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Where there is always a place in the inn for all

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August is undoubtedly a very beautiful month. Generally, in the Northern Hemisphere, it is a nice tempered month where we still enjoy long sunny days even if since the feast of St. John, the Baptist the days tend to get shorter.

However, the month of August remains for us Christians, the month of the assumption of the Virgin Mary which was the first national holiday celebrated in France.

For the hospital, the months of July and August are not synonymous with rest or idleness. On the contrary, every year at this time we see a peak in activity.

Despite the crisis that has been raging for eleven months this constant is still true this year. However, this increase in the number of births is relative and the figures remain in a range of low months in a normal year. The crisis is here and it lasts. The crisis that prevents many pilgrimages or trips to the Holy Land has ruined the economy of this beautiful city of Bethlehem.

Pray therefore that Bethlehem and the Holy Land quickly find peace and that all those who aspire physically to put their steps in those of our Lord Jesus Christ can do so again without constraint or worry.

Pray also that this hospital, which remains a haven of peace and hope in this world gone mad, will provide for a long time to come the best it has to women and children who need it.

"if it thunders in August, great prosperity everywhere, but many sick people"

Unfortunately, it thunders this August, but it is artificial thunder. Whatever, may this proverb be true in its first part and bring prosperity everywhere. But also may our prayers spare us the sick and make us share the joy of welcoming repeatedly wonderful children who only ask to live.

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Baby Maribel

"Despite having given birth before, each pregnancy presents its own challenges".

Elizabeth prefers Holy Family Hospital due to the reassuring experience she had during her first pregnancy. When she entered the delivery room, she experienced a profound sense of relief, having successfully navigated the hurdles with the assistance of the medical team

"Each time we welcome a new child into the world at the Holy Family Hospital, I feel as if the world is smiling upon us and everything has finally aligned perfectly."



“ when the baby's heartbeat suddenly weakened, the doctor quickly decided on a cesarean section to save our lives”

Joan had planned a normal Delivery and envisioned every detail of that moment. She had chosen The Holy Family Hospital, where she was born, with great care, believing it to be the best choice for them.

Ibrahim was a constant source of support for Joan, even though he was anxious, but he trusted the hospital and the medical team.



When Joan first held Nabil, she felt a surge of relief and gratitude, recognizing the critical role the medical team played in saving their lives. Joan reaffirmed that choosing The Holy Family Hospital was indeed the best decision, expressing her profound appreciation for the hospital and its staff.

On August 5 , 202547 baby nabil was discharged in a good health



Baby Shams

"When it comes to my safety and the safety of my baby, I wanted to be in good hands. That's why I chose Holy Family Hospital, and I was not mistaken, I made the right decision and I was in the right place to start this journey."

On August 7, 2024, the long-awaited moment arrived. For medical reasons, it was decided that Maya would have a cesarean section to ensure the safety of both her and her baby. The procedure was successful, and Shams was born weighing 2.990kg



Maya had carefully chosen the Holy Family Hospital, having heard from those around her that it was the best for providing care for mothers and newborns. She knew that



the medical team there was skilled and compassionate, which was exactly what she needed at that crucial moment.

"She is our sun that will light up our lives. Her arrival has illuminated everything." That moment marked the beginning of a new chapter, filled with hope and optimism".

Baby Elia

" I gave birth to my first baby in 2022 at Holy Family Hospital and I choose this time also to give birth to Elia at the same place"



"Thanks to HOY FAMILY HOSPITAL, my wife and baby are in good health. Even though we were in another City at the time of delivery, we insisted on coming back to Bethlehem to deliver at Holy Family Hospital because we trust the quality of services here. This hospital is always our first choice. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to our leaving here in good health and with indescribable happiness".

Baby Elia was born on August 1, 2024 weighing 3.220kg in Good Health.



Baby Eileen



"I was worried about my wife since this was our first childbirth experience. Everyone showed great care and never left her side. The support and encouragement she received during labor played a significant role in the delivery of our baby. Hearing her cry for the first time was one of the most beautiful moments of my life. I am thankful to the entire medical team and everyone who shared these wonderful moments with us. You have

made a significant impact on our lives, especially on our daughter's life." John, Nadines's Husband explained.

Eileen was born on 22nd August 2024 weighing 3.120 kg in good health.



Baby Tina

Luna shared her experience, saying "Although this was my second cesarean section, I felt fear and anxiety. However, the cooperation of the medical team during the procedure immediately alleviated my stress and provided me with a sense of calm and comfort. My joy was complete when I heard my baby's first cry and held her in my arms. These are irreplaceable moments, and the emotions a mother feels are indescribable. We thank the hospital for everything they have provided. All the services needed for the baby and the mother were available."



On August 6, 2024, baby Tina was born weighing 2.830 kg in Good Health..



Donations

The National Insurance Company has generously donated 5,900 NIS to procure a syringe pump for the Neonatal Intensive Care Department. This essential equipment will significantly enhance the department's ability to deliver precise and controlled medication to critically ill newborns. The syringe pump ensures that medications are administered in exact doses, which is crucial for the fragile and delicate health of neonates. This donation not only reflects the company's commitment to supporting healthcare but also demonstrates a tangible impact on improving patient care. The contribution will greatly benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit by advancing the quality of care provided to its most vulnerable patients.



Thank You!

Volunteering

As part of the cooperation in responding to the ongoing emergency plan in the region and with all the difficulties faced by people seeking medical care, especially in the field of maternal health, the Red Crescent response is to empower volunteers with the appropriate/minimum knowledge in order to help save lives until the ambulance service arrives or can manage the case appropriately.



This is the first cooperation with the Palestine Red Crescent Society in Bethlehem, which is part of the International Red Crescent, and aims to support the empowerment of its volunteers by providing appropriate knowledge through training its staff on variety of topics.

A series of "Helping Babies Breathe" trainings are being launched for its male volunteers. In addition to another training for female volunteers residing in several villages around the Bethlehem area so that they can help deliver the mother if she cannot reach a medical centre or if the ambulance can't reach her. Many areas that the ambulance service can't reach due to roadblocks or obstacles by the occupation. This training is conducted daily according to a planned schedule for two volunteers per day, one in the emergency department and the other volunteer in the labour ward



TO MAKE A DONATION

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GBP: COMMERZ BANK - **SWIFT:** COBADEFF
EUR: BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA ARGENTARIA - **SWIFT:**
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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	2023	2024
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387	334	400	363	296
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313	322	321	313	287
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278	350	389	358	347
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	265	301	267	277	268	295	344	389	275	396	343	358	292
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323	364	387	374	320
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390	349	379	337	317
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402	412	379	377	360
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446	445	441	405	346
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	387	419	372	363	
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	381	352	315	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	331	355	368	291	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	372	390	376	284	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	4270	4517	4508	4138	

TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990	103.982
Total Babies Delivered Since 1990	106,432

STATISTICS

2024

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Consultations													
HPH													
Ob/gyn	911	832	898	955	1117	1134	1236	1284					8367
Pediatric	255	315	298	273	343	323	360	341					2508
Diabetic	174	66	91	103	101	91	127	122					875
Nutrition	68	27	31	22	56	37	239	31					511
Over 45	19	92	76	61	91	49	101	55					544
Outresch													
Ob/gyn		119	184	158	92	73	141	176					943
Pediatric		81	98	105	103	45	136	142					712
Private													
Ob/gyn	705	780	666	789	805	720	925	782					6172
Pediatric	119	126	102	139	152	89	94	104					925
TOTAL Consultations	2,251	2,438	2,444	2,605	2,862	2,561	3,359	3,037					21,557
Obstetric													
Nb deliveries													
3 class	264	258	311	257	276	283	308	293					2250
1 & 2 class	32	29	36	35	44	34	52	48					310
TOTAL Deliveries	296	287	347	292	320	317	360	341					2,560
C sections													
Total	69	70	76	72	79	78	72	96					612
Babies													
Total	297	299	355	298	330	324	368	357					2628
Gynecologie													
Operations													
Minor op	31	29	20	30	20	23	20	27					200
Major op	8	9	11	10	5	10	10	13					76
TOTAL Operations	39	38	31	40	25	33	30	40					276
Ob / Gyn													
Admissions > 5 days	8	3	3	2	7	7	3	7					40
Admissions < 5 days	362	359	419	357	391	395	444	433					3160
Total admissions	371	363	422	374	401	404	447	449					3231
Total days	647	628	736	629	757	701	788	776					5662
Ob / Gyn OCCUP %	49.69%	53.40%	56.53%	49.92%	58.14%	53.84%	60.52%	59.60%					36.93%
Lab activity													
TOTAL Activity	9,958	8,592	7,416	9,497	10,219	12,220	12,422	13,326					83,650
Anesthesia													
A. Generale	2	3	8	5	4	1	84	80					187
epidurale	39	61	63	66	82	74	84	80					549
Spinal	39	62	67	62	65	70	63	78					526
TOTAL Activity	100	126	138	133	151	145	231	238					1262
Neonatal Intensive Unit													
Length													
Total days L1	216	191	168	172	159	210	214	188					1518
Total days L2	87	61	69	50	33	48	75	91					514
Total days L3	195	116	73	71	145	192	180	214					1186
Total days	498	368	310	293	337	450	469	493					3218
Stay < 5 days	33	26	20	27	21	24	18	23					192
Stay > 5 days	23	24	19	18	29	20	32	27					192
Stay > 50 days	2	2	1		2	1	2	1					11
Admission													
adm L1	32	26	28	24	32	26	18	28					214
adm L2	9	6	4	3	4	2	12	2					42
adm L3	12	15	6	7	14	10	19	17					100
Total Adm	53	47	38	34	50	38	49	47					356
Nb Premature <3	2	4	1	2	5	5	3	10					32
PED. OCCUP %	89.25%	65.95%	55.56%	52.51%	60.39%	80.65%	84.05%	88.35%					48.98%
TOTAL T. OCCUP %	61.56%	59.29%	56.24%	51.22%	58.82%	63.94%	67.58%	68.23%					40.55%
Poor Case Fund													
Mothers	102	94	120	46	122	50	51	42					627
Babies	30	21	9	15	36	32	25	8					176
Total cases Assisted	132	115	129	61	158	82	76	50					803