



AFEDJ Visits the Diocese of Jerusalem, October, 2022

Staff and trustees were at last able to make a long-delayed visit in October to many of the Diocese’s institutions supported by American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). These are only a few of the many moments to remember in our short ten days.



Arab Episcopal School, Irbid, Jordan

A number of students are blind, including this little girl reading English in Braille. The classroom assistant behind her is blind, as is the English teacher at left.



Saviour’s Episcopal School, Zarqa, Jordan

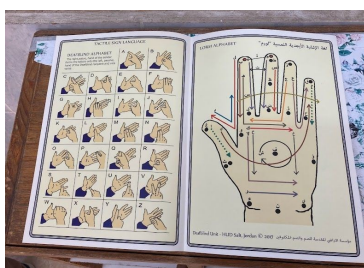
Children charmed us by performing “Wheels on the Bus.” They and the students thronging trustee Anne Derse were excited to have visitors.

Schneller School, Zarqa, Jordan



Schneller’s director, The Rev. Dr. Khaled Freij, at left in the girls’ dormitory, secures much support from German vocational training groups. Jobs are waiting for these young men in the automotive center. Other vocational programs include cosmetology (above right), information technology, and hospitality.

Holy Land Institute for the Deaf, Salt, Jordan



The tools, methods, and extreme patience and skill required to teach deaf and deaf-blind children inspire nothing less than awe.

Christ Episcopal School, Nazareth

These media students were proud of their videos we viewed. The inner child of AFEDJ Board Chair Bishop Greg Rickel delighted the children.



Arab Evangelical Episcopal School and Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center, Ramallah

We toured the new floor of the school, funded in part by AFEDJ, and enjoyed a gorgeous and delicious lunch prepared by the ETVTC hospitality students. The beautifully comfortable new guesthouse is open for business.



St. Luke's Hospital, Nablus

Director Dr. Walid Kerry and staff with the ambulance funded through AFEDJ. Our tour included the breast cancer screening program and the giant laundry facilities.



Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza

Only a small group was allowed into Gaza. Ahli's director Suhaila Tarazi met us in the hospital van at the border crossing and brought us to a dusty, fly-blown alley without sanitation, water, or electricity—home of destitute Bedouins. Ahli's outreach program provides their only healthcare. These little boys were joyful anyway. The women below, also joyful, are a breast cancer support group at Ahli.



Princess Basma Center, East Jerusalem

Our last stop. It was a holiday, hence the empty kindergarten class.

