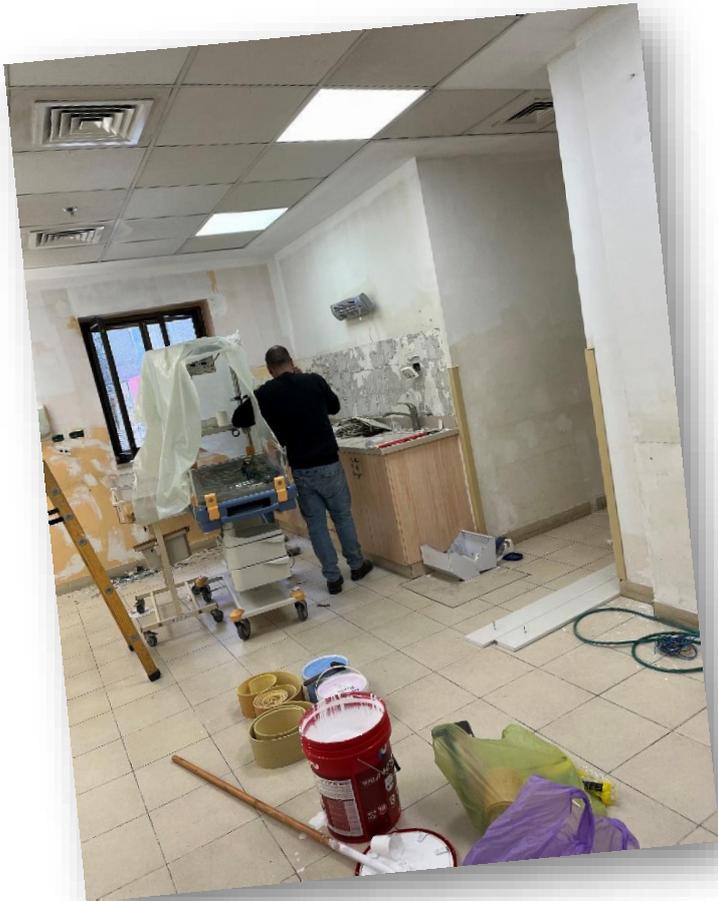
*Amen*

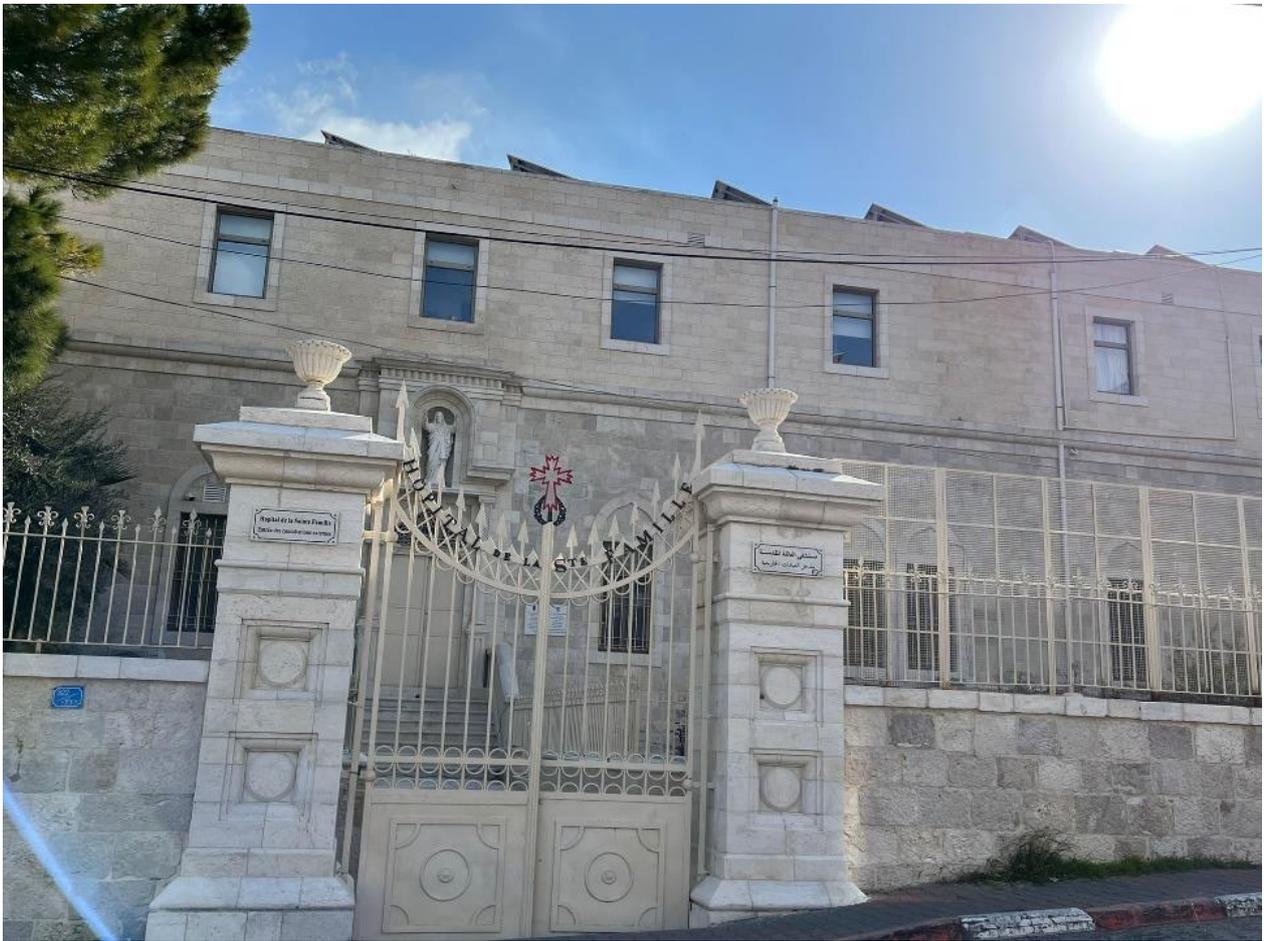
## RENOVATION

Our outpatient Clinic entrance, our Nursery and Postnatal Department are being renovated thanks to a generous donation by Holy Family Hospital Foundation. As of Today we were able to complete the renovation of the Outpatient Clinic entrance and the Nursery. These are few photos of the before and after works.









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# MONTHLY DELIVERIES

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387	334	400
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313	322	321
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278	350	
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MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323	364	
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390	349	
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402	412	
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446	445	
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	387	419	
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	381	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	331	355	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	372	390	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	4270	4517	721

**TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990**

**93.493**

