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Teaching Skills Changing Lives in Ramallah

Dear Friend of AFEDJ

Phoebe Griswold, President of the Board of AFEDJ, and I visited Jerusalem and the West Bank last month to see first hand how your support impacts lives. We were impressed with the skill and creativity of those who run the Diocesan institutions -- they do an astonishing amount of good with minimal resources. We'll share an example with you here and hope they inspire you to help us create more opportunity for those struggling in a volatile region. Your prayers and support provide the hope that motivates and encourages each family. We CAN make a difference.

warm regards,

Anne Lynn, Director, AFEDJ

Episcopal Technical and Vocational School in Ramallah
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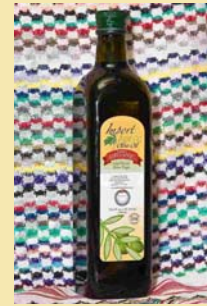


How do you insure a future for boys and girls in the West Bank?

One way is by developing marketable skills through training in computers, electronics, technical drawing and the new course in the fundamentals of the hospitality industry. All this goes on at a remarkable school in Ramallah. The Hospitality School includes a commercial kitchen and a guest house, is open to high school juniors and seniors and officially opened this May.

Ibrahim's favorite was the robotics competition. Halim studied climate change and likes the electronics lab best. Students in middle and high school attend as part of their local middle or high school curriculum. This prepares them for jobs and allows them to test options for further education.

It's possible because of the low fees charged by the school which is heavily subsidized by donors like you and the Diocese. Director Giovanni Anbar is proud of the progress made by his students and would like to expand this unique program. But he needs your help. His students have opportunities available nowhere else. Help us help them. Contribute today.



Import peace for Christmas!

AFEDJ received a generous donation for St. Luke's Hospital Nablus from Import Peace, a nonprofit organization

founded by Presbyterian, Peter Mann. Import Peace sells fair trade olive oil, za'atar and soap through its website, www.importpeace.org.

Proceeds will continue to go through AFEDJ to support our institutions. We're grateful for this new ecumenical relationship and encourage readers to shop online. Pass it on!

Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in 360 degrees.

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St. Nicholas Day is Dec. 6



Join the fun! Celebrate St. Nicholas Day and connect with the spirit of the real St. Nicholas, Bishop in Turkey in the fourth century. He's the patron saint of needy children in the Middle East and inspires us to help needy children there today. Perform the Christmas pageant, sing the hymn, pray and have fun with the tools we've provided at www.afedj.org. All free. Refocus your Christmas spirit and help a child in the Holy Land with your ingathering or individual gift. Our children will get more than a shiny toy. They'll receive an education, healthcare, therapy, a chance at

a new life. Help us help them. Make a gift or organize a celebration in your parish, your family, your town, your club. Kids are hoping.....

Ideas to Borrow, trips to take, events to attend

Trips to the Holy Land

Jan 18 to 30, 2010 clergy trip open to laity sponsored by The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Bishop of Northern California www.dncweb.org/43122.ihtml

February 21 to March 10, 2010 organized by the Rev. Megan Hollaway through the Diocese of Virginia and the Jerusalem Mile Project <http://jerusalemmile.wordpress.com>

April 6 to April 18 at Eastertide with the Rev. Deborah Dresser and the Diocese of New York. Email deborahdresser@gmail.com

April 27 to May 8 pilgrimage led by the Rev. Frank Griswold and Rev. Louis Weil. Email frconrad@gmail.com

May 5 to May 18 also Aug 4 to Aug 17 Palestine of Jesus at St. George's College, East Jerusalem. www.sgc.jerusalem.org

July 24 to Aug 7, 2010 Kanuga Youth Pilgrimage. Leaders include the former Archbishop of Canterbury. Open to anyone ages 16 to 20. www.kanuga.org/conferences/2010/holyland.shtml

For more trips, visit Interfaith Peace-Builders at www.ifpb.org and Sabeel at www.sabeel.org

MOVIES

Sharline Fulton in Philadelphia recommends *The Syrian Bride*, *Blood Brothers* and *Frontier Dreams and Fears/Children of Shatila*. *The Lemon Tree* is finally available in the U.S. Great for Senior Youth Group or study circles. Hold a parish potluck and movie night. Or get your local library to show one. Excellent community builder and low cost. Don't forget the popcorn.



The AFEDJ is a nonprofit, non-political 501c3 which helps sustain the institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. These include 13 schools, 3 hospitals, 5 institutes for the disabled and 4 affiliates spread over Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. All provide for those in need regardless of religious background. All foster mutual respect and tolerance in a land torn by turmoil and poverty. Learn more about the work of the AFEDJ or the Diocese of Jerusalem. Visit www.afedj.org to contribute to any of the important work done in the region.