



Hope School – Bethlehem



✦ Newsletter April, 2021 ✦

Let us have One Easter:

Easter in the whole world lasted on the first week of April 2021, yet, it did not in the Holy Land. The Orthodox church and other orient churches will celebrate the Easter on May 2nd, 2021, which means, a month later; Christians will live the same events of the Holy Week once again. It is so embarrassing to have two “Palm Sunday”, two “last Supper”, two “crucifixion”, Two “Good Friday”, two “Sabbath of light” and two “Resurrection”.

It is so embarrassing when we are confronted with the usual question: by Non-Christians: “Which is your Easter??? Or when your Lord is resurrected!!! As if local Christian worship two Lords!

It is difficult to explain the two calendars to the public and to those who are not ready to comprehend the differences between the two calendars.

It is time for the Christians in the Holy Land to celebrate Easter or Christmas in the same day, regardless the day or the time. The churches in the Holy Land must think of one calendar, to make the feast an occasion of unity and not an occasion to show differences.

Celebrating the same feast two times, will strip the occasion its meanings and symbolisms.

“and men were taught the things that are pleasing unto thee and were saved through wisdom.”

May our spiritual leadership have the wisdom that pleases God.



Cultural Competition Between the classes

A cultural competition was launched by the School, between Grade 9th & Grade 10th. Each grade was represented by a team of four youngsters, and the judge committee is composed of two youngsters from Grade 11th. The two teams answered a pre-prepared set of questions selected by the school Committee for Extra-curricular Activities (CEA). Representatives of the Ministry of Education have joined the activity and expressed their pleasure for such event which comes in very difficult circumstances that need entertaining and productive activities. By the end of the competition, a present was awarded to each of the participants including those who did not win the competition.

Open Day at the “Little Angel Kindergarten”

Under the warm sun of the April, the KG organized an open day which engaged all our lovely children. It was a funny and joyful day full of entertaining games, competitions, and creative activities.

Our children spent a long debriefing day to alleviate the impact and the consequences of the pandemic on their behaviors, morals, and spirits and create positive circumstances that will quickly move our children out of the pandemic atmosphere.



Big Thank you:

It is because of you, our ministry still alive in the Holy Land. No word can express our gratitude to those who spur part of their income to give the poor. Be sure that your contribution provides an opportunity of excellent education to a needy child who otherwise will be thrown to the street. That is why our school is labeled as second chance school.

Thank you

Please Pray for them

Our Story

Samar is one of the Hope School's Graduates in 2003. She attended Bethlehem University until 2005, where she got her Diploma in Theology. She worked in Talitha Kumi for 7 years as a teacher. In 2018, she joined the university another time and got a Diploma in the faculty of "Basic and Special Education Studies", after which she was employed at Hope School as KG teacher. She is very happy that she is working right now at her school. "Hope School gave me the suitable opportunity to study and build up my future" "it is so amazing to teach in the same place where once I have been a student." Samar Said.



"For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

*From the Archive: A picture of our children – Lat Century
A daily devotion – Reading the word of God and pray*



✧ From the Director ✧

When God calls you:

I still remember the moment, in 2014, when a British and a local friend asked me to help in saving one of the oldest Christian schools in Bethlehem area, "We are facing a very hard situation at the school which we supported for long time" he quoted. At first, I hesitated because I was overloaded by many tasks. However, I accepted his offer and firmly decided to go ahead with their request as a "new challenge". I volunteered for two years in which we, (the management team) worked

hard to make all the needed reforms to save the school and to keep its mission alive, given that it has served hundreds of vulnerable children who came to school seeking for a new but, good opportunity. At Hope school, I realized why God has chosen me to work at this ministry; At Hope School, I discovered how much God loves his children! At the school, I found the grace of God acts among our children. At Hope school, we live the Glory of God, He who never forsake his children, He who feed them and take care of their future. Blessings.

Senior Students volunteer before graduation

Senior students of Grade 12th took the initiative to volunteer and clean the out-door yard. Elias, who will graduate next June, said: "we want to express our appreciation to our school and do something to show our gratitude" This is a humble way to say thank you to Hope School which incubated us for more than 5 years. I wish we can do more than cleaning the yard." "Thank you, Hope School"

