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'And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
'But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."'
(Matthew 14:26-27)

Dear friends,

On Friday, 13 June, like many of you, we awoke to news of an escalation of military actions in the Middle East region. Since that morning, the situation has remained precarious.

Two neighbouring cities less than 30km from Nazareth, Haifa and Tamra, were struck. A drone hit Nazareth ten metres from the hospital. We give thanks to God that it did not explode.

Various provisions were implemented to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers, patients, and students.

The Nazareth Academic School of Nursing transitioned to online remote teaching while the situation was ongoing.

Nazareth Village employees have returned to work. Once the Discovery Centre is built, it will include a shelter. This will mean that, by the Homefront Command's instructions, work can continue even during times of war.

The Hospital is working closely with the Ministry of Health and supporters to add more protected areas and to expand our urgent admission capacity. Our maternity, surgery, and internal medicine departments moved to work within the reinforced areas of the hospital. Our ER Department continued to operate 24 hours a day. We closely accompanied our staff with our Spiritual Care Team and Psychology Unit.

We ask you to keep us in your prayers. Please join us in praying for Nazareth and an enduring peace in the Middle East.

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100 day-old twins 'miracle'



In a journey filled with challenges and hope, twins Abdul Karim and Lynn were born prematurely at just 27 weeks of pregnancy, to fight the battle of their lives in their first moments.

The twins' mother, Enas, stayed in the gynaecological and childbirth unit under intensive and follow-up care, knowing that her birth would be premature.

The twins were born close to one kilogram each and spent 100 days in the Neonatal Unit under continuous medical and nursing care, closely monitoring each development of their growth.

After three months of care in the special unit, they left the hospital in good health to begin their new lives in the arms of their family, showered with love and care.

Neonatal Unit Director Dr Youssif Nijim said: "What happened to baby Lynn is indeed a life story and a medical miracle.

"We didn't despair, we didn't give up for a moment, but we did everything to save her.

"We gave her life, and in turn, the will to keep going, to continue sharing the joy of families in such touching moments."

The parents expressed their gratitude and happiness, saying: "We named our two babies 'The 100-Day Miracle Twins', because from the very first moment they came into life, they have been fighting for survival with courage and determination.

"Thanks to meticulous medical and nursing care, we have seen them grow and develop as they should."

The parents expressed their gratitude to the department for providing them with 'morale and persistence' during the ordeal.

"With their help and support," they said, "we managed to pass a stage full of challenges and fears, and planted it with hope and joy.

"To the Neonatal Unit, we also express our deepest gratitude for receiving us at all times with love, for long hours during the day, despite all the circumstances."

We ask you to give thanks to God for Abdul Karim and Lynn and to pray for them and for our medical staff as they continue their essential work in the Neonatal Unit.



Our Neonatal Unit ranked first in Israel

Our Neonatal Unit has been ranked number one in the country.

The Israeli Ministry of Health ranked hospitals across the country in the category of up to 5,000 births, with this being the fifth consecutive year the unit was placed in the top five.

Earlier this year, another report by the Ministry of Health, surveying the quality of care in hospitals across the country, also placed the Internal Medicine Department at EMMS Nazareth Hospital at the top.

Dr Youssif Nijim, Neonatal Unit Director, said the achievement was a result of 'the high professionalism of our different teams' as well as its focus on keeping up with the latest medical and technological developments.

Joumana Khoury, Neonatal Unit Head Nurse, said: "This achievement is a reflection of the great efforts made by our various teams, including our nursing staff, and the spirit of cooperation and giving that prevails on the work of the staff, to ensure the best possible Neonatal care.

"We insist on continuing to give our best to serve our children and their families, providing care to ensure the highest success rates in accordance with the best standards of quality and distinction."

We give thanks to God for the recognition of the good work of the hospital and pray for all those who have made it possible.

Hospital has lowest infection rates in Israel

EMMS Nazareth Hospital has achieved one of the lowest rates of infections in the country, recognised by the Ministry of Health for its excellence in maintaining a clean and safe environment.

The hospital has shown consistent improvement, demonstrated by a significant decrease in infection rates over time.

The hospital employs highly qualified medical staff who work diligently to ensure a clean and safe environment for all patients.

We remain committed to maintaining high standards of cleanliness and safety, ensuring that every patient receives the best possible care.

We give thanks to God for all of our staff who made this achievement possible, and ask you to pray for them as they maintain these standards.

New maternity rooms





We now have multiple private maternity rooms for new mothers at our hospital – each of them are spacious and comfortable, equipped with everything they might need.

The rooms are designed to provide a high level of privacy and comfort for mothers in maternity and neonatal departments. All rooms are converted into private rooms without any additional cost.

Each private room includes a bed, television, refrigerator, private bathroom, free internet access, and a movable chair for the husband.

Please pray for all of our new mothers, fathers, and for the babies born in our hospital.

Threads of love

Generosity comes in many forms!

Staff at our maternity ward were delighted to receive hand-knitted crocheted blankets as part of a donation from abroad.

Christine Farah of our pastoral care team said: "This was the third distribution and the gifts were really well received by the mums.

"Each stitch was made with love and the ladies enjoyed receiving these precious blankets."

Thank you to those who gave their time and skills towards these gifts.

We pray for all those who gave their time and skills to crochet and for the new families which will enjoy their gifts.





EASTER

AT THE

NAZARETH VILLAGE

2025



More than two thousand join Nazareth Village Easter Play

The Nazareth Village welcomed over two thousand visitors as they reenacted Easter day by day.

Visitors took part as members of the crowds that welcomed Jesus during his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then condemned Him to be crucified.

Hosting 15 shows over four days, the Village recreated the entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the trial before Pilate, through to Christ's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

We give thanks to God for an empty tomb and pray for all of our staff and volunteers at the Nazareth Village that they may continue to give witness to their Christian faith.











Pilgrims journey through the Peak District to support the School of Nursing

For six days, supporters from across the UK trekked across the Peak District to raise funds for Nazareth Academic School of Nursing scholarships.

The pilgrims began at Ilam and made their way to Eyam, visiting local churches to pray along the way.

Eyam has been a place marked by its brave Christian history since 1665. The bubonic plague, which that year had devastated London, had made its way to Eyam in a consignment of cloth for the village tailor.

The villagers, led by their rector, refused to leave for fear of spreading the plague to the neighbouring settlements dotted through the district. Their act of bravery saved the area, but cost a third of the village their lives.

“There was something deeply moving about our pilgrimage heading to Eyam,” said Very Rev Colin Sinclair, one of the pilgrims.

“Somehow, it was a ‘thin’ place between heaven and earth where the sacrifice of a village to save the surrounding villages echoed the sacrifice at the heart of the Christian faith.

“It was also a testimony to how people in every age have to learn how to combat new diseases and find ways of providing care and support.”

Colin has supported the Nazareth Trust since his wife Ruth undertook the Jesus Trail with her sister in 2014.

“It was a matter of concern to learn that the EMMS Nazareth Hospital is the only place in Israel where Arab nurses can be trained, and so we were glad to help provide scholarships to a few of the nurses.

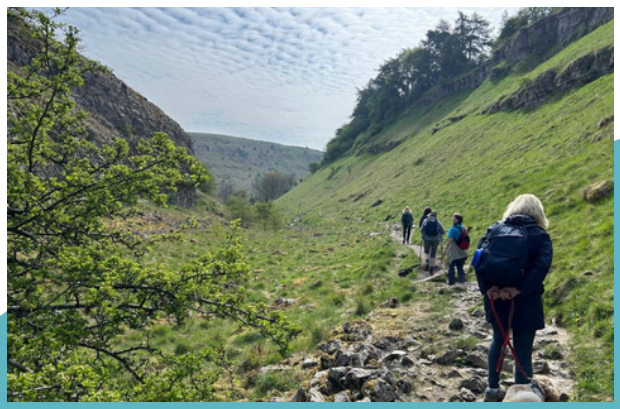
“Each day the walk was different, and the scenery in the spring sunshine was stunning.

"I valued our times of devotion in or near churches, as well as the half-hour of silence we observed each day as we walked.

“However, the company was wonderful, and spending time with each walker as we faced the challenge together and then relaxed in the evening was, for me, perhaps the highlight.”

We ask you to join our pilgrims in prayer for the Nazareth Academic School of Nursing. We also pray for all those who gave their time to during the pilgrimage, and that their efforts bear fruit.









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