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Partnering with Nazareth Trust in northern Israel

Fall 2019

New Stroke Unit Saves Lives at Nazareth Hospital



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Nazareth Hospital's Chief Neurologist, Dr. Saleem Khoury (left), examines a scan with other medical staff.

Thanks to generous support from donors like you, Nazareth Hospital's new Stroke Department is open and running. Stroke is the third most common cause of death in Israel and timely diagnosis is critical.

In the past, stroke patients were sent to other hospitals, and precious time was lost before diagnosis and treatment could happen. Now these services are available at Nazareth Hospital, saving lives and preventing lasting damage and disability.

Donors in Nazareth, Europe and the US contributed a spectacular \$400,000 toward the campaign! The business community in Nazareth committed more than half of the total with one million shekels (\$284,000) commitment to the project.

Every two seconds someone in the world has a stroke and they are the third-highest cause of death in Israel. A huge thank you to all who supported the creation of Nazareth's first Stroke Department and helped provide the life-saving care for the people of Nazareth.

Dr. Saleem Khoury, one of Israel's leading neurologists, has joined Nazareth Hospital to lead the new unit. Currently, the unit is operating primarily as an out-patient service. Construction continues to create additional space for the new department.

On June 6th, Israel's Deputy Minister of Health, MK Rabbi Yaakov Litzman, visited Nazareth Hospital and toured various departments including the Stroke Department. Following the visit, the Ministry of Health granted our hospital the license needed to operate a second CT scanner. This addition will equip Nazareth's Stroke Department as an emergency service by 2020.

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“An extraordinary space for my faith to grow”

reflection by David Jost,
SERVE volunteer from Harrisonburg VA
who spent ten months in Nazareth along
with his wife, Sophie Lapp

“Our time in Nazareth has been a rich joy and a blessing for me. For many years, Sophie and I had both felt God’s direction and call on our life towards overseas work. For me, this took the form of a love for language learning and for coming to understand the history, economics, politics, and environmental issues of other regions of the world.

“The Nazareth Village offers a remarkable context for this sort of learning, with hundreds of people from many different countries and backgrounds streaming in every day, eager to talk and eager to learn about Jesus’ culture and hometown. Talking with guests and leading tours in English and Spanish, I have learned so much about geography, history and the Christian faith as it is practiced throughout the world.

“During our time here, I have come to believe that pilgrimage – in some form or other – can be a highly enriching part of religious experience.

Last year
SERVE
Nazareth
hosted more than
200 volunteers
from **11**
countries.



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Deputy Minister Litzman also recognized Nazareth Hospital’s continued achievements in multiple fields.

Nazareth Hospital needs other new and expanded facilities in the years ahead, including upgraded dialysis services. Diabetes is a growing problem in northern Israel and the Hospital will expand dialysis services while strengthening its public education campaign including diabetes prevention.



Volunteer with **SERVE**:

current needs include:

- ✓ Bi-lingual tour guide for Nazareth Village: English/Spanish; English/German
- ✓ Hospitality Coordinator
- ✓ Groundskeeper/Gardener

Help furnish the renovated housing for **SERVE** volunteers:

- ✓ furniture, bedding, curtains for a standard room: \$2500
- ✓ kitchen, furniture, bedding and curtains for a suite: \$3500

If you donate all the furnishings for a room, your name will be placed on the door.

In much of Christian history, devout people have travelled from one place to another seeking to encounter God and others along the way, and experience God’s presence more fully. The Nazareth Village has at its core this purpose – people come here to encounter God in a different way.

“SERVE is an efficient, brilliant organization that works closely and synchronizes well with the Village, the Hospital and other community ministries.

We had many opportunities for connections and meaningful work to do. It has all been a joy!

To volunteer or donate, call 717-290-1800 or visit nazarethproject.org and click on “get involved.”

Have a Life-Changing Experience during March 2020

Join an NPI-sponsored event in Israel/Palestine to see the Holy Land close up, visit historical sites, meet local people and enjoy local food! The Biblical stories will have new meaning and your faith will grow.

The three options (below) include a contact with Nazareth Trust, NPI's partner for health and educational ministry in northern Israel. Don't hesitate to sign up!

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"Healing and Hope" Tour during March 13-22



The tour will be hosted by Kim Haines Eitzen, an NPI board member and a professor at Cornell University. Kim lived in Nazareth as a child during the years her father served as chaplain of Nazareth Hospital. Kim is Professor of Religion in Late Antiquity at Cornell. Kim's hopes for the trip include:

"I hope that we will together experience the meaningful and vibrant history and present realities in Israel/Palestine -- the rich diversity of its peoples, the important work of healing ministries, and the natural beauty of the landscape.

"It is a land of many stories and we will share these stories together in settings that will, I hope, bring to life the biblical narratives and evoke in all of us a sense of appreciation for the past and present."

"Cycle the 3 Seas" bike ride: 195 miles during March 22-28



The five-day bike ride offers the opportunity to experience the Holy Land in a unique way. Starting in Tel Aviv, riders climb the foothills of Jerusalem and explore the Old City, descend from Bethlehem to the Dead Sea and finish by cycling through the Galilee region and climbing through the forests to Nazareth. 2019 cyclist Herb Buckwalter (left, seen chatting with villagers) said: "Cycling is a unique way to experience Israel/Palestine; it brings you closer to the land. Participating in the Nazareth Challenge offers opportunities to interact with people along the way and to get to know other cyclists. The Challenge is well planned, led, and supported along the route."

Hike the "Jesus Trail" from Nazareth to Capernaum during March 22-28



Hikers of the Jesus Trail will spend five days walking the 40 miles from Nazareth to Capernaum. Highlights of this carefully-created route include the archaeological ruins of Zippori village, sweeping Galilee views of the Horns of Hattin, Nebu Shu'eib (the holiest shrine of the Druze religion) and the stunning vistas of the Galilean countryside in full bloom. Each day provides a completely different experience for the hikers. Accommodation includes staying in B&Bs run by Arab families, hotels located in Jewish Kibbutzes and guest houses on the Sea of Galilee's shore.



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Give to a \$27,500 Matching Challenge!

Two donors have offered to match your donations up to \$27,500 by November 30. Please make your tax-deductible gift to NPI today! Contribute at nazarethproject.org or mail a check to Nazareth Project, 237 N. Prince Street, Suite 305, Lancaster, PA 17603.

2

Give EXTRA on November 22nd!

Your "extra" contribution to Nazareth Project on November 22 at ExtraGive.org will be stretched so that NPI will receive extra income from the Lancaster Community Foundation's \$500,000 stretch pool. Invite friends to support NPI on November 22!

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