

Easter 2014



“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.” John 11:25-26

Dear Friends:

Easter, is celebrated as a time of rebirth and renewal; yes indeed it is also the time at Hope School for a fresh restart. “This year has seen much progress at Hope School” as one of our close friends quoted; a three-year strategic plan was generated as a result of intensive work done and led by the BOT’s in association with the whole Hope family. A dedicated Headmistress was hired, the event which represented a turning point in the educational process. A coherent organizational structure has been laid down resulted in producing a qualified Steering Committee that leads up the whole ministry.

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection it seems a good time to reflect a bit on the work of Hope school:

It has been a fulfilling year so far. In particular, the boarding section dorms have been refurnished with modern wooden furniture giving a pleasant home - like atmosphere. The boarders are enjoying their rooms, it will be even nicer when the rooms are fully furnished, and we still need to have a study desk and book shelve for each student. At Hope School there are lots of needs, the major need is to complete the treatment of the roof waterproofing. We also have more needs such as a new library, new desks for the teacher rooms, dining room tables and Chairs. There are many ways you can help at our school, just ask.

Quote from the Head Teacher: "During these four months many achievements have been done at Hope school especially implementing the regulations of discipline as well as rebuilding bridges between the school and the different educational organizations in Bethlehem area. We had reunion our relations with the private and public schools as well as the ministry of education office in Bethlehem."

Students Committee: The students have elected their representatives from each class to form a student committee. The committee will take the role of mediators among the students, and a link between the students, the teachers and administration.

Parent's day: a special day was dedicated for the parents who were invited to the school, listened to the teachers' evaluation about children and shared their children educational needs.

Soccer Match: Students have been active in sports. A friendly football match has taken place between the boarders' team, and the day students team. The day students won 4 - 2. A trophy was given to the winning team at the school chapel.

A Christian club: Hope School's Christian club is now formed with the leadership of our executive secretary. The first activity was visiting St. Nicholas home for the elderly in Beit jala. The students shared the elderly people with sweets and pastries as well as helping them voluntarily.

More School Visits: We are blessed by our friends who came and visited us; we had several E. O. groups led by Mr. Britt and Re. Brown. We also had a pleasant time with our friends Geoff and Muriell Harris, Geoffrey Richardson, and Paul who spent a two weeks' time at Hope School.

Flashes from Hope school:

- **The students:** the graduate class has started its final school exams in preparation for the government exams in June. Hope School students classes; seven through eleven will start their final exams in mid-May.
- **The Staff:** the teachers are working hard preparing their lessons and making up tests for the final exams. The Working ladies are making every effort possible to care for the boys at the boarding section
- **The boarders:** three of our boarders are senior students this year. They are studying intensively reaching their full potential, so determined to get high average in the government exam.

- **Financial situation:** the financial situation is better than before, yet, we still are struggling to meet the boarding section expenses, the teachers' salaries, and other needs at the school.

Student sponsorship: there is a big number of Hope School students who are in deep need for sponsors, this is a call to each and every one of you to help a needy child. Please spread the word to all who are interested in sponsoring a child. If you are interested e-mail us at info@hopeschoolpal.com or visit our webpage at: www.hopeschoolbeitjala.com.

Finally we are proud to quote again what has been written by our friends about our school as a result of their 19th visit to the school: “

(The card from Geoff says:

7-4-2014

Dear Dr Tihan, Muriel + I would like to thank you for making our 19th visit to Hope School the best visit ever. We admire what you are doing for this school and we are quite certain that Hope School will rapidly become one of the outstanding schools in Palestine.

We are delighted that you are Headteacher of Hope School. I know you will make it into a wonderful school for the students both socially and academically. You have our support and our love, Geoff + Muriel x

Please keep Hope School in your prayers:

Pray for:

- **The students** will pass their final exams next May.
- **The Staff** will continue receive their salaries on regular basis.
- **The boarders** will be kept in safe, secure and comfortable place.

- **The Financial situation** will be better and that we can manage to pay all our duties and meet our needs.
- **The Student sponsorship program:** will be able to cover the students' needs and expenses.

Thank you for your great support this year and in particular for praying for Hope School.

