

## HISTORY OF THE HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL

**1882:** The Community of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul buys a large plot of land in Bethlehem and constructs an 80 bed general hospital and an orphanage which they inaugurate in 1885.

**1985:** The hospital is obliged to close its operation for socio-political and economic situation due to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Daughters of Charity entrusts the renovation and the management of the hospital to the Sovereign Order of Malta.

**1990:** After a five year renovation period, the 28 bed maternity was inaugurated.

**16 February 1990:** the first baby is born in the new facility.

**1995:** Outreach clinics were introduced in order to reach the very poor at his doorstep. We started going with a mobile clinic to areas in the Judean Desert where people still live in tents and shacks and lack everything including sanitary facilities, electricity and running water.

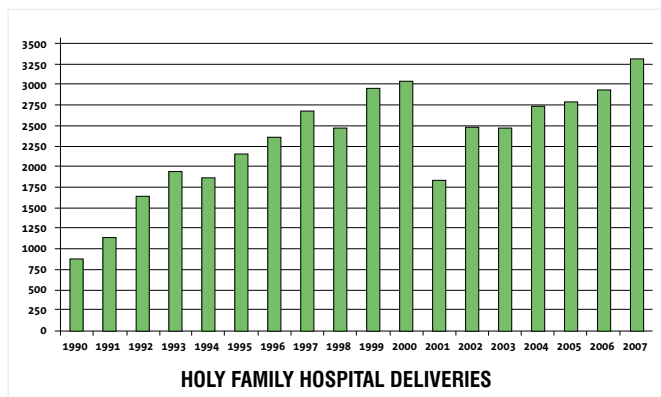
**1998:** Opening of the new 10 bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit due to the lack of this facility in the whole region

**2001:** The first extension of the hospital raises its capacity to 47 beds and includes a large outpatient facility and the addition of a second operating room.

**2007:** A milestone year for the hospital with the increase of the capacity from 47 to 63 beds due to the ever increasing demand (e.g. the occupancy rate of the neonatal Unit was reaching over 120%). A new floor is inaugurated housing a new Labor Ward and a larger Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



## GROWING ACTIVITY



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**Sovereign Order of Malta**

**Holy Family Hospital**  
Bethlehem

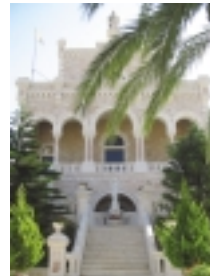


## MISSION STATEMENT

- Holy Family Hospital is dedicated to providing quality care for women and infants, without regard to religion or national origins.
- Holy Family Hospital is guided by the beliefs and moral traditions of the Catholic Church, respectful of individual differences, reflecting the ideals and traditional values of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul and the Sovereign Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and Malta and their concern for the poor and sick.
- Holy Family Hospital is committed to continuing education as a means of ensuring quality patient care.



The hospital is run by an International Board of Trustees made up of representatives of the Community of the Daughters of Charity and of certain Associations of the Sovereign Order of Malta. The President is H. E. the Grand Hospitaller of the Order.



## Today, 800 meters from the Birthplace of Jesus Christ One special door is still open To poor and destitute expectant mothers

**Holy Family Hospital - Bethlehem**  
**A state of the art maternity hospital      The Poorest deserve the best**

### OVERVIEW

- A maternity of 63 beds including an 18 bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Array of services includes: prenatal care and delivery, out-patient postnatal care, gynecology, education about childbirth, social services for families and daily outreach program including a mobile clinic to remote areas
- 140 Qualified members of staff (Consultant and resident doctors, midwives, staff nurses, laboratory technicians, etc...)
- The hospital has delivered over 40 000 mothers since 1990 without any maternal death (now over 3 000 deliveries per year)
- The hospital provides the only available medical care for high-risk pregnancies
- An average of 13% of the newborns is admitted into the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (the only one in the region). The results of this unit are similar to the results of units in the Western World.
- 22 000 women and children are examined yearly through the outpatient consultations and outreach services
- Referral hospital for four refugee camps operated by the United Nations Relief Work Agency
- The hospital recruits and trains native-born doctors and nurses. The hospital is recognized by the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, by the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in London and by the Royal College of Physicians Ireland for the training of specialized doctors
- The hospital has twinning programs with:
  - National Maternity Hospital – Dublin Ireland
  - University Hospital (La Citadelle) – Liege Belgium
  - Hopital St. Vincent – Paris France

These centers provide regular visiting professors for continuing education of the staff and the guarantee of optimal modern medical care.

### ROLE OF THE SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA

- If the most modern equipment which can be seen in the hospital has been offered for a large part by special donations from governments or non- governmental organizations, unfortunately the running costs are left uncovered.
- Due to the political conditions, the economic situation is worsening everyday.
- **Over 70% of unemployment in the Bethlehem area.**
- **No social security and no medical insurance.**
- Patients are asked to pay what they can afford with the control and help of a social worker.
- Patient payments cover only about 45% of the running costs
- **The remaining 55% must be covered by regular fundraising campaigns organized by certain Associations of the Sovereign Order of Malta or private donors**

