Hope Secondary School - Summer 2014 Newsletter

Praying for Peace in the Holy Land:

It is a hot political summer, the situation in the Holy land is getting worse and a disgusting war has been erupted in first half of July between Hamas and the Palestinians from one side while the Israeli troop from the other side. As you are no doubt aware of the news, the Holy Land including Bethlehem area, became in turmoil. We continue to pray for peace among Jews, Muslims, and Christians. On July 17, we held a prayer meeting, inviting church leaders and community members from all the local denominations. Brother Alex Awad led the prayer service. About fifty people were in attendance,



and many more from around the world committed to pray during this time as well. We continue to pray, knowing that lasting peace with justice will only come when the Prince of Peace is enthroned in our lives.



A productive summer: Teen Mission Intl. (TMI) did a great

Job: This summer we were lucky to welcome again a Teen Mission group to help with school renovations. Everywhere we go we can hear the sound of busy teens cheerfully mixing cement, laying blocks, singing and praying. These 22 teens and their 4 leaders came to us on June 23rd from their training in Florida. They are building a new laundry room, repairing the Hope School driveway, and working on the cafeteria garden area. No word can express our heartfelt gratitude

Hope Public Garden: The cafeteria garden project is going to be an attractive addition to the Hope School property. Our Quaker friends are sponsoring the project, which will include an irrigation system, plants including green grass, and picnic tables. When it is completed it will be a welcoming place for students and visitors with their children to sit and enjoy a meal. As it is planned, the garden will be opened to the public in the afternoon; people from the surrounding area can enjoy using the properties fit to the whole family.



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Thank you Karen and Roxana Obrien: One other much-needed project is the restoration of the storeroom. For several years it has been neglected, but now our friends Karen and Roxanne OBrien are helping to put it back in order. They are cleaning, reorganizing, and conducting an inventory to see what supplies we have and what is still needed for the upcoming school year

Graduation Ceremony: It was a busy and exciting year at Hope School! Throughout the year, students have been working hard on their studies, interacting with their teachers in the classroom, doing their homework and working hard to gain all the



knowledge and information provided for them. Teachers made extra efforts to empower the educational program and launch after school classes for those students who need more help... A major change in the governing structure at Hope School took place and lots of extra curriculum activities had found a way through the heavy school days. The fruit was reaped the end of the year when 20 of our students have been graduated in a cheerful and well organized ceremony that took place in late May, 2014.

Finally,

Mission: "Education" at Hope school is built on FIATH where Christian values of Love, Tolerance, Giving and peace are conveyed to the kids.

Our goal: is to provide a brighter future for the deprived and destitute children. This will not only benefit the children, it will also benefit society as a whole, as educating destitute children improves health, boosts economies, and reinforces stable and democratic societies.

It is because of your support Hope school was able to sustain over the past five decades. Please pray for us as we prepare for the upcoming school year. Without your prayers and support, Hope School cannot continue its mission.

God bless you.

Sincerely

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Chairman