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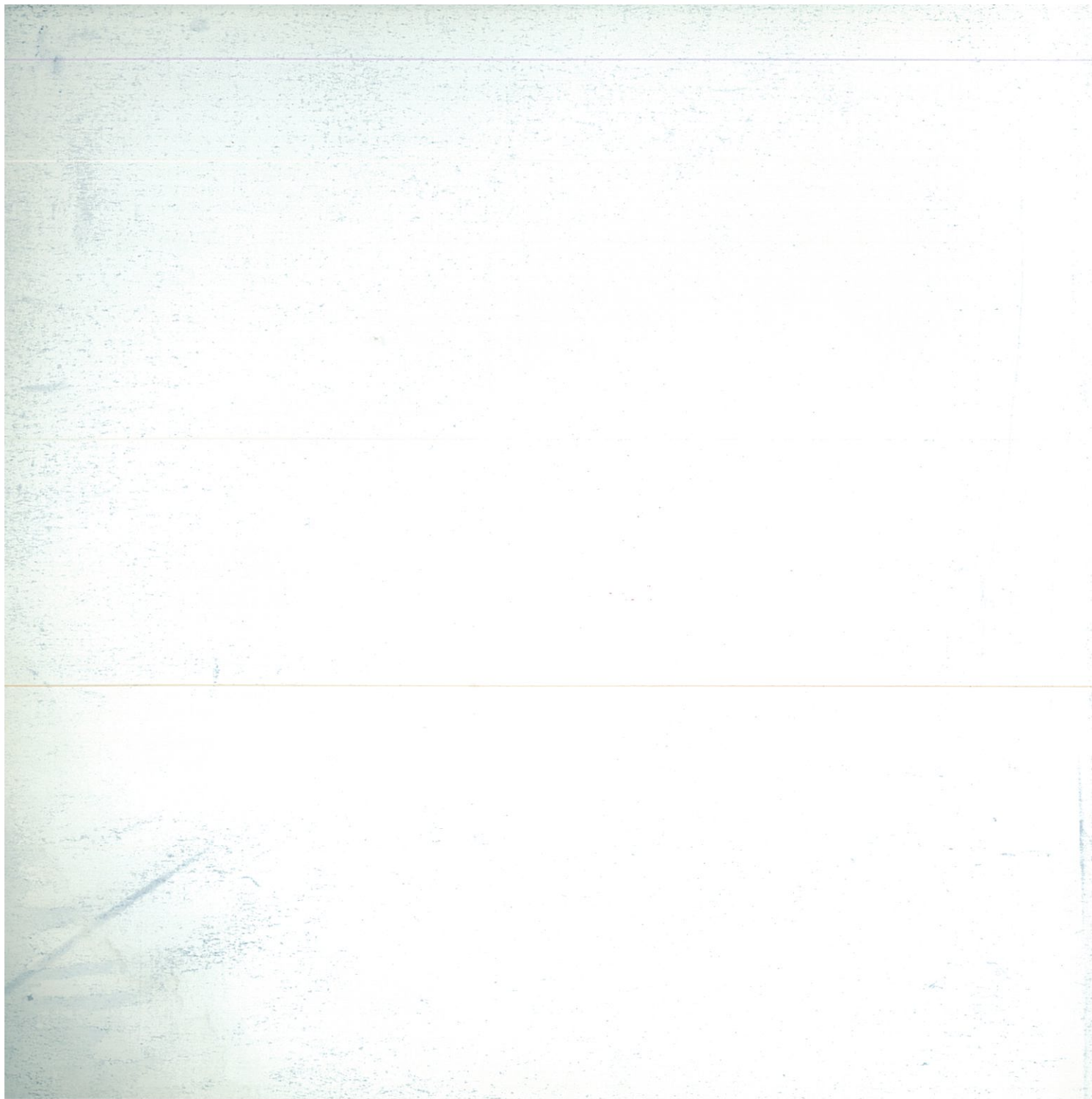
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INTRODUCTION

to the Palestine Children's Relief Fund

The PCRF is a nonpolitical, nonprofit humanitarian relief group that has been arranging free medical care for Arab children who cannot be treated locally. Over the past several years, we have expanded to include sending volunteer teams of doctors and nurses to the region to provide expert free medical care and training for local medical personnel. In addition to sending children outside for treatment and sending teams to the Middle East to treat patients and train locals, we also have been sending medical equipment and supplies to the region. In 2001, we started to support other projects, such as a summer camp for handicapped children and a women's empowerment program for single mothers with large families.

The PCRF depends on the support and help of local volunteers in countries where we are sending children for treatment. In the US, Italy, Belgium, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, people host families of sick or injured children, taking them to their appointments and translating for doctors in the hospitals. Countless volunteers have opened their homes to host children, pick them up from the airport or donate money and clothing to ensure that they are well taken care of during their travel for medical care outside

of their homeland. The PCRF would like to thank and acknowledge the support of these volunteers in making our work possible.

A special thanks also goes out to the many doctors and nurses who have helped treat our children for free. Many of the top surgeons have given their time and skills to save the lives of children sent to them from the PCRF. We also thank the many people who have gone to the Middle East on humanitarian missions to treat our children on the ground there. Their courage and determination to provide a humanitarian service during a time of terrible violence in the Holy Land was an inspiration to everyone.

Finally, to the donors who have given us the support to do our work, we say thank you. Enclosed you will find a report on our work over the past year, and our projects and budget for 2002. We hope that you will continue to support our efforts and enable us to provide the humanitarian medical relief that is needed to relieve some of the suffering in the Middle East during these dark days.

Steve Sosebee

President & CEO

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund



MESSAGE

from the Chairman

Dear Supporter,

With the eyes of the world focused on the war against terrorism, Palestine is slowly burning to ashes under the flames of military occupation.

Since September of 2000, hundreds of unarmed innocent children in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been killed by Israeli soldiers and settlers, with thousand more injured. Tanks prevent children from going to school; Apache helicopters wake them from their sleep and roadblocks and checkpoints prevent them from moving around freely.

In the midst of oppression, the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) is there helping the injured by providing urgent medical care, shipping badly needed medical supplies and medication, sending volunteer teams of highly specialized doctors and nurses to treat complex cases, and continuing our mission in arranging free medical care in the US and Europe for children who cannot be treated locally.

This 2001 annual report provides a comprehensive summary of our mission, activities, lifesaving efforts and budgetary needs.

Since our mission is to help provide free of charge lifesaving medical care, not available in Palestine or the Arab World, to injured and needy Palestinian and other Arab children, imagine the new and overwhelming responsibility that has been thrust upon us during these extremely difficult times.

Since its establishment in 1991, the PCRF has expanded its activities, to the extent that our resources permitted, to meet the rising and expanding need of a population under a brutal occupation.

We now have four main lifesaving programs. These are:

1. Provide free medical care in the United States and Europe to injured and seriously ill Palestinian (and other Arab) children whose medical needs require advanced care not available in their homelands;
2. Send volunteer medical missions to the Middle East from the United States and Europe to treat, on location and often in the middle of battles, a large number of injured and sick children, and when possible destitute adults. This also provides important training and technical support for local doctors and nurses as well;
3. Donate urgently needed medical equipment and supplies;
4. Provide other humanitarian projects to improve the quality of life for poor and needy children.

The Board of Trustees and medical advisory board of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund are a group of volunteers highly dedicated to helping Palestinian and Arab children in need. They are mothers, doctors, businessmen and professionals. They are American, Arab-American, European, and Arab.

A majority of our staff live in the Middle East. They endure and suffer very much like the people they serve. They dodge bullets, argue with military officials and bureaucrats to ensure that those children who need our help, receive it. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for risking their lives helping those in desperate need of lifesaving assistance.

Our work could have never succeeded without the generosity and the support of thousands of caring and generous people like you.

Sadly, I am asking you to help us save the lives of suffering more injured, maimed and permanently scarred children who, without your generosity and financial support, we would be unable to help.

My colleagues on the board of trustees, the members of our distinguished international medical advisory board, our hundreds of volunteers and our staff living in the war zone, are all honored and humbled by the responsibilities that we have voluntarily agreed to shoulder. In one voice gripped with concern for the thousands of the injured and the needy in

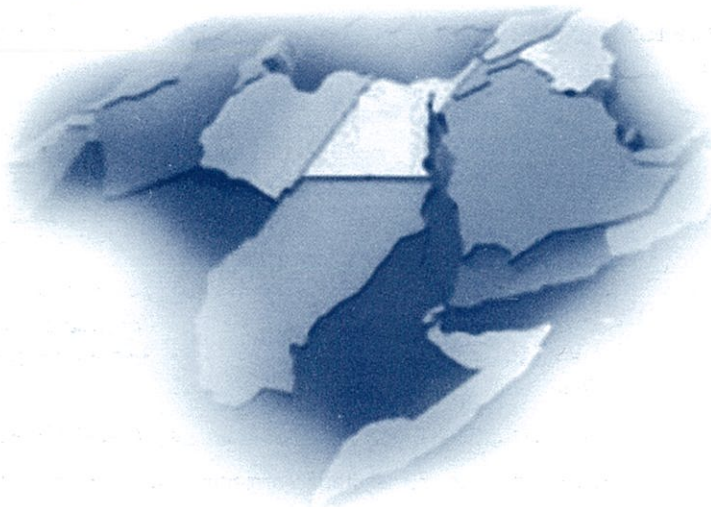
Palestine and other parts of the Arab World, we ask you to please donate generously.

These are troubling and painful times. With your generous financial donation and our expertise, we will rise to the challenge and help save the lives of Palestine's wounded children.

With Great Appreciation,

Dr. Bishara A. Bahbah

Chairman, Board of Trustees



Message from the Chairman



PROGRAMS

Children Treated Abroad in 2001

The **PCRF** was set up ten years ago as a nonpolitical, nonprofit humanitarian organization to help arrange free medical care abroad for injured and sick Palestinian children during the first uprising. Since then, we have provided hundreds of children free medical care not available to them, for financial or economic reasons, in the Middle East. As we have expanded our humanitarian efforts to help Arab children in other areas of the region, we have found care not only in North America, but also in Europe and other parts of the Middle East. The following list of children were treated by the PCRF in 2001. We hope to be able to provide more sick and injured Arab children the medical care they need in 2002.

Children Treated in North America, 2001

Ahmed Abu Taha 18 months
(Ramallah)

This boy had surgery by Dr. Michel Ilbawi at Christ Hospital in Chicago in January.

Ehab Abu Yanes 12 months
(Husam/Bethlehem)

This boy had surgery by Dr. Michel Ilbawi at Christ Hospital in Chicago in January.

Batra Al-Numaïet 12 years old
(Yarmouk RC/Syria)

She had several open-heart operations at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, in cooperation with "Healing the Children."

Sara Ibrahim 15 years
(Bourj Al Barajnah RC/Lebanon)

She had spine surgery at the Shriners Hospital in Chicago in February.

► **Ismail Sobeh** 4 years old
(Khader/Bethlehem)

He suffered a gunshot to the eye and had treatment in Cleveland, Ohio in March.



Ismail Sobeh



► **Hiam El Sayeh**

6 years (Shujiyah/Gaza)

She suffered a gunshot injury to her eye and had treatment in New Haven, CT.



Hiam El Sayeh

► **Nizar El Barky**

19 years (Khan Younis/Gaza)

This boy lost three limbs from an IDF bomb in 1991 and is having surgery and new legs built at the Shriners Hospital in Los Angeles, CA.



Nizar El Barky

Asala Yasin 6 years
(Ramallah)

She lost an eye in an accident and had treatment in Houston in March.

Aida Ghazal 15 years
(Dier El Balah/Gaza)

She had plastic surgery on her eye socket by Dr. Tom Weiner in Houston, Texas in April.

Janat Natshehe 2 years
(Hebron)

She suffered from heart disease and had life-saving open-heart surgery at Children's Hospital in Boston in April.

Hala Hajaj 18 months
(Gaza)

She had life-saving open-heart surgery at Yale Medical Center in New Haven in May.

Mohammed Al Louh
2 years (Dier El Balah/Gaza)

He had life-saving open-heart surgery at New York University Medical Center in May.

Raya Shahoury 2 years
(Nablus)

She suffered from heart disease and had life-saving open-heart surgery at Newark Children's Hospital in New Jersey in May.



Bara Ghanem

Othman Sheikha 15 years
(Jerusalem)

He suffered a gunshot to his leg and had neurosurgery by Dr. Aaron Filler at UCLA medical Center in Los Angeles

Mohammed Al Hammani
12 months (Nablus)

He suffered from heart disease and had lifesaving open-heart surgery at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, IN.

► **Bara Ghanem** 12 years
(Ramallah)

This boy lost both arms and legs in an electircal accident and had new prosthesis built at the Shriners Hospital in Chicago.

► **Dina Daghash** 19 months
(Bethlehem)

She suffered from Heart Disease and had life-saving open-heart surgery at New York University Hospital in June.



Dina Daghash

Bayan Tamimi

18 months (Hebron)

She had life-saving open-heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.

► Mohammed Kulab

13 years (Jebalya RC/Gaza)

Shot by soldiers in Gaza, he had a new leg built by Abilities Unlimited Prosthetics in Fresno, CA in August.

Balsam Khaireddin

2 years (Ramallah)

She suffered from Heart Disease and had life-saving open-heart surgery at the Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital in New Jersey in September.

Eman El Hassan

17 years (Ein El Hilwa RC/

She had orthopedic Hip Surgery at the Shriners Hospital in Chicago in September.

Hiba Balshe 5 years

(Yarmouk RC/Syria)

She had Spine Surgery at the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia in October.

Majd Al-Alami

6 years (Hebron)

He had urological surgery by Dr. Preston Smith in Tennessee in August.

Mohammed Al-Qessiyah

6 years (Hebron)

He had life-saving open-heart surgery by Dr. Robert Jaquiss at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee in October.

Mohammed Hussein

6 years (Jenin)

He suffered from heart disease and had life-saving open-heart surgery at Newark Children's Hospital in New Jersey in May.

Nahaya Shatat 2 years

(Jalazone RC/Ramallah)

She had life-saving open-heart surgery at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico in October. In

Waleed Abu Aseel

3 years (Jenin)

He had life-saving open-heart surgery by Dr. Timothy W. Pettitt at Children's Hospital in New Orleans in October.

Yasser Ektefan

18 months (Gaza)

He had life-saving open-heart surgery at Stony Brook Hospital in New York in October.

Nadia Abbass

7 years from Lebanon.

She had Surgery on her spine at the Shriners Hospital in Los Angeles in November.



Children Treated in Europe

In 2001, the PCRf sent several children to Europe for free surgery not available to them locally. In addition to the project of sending congenital cardiac cases to the University of Gent in Belgium, the PCRf is also sending sick babies to other parts of Europe as well.



Khadiejah Safi

- 1. Huda Abdel Mabod** 4 years,
Baghdad/Iraq. She had life-saving open-heart surgery in France in May.
- 2. ▶ Khadiejah Safi** 12 years,
Yarmouk RC/Syria. She had life-saving open-heart surgery by Dr. Giancarlo Crupi in Bergamo, Italy in May.
- 3. Rana Abu Aker** 3 years,
from Khan Younis. She had ophthalmic surgery in Moscow, Russia in June.
- 4. Ibrahim Al Masri** 5 years,
from Gaza. He had orthopedic surgery in Spain in June.
- 5. Noureldeen Al- Halabee** 2 years,
from Gaza. She had life-saving open-heart surgery by Dr. Giancarlo Crupi in Bergamo, Italy in July
- 6. Mirhaz Yacoub** 12 years,
from Jenin. He was sent to Lusanne, Switzerland for life-saving open-heart surgery in September.
- 7. Haithem Al Amoudi**, 9 years,
from Nablus. He was sent to Lusanne, Switzerland for life-saving open-heart surgery in September.

□ **Palestinian Babies have life-saving Surgery in Belgium:**

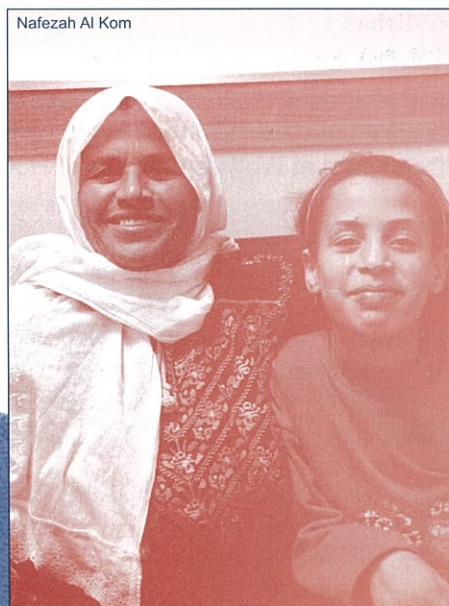
In 2001, the PCRf continued to work with the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Palestine, as well as the University of Gent in Belgium, to save the lives of babies born with heart disease. As part of our "Healing Hearts" campaign, we are continuing to save the lives of children dying from heart disease, which cannot be treated locally. ▶▶



1. **Ghadeer Toukan**, 2 months, from Beit Lahia/Gaza. She had surgery to close a large VSD in February, 2001.
2. **Amani Humaid**, 7 years, from Gaza City. She had catheterization for Sub VSD in February, 2001.
3. ► **Nafezah Al Kom**, 12 years, from Dura/Hebron. She life-saving open-heart surgery to repair TOF in March, 2001.
4. **Obedah Sowafati**, 7 years, from Toubas/Jenin. He life-saving open-heart surgery to fix AS Supra in March, 2001.
5. **Suzan Atrout**, 4 years, from El-Bireh/Ramallah. He life-saving open-heart surgery to close large VSD in April, 2001.
6. **Ammar Amarny**, 6 years, from Yabat/Jenin. He life-saving open-heart surgery to repair TOF in April, 2001.
7. **Ragheda Jneidi**, 8 years, from Hebron. She had life-saving open-heart surgery to repair TOF in July, 2001.
8. **Yousef Mohammed Yousef**, 6 months, from Beit Sira/Ramallah. He had life-saving open-heart surgery to fix AVS in July, 2001.
9. ► **Sajidah Badran**, 9 years, from Ramallah. She had life-saving open-heart surgery in July, 2001.
10. **Salsabeel Mahboub**, 5 years, from Dheisheh RC/Bethlehem. She had life-saving open-heart surgery to close VSD in October, 2001.
11. **Ala Abu Harbeed**, 2 years, from Gaza. She had life-saving open-heart surgery to fix VSD in October, 2001.
12. **Nora Sabah**, 2 years, 19 months, from Urif/Nablus. She had surgery to close VSD in November, 2001.
13. **Salah Fakhouri**, 18 months, from Tulkarem. He had surgery to close VSD in November, 2001.



Sajidah Badran



Nafezah Al Kom

❑ Sick Iraqi Babies Also Have Life-Saving Surgery in Belgium:

The PCRf also sent several children from Iraq to the University of Gent in Belgium for life-saving open-heart surgery. Working with the Jafar family of Baghdad and Sharjah, we were able to save the lives of several sick children.

1. **Noor Adham Khadim**, 4 years, from Baghdad. She had life-saving open-heart surgery in Gent, Belgium in May.
2. **Faisal Mohammed**, 5 years, from Baghdad. He had surgery for COA in July.
3. **Mohammed Mawlood**, 7 months, from Baghdad. He had surgical repair (AV Canal) in July.
4. **Murtadtah Raheem**, 11 months, from Baghdad. He had surgical repair of VSD, ASD in August.
5. ▶ **Hawra Eidan**, 10 months, from Baghdad. She had surgical repair of VSD in August.



Hawra Eidan

Children Treated in the Middle East

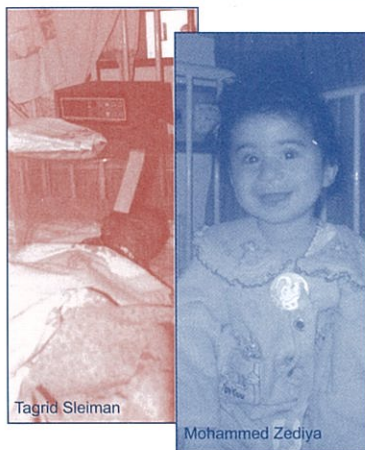
In 2001, the PCRf provided many sick and injured Arab children medical care locally in the Middle East. In most instances, these children's treatment was paid for by the PCRf. In other cases, such as Saudi Arabia, we were able to arrange free treatment for them. We hope to be able to continue to provide children in the Middle East the care they need in the coming year. The following children were sent to the "Save a Child Heart" program at Wolfson Hospital in Holon.

📄 Children Treated at Wolfson Hospital:

1. Mohammed Quaider, 3 years, Rafah RC/Gaza. He had repair of his DOVR/ASD in March.
2. Tasneen Al Kidan: 18 months, from Tulkarem. She had her VSD closed in April.
3. Rawan Abu Shaban: 15 months, from Bethlehem. She had a repair of her TOF in April.
4. Wiaam Farhat: 9 months, Tulkarem. She had a closure of her VSD in April, 2001.
5. ▶ Falastin Tarabin: 4 months, Khan Younis/Gaza. She had a repair of her DOVR/SV in May.

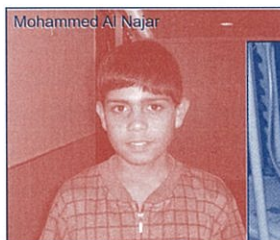


6. ▶ **Mohammed Al Najar:** 11 years, from Jebalya RC/Gaza. He had a Balloon Dialitation in May.
7. **Kawther Fara:** 15 months, Khan Younis/Gaza. She had a repair of her TOF in May.
8. ▶ **Mohammed Zediya:** 10 months, from Gaza. He had TAPVR surgery in May.
9. ▶ **Tagrid Sleiman:** 11 months, from Jahalin/Jerusalem. The PCRf paid for her open-heart surgery in May.
10. ▶ **Mohammed Bani Odeh:** 19 days, from Jericho. He had a Rashkin procedure in May.
11. **Ahed Qara:** 18 months, Bani Suhaila/Gaza. He had a repair of his TGA/VSD in June.
12. **Ibrahim Jawad Lafi:** 2 years, from Khan Younis/Gaza. He had a repair of his TOF in September.
13. **Asma Munar Abu Mustafa:** 6 years, from Khan Younis/Gaza. She had her ASD closed in September.
14. **Waed Majid Qdih:** 7 months, from Khan Younis/Gaza. He had a BT Shunt operation in September.
15. **Hana Dabahari:** 6 years, from Rafah/Gaza. She had AV Canal surgery in September.
16. **Ola Mohammed Qestha:** 2 years, from Rafah/Gaza. She had a PDA closed in September.
17. **Rima Harb:** 1 week, from Khan Younis. Had PA Surgery in August.
18. **Ibrahim Lafi:** 2 years, from Khan Younis. Had surgery to repair TOF in September.
19. **Aref Suleiman:** 1 year, from Gaza City. Had surgery (AV Canal) in October.
20. **Sa'ed Abu Dib:** 15 m, from Bani Suheila/Gaza. Had complex heart surgery in October.
21. **Baker Abu Anza:** 2 weeks, from Khan Younis. Had surgery on TGA in October.
22. **Laila Abu Aseeda:** 11 months, from Tel/Nablu. She had life-saving open-heart surgery in October



Tagrid Sleiman

Mohammed Zediya



Mohammed Al Najar



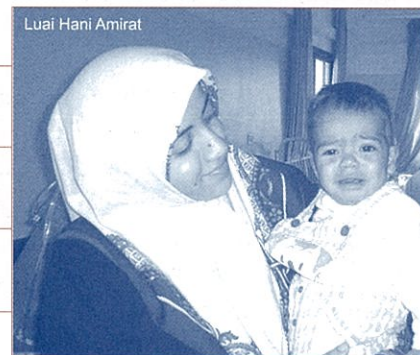
Mohammed Bani Odeh



Falastin Tarabin

Other Cases Treated in the Middle East in 2001:

1. Atef Makussy: 18 years, from Jebalya RC/Gaza. Shot in the neck, the PCRF helped raise money for an electric wheelchair in March.
18. Yazen Hijazi, 5 years, from Jericho. The PCRF paid for his cochlear implant surgery in Jordan in April.
2. ▶ Luai Hani Amirat: 2 years, Gaza. The PCRF paid for this child to have lifesaving open-heart surgery in Tel Hashomer Hospital in May.
3. Yousef Fathi Salim: 6 years, from Dheisheh RC/Bethlehem. The PCRF paid for his catheterization and cardiac surgery at Makassed Hospital in Jerusalem in May.
4. Fadi Humaideah: 19 years, from Yarmouk RC/Syria. This special hardship case was sent to Iraq for life-saving kidney transplant surgery in May.
5. Khitam Taiser, 8 years, Nablus. The PCRF paid for her new wheelchair in July.
6. Ayman Gahnem: 5 years, from Tulkarem. The PCRF paid for his kidney transplant surgery in Amman Jordan in July.
7. Marwan Kattam, 8 months, from Bethlehem. She was sent to King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh for life-saving open-heart surgery in August.
8. Negham Qafash: 14 months, from Hebron. She was sent to King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh for life-saving open-heart surgery in August.
9. Yehia Mohammed, 2 months, Jerash RC/Jordan. The PCRF paid for his open-heart surgery at Islami Hospital in Amman, Jordan in September.
10. Abdullah Naser Abu Saleh, 4 days, Jerash RC/Jordan. The PCRF paid for his open-heart surgery in Amman in October.
11. Ahmed Kawareh, 8 months, from Rafah/Gaza. Had heart surgery for PS in Rambam Hospital in Haifa in July.
12. Abed Abu Gama, 3 years, from Gaza. Had surgery to close VSDs in Schnider Children's Hospital in July.
13. Taher Titi, 6 years, from Hebron. The PCRC bought him a year's supply of medicine for a chronic disease.



Medical

Missions in 2001

Healing Hearts Campaign, 2001.

Heart disease in the Middle East is a major problem. In Palestine, Syria and Iraq, there are no working pediatric cardiac surgery programs. For the thousands of Arab children born each year with congenital heart disease there, most of them die without treatment. In 1998, the PCRF began a "Healing Hearts" Campaign to address this humanitarian crisis. We are the only nonprofit relief group working with the local ministries of health in each country to build a long-term solution to this deadly problem. In 2001, we sent missions to each country, and continued to send dozens of children outside for lifesaving surgery. The PCRF will continue to try to build a working adult and pediatric cardiac surgery program in the Middle East in 2002. This includes our effort to continue to send missions there to treat dying patients, sending children abroad for surgery, and working to train local doctors and nurses in cardiac surgery. We also have set up a committee of specialists in cardiac surgery to deal with this problem directly. Below are some of the projects the PCRF initiated and supported in 2002.

Italian Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon Visits Damascus

In January, the PCRF sent Dr. Giancarlo Crupi, a pediatric cardiac surgeon from Bergamo, Italy, to Damascus to evaluate the needs of the local pediatric cardiac surgery hospitals there. The PCRF will be sending an Italian team of cardiac surgeons, doctors and nurses in 2002 to do life-saving open-heart surgery on sick Arab children. This mission this mission will save the lives of sick babies with heart disease, as well as train local doctors.

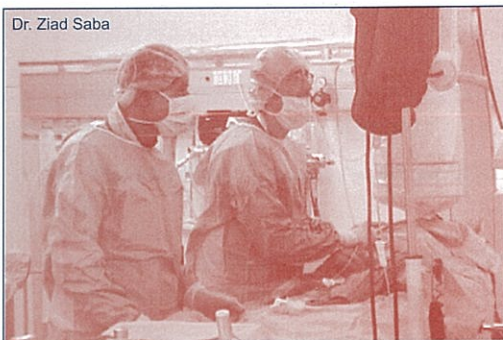
Pediatric Cardiologist from Oakland Children's Hospital Treats Sick Babies in Ramallah.

In February, Dr. Ziad Saba was sent by the Palestine Children's Relief Fund to Ramallah Hospital to screen and treat children with congenital heart disease. Dr. Saba is a pediatric cardiologist from Oakland



Medical Missions in 2001

Dr. Ziad Saba

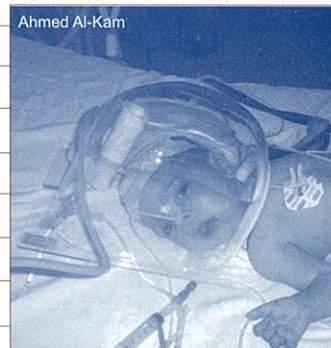


Children's Hospital in California and worked for one week with a nurse from his hospital. In addition to providing children lifesaving surgery for sick children with heart disease, he also provided important screening, that resulted in many operations for sick and injured youths. List of children screened and treated by Dr. Saba below.

Sick Children Screened and Treated by Dr. Ziad Saba, February 2002:

- 1- Nagham Qjflashah: 3 years Sent to King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 2- Wia'am Farhat: 12 months Sent to Wolfson Hospital in Holon.
- 3- Marwa Kattam: 2 years Sent to King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 4- Susan Atrout: 4 years Sent to University of Gent, Belgium
- 5- Rawan Abo Sarhan: 14 months Sent to Wolfson Hospital in Holon.
- 6- Tasneen Al-Kidan: 15 months Sent to Wolfson Hospital in Holon.
- 7- Mohammed Al-Hammami: 14 months Sent to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, IN.
- 8- Nahaya Shatat: 13 months Sent to Presbyterian Hospital in New Mexico.
- 9- Ibrahim Khamir: 2 years Treatment Pending.
- 10- Mohammed Al-Louh: 3 years Sent to the New York University Hospital.
- 11- Aseel Kittani: 3 years Treatment Pending
- 12- ▶ Ahmed Al-Kam: 7 years Treatment Pending
- 13- Hatithem Al-Amoudi: 10 years Sent to Lusanne, Switzerland
- 14- Mohammed Aouni: 5 years Treatment Pending
- 15- Jihad Yacoub: 14 years Sent to Lusanne, Switzerland
- 16- Mohammed Abo Hamad: 5 years, Balloon Dialitation
- 17- Sabir Zaanoon: 12 years, Balloon Dialitation
- 18- Shirook Abo Warde: 6 years, Coil Closure
- 19- Iman Edah: 7 months, Balloon Dialitation
- 20- Mohammed Abo Ramilah: 7 months, Balloon Dialitation

Ahmed Al-Kam



Professor of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Tours Gaza and West Bank:

Also in early June, Professor Guido Van Nooten, the head of cardiac surgery at the University of Gent in Belgium, again visited Palestine as an official member of his government to see about setting up the first and only catheterization lab in the Gaza Strip. He also was there to advise on a new Intensive Care Unit for Ramallah Hospital. Professor Van Nooten first went to Palestine through the PCRF in February 1999. He then led four surgery missions to the West Bank, and has also visited the refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq on behalf of the PCRF. He also is taking Arab children for surgery at his hospital in Belgium.

Pediatric Cardiac Mission to Baghdad

In February, the PCRF sent Professor Guido Van Nooten, chief of cardiac surgery at the University of Gent in Belgium, and Professor Ra-id Abdulla, a pediatric cardiologist from Rush Hospital in Chicago, to Iraq to evaluate the possibility of setting up a pediatric cardiac surgery program for sick and dying Arab babies there with congenital heart disease. Each year, thousands of Arab children die in Iraq as a result of not getting adequate surgery for congenital heart disease. The mission also evaluated Arab babies in need of cardiac surgery, and is working on sending these children for life-saving surgery abroad. As a result of this mission, five Iraqi babies were sent to Belgium, as several others to Abu Dhabi for lifesaving surgery.

Cardiac Surgery Mission to Lebanon

In February, the PCRF sent Dr. Imad Tabry, an adult cardiac surgeon from Florida, to refugee camps in Lebanon to evaluate the possibility of setting up a cardiac surgery program for the Palestinian population in Lebanon. There is, currently, no cardiac surgery program in Lebanon for the refugees. Over a three day period, Dr. Tabry visited Al-Hamshiry Hospital in Ein El-Hilwah Refugee Camp, Haifa Hospital in the Bourj Al-Barajneh Refugee Camp, and met with UNRWA and PRCS officials to discuss setting up such a program there.

American Cardiologist to Ramallah Hospital:

In late February, the PCRF sent Dr. Tom Wisenbaugh, an adult cardiologist from St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, OK to Ramallah Hospital to work with the local team in the new catheterization lab. Bringing thousands of dollars worth of donated medical supplies, Dr. Wisenbaugh provided good working experience in providing life-saving invasive cardiac procedures with Palestinian doctors and nurses.



List of cases treated by Dr. Tom Wisenbaugh:

Date.	Name	Age	address	Procedure donecomment
19-2-01	Hassan Alkazaki	69	Hebron	Stent
19-2-01	Khalid Thwaib	36	Bethlehem	Balloon
19-2-01	Mohamad Safi	48	Jericho	Balloon
19-2-01	Samir Elnori	53	Tulkarm	Stent
19-2-01	Ihsan Daboor	62	Nablus	Catherization
20-2-01	Basma Hammad	70	Ramallah	Stent
20-2-01	Mahmoud Abuelrub	40	Ramallah	Stent
20-2-01	Saidah Shantir	53	Tulkarm	Balloon
20-2-01	Kawthar Inayah	53	Qualqilya	Stent
22-2-01	Hussain Abualrub	60	Nablus	Stent
24-2-01	Ghassan Handomeh	46	Nablus	balloon
25-2-01	Siham Naser	46	Nablus	Stent
27-2-01	Aysha Abujnedah	59	Nablus	Stent
27-2-01	Hasan Othman	45	Gaza	Stent
27-2-01	Sami Abu Ramadan	67	Gaza	Stent
27-2-01	Sami Al Agha	37	Gaza	Stent
1-3-01	Ahmad zaghari	47	Bethlehem	PTCA



Dr. Tom Wisenbaugh

American Cardiac Surgery Team to Gaza:

During the last week of April, a six-member team of volunteer American cardiac surgeons worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Gaza City. Led by Dr. Imad Tabry, a cardiac surgeon in Florida, the team saved the lives of nearly two dozen sick patients in Gaza who otherwise would get the surgery they needed (see list below).



Dr. Tabry

Working closely with the local staff at Shifa Hospital, Dr. Tabry's team worked in 16 hour days, doing three cardiac operations a day. It is their second trip to Shifa Hospital since the Al-Aqsa Intifada began, as they were there for two weeks in early October, but were only able to do cardiac surgery for a week then due to the high number of injured cases in the hospital. Dr. Tabry did help with some gunshot injuries then, but no cardiac surgery has been done in the six months between visits by Dr. Tabry's team to Gaza.

"It is during difficult times like these that we find out who our real friends are," Dr. Riyad Zannoun, the Palestinian Minister of Health, told the team during a meeting in his office in April. "We are truly grateful for your courage and dedication to helping our people and hope that you will continue to work with us in building a good cardiac program in Gaza."

The six-member cardiac team is from the Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In addition to Dr. Tabry, who is a well-known cardiac surgeon there, it also included Dr. Jim Calabrese, an anesthesiologist, Nestor Megano, a perfusionist, and Layna Harper, Mari Noel Araya and Teresa Miller, three nurses. The team brought with them thousands of dollars worth of donated surgery supplies for cardiac surgery, as well as preparing a shipment of surgery supplies.

No.	Name	Age	Residence	Surgery	Date of Surgery
1	Kamal Abu Hoidi	47	Gaza-Shajaiah	OPCABG	21 April
2	Hazem Yaghi	47	Deir Albalah	OPCABG	21 April
3	Saleem Elioh	45	Gaza-Shajaiah	LAD Bridge-LV myotomy	22 April
4	Sami Abu Elinain	37	Rafah	OPCABG	22 April
5	Soad Eldarah	57	Almaghazi	OPCABG	22 April
6	AlMontaser Alkahlot	24	Sheikh Radwan	Aortic Valve replacment +mitral valvoplasty	23 April
7	Widad Mahdi	30	Gaza	OPCAB	23 April
8	Fatmah AlAzaizah	61	DeirAlbalah	OPCAB	24 April
9	Muhammed Shaqurah	42	Gaza	OPCAB	24 April
10	Soliman Abu Toimah	85	KhanYonis	Aortic valve replacment - Biological One	24 April
11	Faraj Doghmosh	75	Gaza	OPCAB	25 April
12	Abed Abu Sidah	60	Jabaliah	MID CAB	25 April
13	Miser Dalmom	65	Deir Albalah	Aortic Valve replacment-mechanical	25 April
14	Ali Ashor	65	KhanYonis	OPCAB	26 April
15	Yhia Shaheen	67	Gaza	Closure of ASD II	26 April
16	Itaf Halawh	67	Jabaliah	Mitral valve replacment	26 April
17	Muhammed Rihan	65	Beit Lahia	Aortic Valve replacement	27 April
18	Aida Naizi	80	Jabaliah	Congenital ostium primum	27 April
19	Rifqah Yousef	60	KhanYonis	OPCAB 5 by pass	27 April



❑ **Adult Cardiologist to Ramallah Hospital, August 17-25th :**

Dr. Tom Wisenbaugh went to Ramallah Hospital through the PCRF for the third time in 2 years to provide life-saving cardiac care to poor and needy patients suffering from heart disease. Working for a week and bringing with him tens of thousands of donated supplies to use in the catheterization lab in Ramallah, Dr. Wisenbaugh treated the following cases:



Dr. Tom Wisenbaugh

Name	Age	Residence	Treatment	Date
Nasim Hamayel	47	Ramallah	PTCA & Stent	19-Aug
Jamalat Hassan	39	Gaza	Balloon	19-Aug
Imad Jarabaah	39	Ramallah	PTCA & Stent	19-Aug
Mahmoud Idesat	65	Hebron	PTCA & Stent	19-Aug
Ayesha Salahat	31	Nablus	Balloon	20-Aug
Mervat Wahbah	30	Gaza	Balloon	20-Aug
Dallah Elbashiti	23	Gaza	Balloon	21-Aug
Abdulrahman Dabous	33	Nablus	PTCA & Stent	23-Aug
Yakoub Khalayleh	38	Hebron	PTCA & Stent	23-Aug
Njood Saad	23	Tabous	balloon	25-Aug
Mohammed Hawash	67	Nablus	PTCA	25-Aug

❑ **Pediatric Cardiologist to Ramallah Hospital:**



Dr. Zahid Amin

In August, the PCRF sent Dr. Zahid Amin, a pediatric cardiologist from Omaha Children's Hospital, to the West Bank to provide life-saving treatment and crucial screening for sick babies with heart disease. Working for a week, Dr. Amin screened many children for a visit to a pediatric cardiac surgery team, as well as treating many children. He will continue to work with the PCRF to provide them the life-saving care that they need.

Echoes and Caths Done by Dr. Zahid Amin in Ramallah Hospital:

Name	Age	Residence	Date	Diagnosis Treatment
Badeha Sabah	12	Nablus	26/8	COA/surgery
Yehya Khawajah	30 m	Ramallah	26/8	RVOT/Surgery
Anas Abu Amrah	14 m	Deir El Balah	26/8	Bidirectional Glen Shunt
Abduljawad Rizak	16	Jebaliya	26/8	Catherization/Redo
Balsam Mahameed	30 m	Taybeh/Jenin	26/8	ASD/Follow-up
Said Al Akras	8	Jenin	26/8	VSD/Follow-up
May'se Ma'ari	3 m	Jenin	26/8	small ASD/Follow-up
Sanad Aweiss	28 m	Qalqilya	26/8	ASD/Follow-up
Said Tobsi	12	Khan Younis	26/8	PS/Follow-up
Aziza Aliyan	8	Daraj/Gaza	27/8	Fonton/Surgery
Abdulrahim Abubamrab	12 m	Gaza	27/8	Hem11ifonton/Surgery
Said Al Najjar	5	Khan Younis	27/8	Balloon Dialitation
Yehia Ali	11 m	Tulkarem	27/8	Balloon Dialitation
Fahed Sbeih	1 m	Bethlehem	27/8	PAB/Surgery
Shadi Abu-Abied	8	Rafah	27/8	PAB Takedown/Surgery
Malak Daoub	32 m	Qalqilya	28/8	Remove Band/Close VSD
Ahmed Yousef	28 m	Jenin	28/8	Close VSD/Surgery
Mohammed Bakeet	11	Khan Younis	28/8	COA/PDA/Balloon

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Team to Ramallah/Gaza

September 1-14th: In early September, the PCRf sent a 16-member team of pediatric cardiac surgeons and nurses from the United States, Canada, New Zealand and the UK to do life-saving open-heart surgery on sick babies with congenital heart disease. This team brought thousands of dollars worth of donated medical supplies, and was part of an organization called "Cardiostart" and was organized and coordinated on the ground by the PCRf, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. Working at Ramallah Hospital in the West Bank the first week, the team treated the following:



List of Children Treated in West Bank

Name	Age	Residence	Treatment	Date
Badeha Sabah	12	Nablus	COA repair	1-Sep
Akram Takata	13	Bethlehem	Close VSD	2-Sep
Rehan Radeef	9	Jenin	ASD closure	2-Sep
Yahya Khawajah	2 1/2	Ramallah	Severe PS	3-Sep
Yousef Zaqzak	10	Jenin	Closure of VSD	3-Sep
Wassam Masameh	8 m.	Beit Awa/Hebron	Shunt of BDG	4-Sep
Hiba Jawahry	21 m	Jericho	Shunt	4-Sep
Nouraldeen Salhi	2 1/2	Tulkarem	Relief of AS	5-Sep
Jumanah Alawneh	7 m	Hebron	Closure of SA,VSD	5-Sep
Fahed Sbeih	6 wks.	Bethlehem	COA. & PA banding	5-Sep
Aziza Fataftah	10	Jenin	MR repair	6-Sep
Randa Abu Shamsieh	6	Hebron	BT shunt (TOF)	6-Sep

List of Children Treated by Cardiostart at Shifa Hospital in GAZA:

Date	Name	Age	Surgery
9-Sep	Abdullah Martahaq Aseel Issa	16 months 30 months	TOF Repair ASD & PDA
10-Sep	Reham Al Khatib Ola' Kishta	3.9 years 18 months	Redo AVS, poss. Ross PDA
11-Sep	Aziza Elyan Hala Abu Safar	8 years 30 months	Completion of Fontan TOF Repair
12-Sep	Nawal Jneidi Abdulrahim Abu Hamra Sanabal Al-Bara'	3 years 12 months 9 months	TOF repair Glenn Shunt BT Shunt
13-Sep	Shadi Nasser Said Awad	8 years 18 months	VSD & PS ASD



Adult Cardiac Surgery Team Saves Lives in Gaza

In late September, the PCRf sent a team of adult cardiac surgeons from the US to Gaza to provide life-saving open-heart surgery on patients dying from heart disease. Led by Dr. Imad Tabry, who has led three missions to Palestine through the PCRf, worked for two weeks. Also on the team was nurse Amal Jubran and perfusionist Yousef Rizak. Despite not having the larger team due to the terror attack in NY on Sept. 11, they were still able to save the lives of many sick and dying patients who otherwise would not have gotten care they needed.

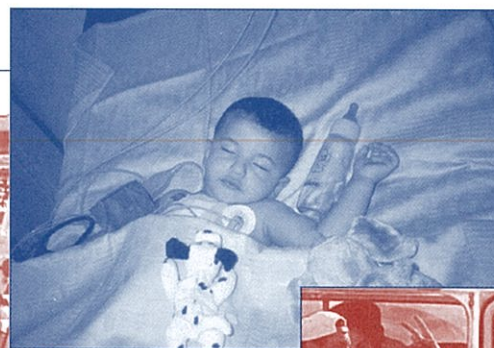


Dr. Imad Tabry, Amal Jubran and Yousef Rizak

List of Patients Treated by Dr. Imad Tabry in Shifa Hospital Sep./Oct.:

No.	Name	Age	Date	Surgery
1	Salah Zain ElDin	52	29/09/01	MIDCAB (LIMA-LAD).
2	Jaber Khilil	50	29/09/01	OPCAB x 5 (LIMA-LAD/D1, SVG-OMB, SVG-PDA/PLV).
3	Mohammad ElDin	50	30/09/01	OPCAB x 3 (Free RIMA-OMB, LIMA-LAD/D1).
4	Fardous El Attar	64	30/09/01	OPCAB x 4 (LIMA-LAD, SVG-OM2/OM3, SVG-PDA)
5	Maryam Ashour	56	30/09/01	MIDCAB (LIMA-LAD)..
6	Raba Othman	56	01/10/01	AVR (21 mm Medtronic Hall), MVR (27 mm Medtronic Hall).
7	Burhum Hamdiya	65	01/10/01	OPCAB X3 (SVG-PLV OF RCA, SVG-RAMUS, LIMA-LAD).
8	Fathi Al Mughrabi	57	01/10/01	MIDCAB (LIMA-LAD).
9	Mahoud Khattab	57	02/10/01	REDO OPCAB X 3 (FREE RIMA-LAD, SVG-PDA, SVG-OMB). IHD, S/P CABG X 2 ON 23/04/01 IN GAZA.
10	Shehda Darwish	60	02/10/01	OPCAB X 5 (LIMA-LAD/D1, SVG-PDA, SVG-OMB 1 & 2).
11	Saleh Abu Khashaba	21	03/10/01	TRNS R. VENTRICULAR REPAIR OF RUPTURED SINUS OF VALSALVA ANEURYSM & VSD.
12	Tayseer El Alami	60	03/10/01	REDO CABG X 3 (FREE RIMA-LAD AT 2 POSITIONS, SVG-OMB).
13	Tamim El Saqqa	58	04/10/01	OPCAB x 4 (LIMA-LAD/D1, SVG-PDA, SVG-OMB),
14	Salem Shahin	16	04/10/01	RESECTION RECURRENT SUBAORTIC MEMBRANE,
15	Bassam El Aklouk	10	04/10/01	STERNOPLASTY.PECTUS EXCAVATUM
16	Salah Herzallah	44	05/10/01	CABG x 4 (FREE LIMA-LAD/D1, FREE RIMA-OM1 & OM2).

No.	Name	Age	Date	Surgery
17	Yousef Awadallah	54	06/10/01	AVR (ST. JUDE 29).SEVERE AR.
18	Mohammad Jaser	49	06/10/01	OPCAB X 4 (LIMA-OMB, FREE RIMA-LAD/D1, SVG-PDA).
19	Abdulkareem Sadek	72	07/10/01	OPCAB X 5 (LIMA-LAD, SVG-OM1/OM21, SVG-DISTAL LAD)
20	Wajeh El Bayed	67	07/10/01	OPCAB X 6 (LIMA-LAD/D1, SVG-PDA, SVG-RAMUS/OM1/OM
21	Etaf Shaheen	28	08/10/01	MVR (MEDTRONIC 27), REPAIR OF TRICUSPID VALVE.RH.
22	Yaqoub Zedeyya	60	08/10/01	OPCAB X 6 (LIMA-LAD, SVG-PDA/PLV OF RCA, SVG-OM1/O RAMUS).
23	Suad Mahdi	50	09/10/01	OPCAB x 5 (FREE LIMA-LAD/D1, SVG-OMB, SVG-PDA/PLV).
24	Bushra Al Dahdouh	60	09/10/01	OPCAB x 5 (LIMA-PROXIMAL & DISTAL LAD, SVG-OM1/OM SVG-PDA).
25	Mohammad Abu Sharar	56	10/10/01	REDO OPCAB X 2 BY LEFT THORACOTOMY (SVG-OMB, SVG-LAD).
26	Khaled El Azayza	48	10/10/01	OPCAB X 4 (LIMA-LAD, FREE RIMA-OMB, SVG-PDA/PLV).
27	Sabah El Faqawi	50	11/10/01	OPCAB X 2 (RIMA-OMB, LIMA-LAD).
28	Wael El Essi	31	11/10/01	ASCENDING AORTA-DESCENDING AORTA BYPASS
29	Mohammed El Hindi	44	12/10/01	OPCAB X 5 (LIMA-LAD/D1, FREE RIMA-OM1/OM2, SVG-RCA



Ophthalmic Missions

Many poor Arab patients throughout the Middle East lost their eyesight too soon due to the lack of adequate ophthalmic care. The PCRf has been sending ophthalmic missions to Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq since 1998 and have saved the eyesight of hundreds of patients. Working as volunteers, the teams of ophthalmic specialists bring thousands of dollars worth of donated medical supplies and equipment and help train local doctors and nurses while treating poor and needy patients. In 2001, the PCRf established a working relationship with the ministry of health in Syria to provide long-term training to local ophthalmic surgeons, as well as treatment for patients. We will continue to work also in Palestine and other regional countries in the future to provide help in this important medical field.

Ophthalmic Evaluation Mission to Syria/Iraq

In January, the PCRf sent its Lebanon coordinator, Ms. Nuha Al- Masry, and the PCRf ophthalmic coordinator, Ms. Baillie Brown, to evaluate the ophthalmology needs of poor people in Syria and Iraq. They went for 10 days and met with many doctors and hospitals to do a good evaluation of the surgical needs there. As a result of that visit, the PCRf sent an eye surgery team to Syria later in the Spring to provide sight-saving eye surgery for poor people, as well as training for local Arab doctors.

Ophthalmic Surgery team treats patients in the remote area of Syria



During the first week of May, a six-member team of volunteer eye surgeons and nurses were sent by the PCRf at Al-Hasakah Hospital in northern Syria, where medical care is very poor. Led by surgeons Dr. Francis Nathan from Australia and Dr. Gregory Hay from Canada, and coordinated by Baillie Brown, the team saved the sight of dozens of patients who otherwise would have get the surgery they needed (see list of patients below). Working closely with the local staff at Al-Hasakah Hospital, the team often worked for 12 hours a day to ensure that many patients got the treatment they needed.

Name	Age	Kind of Surgery
Abed Elaziz AlAhmad	78 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Aida AlNaser	60 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Olga Lion	73 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Angel Yacoub	54 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Marie Arteen	60 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Souda Ahmad	80 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Nahro Seedo	30 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Said Al Khodor	61 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Ajaj AlAsaf	42 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Naeema Hassan	85 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Dahmo Burho	75 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Ghazaleh Aylo	60 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Shaker Sfouk	65 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Hamda Al Khaled	65 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Nawaf Ibrahim	67 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Adla Khalaf	67 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Anna Shato	65 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Abed AlAziz AlAhad	80 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Shoukrya Kanao	60 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Hamdan Hussein	68 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Khanatsho Ben Yemeen	65 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Younes Reshk	60 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Latifa Younes	55 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Wardeh Jergous	60 Years	Cat. Left Eye

Name	Age	Kind of Surge
Shahe Barakat	55 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Ahmad Khodor	80 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Abed AlHalim Mhd	55 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Ahmad Al Obeid	70 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Naseeba Sleiman	60 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Farah Swaihel	65 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Mohammad Mehdi	60 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Amneh Fraih	75 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Abed AlWahab Al Basari	70 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Zahra AlHassan	50 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Abed AlMaseeh Yacoub	87 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Elia Malki Toumah	67 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Eida AlAli	60 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Laila Mahmoud	26 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Holwa Al Hassnah	65 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Baghda Yohanna	77 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Amneh Moussah	60 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Mariam Al Ali	50 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Jamil Sabounji	80 Years	Cat. Left Eye
Khadijah Obaid	67 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Abed Alllah Khodor	75 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Fatima Al Youssef	65 Years	Cat. Right Eye
Torfa AlAbbas	53 Years	Cat. Right Eye

Second Surgical Mission to Syria Helps Many More Poor Patients

In early October, the PCRf sent a mission led by Ophtalmic coordinator Baillie Brown and Lebanon/Syria Coordinator Nuha Al-Masry on their second working mission to Hasakeh Hospital in Syria in 2001. Bringing thousands of dollars worth of donated surgery supplies and working with local surgeons trained in the May mission, they were able to get over a dozen poor patients sight-saving surgery that was otherwise not available to them there (see list). ►►



Baillie Brown, ORT

Name	Age	Kind of Surgery	Date
Wadhah Jeres	65 Years	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/08/001
Jamil Ahmad	76 Years	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/08/001
Monifa Ali	60	Cataract Lft. Eye	10/08/001
Alia Awad	70	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/09/001
Abdullah Omar	60	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/09/001
Kadi EL-Ali	78	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/09/001
Zahra Ahmad	70	Cataract Lft. Eye	10/09/001
Mariam Hamoud	62	Cataract Lft Eye	10/10/001
Mohamad Khalaf	70	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/10/001
Shaha Darwish	65	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/10/001
Fahima Sa'doun	65	Cataract Lft. Eye	10/10/001
Nojoud Abdullah	81	Cataract Lft. Eye	10/11/001
Ibrahim Khalil	59	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/11/001
Mohammad Saleh	60	Cataract Rt. Eye	10/11/001
Tofla El-Merie	70	Cataract Lft. Eye	10/11/001

Plastic Surgery Missions

American Plastic Surgery Team Treats injured and Burned Children in Nablus

Like other specializations listed in this report, the need for plastic and reconstructive surgeons in the Middle East is important. In Palestine, there are too few specialists helping provide burned and injured children the type of specialized reconstructive and plastic surgery that they need for long-term recovery. Since 1997, the PCRf has been sending such specialists to Palestine and Lebanon to work as volunteers on children in need. In May, an 8-member team of plastic and reconstructive doctors and nurses were sent by the PCRf from the US to Rafidiah Hospital in Nablus to treat burned, injured and other Arab children who could not be treated locally (see list of cases treated below). Working days after Israeli F-16s bombed Nablus and killed a dozen people, the team courageously did not postpone their trip and provided not only

great medical services, but also a boost to the moral of the people there. Led by surgeons Dr. Kevin Hopkins and Dr. Michael Peters, who have both been to Palestine in the past through the PCRF, the team also donated tens of thousands of dollars worth of medical supplies to the hospital and provided much needed training as well. The team was hosted by the Ministry of Health and were made up of members from "Small World Foundation."



Date	Name	Age	Address	Diagnosis
24-5-01	Feras Obeid	26	Kufor Qaddoum	Burn Case
25-5-01	Saja Sammour	2	Yamoun	Cleft Palate
25-5-01	Yazan Daraghmeh	8m	Toubass	Cleft Lip
25-5-01	Malak Muhyed- Dein	1	Bethlehem	Cleft Lip
25-5-01	Rawan Isa Mousa	7m	Bethlehem	Cleft Lip
25-5-01	Amani Ghannam	9m	Aqqaba	Cleft Lip
25-5-01	Ibrahim Abdul-Rahman	2	Tammoun	Cleft Lip
25-5-01	Qusay Hazzam	5m	Nablus	Cleft Palate
25-5-01	Reham Irdeis	2	Asker	RC Burn Case
25-5-01	Abed Oudeh	8	Tammoun	Burn Case
25-5-01	Zeineh Hamzeh	4m	Jenin	Cleft Palate
25-5-01	Borouj Hassan 1.	7	Kofur Ra'I	Hemanjoma
25-5-01	Deema Saba'neh	6	Kharas-Hebron	Burn Case
25-5-01	Ekhlass Dar-Mousa	10	Beit-Leqya- Ramallah	Burn Case
25-5-01	Nazeeh Abu- Hassan	3.5	Jenin	Burn Case
26-5-01	Reem Abu- Rajab	8	Kufor al-Labbad	Cleft Palate
26-5-01	Razan Murshed	2	Kufor Ra'I	Cleft Palate
26-5-01	Hala Abu- Saleh	2m	Nablus	Cleft Lip
26-5-01	Reem Mahmoud	1	Yasseid RT.	Eye defect
26-5-01	Hala Asfour	4	Idna- Hebron	RT. Elbow
26-5-01	Mahdi Shadid	10	Brouqin	Burn Case
26-5-01	Diana Taweeleh	4	Shweikeh	Burn Case
26-5-01	Marlin Awwad	2.5	Awarta	RT.Shoulder Scar
26-5-01	Aysheh Moh'd	32	Zawata	RT.Hand Scar
26-5-01	Abdulateef Yaseen	9	Tammoun	Burn Case
26-5-01	Anal Fuqaha	4	Senjel	Burn Case

Date	Name	Age	Address	Diagnosis
26-5-01	Baha Jamal Selmi	3	Tulkarem	RC Burn Case
27-5-01	Zahran Sharab	9m	Awarta	Cleft Lip
27-5-01	Rakan Wheidi	8	Shweikeh	Cleft Lip
27-5-01	Iman ash- Sheib	12	Nablus	Nose Deformities
27-5-01	Ayser Yaseen	8	Deir Abu-D'eif	Burn Case
27-5-01	Aws Abdul-Rahman	8m	Jenin	Cleft Lip
22-5-01	Khaled Zir	4	Jenin	Cleft Palate
27-5-01	Anas Jenho	1.8	Shweikeh	Cleft Lip
27-5-01	Aws Fares	8	Mal- J'deideh	Burn Case
27-5-01	Salha Masa'id	2	Ouja	Burn Case
27-5-01	Mohammed Ghazal	4	Nablus	Ear Deformities
27-5-01	Mohammed Najem	12	Balata	RC Burn Case
27-5-01	Amal Masa'id	4	Baqash-Sharqeyeh	Cleft Palate
27-5-01	Mo'mem Obeidat	4	Awarta	Cleft Palate
27-5-01	Shaima Sa'ayra	2	Hebron	Burn Case
27-5-01	Issmat Joudeh	12	Ramallah	Cleft Palate
28-5-01	Ramez Rasheed	2	Tayaseer	Cleft Lip
28-5-01	Laith Ghandour	3	Nablus	Burn Case
28-5-01	Muntesser Shurafa	10	Doura	Burn Case
28-5-01	Abdullah Shalabi	4m	Arraba	Cleft Lip
28-5-01	Asma' Nahhal	10	Yatta	Cleft Lip
28-5-01	Manar Abu-Amsheh	3.5	Tulkarem	RC Burn Case
28-5-01	Odai Ballass	2.5	Hebron	Burn Case
28-5-01	Maram Ayesh	10	Yatta	Burn Case
28-5-01	Isra' Fayez	14	Tammoun	Hemanjoma
28-5-01	Hammam Shower	8	Hebron	Burn Case
28-5-01	Jaser Awwad	11	Awarta	Cleft Lip
28-5-01	Samer Darwish	22	Jenin	Burn Case
28-5-01	Sukaineh Murshed	47	Deir Debwan	Burn Case
29-5-01	Rabah Awwad	11	Awarta	Cleft Lip
29-5-01	Ola as-Syouri	14	Hebron	Manenjoma
29-5-01	Ala' Ibrahim	3.5	Nablus	Hemanjoma
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29-5-01	Darwish Nassar	6	Bethlehem	Burn Case
29-5-01	Amal Hweileh	2	Qalqilyeh	Burn Case
29-5-01	Haifa Jalaysseh	29	Jericho	Burn Case
29-5-01	Samiha Abu-Jafar	2.5	Fan- Naqoureh	Burn Case



Orthopedic Mission



PCRf Sends Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon

Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery is a major problem in the Middle East. In Palestine, there is a great need to provide such a special service, especially with the high number of children injured by gunfire and shells. In 2001, the PCRf responded to this crisis by sending a well-known pediatric orthopedic surgeon from the United States to the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon to do an evaluation of orthopedic needs there, as well as to provide some treatment for children in the refugee camps in Lebanon. The last week of June 2001, Hugh Watts, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon from Los Angeles, the former chief of staff at the Shriners Hospital there, toured hospitals in Palestine and Lebanon. There he saw many sick and injured children in need of surgery. He also evaluated the needs in pediatric orthopedic surgery in the region. In Lebanon, Dr. Watts participated in orthopedic surgery procedures and provided an evaluation report to the PCRf on the long-term needs for improving the quality of pediatric orthopedic care in the region. We hope to send him on a working mission there in 2002.

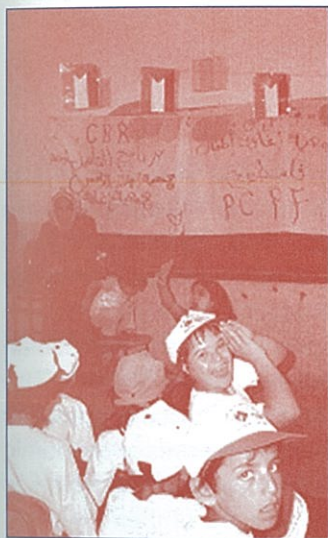


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RELIEF PROJECTS IN 2001

In 2001, the PCRF responded to the great humanitarian crisis in Palestine by sponsoring several projects designed to provide poor and needy people relief. These included a summer camp in Hebron, a Trauma Training course, Wheelchair Shipments to Gaza and Syria, and an empowerment program for poor women with large families.

■ The Sponsorship of Six Summer Camps for Handicapped Children in the Hebron District:



In early August, the PCRF sponsored summer camps run by "Community Based Rehabilitation" (CBR) in the Hebron districts of Yatta, Samou, Daheriah, Beit Awa and Dura East and West. Over 500 handicapped and able-bodied Arab children participated in these camps. The main activities of these camps were: the implementation of several activities by local medical organizations concerning health education, including health tests, for children. It also included some physiotherapy information and lectures on many topics, such as oral hygiene. Agricultural activities concerning the planting and care of trees, while stressing to the children the importance of agriculture in society, were also part of the camps. In addition, there were many cultural and art activities that included theater, drawing, story telling, and art workshops. Physical and sports activities, as well as traditional plays, were also part of the summer camps. According to a report by CBR, the "existence of the CBR program in the community allocated in the most remote areas and dealing with the most oppressed people, has given the chance to support our children in this difficult situation and draw a smile on their faces."



Team of Trauma Specialists Train Mental Health Professionals in West Bank and Gaza

In late August and early September, a six American and one Dutch mental health professionals held two separate five-day seminars in Ramallah for Bir Zeit University School of Public Health, and the Gaza Mental Health Clinic. The team provided training for dozens of Palestinian mental health professionals from many governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions in the areas of Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). While there are over three million Palestinians living under harsh political and economic conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, there are only 12 psychiatrists and less than 50 mental health workers (psychologists, therapists and clinical social workers). The purpose of this mission was to help address the issue of children suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Due to the extremely violent conditions that children are living under there, this project was needed and will be supported again in 2002.



Women Empowerment Program

Providing Poor Families Economic Independence



In 2001, the PCRf launched for the first time a project to provide start-up economic grants to poor mothers of large families in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Since the Al-Aqsa Intifada erupted, the standard of living and income for large poor families in Palestine has dropped significantly. No one is hit harder by the Israeli siege and war on the Palestinian people than single-mother families with small children. The PCRf has responded to this crisis by providing grants to women to enable them to begin small businesses or economic efforts that can help provide them continued income so to enable them to feed and better take care of their children.

The following women were sponsored in 2001. We hope to continue this project in 2002 by identifying, interviewing, and supporting many more women in Palestine seeking a chance to support and take care of their children by working for themselves.



EMT Specialist Trains PRCS Ambulance Drivers in Ramallah

In June, the PCRF sent Shane Debrowski, an Emergency Medical Technician from Canada to the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in Ramallah to help upgrade their emergency medical services. Due to the Israeli siege and closure of much of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, it is more important than ever to provide expert first-aid training for Palestinian ambulance drivers who risk their lives to transport injured and sick patients to hospitals. Many patients have lost their lives due to Israeli closures over the past few months, including many who were in ambulances, but were prevented from crossing an IDF checkpoint to get to a hospital.



The PCRF Ships Wheelchairs to Handicapped Refugees in Gaza, Syria

In 2001, the PCRF sponsored two containers of donated wheelchairs from the US for handicapped refugees in the Middle East. Both containers were donated by "Hope Haven International" out of Iowa. The first container was a 250 chair shipment that arrived in Gaza in early January. These chairs were given for free by the PCRF, which also sent a small team of technicians from Hope Haven to Gaza to specially fit each handicapped child with their special chair. There are hundreds of poor people in Gaza who do not have access to such items. In October, the PCRF shipped a 20-foot container of chairs to UNRWA in Syria. They were distributed to poor refugees in Syria who otherwise do not have access to good quality wheelchairs. The PCRF has sent many shipments of wheelchairs in the past to Palestine, Lebanon and now Syria and we hope to be able to provide poor handicapped children and others free chairs again in the future.



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Medical Relief Projects for 2002

In 2002, the PCRF will respond to the great humanitarian crisis in the Middle East by continuing to provide medical relief for poor and needy Arab children. This will entail continuing our efforts in the following areas:



1. Arranging Medical Care for Sick and Injured Youths:

The PCRF was set up 10 years ago to arrange free medical care for sick and injured Palestinian youths during the first Intifada. Since then, we have sent nearly 200 children outside for free medical care that was not available to them locally. In response to the Al-Aqsa Intifada, 2001 was our most active year, as we sent several dozen children to the US, Europe and other parts of the Middle East for expert medical care not available to them locally. In 2002, we plan to continue to send children outside for free medical care, as well as to cover the medical costs of children locally in the Middle East, whenever possible.

2. Medical Missions to the Middle East:

In 2001, the PCRF sponsored many missions to the region to help treat sick and injured patients locally, as well as to train local doctors and nurses. In 2002, we plan to continue to initiate and organize such missions. These will include more pediatric and adult cardiac surgery teams to provide life-saving surgery locally in the region as part of our "Healing Hearts" Campaign. We also plan to send specialists in ophthalmic, orthopedic, urological and plastic surgery-all areas where there is a great need for such help.

3. Humanitarian Projects: The PCRF is dedicated to supporting projects that help improve the welfare of children in the Middle East. In 2001, we sponsored a summer camp in Hebron, a mental health training team, wheelchair shipments and a women empowerment program that is designed to enable poor women a grant to enable them to provide relief for their families. These projects are important for the daily well-being of poor and needy children in the Middle East, which is why the PCRF will continue to support such humanitarian projects in

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Budget for 2002

Medical Care Abroad:

■ Plane tickets for 40 injured children to travel for treatment	\$40,000.00
■ Plane tickets for 30 guardians to travel with children	\$30,000.00
■ Housing and Telephone for injured youths abroad	\$5,000.00

Medical Care in the Middle East:

■ Treatment of 12 Poor Cardiac Patients in Jordan	\$24,000.00
■ Treatment of 12 Poor Cardiac Patients at Wolfson	\$30,000.00

Medical Missions

"Healing Hearts" Campaign

Italian Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Team to Syria: January (10 Members)

■ Plane Tickets	\$8,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$3,000.00

Dutch Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Team to Palestine: February (10 members)

■ Plane tickets	\$7,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$3,000.00

Cardiostart Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Team to Palestine: March (13 members)

■ Planet Tickets	\$13,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$4,500.00

American Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Team to Palestine: April (10 members)

■ Plane Tickets	\$10,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$3,000.00

American Adult Cardiac Surgery Team to Gaza: April (8 members)

■ Plane Tickets	\$8,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$2,500.00

Austrian Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Team to Palestine: July (10 members)

■ Plane Tickets	\$7,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Housing	\$2,000.00

American Adult Cardiac Surgery Team to Gaza: October (8 members)

■ Plane Tickets	\$8,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$2,500.00

Plastic Surgery Mission

American Plastic Surgery Team to Palestine: May (8 members)

■ Plane Tickets	\$8,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$3,000.00

Orthopedic Surgery Mission:

American Pediatric Orthopedic Mission to Palestine: July (4 members)

■ Plane Tickets	\$4,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$1,500.00

Ophthalmology Missions:

American Mission to Hasekeh, Syria: March (2 persons)

■ Plane Ticket	\$2,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$1,000.00

American Mission to Palestine: April (3 persons)

■ Plane Tickets	\$3,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$1,500.00

American Mission to Hasekeh, Syria: October (2 persons)

■ Plane Ticket	\$2,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$1,000.00

Urological Mission

American Pediatric Urological Mission to Palestine (4 persons)

■ Plane Tickets	\$4,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$1,500.00

Humanitarian Projects:

Medical Shipments:

■ 40-foot container shipment to Palestine	\$6,000.00
■ 20-foot container of wheelchairs to Palestine	\$4,500.00

Trauma Training Mental Health Team to Palestine: August (7 members)

■ Plane Tickets	\$7,000.00
■ Hotel/Food/Transportation	\$3,500.00
■ Summer CBR Camp in Palestine for Handicapped Children	\$5,000.00

Women Empowerment Project for Poor Women

■ Sponsorship of 25 widows with children	\$25,000.00
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TOTAL	\$294,000.00
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