

Blessed is the one who considers the poor. In the day of trouble the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land... Psalm 41:1-2

Hope School

NEWSLETTER

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October in Palestine is special. It is marked by the harvest of the olive trees- the tree most symbolic to the lives of Palestinians and their land: continuing to survive and grow despite drought and poor soil. *They are resilient.* At Hope School, we honored this by having a special holiday in which families could spend the day together harvesting their trees, cultivated over generations. Our kindergarten class also celebrated the harvest by learning the whole olive harvest process in a fun, hands-on way (pictured above and in the last photo in the column to the right)!

The month was also marked with cherished visits from our international friends. Firstly, we hosted a Swedish couple who volunteered here nearly 20 years ago and who had come back to show their children the place they had made memories so long ago. We also had the pleasure of being visited by our friend Rev. Joan Deming along with a group she was leading through the holy land, and lastly, by our brother Malcom from PCPD. We are so deeply grateful for the many ways these friends have given their time and support to Hope School.

A new month also meant a time of celebrating the great achievements of our students. Every month we award several students who are excelling and/or improving greatly in their studies and have been a good example among their peers. Of these recipients, we want to highlight Narmin and Daniela- two students, now in their senior year, who came to our school after having attended a special education program prior to attending our school. Transitioning into Hope School with a different educational background than their peers was not easy, but in spite of this, the two are thriving. They continue to push themselves and put in great effort, and their exam results show it! We are so proud of them.

A reminder: **Giving Tuesday** is just around the corner! This year, we want to provide a better sense of home for our boarders by moving them into a new building beside the school, but we cannot finance the renovations on our own. Be apart of providing *home* in this season. Find out more and consider supporting us in this project at <https://www.hopeschoolbeitjala.com/giving-tuesday>.

Again, we want to thank-you for your ongoing support and prayers. **Thank-you for showing God's love in your communities, and for showing up for the body of Christ on this side of the world.**

Many blessings,
Hope School, Beit Jala

HIGHLIGHTS

(Below) **Trees of Peace** is a new initiative Hope School has begun as a way to honor those who have greatly supported us and walked alongside us in our work by having them plant a tree dedicated to them at the school. We were so glad to have PCDC plant the first one this last month!



(Above) Narmin and Daniela.

