

Donegal Presbytery's
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Al Ahli Arab Hospital



*A Parish Cal I ed Gaza and a Mission of
Heal ing the sick & Inj ured and feeding the
hungry At Al Ahli Arab Hospital*

Selected by PJ&CC to be Donegal Presbytery's
Ongoing International Mission Project

-Al Ahli Arab Hospital -



Al Ahli Arab Hospital is one of the leading healthcare ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem. The hospital has a commitment to providing essential healthcare in the Palestinian territory that has been severely affected by Israel's blockade of Gaza. In addition to dispensing free medical treatment and services to everyone, the hospital also provides food and other necessities to those in need.

The situation at the hospital is precarious because many patients are no longer in a position to pay their share of the costs for a hospital bed. As a result the hospital suffers from considerable loss of income. In the event of a disaster, medical staff must be provided and this is increasingly difficult for the hospital financially. In addition, operations on sick and wounded persons in the Gaza Strip are sometimes extremely dangerous. Many paramedics, doctors, ambulance drivers and nurses have been killed by Israeli troops.

The hospital struggles without electricity for 10 hours a day and it relies on limited fuel supplies to operate its generator. The blockade has also caused difficulties in bringing medicines into Gaza, and some food items have increased in price by 500 percent.

But the Al Ahli Arab Hospital, along with its dedicated staff and inspirational director Suhaila Tarazi, brings hope to Gaza's traumatized community, including its 3,000 Christians.

Here are some of the stories of the patients and staff, about the benefit some 45,000 local Palestinians per year receive, including free medical missions offered twice weekly.

One male patient said that the hospital provides the best services in Gaza and praised the staff for their tireless work.

"This is a place of love and reconciliation," Tarazi said, acknowledging the unity between Muslims and Christians in Gaza. "We are all children of Abraham working in mission to help one another. Everyone has a story, and it is a story of deep faith. This is our witness."



Due to the current hardships, and in an effort to provide the hospital with the means to meet unexpected challenges, the hospital is in need of:

- \$ 40,000.- (monthly) for medicine and medical supplies,
- \$ 20,000.- for free medical missions for 900 patients,
- \$ 5,000.- for food and commodities for 100 poor families,
- \$ 5,000.- for monthly salaries for an additional emergency staff,
- \$ 50,000.- for the renovation of the Operating Theatre,
- Between \$25,000.- and \$30,000.- for the renovation of the Women's Clinic,
- \$18,000.- for nurses training in operating theatre and cardiology,
- \$10,000.- for in-service training and workshops to Ahli staff,
- \$15,000 for the treatment of burns on children.

If you or your church would like to help it's easy

Write a check to **Donegal Presbytery**. In the notes write: **for Al Ahli Arab Hospital**

Mail your check to:

**Al Ahli Arab Hospital Project
Donegal Presbytery
P. O. Box 10054
Lancaster, PA 17605-0054**

For more information, or if this is a gift and you'd like a gift card, contact Rick Schmidt, Donegal Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler.

Contact Rick: Email: frederick_schmidt@yahoo.com or Telephone: 717.880.6436

The PJ&CC Department also ask you to support Artisans in Palestine through PC(USA)'s
Palestine Development Initiative: Handicrafts and other products

Palestinians' rich cultural heritage is apparent in a variety of traditional products, such as olive oil, embroidery and carved olive wood figurines. The disappearance of tourists (combined with a desperate economy) has brought sales of these items to a near standstill, leaving many families without their only source of income. Purchasing these products supports not only artisans and farmers, but their families and entire communities.

Sources of Palestinian Products: Presbyterian not-for-profit distributors

Whether you want a case of oil for an olive oil tasting party or a single bar of fancy soap, dozens of Nativity sets for your Christmas bazaar or a hand-embroidered stole for your pastor — you can get it all (and much more) through these Presbyterian-related distributors.



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The PC(USA) seeks to include entities with good business practices; however, it is not responsible for ensuring satisfaction with products or the ordering process. To send in feedback or request an application to be added to the directory, contact Elizabeth Sanders: esanders@saltfilms.net



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Import Peace was founded by Peter Mann, one of the hundred Presbyterians who attended the [Presbyterian Peacemaking Program's 2006 travel/study event](#) in Israel and Palestine. In an attempt to address the grave economic realities in the occupied territories, Peter became a United States distributor of [Canaan](#) organic, extra virgin, fair trade olive oil from the most recent olive harvest in the West Bank. Every order is protected by a 100 percent money-back guarantee against breakage, and all profits are donated to charity.

Contact Peter Mann by email: pgmann@brainerd.net or call: (218)963-0942.
Homepage: www.importpeace.org or Catalog: www.shop.importpeace.org/main.sc



Taybeh

[Tabyeh](#) is the only entirely Christian community in the West Bank. With support of the Olive Branch Foundation, a number of development initiatives have provided jobs and income throughout the village. These include a new olive press and a ceramic workshop. Products are candles, olive oil, olive oil soap and cosmetics, ceramic Peace Lamps, and olive wood carvings and rosaries.

Home page: www.taybeh.info/en/index.php or shop online: www.taybeh.info/en/produits2.php



Sunbula is a nonprofit fair trade organization housed in St. Andrews, the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Jerusalem. Embroidery, olive wood, olive oil products, handmade cards, woven textiles, carved mother-of-pearl and other items are easily ordered from their online catalogue. Products come from 14 different women's groups, artisan cooperatives and disabled people's organizations across the West Bank and Gaza. Sunbula also actively supports skill-development and capacity-building among these self-help groups. www.sunbula.org

Sunbula's Partners:



Aseela Women's Cooperative

Products: Olive Oil Soap.

Beneficiaries: 16 women from the Bethlehem area refugee camps and village of Beit Sahour.

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=22



Atfaluna Crafts

Products: Embroidered cushions, bags and purses, Majdalawi fabric, wooden crafts, ceramics.

Beneficiaries: 68 women and men with hearing disabilities from Gaza Strip.

www.atfaluna.net or www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=29



Bethlehem Arab Women's Union (BAWU)

Products: Embroidered placemats, cushion covers and bags.

Beneficiaries: 150 women from villages and refugee camps in Bethlehem area.

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=21



Haneen Project

Products: Embroidered cushions, bags, purses, book covers, and wall-hanging with Hebron glass

Beneficiaries: 10 women from Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=32



Holy Land Handicraft Cooperative (HLHC)

Products: Hand-carved olivewood and mother-of-pearl home decors and jewelries

Beneficiaries: 35 artisans from Beit Sahour.

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=24



Idna Ladies' Association

Products: Embroidered bags and purses, linen shawls, placemats, jewelry cases, jewelries, and doll

Beneficiaries: 50 women from the village of Idna.

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=31



Lakiya: Negev Bedouin Weaving

Products: Beouin weaving products (rugs, pillows, tapestries)

Beneficiaries: 120 Bedouin women in the Negev Desert

www.lakiya.org or for product sample: www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=25



Melkite Pastoral Center

Products: Embroidered bags, cushion covers, and tapestries

Beneficiaries: 300 women from 8 villages in Ramallah area

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=19



The Oasis Workshop

Products: Paper recycling and gift products

Beneficiaries: 21 adults with mental disabilities from the Bethlehem area.

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=23



Surif Women's Cooperative

Products: Embroidered clergy shawls, table linens and various kitchen items

Beneficiaries: 400 women from the village of Surif.

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=30 Also member artisan of Ten Thousand Villages



Sindyanna of Galilee

Products: Food products (olive oil, syrup, spices), olive oil soap, baskets

Beneficiaries: 70 women from 3 Palestinian villages in the Galilee, Nablus, and Jenin.

www.sindyanna.com or www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=27



UNRWA Sulafa Embroidery Project

Products: Embroidered shawls, scarves, and make-up purses.

Beneficiaries: 400 women from 8 refugee camps in Gaza Strip.

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=28



Women's Child Care Society

Products: Cushion covers and table runners using the Couching Stitch

Beneficiaries: 50 women from 10 villages in the Bethlehem area

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=20



YWCA of Palestine

Products: Dolls (Nativity Scene and the Three Wise Men) in traditional Palestinian costumes

Beneficiaries: 25 young women from Jalazone Refugee Camp

www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=26



Based in Jenin, Palestine, Canaan Fair Trade sells olive oil and other delicacies produced by over 1,700 small farmers organized in informal cooperatives and represented by the Palestine Fair Trade Association (PFTA). We supply bulk as well as finished and packaged olive oil and other goods to Europe, North America and the Middle East. Our olive oil and all of our products are offered with a Palestinian Certificate of Origin. A large and growing portion of them are certified Organic.



Canaan Fair Trade empowers Palestinian producing communities, with a focus on marketing organic olive oil. Other products include soap, capers, couscous, sun-dried tomatoes, za'atar and almonds.

Homepage: www.canaanfairtrade.com or shop online: www.canaanfairtrade.com/products-page



TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES®



At Ten Thousand Villages, we work with over 120 artisan groups in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to bring you fair trade jewelry, home decor, gifts and more. As one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade organizations, we build long-term relationships with artisans that are based on mutual understanding and respect. Fair trade enables artisans to earn a fair wage and provides the opportunity for a better quality of life. www.tenthousandvillages.com

Artisans in Palestine include:

El-Atrash Workshop



George El Atrash started his family workshop in Bethlehem in 1967. In 1976 he moved the workshop to Beit Sahour and began to involve his brothers in the business. Today two of his sons work with him.

Ten Thousand Villages purchases olive wood carvings of nativities and biblical figures. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from El-Atrash Workshop since 1978. www.tenthousandvillages.com/catalog/artisan.detail.php?artisan_id=13

Mosleh Workshop



The family and neighbors of Issa Mosleh comprise the artisans of Mosleh Workshop. Located in Beit Sahour, a village on the east side of Bethlehem, Mosleh Workshop produces beautifully carved olive wood items. In an area with few employment opportunities, the sale of olive wood creations provides much-needed income to talented artisans

Ten Thousand Villages purchases carved olive wood ornaments, pins and pendants from Mosleh Workshop. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Mosleh Workshop since 1978 www.tenthousandvillages.com/catalog/artisan.detail.php?artisan_id=11

Raja Bannoura.



Raja Bannoura Workshop, based in Beit Sahour, a village on the east side of Bethlehem, produces hand-carved olive wood products.

Ten Thousand Villages purchases olive wood nativities, ornaments and rosaries from Raja Bannoura. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Raja Bannoura since 1978. www.tenthousandvillages.com/catalog/artisan.detail.php?artisan_id=10

Surif Women's Cooperative



Women artisans of Surif Women's Cooperative use traditional embroidery and cross-stitch methods to produce textile crafts. The designs are adapted from traditional Palestinian dresses and reflect the heritage from different regions of Palestine.

Surif Women's Cooperative was established as the Palestinian Needlework Program in 1950, by a group of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) volunteers. The program was started to give Palestinian refugee women an opportunity to supplement family income at home and enhance their self-reliance through employment. Palestinian Needlework Program was one of the original artisan group partnerships of what is today Ten Thousand Villages.

Ten Thousand Villages purchases wall hangings, shawls and clerical stoles from Surif Women's Cooperative. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Surif Women's Cooperative since 1952. www.tenthousandvillages.com/catalog/artisan.detail.php?artisan_id=9

No products presently available through Ten Thousand Villages but are available through Sunbula:
www.sunbula.org/etemplate.php?id=30