

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

St Luke's Hospital, Nablus

Providing healthcare in an environment of conflict

In their own words

'In an area where it is not easy to share the gospel in words, St Luke's is an institution which communicates Christ-like care in deed and action.'
 Mazen Kawa, Administrative Director, St Luke's



West Bank factfile

Palestinian leader: Mahmoud Abbas
Population: 4 million (UN, 2007)
Area: 5,970 sq km
Major language: Arabic
Major religion: Islam
Life expectancy: 72 years (men), 75 years (women) (UN)
Main exports: Citrus
Internet domain: .ps

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In a region embroiled in conflict, St Luke's Hospital is providing a vital health service, without discriminating against a patient's nationality, religion or ability to pay. Based in Nablus, in the West Bank, the hospital primarily serves the local Palestinian community. It is a well-equipped 60-bed hospital, treating around 20,000 patients a year and performing almost 2,500 operations. Nablus is halfway between Jerusalem and Nazareth, and is one of the oldest Palestinian cities. For several years, it has been a flashpoint of violence between the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Palestinian

militant groups. Indeed, staff often find themselves working in difficult conditions due to frequent incursions by the IDF. And it is not uncommon for doctors to carry out surgery in the midst of power cuts or while guns are being fired outside. The hospital employs around 25 Christians, whose impact on the tone of St Luke's ministry is enormous due to a philosophy of providing holistic care, which caters for the patient's emotional and spiritual needs, alongside physical treatment. The hospital reaches out to the local community through its mobile health team.

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