

HEALTH OUTREACH TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Reaching the Suffering...Sharing the Cure



2017 Year in Review



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From the Founding President

Radiating Hope in the Middle East



Today, the Great Physician continues to move and live through the lives of hundreds of thousands of his disciples in the land he once called home. In more than 25 H.O.M.E. clinics and hospitals from Beirut to Baghdad, from Amman to Cairo, the Great Physician is moving in the Middle East. Through His gracious, loving pierced hands, He is touching the lives and the hearts of many, giving hope to the hopeless and life abundant to those who are dying.

As you read through the following pages, you will get a glimpse of what HOME is: the spirit of healing grace and reconciliation that flows through Christ-filled Arab healthcare professionals, reaching out with the Lord's healing touch to the suffering, offering His Cure of loving kindness.

With warm gratitude for your partnership,

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Issam Raad, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA

H.O.M.E. in Lebanon

Serving with His Compassionate Heart in the Beirut Clinic

Elpis HOME Clinic is located in an eastern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon. It has been growing in many areas and provides high quality medical care.

Compassionate, experienced physicians at Elpis HOME Clinic offer a comprehensive range of healthcare services for the marginalized people including refugees who have come from the different backgrounds. We invite those who want to serve the underprivileged people, especially refugees from various countries including Syria and Iraq by assisting our medical clinic, mobile clinic, health education, counseling, and visiting programs.



Our Mobile Clinic is a basic medical clinic that we bring directly to the marginalized people, mostly refugees these days. Staffed not only by general practitioners, each mobile clinic provides patients with OB/GYN, and pediatric care, as well as access to preventative health education. Various volunteers work alongside our staff at patient intake, triage and pharmacy, and also help run our educational programs. The Mobile Clinic serves once or twice a month to four different places where local medical system is not well developed or found.

Khadij is a married 44-year old Syrian woman living in a house with her family. They live together in a house made of 1 room where they sit and sleep, 1 small bathroom, 1 small kitchen. They moved to Lebanon through the UN 4 years ago. Khadije suffers from back pain irradiating to her arms and already visited our clinic. Her husband suffers from lumbar back pain as well. Their younger daughter, Maram has 2 fingers attached each other, so we try to arrange an operation (around 1,500 US Dollars) with our orthopedic surgeon to solve the problem.



They know about our health education program and Khadij said that she would like to know more about emotional health. She also shared that her children needs psychological help, and our counseling program was introduced. We prayed with them and they shared their fears from the situation. They thanked us sincerely for the care and services that we have given. We gave them the gifts when we left.

H.O.M.E. in Lebanon

Reaching Out through The Mobile Clinic



HOME Mobile Clinic travels about twice a month to four remote areas in Lebanon, where medical services are not well developed if nonexistent. Around 750 refugee patients were offered medical services during those trips.



Each trip offers consultations with general practitioners, OB/GYN, and pediatric care as well as preventive health educations. Various volunteers work alongside the staff at patient intake, triage, pharmacy, and to help in the various educational programs and some entertainment for the children.

Pray for Lebanon, as it serves as a country of refuge for many populations and all the challenges that such a small country would face. Also, please pray for all the ELPIS staff as we strive to give high standard medical care as well as spiritual healing as we share the love of God, and for protection for the mobile clinic trips too.

H.O.M.E. in Syria

Healing Wounds of War

We thank God for his continuous Grace that is surrounding our Clinic in the increasingly difficult circumstances it is operating in. It is an honor for our team to serve the aching people and offer medical treatment in the Tabbaleh area despite the increasing challenges and pressures on many levels.



The clinic serves patients coming from different suburbs of Damascus. Open every day, we welcome about 1300 patients monthly. Our physicians offer a wide range of specialties including pulmonology, pediatrics, bone diseases, internal medicine, gynecology, dentistry, physical therapy and radiology. All those consultations are offered for a small fee. But our service expands to medications too, we offer, gratis, around 300 prescription medicines every month too. Most of these prescriptions are for chronic diseases. Offering those medicines free of charge relieves our patients from a considerable

amount of financial pressure.

On the other hand, our laboratory is under considerable amount of pressure as we receive around 600 patients every month. This is a huge operation. We offer all the tests for a fragment of what other private laboratories charge, however, all charges are waived for the refugees and all who have no means to even pay that small cost.



But behind each consultation, every medication prescribed, every lab report, there is a story of men, women and children who have endured the worst any human being can ever handle in this war-torn country. Mazen (alias) is a 21-year-old young man and a new patient in our physiotherapy program. He is bound to a wheel chair for 4 years now. During one of the war rounds, his body parts were hit by numerous bombshell fragments. His injuries were serious as some of them hit his kidney, which had to be removed and other shrapnels settled in his spine resulting in lower body paralysis. He recently underwent a surgery to remove the fragment that created a pressure on his spinal cord. For the time being, he is going through physical therapy to try and regain the use of some of his muscles. Watching Mazen come to the clinic with his smile and gratitude to our companionate, loving team reminds us every day of the greater mission we have, reaching the suffering and sharing The Cure!

H.O.M.E. in Iraq

The Clinic in Baghdad: A Place of refuge

The situation in Baghdad is still very unstable and we have recently received many special cases, below are a few that came to us from our Field Director there:



A woman named Margaret came to us. Her daughter ages 14 and 17 were captured by ISIS and taken to be their wives. Margaret was very afraid but courageously went to their leader and pleaded with him to release her daughters. He released them after 14 hours and told her to leave Nineveh or he will kill them. Since then they have been refugees without a home. Recently she was diagnosed with cancer in the colon and was told she has only 6 months to live. We gave her treatment and prayed for the healing of her soul from all the fears and scars that she is carrying in her

heart. Please pray that she will be healed from her cancer.

A young 18-year old woman Zahraa whose husband was kidnapped and killed by ISIS four months ago, came to us 9 months pregnant. God helped us to save her and her newborn son after a difficult birth. Our doctor stayed by her side all night. Here, she has returned for us to check on her baby and get his immunization. They feel that we are a place of refuge and we want to keep on being so.



Last week after we had closed the clinic, it was about 9:30 at night, one man came knocking at the door of my house. He was with his son who was crying because of a severe toothache. He told me: "My wife said that only the Christian dentist will help us in this time". We opened the clinic for him and treated the boy.

To the right are some women who come regularly to pick up medications that they cannot afford to get elsewhere. We give as much as we can and trust the Lord to replenish our resources as needed!

Thank you for your prayers. Please keep on praying that the Lord will protect us and the clinic staff so we can keep on bringing healing and hope to all the people of Baghdad, irrespective of their background and religion.



H.O.M.E. in Northern Iraq / Kurdistan

Reaching the Displaced Families



After a long year of hard work, and facing huge difficulties in legal registration, we are delighted to announce that Erbil's H.O.M.E. mobile clinic was inaugurated on the 21th of September 2017. It was a leap of faith to pursue this project which would considerably change the efficiency of our medical services in Kurdistan.

Our first mission field was a refugee camp located in Erbil City. It is the home for more than 4000 Shabak population (a Kurdish minority). Operational once a week for now, the mobile clinic is offering consultations in internal medicine, pediatrics and dentistry as the clinic is equipped with a full dental chair and its operatory equipment. A pharmacy and a laboratory are also on board. About 100 patients are received in 3 hours.

During the year, we provided medical support for patients with chronic diseases in several rural areas in Kurdistan, providing them with medications, some basic needs and sharing the Good News with them to help them overcome the pain and suffering they are going through. Also H.O.M.E. helped some refugees in an area called Bazari Nishteman to establish their own pharmacy, providing them with many basic items, pediatric and chronic disease medications to serve more than 300 families.



But, the encounters with all those unfortunate people bring warmth and blessings to our hearts too. A poor, displaced man from Qaraqosh offered his small house to host our team so we can provide medical care for more than 300 patients in his neighborhood. Little did we know that he had a bigger need himself. He had lost both his legs. He never asked for anything in return but was only happy and excited he could help. Asking his relatives and friends for the best way to help him, we learnt that he had no way to move even inside his house, so a wheel chair was obviously the best way to thank him. We cannot describe his joy and appreciation for that device that would change his

everyday life.

We still need and appreciate your prayers for protection for this ministry in these difficult times of economic crisis and political unrest that make the situation worse in this area. But God's grace is beyond our imagination, and we are witnesses of His unfailing and overwhelming love.

H.O.M.E. in Jordan

Beacon of Hope to the Hopeless



The Zarqa Clinic experienced a significant spike in the number of patients treated in March, reaching 703 patients. In addition, 177 patients were treated for dental care. First Aid and small surgeries have now become a part of our treatment options. The 700,000 Syrians and the many Iraqi refugees in Jordan, continue to face immense challenges, especially those who are not living in camps. Reduced levels of assistance and access to services have forced many to seek out non-governmental or UN facilities.

In turn, our patient load has increased tremendously. The clinic is a beacon of hope to the hopeless during a time of need, when people feel forgotten and worthless. Through our work at the clinic, we also have the opportunity to interact with many people from all sectors of the society. A special celebration was organized for the patients and their families recently, and 35 Syrian families were able to attend.



His Light Radiating from Annoor Sanatorium

Aileen Coleman, nurse and Director of Annoor Sanitarium related to us the following: “We have been treating the sick and suffering with chest diseases from all around Jordan and nearby countries (Syria, KSA, Iraq, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Palestine and Egypt). These days the number of outpatients have increased tremendously. As a result of the difficult circumstances, we see many cases of depression among the refugees and the homeless coming from neighboring war-torn countries. Also, the number of people infected with TB, has also increased.



As difficult as these circumstances have been on those families, they have been really touched and felt comforted by the love and care that they have received from the healthcare workers at our hospital, who do not only care for the physical needs but also the spiritual ones.

H.O.M.E. in the West Bank

Giving the Gift of Clear Vision



The past few month, in the West Bank, our ophthalmology mobile clinic, visited a number of villages. The people are always very excited and welcoming to see us. With the help of volunteers, we led a few fun days for children in a number of schools teaching nutrition and cleanliness. We performed hundreds of vision screenings from the mobile clinic. Patients were from all ages, widows, women, men, youth and children.

We distributed vision and reading glasses to all. In addition, we visited many families at their homes and the Lord opened opportunities for us to pray with them. There was a man who had been in jail for 25 years and was very remorseful wanting to change his life. He asked us to pray for him so he can change.



With the help of our volunteer medical team, we visited the governmental hospital in the area, especially the children section and gave diapers for 40 families with babies. They were so encouraged and had tears of joy in their eyes! Similarly, we visited the handicapped and old women as their homes, encouraged them and gave diapers as well.

Every month, we drive the mobile clinic for three days in a small village of around 3,000 people and even make a few home visits. Every month we give vision and reading glasses to around 200 patients.



A NEW H.O.M.E. Clinic in Cairo, Egypt



In addition to the heartbreaking situation in Egypt, the dear brothers and sisters there are also struggling with dire health conditions. By the grace of God, HOME continues to seek new ways with which to diligently serve patients and the people of Egypt. As the first phase of establishing the HOME Medical Center in Cairo, HOME has started a new multi-specialty clinic in the central Nasr district of Cairo. Dr. Rula Hawit, a pediatric doctor and active leader in our Washington D.C. chapter, visited our team there in July as the first representative to the newly initiated HOME clinic at the Nasr City Evangelical Church.

Dr. Hawit, with the help of Dr. Nassef Tawfeek, Dr. Amani William, and Dr. Rober AlDohbi saw 82 patients on July 4th at the clinic made up of a waiting room, kitchen, and two examination rooms. “It was truly a blessing to work with these sweet doctors!” explains Dr. Hawit. “The patients who came to the clinic had needs that ranged from routine physicals to consultations for difficult and complex conditions... It was heartbreaking to see children with severe chronic illnesses”.



Local Egyptian consultants were also present helping Dr. Hawit to ensure that the patients would receive proper and complete treatment and future follow up.

These families came from various areas in Cairo and Upper Egypt and were able to register and receive primary diagnoses free of charge as many came from poor

conditions. “I truly hope the clinic will be a source of both physical and spiritual healing to the families that seek assistance there...”, continued Dr. Hawit, “and that many may come to know the Great Physician.”



H.O.M.E. in Egypt

Autism Center in Cairo



HOME Autism Center was inaugurated on October 1st, 2017. This specialty clinic is located on the premises of the Evangelical Church-Nasr City in Cairo, Egypt.

About 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism according to estimates from CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network. It is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. Unfortunately, many children with Autism in Egypt stay undiagnosed. They attend regular public schools where they are treated as mentally ill, and miss their opportunity of early diagnosis which is key for effective therapy and thus better results.

When HOME Egypt was offered to take over the church's clinic, it was a challenge. But we decided to take that task wholeheartedly as we realize the importance of those rare centers, and how vital they are for those marginalized children.

Our lead therapist who has 10 years' experience in the field, along with two trained teachers are working with six children who come regularly to our center, two of whom come for speech therapy.

We are certain that more children will join our center as we create more awareness about autism. Social media is one of our platforms where our team posts regular articles helping parents detect the early symptoms and explaining the syndrome. Emotional and practical support for the parents is of utmost importance, so we created a forum, where questions are answered by professionals and advice is given when needed.

Your prayers for HOME Autism Clinic are valued as we have taken upon ourselves a very challenging yet rewarding task. Our aim is to help the parents and those special children, who have great potentials to be equipped and reintegrated in society.



H.O.M.E. in Egypt

Nursing & Family Medicine Training Program



The nursing training program was started in 2014 and expanded last year to include the Evangelical Mission Hospital in Aswan (Al Germaniyya) with 17 new students to become nurse assistants.

Professor Liliane Narouz reported: “Starting a nursing program now is completely different from other courses we have done before, because this time we know that all graduates will continue to work there.” Head Nurse Barbara Wiesner adds: “For many years we have been praying and hoping to have a teaching program for

assistant nurses in our hospital. This dream has come true. We are very thankful to H.O.M.E. for the resources, for the excellent teachers they are sending from Cairo and for the spiritual input.” In 2017, HOME expanded the program to sponsor 10 nurse candidates for the Bachelor Degree in nursing (RN) and two for the Master’s degree in private nursing schools. This with the understanding that after graduation, these nurse graduates will work in HOME sponsored clinics and/or hospitals in the Middle East to reach the suffering and share the Cure.

The Family Medicine Training: In collaboration with ICMDA, HOME adopted training one of the Egyptian doctors with a burden for ministry towards earning a Master Degree in Family Medicine from the University of Edinburgh. He started the two-year degree back in January 2016 and, upon graduation and training completion, he will minister in areas with medical and spiritual needs, being a light in these dark places. He has previously served in one of the needy countries but

war drove out of there and back to his home country. He is still in contact with people from that country and helps out once a week in one of the hospitals as well as mobile units that reach remote areas. He ended his training with honors and now is serving with Harpur Hospital in Sadat City. We pray that the Lord would grant him success in his medical ministry.



H.O.M.E. in South Sudan

Lending a Healing Hand to the Poor



The people of South Sudan continue to suffer from successive decade-long wars, leaving behind thousands of dead, injured, disabled, widowed and orphaned in addition to massive destruction. With a shattered health sector, and an immense need of medical services, HOME has been lending a helping hand since 2012 through its Good Shepherd Clinic in Juba. This clinic is open six days a week, welcoming an average of 215 patients every month. The number would have been much higher if there was more support for medications & staff. The Home team also seeks to carry out monthly mobile medical outreach in remote areas. Dr Girgawi, Vice-President of HOME, and in the picture below

wearing blue, went on a mission trip to assist the medical team in Juba. Here is what he shared:



“Dr Makur, the medical director of the clinic, was able to mobilize a team of almost 30 people of health care professionals including 3 doctors, registered nurses, mid wives, lab technicians, pharmacy technician, a cook, and a driver. We had a mobil lab and a pharmacy/medicines with us.

The team went for 5 medical trips to nearby villages around Juba. Patients were seen and examined. Some were sent to the lab for screening test and blood smears. Then treatment was prescribed and dispensed from the pharmacy all on the spot. Around 700 patients were seen, including children, women, pregnant women and male patients. Malaria, Syphilis and diarrhea were the most common diseases encountered. Children are malnourished and below the 10th percentile on the growth curve. The mission was accompanied by a spiritual message from the movie Jesus that was projected through a solar projector”.

Finally, and despite it all, the HOME team stays strong and driven by their love for the work and ministry. The obstacles are seldom easy, but God is faithful and always provides in His time.

H.O.M.E. in North Africa

A Dream coming True for an American Surgeon

Called to Serve in the African Desert

The Mission: When I came to North Africa 6 years ago and left behind my faculty position at a surgical residency program, I thought I was going setting up a surgical clinic in the capital city. Instead, God had a different plan. He brought me out to a rural desert hospital where I've spent the last several years as the village doctor where I am able to perform my surgical cases in a consultation room under local or spinal anesthesia. Nevertheless, my identity is in God not in my job, and so I am privileged to be used by Him wherever He sends me. However, God, as my Father, knows the joy I had when, plans for building a new operating suite at the village hospital started coming together about a year and a half ago. The suite would meet up to international standards and be equipped to perform endoscopy and laparoscopic surgeries!



A Dream Come True: Thanks to many volunteers sacrificing their time, skills, money and prayers, the outer shell of the operating room was set up in August. (It can only be a God-motivated thing for a team of North Americans to come to the middle of the



Saharan desert in the dead of summer to do physical labor!!!) Work is currently underway to fill containers and ship them with the supplies for the finishing of the inside of the building. God-willing, this will happen in the next couple of months so that the building can be finished and ready for our partner, World Medical Mission, to send a container early next year with all the medical supplies needed to outfit the operating room suite. This is a huge project that will transform

not only the hospital, but also the region, as currently all the patients must travel at least 7 hours to the nearest surgeon.

H.O.M.E. in North Africa

A Mobile Clinic Reaching Out Through the Desert



Mobile Clinic Needed: Considering the enormous need, a mobile clinic, “Medicine for the Nomads” branched from this hospital. Once a month, a team of national staff and sometimes short-term volunteers, go out for up to 3 days to perform medical consultations, train nationals in first aid and preventative medicine issues, and use the opportunity to build relationships among these least reached peoples. Two vehicles are required for these difficult missions. Traveling over sand dunes and rocky plateaus is perilous, and in anticipation of unknown medical problems, both vehicles are overloaded with medicines, medical equipment, bedding, food, clean drinking water, and other essentials. Patients of these villages are not accustomed to western style furniture nor examining room tables, and although modern equipment are brought with the team, the patients are examined in their tents or huts.

Currently, one of the vehicles used is always the hospital ambulance, thus, the mobile clinic trips are limited, as the ambulance is needed at the hospital for possible evacuations. There is a dire need for a dedicated mobile clinic vehicle which will allow more frequent trips to these villages, and more effective outreach opportunities.



Your Prayers: Our hospital is becoming quite the lighthouse for healing. Please pray that this project would continue to advance in God’s timing, that God would send forth more laborers into the harvest field including an anesthesiologist and family practitioner, and that His light and truth would radiate into all the country from this small village hospital.

H.O.M.E. on Satellite TV

Medical Media to the Millions



Realizing the important role satellite TV plays in reaching out to the people around the world and especially in the Middle East, H.O.M.E. has initiated a ministry called Medical Media to the Millions. This project involves producing an Arabic medical TV program "Life & Medicine" in which H.O.M.E. expert members in various fields of medicine discuss a medical condition and then use it as an illustration to a life-changing message.

Arab Satellite TV stations (such as SAT7 TV) have been airing these TV programs on a weekly basis to approximately 40 million viewers in the Middle East. To date, HOME has produced over 130 episodes. A set of 52 "Life & Medicine" new episodes was recorded at the Sat7 studios in Egypt. These medical programs include top medical specialists, dealing with a large varieties of medical issues such as, cardiology, neonatal care in rural regions and breast feeding, abortion, sexual abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, ophthalmologist, hepatology, injuries, bleeding and burns, vaccinations, critical situations that face mothers and psychiatric diseases of the children, appendicitis,, pediatric dental diseases, low back pain, types of bones fractures, skeletal deformities of children, tropical medicine, infectious mononucleosis, food poisoning and meningitis, hypertension, chest pain and many more.

Through each of these varied medical topics, a spiritual truth is introduced, with a reference to our loving Creator who created us in His image. It is also an opportunity to motivate the medical students and encouraging them to have a mission to their communities.

2017 Annual H.O.M.E. Middle East Summit

In July 2017, H.O.M.E. leaders, members and friends from North America and all over the Middle East came together to attend the 14th Annual HOME Middle East Summit.



The conference included a wide range of activities, such as heart shaking messages, medical lectures & workshops, planning & strategic meetings and more! We heard about the great relief work in Syria where hope is overcoming despair and the extensive relief in Iraq. Dr. David Thompson and Dr. Edward Awabdeh

gave their usual touching messages. It was a great blessing to see the good work that is done in the spirit of grace and unity despite the dark times that Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Egypt, North Africa and other countries are passing through.



The conference included a celebratory ceremony took place in Broummana, Lebanon under the patronage of the President of Lebanon His Excellency General Michel Aoun, who was represented by her excellency minister Dr Inaya Ezzeddine who gave a very encouraging message. Picture at the left shows the President of Lebanon to the right of Dr. Raad, when the leadership of HOME were invited to his palace, surrounded by Dr George Khawand, Dr Ray Hachem from the left and Dr. Riad Sarkis, and Dr. Mario Aoun from the right.

After the conference, the teams visited various areas of Lebanon but most importantly many local clinics tending to the physical and spiritual needs of the suffering population of Lebanon, including Syrian refugees. Hundreds of patients will be seen over 4 days of field clinics. With the help of the local Lebanese HOME medical team, many adults and children were treated. It was a great time of sharing the love of God with these very dear people.

Over the last few years, HOME has been blessed to see how the Lord has been moving our ministry in exciting new directions, allowing us to reach more needy people in different parts of the world. To further the Kingdom of God, we ask that you join your hearts to ours and join hands with us as partners with HOME in accomplishing what the Lord has burdened us to do through these various projects.

About H.O.M.E

Health Outreach to the Middle East (H.O.M.E) is a Christian, interdenominational organization that exists to bring physical, psychological and spiritual healing to the poor and suffering people in the Middle East.

For a multitude of reason, from armed conflicts, political and economic difficulties, to resource scarcity, many impoverished people live in this part of the world and are deprived of appropriate healthcare. The missions of H.O.M.E is to provide adequate and high quality healthcare services to even the poorest of the poor. What sets H.O.M.E apart from other non-profit and faith-based organizations is the fact that its leaders are Bible-believing physicians who themselves are from the Middle East, and are also well connected with other healthcare workers from that part of the world. In addition, H.O.M.E donations are unique in that 100% of the contributions go directly to the mission field; H.O.M.E administrative costs are covered through external funds.

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