



## Renovated Pediatric Surgical Unit better serves children and families



*Dr. Fahed Hakim, Medical Director of Nazareth Hospital, introduces the newly renovated Pediatric Surgical Unit to visitors*

The Pediatric Surgical Unit at Nazareth Hospital was recently renovated to provide the highest standards of care, in a welcoming environment that promotes the well-being of families and their children at a time of great stress and worry.

The Pediatrics Unit was opened more than 40 years ago and needed significant upgrades. Nazareth Project applied for and received a \$500,000 grant from the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad department at USAID. The ASHA grant covered the costs of equipment in the renovated

unit. Your support of NPI helped us to receive and manage the grant.

The redesigned department includes rooms with accommodation for children and their families, play areas, examination rooms, a medical room, a laundry room, and medical staff offices.

The new facilities have an experienced team of Pediatric Surgical doctors and specialist nurses who use their skills and passion to give children the best outcomes for their young lives.

**The Nazareth Project Board recently pledged \$15,000 to position NPI for a strong finish to the fiscal year.**

**The Board invites YOU to contribute toward a 1-for-2 match to raise \$30,000 additional funds by June 30.**

## March 2019 Jesus Trail Hike from Nazareth to Capernaum



Twenty-four hikers completed a 40-mile journey from Nazareth to Capernaum during March 11-15, 2019. The Jesus Trail hike was part of the Nazareth Challenge, an annual opportunity for local and international hikers and bikers to raise funds for Nazareth Hospital while enjoying the beauty of Israel.

Frank Kantor, Spiritual Director at The Nazareth Trust, wrote that the highlights of the trip included “the abundance and colorful array of flowers in the fields and lush green vegetation along the way; the good fun and fellowship enjoyed with the participants as we journeyed together; the great food provided each day; and, of course, the silent and spoken reflections on the life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth in whose footsteps we were walking.”

Funds raised by hikers and bikers in 2019 were designated for upgrades to the Maternity Department.

**Nazareth Challenge 2020 will take place in Israel during March 22-28, 2020**

# Increased Collaboration and Growth of Financial Support



Richard Mayhew, CEO of Nazareth Trust [far right] met with the NPI Board in November 2018

For nearly 160 years Nazareth Hospital has provided medical services and Christian care in Jesus' hometown. Beginning with four beds and a missionary doctor, Dr. Vartan, the hospital today is the district general hospital and main trauma center serving Nazareth and the surrounding population of 264,000 people.

The hospital operates on a break-even financial basis but needs help from local and international friends and donors to update and expand its services. Your financial support is an important part of that effort. In addition, NPI has received US government grants for new operating rooms, a heart catheterization unit, a renovated Pediatric Surgical Unit (see page 1), and other projects.

Nazareth Trust, the owner of the Hospital and School of Nursing, is embarking on an ambitious capital campaign over the next 7-10 years to significantly modernize facilities and expand services.

Future projects include a new and upgraded Emergency and Trauma Unit, a new Mobile Clinic to serve the West Bank, an expanded chaplaincy program and updated housing for SERVE volunteers.

NPI and Nazareth Trust have signed a revised Memo of Understanding and adopted other measures to increase collaboration and financial support for these important Christian institutions in Nazareth. Richard Mayhew, CEO of Nazareth Trust, meets with the NPI Board twice a year and communicates regularly with staff.

## New Planned Giving Resources for you!

Nazareth Project (NPI) has partnered with Everence to provide charitable services to NPI donors. Through gift planning, you can provide future support for the work and mission of these Nazareth institutions while also giving you and your loved ones financial flexibility, potential tax benefits and even income for life.

Several of the options are:

### Bequests:

You can designate NPI as the beneficiary of assets by will, trust or other instrument.

### Charitable gift annuities:

You can help NPI while also securing your future, with guaranteed payments for life.

### Charitable remainder trusts:

Turn your assets (like real estate and securities) into a charitable gift without losing much of your capital gains to taxes – and support NPI at the same time.

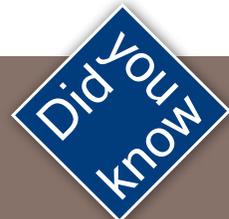
### IRAs and tax-deferred accounts:

You can designate NPI as the beneficiary of a tax-deferred account, such as a traditional IRA, and help your estate avoid paying substantial taxes.



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**70,000**  
people are treated in the  
Emergency Department

**13,000**  
(of those) are admitted

**50,000**  
patients receive  
outpatient services

**20,000**  
people have dialysis  
sessions

The hospital has:

**146** beds

**105** doctors

**200** nurses

**60** aid nurses

# SERVE experiences

**Anna La Dine**, a senior pre-med student and biochemistry major at Wheaton College, spent nearly six months volunteering in Nazareth as part of Wheaton's "Human Needs and Global Resources" program. Her orientation, work, assignments, lodging and support were provided by SERVE Nazareth. Anna (2nd from L in the photo) wrote the following about her experience:



*Five SERVE volunteers from the USA and Germany enjoy a Christmas celebration at the home of their Arabic teacher, Ibtisam, just a short walk from the Hospital. Left to right: Meg, Anna, Jonas, Renee, Karalena, with Ibtisam and Azar. Ibtisam is a Bible and Arabic teacher, and her husband Azar is the Director of Nazareth Evangelical College, as well as a pastor.*

"My primary volunteer work was in the Emergency Room, where I worked alongside CNAs, nurses, and doctors. This experience taught me about hospitals, medicine, and community. I learned both the languages of Arabic and of medicine at a rapid pace!

"My work began at 8 am and included assisting doctors and nurses, cleaning and running errands in the hospital until 3 pm. Once a week I headed down to Nazareth Village to help with meals, working alongside local friends from Nazareth."

Before arriving in Nazareth, Anna spent the month of June in Jordan studying Arabic at an intensive language school. She continued her Arabic studies in Nazareth with a tutor, Ibtisam, shown in the photo above. Spending time with local friends were highlights for Anna:

"My favorite days came when friends from the ER would invite me to travel or attend a party with them. As a guest in the community, I felt most welcomed and at home when I was a part of events and parties.

"I look back at my time in Nazareth as one of growth, learning, and relationship building. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn Arabic in a fast moving and high immersion context. I am thankful to be able to assist and shadow health

professionals, and with my "family" and friends there, I will always think of Nazareth as a part of my home."

**Karalena Weaver** (3rd from R in the photo) spent 15 months in Nazareth with SERVE. She has great memories of her experience:

"As I look back at my time in Nazareth, I'm very grateful to God for the time He allowed me to have there. I will never forget the amazing time that I spent with people who welcomed me into their homes and lives and I will forever call them friends and family.

I have come home greatly changed by what God showed and taught me through the people of Nazareth and although I am no longer there, Nazareth will always have a part of my heart."



During the summer of 2019 Sophie Lapp and David Jost will speak in US churches about their experiences as SERVE volunteers in Nazareth. Among other responsibilities, Sophie assisted the hospital chaplaincy and David led tours at Nazareth Village. They will be speaking at:

- JUNE 9:** Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA
- JUNE 16:** Plains Mennonite Church, Lansdale, PA
- JUNE 23:** East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA
- JULY 7:** College Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN
- JULY 21:** Frazer Mennonite Church, Frazer, PA
- AUGUST 4:** Christiansburg Mennonite Fellowship, Christiansburg, VA



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# Hope & Healing Tour

Visit Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and other important historical sites in Israel/Palestine.

While in Nazareth we will visit Nazareth Hospital, Nazareth School of Nursing and Nazareth

Village -- important partner organizations of Nazareth Project.

The tour will focus on historic sites, current realities and reasons for hope in present day Israel/Palestine.



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**The tour will be hosted by Kim Haines-Eitzen**, Professor of Early Christianity and Early Judaism at Cornell University and a board member of the Nazareth Project. Kim grew up in Nazareth during the years her father served as chaplain of Nazareth Hospital. She recalls tramping around archaeological sites with him, somewhat bored though fully aware of a deep history in the region.

**Ibrahim Emtanis from Nazareth will be the tour guide.** A licensed tour guide in Israel since 2013, Ibrahim speaks fluent English and Hebrew, with Arabic being his mother tongue. Ibrahim is a graduate of Nazareth Baptist High School and specializes in Holy Land Christian Pilgrimage tours.

