



The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

St. Luke's Hospital 2010 General Report

St. Luke's Hospital is one of two Christian institutions in Nablus city located in the West Bank where the majority of residents are Muslim. We provide quality healthcare and job opportunities for all residents regardless of faith in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation. St. Luke's Hospital serves as a beacon of peace and hope to the city's residents who are tired and discouraged from years of regional tension.

Due to the poor economy in Nablus resulting from difficult years under Israeli military control, the hospital serves many who cannot afford to pay. With a shortage in revenue, we were unable to manage standard repairs and improvements, falling into a negative cycle. When Bishop Suheil Dawani became Diocesan Bishop, he made it a priority to bring St. Luke's back to the high standard for which Christian institutions are recognized in this region.

With grants and donations to sustain operations and make necessary renovations and improvements, St. Luke's is again a beacon of hope in the city of Nablus where all can be assured of quality care regardless of faith or ability to pay.

We began the process of renovations in our departments due to the most urgent need in our patients wards, first in the medical and surgical ward and then in the Maternity Department and finally in the fourth floor for the day surgeries and treatment. Now we are looking forward to enlarge the ICU and Neonate Departments and to renovate the whole first floor. These renovations and better services will increase our occupancy rate.

We have a very active Urology Department which is the only department offering Endoscopic services in the whole northern area of the West Bank. We are very reasonably equipped with a Urodynamic Unit, flexible cyst scopes and percutaneous access instruments .

At this time, most of the hospital has been fully renovated, with a new Emergency and Trauma unit. New equipment is replacing outdated equipment. There is still

much to be done for St. Luke's to shine brighter as a Christian ministry of peace and goodwill in a region where residents feel oppressed and underserved.

We are now in the process of up-grading the Neurosurgery department with a full Trauma Center for the whole northern area of the West Bank of Palestine. Having just signed an agreement with the Palestinian Health Ministry to refer cases, we are considered the official referral center for the whole northern area of West Bank for neurosurgery cases. In addition, our neuro-surgeons do very complicated advanced head and spinal cord surgeries under a very advanced Neurosurgical Microscope.

We are developing the Outpatient clinics by bringing specialists from outside Nablus who have uncommon or rare specialization, as it is often difficult for patients to travel outside Nablus for treatment.

We continue to be grateful to all our donors for their vital support and are pleased to report this progress. In the year 2011 with the help of our St. Luke's Hospital donors we could add three incubators and two monitors to our Neonate Department, two Delivery Beds and two Fetal Heart Monitors to our Maternity Department, and one heavy duty Steam Sterilizer for the CSSD Department.

We think that a CT scanner should be available in our hospital since this will save our patients of (ICU, Trauma, Head Injuries car accidents, etc.) the risk of transport to other centers in Nablus city for imaging. We are in urgent need for the CT scanner for diagnostic procedures and pre and post operation cases. We continue to seek repairs for a donated scanner or the gift of a new one.

We would like to indicate here that we have almost 30 cases monthly admitted for Neurosurgery and need CT before and after the operation. In addition, another 15 cases monthly need CT imaging from the Outpatients clinics. At this time, we must transport patients to other hospitals for imaging or ask them to bring their CT's with them because we are lacking the machine.

We need all the support from all friends so that we could maneuver and overcome our problems in order to stay and remain as a witness of Christian action demonstrated by love and care to all needy patients. Your donations will help us to overcome our problems and continue to bring help, support and hope to all needy patients.

We think that we cannot be observers of suffering. We and with the help of our friends all around the world need to give a hand to the sick and suffering. We feel that achieving this mission and helping the needy patients is not our responsibility alone but the responsibility of all that care about Christianity in action and to keep St. Luke's Hospital alive.