



SUMMER NEWS - 2014

The Trustees have been very preoccupied during July and August by the horrific events that have taken place in Gaza. The war there lasted for fifty one days and nights and resulted in the death of over 2,000 people – at least a quarter were children. The Lighthouse School was badly damaged by shrapnel and mortar fire. Two boys from the school were killed on the roof of their home by an Israeli “tap on the roof” rocket. Many of the staff and families in the school had damage to their homes and minor injuries due to flying glass etc.



One of the Trustees visited Gaza four days after the cease-fire and was able to take two suit cases full of medical equipment for the Anglican Ahli Hospital sent from supporters of Open Doors in USA. The Trust’s Gaza Appeal has raised over £20,000 and the money has already gone to Gaza and is being used to fill holes in the walls of the main school and kindergarten and paint, replace thirty broken windows and frames and holed water tanks and refurbish the inside of class-rooms that have been damaged. Pot holes in the playgrounds have to be filled and the whole area resurfaced. In addition financial support has been given to families and staff and to the provision of trauma counselling. Teachers worked hard to get the school ready and remove the marks of war so children would feel safe. School started one month late on September 13th

Teachers play games, talk, encourage painting helping to erase horrible memories and heal fears



FURTHER NEWS Exciting things are happening in Bethlehem – a new term has started at the Bible College and a new school – the Bethlehem Evangelical Academy has opened linked with the Hebron School where we continue to support the Hearing Impaired Unit. The Zababdeh Community Centre has a detailed planned programme through the coming months serving the needs of the village and surrounding area – pray that funds will come in to complete the new guest accommodation. Pray also for the House of Hope as it seeks to redevelop its ministry and recover from a difficult period. Also continue to pray for the students at the BBC Gaza Study Centre as they work for their BA and MA degrees in very difficult and trying circumstances. Keep up to date on all the Trust’s news, contact us, support our ministry - go the web site.

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