



# Holy Family Hospital

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



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## March: was busy at Holy Family Hospital

Since the beginning of the month, the hospital welcomed groups of tourists and visitors from different countries in the world: UK, France, and USA. A group of five senior medical students and one resident doctor from the US was among the groups and they had a brief visit at HFH.

Another group was 33 pilgrims from the Parish of Saint Nizier Lyon-France under the leadership of Father Luc GEINDRE and the Countess of Gourcy. From the UK, Bishop Martin of New Castle, led a group of 45 passenger in their pilgrimage for the Holy Land. The group donated gifts for the poor babies and mothers of HFH. *We express our respect and gratitude to all those who witnessed the work done and support the mission of Holy Family Hospital.*

## USAID International Agency & Holy Family Hospital

On March the 23rd, Mr. Micheal Harvy, the Mission Director along with Ms. Mary Cob the Office Director of the HHA Department in USAID Agency for International Development, met with H.E. Prince Dominique de LA ROCHEFOUCAULD-MONTBEL, the Acting Executive President of Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem, Mr. Justin SIMPSON, from Holy Family Hospital Foundation and Dr. Jacques Keutgen, CEO in order to discuss any future collaboration between the hospital and the agency. The meeting was fruitful, hoping for continuous support and cooperation between both parties.

## Later: Mme. Nathalie Pilhes visited the hospital

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure to welcome as well, Mme. Pilhes, director of the "Migration, Freedom, Security and Women" department in the Mission Union for the Mediterranean to the Presidency of the French Republic, who toured the hospital and visited the neonatal department accompanied by the CEO.



## Higher Institute of National Defense (IHEDN)

In the presence of Dr. Victor Batarseh, the Mayor of Bethlehem and in the framework and collaboration with the Consulate General of France in Jerusalem, HFH hosted a seminar for 40 auditors from the IHEDN and other participants from local organizations and from Bethlehem University. It included a presentation about HFH and other demonstrations and living testimonies of the life in the West Bank under occupation.

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## EDITORIAL



*Dr. Jacques Keutgen  
General Manager*

Last month we celebrated Mother’s Day at Holy Family Hospital. This was the occasion to remind everybody that antenatal care, safe delivery services, postnatal care and gynecology services should be worldwide minimal rights for any women.

For years many strategies have been implemented in an attempt to improve maternal health outcomes around Bethlehem district by Holy Family Hospital. HFH is utilized as a referral and care center for high-risk pregnancies and neonates, and receives patients from a service area which extends beyond the Bethlehem district. Everybody is welcome to the HFH regardless of race religion, color, culture or ability to pay.

Seeking health care during pregnancy and after the reproductive age is influenced not only by poor access to care and economic barriers but also by individual and community knowledge and acceptance of maternal health services. Partner support, previous maternal health care experiences, and the degree of communication with other women and health workers affect women’s decisions to seek care.

Accordingly, the education level of women and the surrounding community is one of the major issues affecting the women’s decisions to seek medical care during their life.

Our new project of Well Women Health Care aims at providing educational services in addition to maternal and gynecology health services to women living in the neighboring villages, refugee camps and Bedouins settle-

ments in the Bethlehem district at their door step though the outreach mobile clinic. These services will enable educational and medical care to be brought to the doorstep of mothers and women who for one reason or another are unable to travel to the hospital. In particular it makes it possible to access the poor existing in pockets of poverty in remote hillside communities often living in dreadful conditions in shacks without sanitation, light, heat or clean water.

Our goal will be achieved through conducting Health Sessions for the people addressing all the issues related to gynecological problems and most significantly strengthening on the importance of seeking medical care during the menopausal period.

Our health session will not be limited to only caring for women during pregnancy but also will educate women on how to breastfeed, and caring for newborn. Also, our health education sessions will work on strengthening and enforcing a culture among Palestinian women for seeking Gynecological check-ups such as routine pap smears and pelvic exams, screening for breast cancer, treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, or general nutrition and hygiene...etc. It is truly unfortunate that Palestinian women are not accustomed to regular check-ups for cultural reasons.

The creation and the availability of a well women mobile clinic will promote the idea of the need for regular examination that should be carried out by Palestinian Women. Hopefully such a practice will become culturally accepted and encouraged.

“ Strengthening  
and enforcing the  
medical care for  
Palestinian women  
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*Wishing you all  
Happy Easter*





# ACTIVITY REPORT

## Monthly Deliveries

The number of monthly deliveries 1990 - 2011 is as follows:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230	248	221	258	249
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228	217	239	221	228
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259	236	265	260
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270	280	298	
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340	284	304	
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	291	275	333	
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	294	328	307	
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	280	286	
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	260	261	295	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	277	297	270	
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224	241	247	237	
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238	248	265	236	
<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>3213</b>	<b>3310</b>	<b>737</b>

**TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990 51 325**

### Baby Of the Month

