

November 6, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Good news from Hope School!.

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:9-11

As we get close to the threshold of Christmas God indeed has brought to us good news, as He sent his angel to the shepherds with good news, He brought to us good news, we thank our Lord for our newly elected board.

On Tuesday the 29th of October at 6:00PM the general assembly had their annual meeting. During the meeting a new board for Hope secondary School was elected. The Seven members for the new board are approved by three governmental ministries: 1. the ministry of interior, 2. the ministry of social welfare and 3. the association of Charitable Societies in Palestine. The new board has already started its duties. The board members are qualified people who have a wide experience in education, organization and ministry work. The board members are:

1. Chairman: Mr. Khader Saba - East Jerusalem / YMCA youth opportunities deputy director
2. Vice chairman: Rev. Bassam Banoura. Rev Bassam is the Rev. of Shepherds field Evangelical Church
3. Treasurer: Mr. William Shaer. Mr. William is very active in social and community work, he is a member of several organizations in the town.
4. Secretary: Mary Zeidan - secretary
5. Member: Nader Abu Amsha – East Jerusalem/ YMCA – rehabilitation program director.
6. Member: Rita Doqmaq : teacher assistant at Al-Quds University
7. Member: Mr. Issa Abu Ghannam : retired head teacher.

A strategic plan will be generated for the next three years in which there is a primary focus on Hope Secondary School's Vision, Mission and Purpose, Resources, Capacities, Governance, Organizational Operations, Development, Financial Operations and Viability, children's educational development, its positive Impact on needy children and Donor relations—among other topics. Follow-up meetings will take place to put this strategic plan into action.

Your prayers and support are very much needed in this new beginning at Hope School. Please pray for us and keep in touch as there are lots of opportunities to be involved in helping our school and ministry. Without your prayers and support our children will lose a second chance of education. We really thank those who have helped us before and we open our doors to those who are willing to help the needy and disadvantaged children in our care.

May God bless you and enrich you in His grace.

In Christ,
Laila Nour
Hope School