

January, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings from the administration, staff, and students at Hope School.

It is a new school term with a new start at Hope School!. With Joy we welcome two new members to the family of Hope School, the new head teacher Dr. Jihan Emaya and the new executive secretary Mr. Salim Zeidan. We wish them all the best and ask you to join us in prayer for them.

It has been more than a week now since our precious students have been back from the Christmas Holiday. We had two big Christmas celebrations in December.

The Students and Staff celebrated, at the school chapel, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A Christmas Muppet Show was presented by our 8th and 9th students and we all sang Christmas carols together. Everyone then enjoyed a time of praise and worship. A blast of cheer filled the place at the end when Santa entered with a big sack of presents to give to each student at the school.

The staff along with the board of trustees and our spiritual advisor ecclesiastic Joseph Hodali had a Christmas dinner at the Orthodox Club Restaurant in Beit Jala, we all had a chance to socialize and meet away from classes and office work in a spiritual atmosphere filled with the joy and holiness of the season. The dinner started with a blessing from our board member Rev. Bassam Bannoura and then we all united our voices in singing Christmas Carols. Mr. Khader Saba our Chairman gave a welcoming talk and entertained us with a cheerful quiz show. The dinner was a chance for us to reunite upon love as God is love at the season of Christmas.

We would like to thank all those who prayed for us and helped us during the past year. Now that we are back to school we ask each and every one of you to pray for the following



- the new governing board to have courage and wisdom in leading the school spiritually and academically.
- to overcome our financial hardships and be able to provide food and heating fuel for our boarding boys
- for the boarding section boys to live and study in a loving and understanding Christian atmosphere
- to enable us to follow Jesus Christ in each and every step we take .

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May God bless each and every one of you.

