

HOPE SECONDARY SCHOOL

In God we trust



Summer activities started with summer camp

As soon as the scholastic year has ended, our management team laid down a plan for the Summer activities which started by a summer camp in coordination and cooperation with JEO-Jerusalem Evangelistic Outreach. The camp served more than 140 children from the the school and the local community. Ms. Ronza Saba; the camp leader, was so happy for the increasing number of attendees of ages 6-14 years old. The camp included various activities including; praying, training, entertainment, sport, and educational activities. Parents were thrilled to find a suitable place where their children can spend their summer time in a constructive circumstances. Four of our staff were involved in the activity as co-leaders who helped in leading the camp activities.



Honoring Belen 2000

In appreciation of supporting Hope school's children, the School honored Mr. Alex Sfeir, the chair of Belen 2000; a Chile-based organization, that used to support Christian schools in Bethlehem area. Mr. Sfeir who recently, visited the Holy Land, expressed his gratitude to Hope School's Principal for the great work we do to disadvantaged children in Bethlehem area. In return, Mr. Saba; the school principal thanked Belen 2000 and Mr. Sfeir for his crucial role in providing good educational opportunities to needy and destitute children. "We make a difference in our children's lives" he quoted thank you Belen 2000.



"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit"

MCC Farewell Reception

Hope School was invited to participate in a farewell reception for MCC Representatives in Jerusalem Mrs. Joan and Mr. James Alty, who spent four years at office. In his speech Mr. Alty confirmed the active role of MCC in strengthening the local community in the Holy Land through supporting the non-government and active organizations who work on enhancing peace values among youngsters and the local community at large. MCC's local partners who attended the reception, expressed their gratitude to MCC Representatives for their cooperation, commitment, and relentless efforts exerted during their term at office. At the end of the reception, each partner presented a humble remembrance gift as an expression of their gratitude to MCC and the representatives.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Violence is still the upper hand

It is very difficult to talk about peace or to convince our children to adopt peace values, under severe, unstable, and violence-escalation circumstances where violence is still the prominent hand. The month of July, has witnessed a dramatic escalation of violence in the Holy Land as Israel launched a "full-scale war" on the northern city of Jenin and its refugee camp as depicted by the Palestinian Presidential spokesman. This wave of violence claimed many lives, injured more than hundred people, evacuated tens of families out of their homes temporarily, and left a vast destruction of roads, public properties, and homes. The psychological impact of such violence is even more effective and complicated. The Israeli-Palestinian dilemma will never be solved by military and violent means, but through peaceful negotiations. We do believe in two-state solution where both nations have their own independent states. Please pray with us; may God bring peace and calmness to the Holy Land, May He touch the hearts of the leaders and decision makers to reach a compromise and comprehensive peace, so as to furnish the streets of the Holy land with prosperity and progress and build a new generation with new values based on love, peace, tolerance, and co-existence. We ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.



A story from within

When (A.) came to school, he was 13 years old, he was in an extreme desperate situation; very shy, unsocialized, and indifferent. He was grown up away from his family. Since birth, his mother passed away and he was entrusted to an orphanage until the age of four, when he moved away to another orphanage. At the age of eleven, he moved to Hope School's boarding section where he stayed four years after which, the school was able to convince the father and the step mother to accept the child at home, where he should be. However, the circumstances under which he lived over the years, have impacted his academic performance. We worked hard to release his concerns and worries. Despite of all encouragement he received from the school staff, principal, and the sponsor, A. showed a bit improvement academically. At the end of grade 10th, the school social worker along with the father and himself, decided to move him to vocational realm, he attended a local workshop where he started training to be a chef. Nowadays, A. is working in a well-known restaurant in Beit Jala, the school principal is visiting him regularly and pay the attention needed to keep him in safe and healthy circumstances. He became very socialized, active and productive person. Thanks be to God, who takes care of our children.



Please consider our children and ministry in your prayers and support to make our mission possible amid and under hard circumstances.