



Nazareth Project Inc

Partnering with Nazareth Trust in Nazareth and surrounding areas

Nazareth Project wins \$1.5 million grant award to fund expanded trauma services at Nazareth Hospital!

Nazareth Project recently won a federal grant award that will provide \$1.5 million for the expansion of Nazareth Hospital's Trauma Unit. These USAID/ASHA grant funds will be used to purchase surgical equipment for eye (ophthalmological), mouth, jaw, & face (maxillofacial) and ear, nose & throat procedures.

While providing these new, multi-spectrum services, the Hospital

will also work with the community to identify major causes of community and domestic violence and to develop prevention measures.

The primary acute care and trauma hospital for the region, Nazareth Hospital is already playing an important role in the community with the

development of an Acute Room for holistic care for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

The grant will be used to purchase surgical equipment for maxillofacial, ophthalmological and ear, nose & throat procedures

These services -- developed with financial support from the Israeli Ministry of Health -- will link directly to the new trauma services for any victims

who arrive at the emergency room. One goal of the project is to support a symposium about the rise in community violence. The symposium will involve local leaders from community, religious, civil society and institutional groups.

With the expanded trauma unit, more patients can be treated at Nazareth Hospital rather than be transferred to

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Dr. Najib Nasrallah, manager of the Emergency Room at Nazareth Hospital

other medical facilities. Transfers can mean separation from other family members involved in the trauma, treatment by non-Arabic speaking practitioners, and/or delay in urgently needed care. These hardships deter some patients from accessing services at all, therefore increasing the risk of long-term disability and poor health outcomes.

Domestic violence affects victims' sense of self, free will, and safety. It also affects their health, financial independence, and relationships with other people, including their children. The project will improve health outcomes for survivors of gender-based violence and increase women's access to support should they find themselves victims, or fear they may become victims, of violence.

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Twenty people joined NPI's October 12-23, 2022 tour to Israel/Palestine. Tour group members – coming from Alabama, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah and West Virginia – visited numerous sites in Jerusalem, as well as Masada, Qumran, Jericho and the Dead Sea. Northern Israel sites included Megiddo, Capernaum, Dan, Mt. Carmel and many stops around the Sea of Galilee.



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While in Nazareth, the tour group v



Christine Lehman

◀ *Christine, a special instructor for young children with developmental disabilities, enjoys a fun time with a camel in Jericho*

I was impressed with how the Nazareth Hospital has a strategic plan that identified the greatest needs in the community of Nazareth and developed a plan to meet those needs. I just really loved seeing how the Hospital treats, respects and loves people regardless of their social status or their ethnicity.

For me personally, it was very helpful to hear Ibrahim, our tour guide, talk about his life and perspective as a Palestinian Christian. Sometimes, American Christians see Arabs as "those other people" who are trying to take God's land from the Jewish people. However, Ibrahim helped us appreciate the reality of Arabs – including many Christians – being displaced in the land where they lived for centuries. It was very important for me to see and to hear about these realities.



lections on the 2022 Tour to Israel/Palestine



up visited Nazareth Hospital, Nazareth School of Nursing and Nazareth Village – NPI’s primary partners in Israel.



Aaron Groff

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Aaron, the former president of Ephrata National Bank with tour guide, Ibrahim Emtanis

My recent 12-day visit to Israel greatly expanded my understanding and view of Jesus of Nazareth. It was fun and inspiring to travel in a tour group of 20 people.

Our Palestinian Christian tour guide taught, encouraged and challenged us in many ways. At the historical and archeological sites that we visited he encouraged us to experience the context and appreciate passages of the Holy Scriptures written about that place. These provided spirit-filled moments!

Some of the memories that have been indelibly etched into my soul include looking over Jerusalem from the Mt of Olives, entering the Old City through the Lions’ Gate, touching the Wailing Wall, standing in the Jordan River, floating

in the Dead Sea, riding in a boat on the Sea of Galilee, standing on the Mt of Beatitudes. These and many other memories remain with me.

Before I left, my son was trying to help Josh, his 5 year-old, understand the scope of my pending trip to the Holy Land. “Grandpa is going to visit the place where Jesus lived.” Although Josh had no remarkable response, my spirit was warmed to know that my son and grandson had an understanding of this Jesus of Nazareth.

Rather than simply seeing it as a nice vacation, I accept the challenge to sincerely live the faith and values that I experienced in Israel. **This remarkable experience was an encouragement for me to live out and share the values of Jesus of Nazareth in a more deliberate way.**



Cheryl Gentle

It was a blessing for me to travel to the Holy Land for a fourth time. My first trip in 1993 included my parents, aunt and uncle and husband. My second visit in 2012 was a one-month volunteer stint with SERVE Nazareth. It was wonderful to meet some of the same special people again ten years later.



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Cheryl, a retired nurse whose grandparents worked at Nazareth Hospital in the early 1950s, stands in front of her 2012 SERVE lodging in the Doctors’ House

In 2018 I hiked the Jesus Trail which was challenging but very rewarding. There’s nothing like walking in the steps of our Lord.

After waiting for two years for this tour to happen because of Covid delays, it exceeded my wildest dreams. Seeing the expansion of the School of Nursing was a highlight.

As a retired nurse and one who called Nancy Martin a friend, it was very emotional to know that her legacy lives on. Bob and Nancy are so loved at the hospital and all of us can understand why.





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