

Hope in February 2009.

We enjoyed a couple of visits from John Gibby, our friend from the UK. It is always a blessing when he comes to visit. The children love to see him and he is a wonderful friend to the House of Hope. He enjoyed his time in Bethlehem, visiting with the children and staff. He also got to visit the families of several past students. It is always wonderful to see what God is doing in our former students' lives.



Oddlaug and Sverre, who were volunteers in 2006, visited us in October. The boarding children were so happy to see "Aunty Bob" again. Oddlong and Sverre also visited families of past students. It was wonderful to see them again.



Please join us in prayer for:

- Our teachers, staff, and volunteers, that we will be unified in our work.
- Our students, that they will know the love of Christ.
- Provision of funds for our renovation projects and general running costs.
- Peace in our Land

If you are interested in supporting the House of Hope financially, please send a donation to the appropriate address:

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*We pray that the
peace and love of Jesus
will be with you this
holiday season.*



House of Hope

**For the Blind
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*Merry Christmas from Bethlehem
the city of the birth of our Lord and
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We have had a very busy year at the House of Hope. We praise God for his continual provision and grace to us as we strive to show others His love through our ministry. It is only through Him that we can do anything.

The biggest news from this semester is we are finally underway with our building renovations. The day school will be moving and the old school rooms are being converted into much needed office space. We have also renovated the older boys' section to become a Guest House. We are currently raising money to renovate the boarding section, which is a big need. We praise God for the funds that have been provided for the current renovations and trust that he will continue to provide for our needs.



Nichola

On November 17, 2008, Nichola, one of our resident young men, went to be with the Lord. We are all very saddened by his death, but we know that he is in a better place. Nichola will be missed greatly at the House of Hope. Though he hardly ever spoke, his presence was always known by his playfulness and his service. Please keep Sami and the other young men in your prayers as they deal with the loss of a friend and brother.



Volunteers

We are blessed to have Dicken and Helena volunteering with us this year. Dicken is from New York and Helena is from Holland. They both work in the boarding section and are planning on staying for the remainder of the school year. We praise God for their hard work and love for the children!

Family News

We are pleased to announce that Christine, Rhoda's daughter, was married to Waleed Rashmawi in August. They are adjusting to life together and having a wonderful time. It was a



beautiful wedding and a wonderful time for their families. The David's had many relatives from out of the country visit for the celebration. As many of you know, Christine David, the co-founder of the House of Hope, fell and broke her leg earlier this Fall. She is continuing to recover, but it is a long process. Please continue to pray for her recovery and that she will not be discouraged.

The School and Boarding Section

We praise God for the work he is doing through the school and boarding section. We were able to accept two new day students and four new boarding students this year. We are so thankful for each of our children. The teachers and house parents continue to do a wonderful job of loving the children and showing them the love of Jesus.

Visitors to the House of Hope

We have been blessed to have several special visitors to the House of Hope in 2008. In January, a team from Mercy's Cross Church in Arkansas volunteered for a couple of days, painting and helping with other small projects. They are planning a trip back to the House of