



# BibleLands

## Overseas Partner Fact Sheet.....

### St Luke's Hospital

#### How it all started

St Luke's Hospital, named after the Biblical doctor and healer, was built in 1900 by the Church Missionary Society (CMS). In 1984, the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East took over the running of the hospital and continues to administer the work. In the early 1980s, the hospital grew significantly and in 1986 a new building was commissioned, which was inaugurated in 1994.

Nablus, one of the oldest cities in Palestine, lies halfway between Jerusalem and Nazareth. It is between two mountains – Ebal, the mountain of 'curse', to the north and Jerzim, the mountain of 'blessings', to the south. Over 600,000 people live in the area, which is a hotbed of political unrest, where riots often occur. The majority of the population is Muslim and a few are Samaritans; fewer than 1% are Christian.

#### **Key facts**

Founded: 1900  
Location: Nablus, West Bank  
First Grant from BibleLands: 1989  
BibleLands' Grant: £6,336 p.a.



*Through its caring work, St Luke's Hospital is an extension of the ministry and witness of Christians in a fraught area, where actions often speak louder than words*

#### Current Activities

St Luke's is a 60-bed general hospital. It treats about 20,000 in- and out-patients a year, performing almost 2,500 operations. It has a pharmacy, an eye clinic, a laboratory, modern x-ray and radiology equipment, and offers medical services through its surgery, general medicine, paediatrics, gynaecology and neurosurgery departments. It also has an Intensive Care Unit with a special section for babies and good aftercare services are also given, especially through the Physiotherapy Department. The hospital also runs outreach programs, promoting healthcare and improving the health of the local community.

The hospital's aim is to minister in Christ's name, in practical ways. It treats all who come seeking its care, regardless of race, nationality, faith or financial status. As it aims to enhance the welfare of the Palestinian community in a non-commercial way, it actively encourages those who are poor and in need to come and receive treatment. It offers holistic care, encompassing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each patient.

The hospital employs several Christians on its staff. In a town with fewer than 650 Christians, the impact on the Christian community is therefore important. Thank you for your support of this hospital.

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