

# Health Outreach to the Middle East

The year in  
Review

2019

# H.O.M.E.



*Reaching the Suffering...  
Sharing the Cure...*





## A Word from the

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## President

*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 7 mobile clinics, 8 clinical facilities from Beirut to Baghdad, from Amman to Cairo, the Great Physician is moving in the Middle East.*

*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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# EGYPT



The H.O.M.E. team set up regular mobile clinic days at the site of the building of a church in an underserved area of Cairo. A day prior to the mobile clinic, patients register to be seen by our H.O.M.E. physicians. On the day of the outreach hundreds of patients are examined, and many times, due to the depletion of basic medications and the exhaustion of our medical staff, many patients cannot be seen and are sent home empty-handed. Patients from diverse backgrounds and age, (Muslims, Christians, old & young women and men as well as even children) are equally shown love and professional care. HOME will be acquiring in November a much-needed van fully equipped as a mobile clinic, thanks to the generosity of HOPE Multiplied.

***Hundreds of patients are offered  
consultation as well as medication.***

In our Aileen Coleman Training program this year, we had eight nurses working towards their bachelor's degree and two towards their Masters. The students have been following additional training sessions at the HOME clinic in Nasr City, led and supervised by Dr. Doreen, a Christian Physician at the clinic, and Dr Liliane Iskander, PHD in Nursing.

Our HOME Autism Center keeps on providing much needed professional care for autistic children.



# IRAQ (BAGHDAD, KURDISTAN)



In Baghdad, thanks to your support, we were able to recently purchase a new van that we converted to a mobile clinic and started visiting the refugee camps around Baghdad. As far as staff is concerned, the Lord provided us with the best! One doctor is planning on getting an early retirement from his current job in order to become fully dedicated to the clinic in about two years. A gynecologist agreed to volunteer in seeing female patients every Friday and to do a complimentary ultrasound screening and basic procedures at her private clinic for underserved ladies. Another doctor, in spite of having been approached by militants who terrorized her and her family, and stole their life savings, she continues to faithfully volunteer her services by seeing 10-15 patients a day!”

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In Kurdistan, our mobile clinic continues to provide medical care in Baharka camp, but in a different section of the camp. Although there are several non-profit organizations providing medical services in that camp, patients searched for our new location and came to us for their needs which is a great testimony to the love and care that they receive in addition to their medical and physical needs. Love can truly impact lives sometimes, more than medication! In one quarter, we served 347 pediatric cases, 444 internal medicine cases and 142 dental cases.” Many patients from the last camp we were in, came to this camp though they have their own clinic but they prefer ours which is by itself a testimony that Love can change and it is superior to the medicine we provide.

# JORDAN





Annoor Sanatorium has been treating tuberculosis and related chest diseases among the Bedouin community for about now 50 years. Thousands of patients pass by, leaving behind countless stories of God's faithfulness. HOME is honored to partner with Annoor in supporting and providing for doctors and healthcare workers on short-term and long-term basis.

***The goal is to make TB patients feel respected and treated as human beings who deserve God's love through compassionate care and treatment.***

HOME's full-time doctor wrote: "Most of the patients come to the clinic for TB but suffer much more as they must deal with social humiliation and all the repercussions entailed by the disease. This is where our team is ready to share God's love in addition to treating the disease. As the number of active tuberculosis cases among the Bedouin population declines, Annoor has turned some of the simplest and most effective TB medicines into tools to treat another common infection among them: Brucellosis which is contracted from drinking untreated milk. Unfortunately, fresh unpasteurized milk is vital in the Bedouin's diet."

"As Annoor Sanatorium has become a referral center for tuberculosis, the goal is to make TB patients feel respected and treated as human beings who deserve God's love through compassionate care and treatment, after all, Annoor means the Light in Arabic!"

# LEBANON



ELPIS-HOME clinic ambulatory center moved to its new purchased location in Jdeideh, a Northern suburb of Beirut on February 15, 2019. This 2800 square foot facility is a dream come true. The project required the commitment and generosity of local and North American donors, and the hard work of many volunteers, professionals and the HOME family in Lebanon.

The main challenge was to make all the necessary transformations in the new facility while meeting all the codes and regulations of international standards in a very limited time of forty days. It took work around the clock, in full harmony and dedication, to make the smooth transfer.

**Serving both the Lebanese population  
as well as the refugees from the  
surrounding Arabic countries**

The new facility allows the clinic to cover a wider variety of medical specialties, and to offer advanced surgical procedures and new diagnostic tests. ELPIS-HOME clinic is upgrading its services and will reach new frontiers in serving both the Lebanese population as well as the refugees who come from the surrounding Arabic countries.

Please pray for the acquisition of a dental and an ophthalmology clinic. The dream goes on, as we depend on God's provision and grace.

Like all of our other HOME clinics, Elpis includes spiritual counseling services offered to all patients.



# MAURITANIA





Health Outreach to the Middle East continues to reach the suffering and share the Cure with the people of Mauritania.

Our small community hospital in the middle of the desert is becoming an oasis of hope for many as patients travel from all over the country to receive hope and healing from the medical staff there. The hospital continues to have more patients waiting outside than can possibly be seen on any given day, and we are continuing to work to expand our services so that we can care for each patient with excellence and compassion.

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The operating room project is still under construction, with the next team planning to come in January with the hope of completing the project.

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The new hospital we are partnering with to the north of us in Oudane is almost ready for opening. We hope in November we will be able to start staffing the hospital with outpatient consultations several days a month as we continue to pray and wait in expectation for God to provide a long-term doctor to staff this hospital.

# SOUTH SUDAN



As the Ebola outbreak rages in the Democratic Republic of Congo, fears are getting higher from the continued rise in the number of cases. South Sudan shares the border with Congo that prompted a collaboration between the government and health organizations to start a process of prevention.

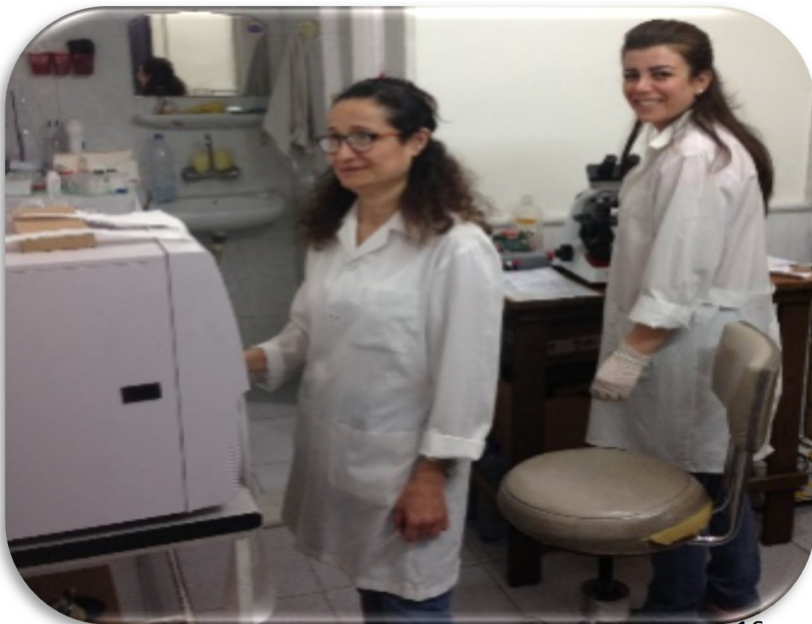
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Samaritan's Purse, one of the leader organizations in prevention control of Ebola in the country, has chosen HOME's Good Shepperd Clinic as one of five key centers in Juba for patient screening and isolation. Our staff underwent an intense 3-day training to learn practical ways of screening, protection and isolation.

In addition, the clinic serves a population of around 17,000 people. Close to a hundred patients are seen every day for consultations, vaccinations, minor surgeries, lab and nutrition among other services. The clinic has earned a respectable reputation not only for providing good medical services but also for shining the Light and sharing the Love of the Ultimate Healer. However, the Good Shepherd Clinic services are not limited to its location only but extended to the patients who cannot come through the mobile clinic. Many trips are taken every year to reach out to the suffering people with The Cure!



# SYRIA





One of the hardest things for a physician, is to face a patient who did not come only with physical ailments, but with a baggage of heavy burdens because of the ravages of war. This is the everyday situation of HOME's physicians at the Tabbaleh clinic in Syria.

The clinic serves an average of 1500 patients each month, providing office visits in various specialties, lab services and imagery.

In an ongoing cooperation between HOME and IHS Global (International Health Services), SALINE team trainers travelled to Syria to equip about 35 of our health workers in the challenges of taking on both physical and spiritual needs of the patients.

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It is interesting to see the change in the patient's attitudes after their visit to the clinic. No matter their religious background, they all feel the respect and love.

The relationship of the center with the community has become much more than a patient-doctor one. While taking the patients' health history, their life stories become interwoven with their medical ones. Friendships are being built and trust is nurtured, paving the way for precious opportunities to share the Word and the Ultimate Love!

Please pray for protection and wisdom, trusting that the Lord will touch each person who sets foot in the clinic.

# YEMEN



Over the last few years the ongoing conflict in Yemen has had devastating impacts on the health of the population and the country's sanitation infrastructure leading to a health crisis. One of the results of this health crisis is a major cholera outbreak which was first reported in 2016 whereby the suspected cases now exceed a million individuals in 2019.

During the conflict, vital public health infrastructures in civilian areas have been destroyed or made inoperable and massive displacements have left the population in crowded and unsanitary conditions. Currently, many reported deaths have been attributed to the Cholera outbreak, which has extended geographically, affecting nearly all of the country.

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A group of Muhamisheen (a marginalized people group) wanted to reduce the vulnerability of their community to these diseases by spreading lifesaving knowledge through plays. Beneficiaries who attended the plays said they had been exposed to health awareness campaigns before, but it was easier to understand when the principles were presented through dramas and stories using simple language.

The hygiene promotion campaigns reached an estimated 7,374 beneficiaries. 1,820 were reached through a series of 39 Health Awareness Days targeting 13 Muhamisheen communities with programs about the prevention and treatment of Cholera, Diphtheria, and Dengue Fever. 2,300 beneficiaries were reached with hygiene kit distributions through the program.

HOME has been supporting the health awareness and Cholera prevention campaigns in Yemen where children and civilians have been the leading victims of Cholera, Diphtheria and other war-related emerging diseases.



# WEST BANK





The West Bank may not be on your daily news feed anymore, but violence is on-going, and the crisis is expanding leaving higher numbers of people at risk.

The HOME-Hand of Love clinic has not stopped to seize opportunities to serve the community. On their latest campaign, Hand of Love visited two villages with 12,000 inhabitants. It was a first visit of its kind; they never had a visit from a Christian organization before. Specialized doctors came along, a Neurologist, Pediatrician, Dentist, Chiropractor and a General practitioner treated 200 patients. The leaders of the villages showed their gratitude towards the team because of their unique behavior, patience and compassion towards the people.

This mobile clinic opened opportunities for the team to share the love of God and to pray with some patients during their time there.

Please keep the Hand of Love team in your prayers as they live and serve in constant danger without any reluctance to share their medical expertise and most importantly God's love!

# Reaching the Suffering ...





# Sharing the Cure...



## About HOME

*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.*

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