



Cambridge Nazareth Trust

2020 Newsletter

An Enormous THANK YOU to CNT Benefactors - in Arabic, SHUKRAN

Thank you to our kind benefactors. Your generous donations enable CNT to continue its work in 'helping young people in the Holy Land to have a brighter future'. CNT has for thirty-six years worked alongside the forty-four schools of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (LPJ, whose logo is shown above next to that of CNT) to educate generations of Christians in the Holy Land. Through education we hope to enable Christian communities to play their part in the future development of their lands and maintain a Christian presence in the Holy Land.



Learning English starts early in the newly restored Nursery in LPS Hashemi, Jordan

The LPJ schools are heavily dependent on charitable donations. Your generous donations remind them that they are not alone. The schools are a vital source of income to all those they employ in lands where unemployment is high. Life as a Christian is difficult. In Jordan and Palestine, LPJ schools receive no state funding. The devastating effect of military occupation in Palestine cannot be overstated with checkpoints, travel restrictions and an eight-metre-high separation wall dictating lives. The five schools in Israel receive reduced amounts of state finance. To cope with the refugee crisis in Jordan, fourteen LPJ schools run afternoon sessions providing education for Iraqi and Syrian Christian refugees.

CNT works to improve children's education by developing teachers' skills to ensure rich learning experiences. A trained teacher can change children's lives.

In recent years CNT has focused its work on training teachers as the trustees believe and have now confirmed that this will have the greatest impact in improving the education and life chances of the young pupils.



Heba with Grade 2 at Houson, Jordan. November 2019
I was told off when, on leaving the classroom, when I said "Shukran".

An eight year old boy wagged his finger at me, saying "No Arabic in English lessons!" Never before have I been so pleased to be checked.
The training is working.

Initially funded by the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre, the English Project is now wholly financed by CNT. Starting in 2011, it has reaped dividends introducing new 'active' teaching methods for English courses. These changes have been gradually absorbed by the enthusiastic LPJ teachers previously without access to teaching development programmes.

Ten years on, visiting CNT Trustees and the tutors see a transformed educational system with more confident pupils speaking fluent English. Group work, collaboration and pupil centred activities are the norm. Many teachers have developed confidence in a range of teaching methods and student-centred learning more fitted to the demands of the twenty first century. Examination results have improved. Yet there is always more to do and more remote schools to cover.

CNT helping in 2019

Parish Summer Camps

CNT continues to support parish summer camps knowing how essential they are in keeping children occupied throughout the long hot summer holidays.

Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, LPJ Apostolic Administrator, has thanked CNT:
"The Lord give you peace. Thank you for your support and collaboration, and together we offer the summer camps to the children in Jordan. Be assured of our prayers for your work and your benefactors. May the Lord bless you."

2019 Two Training Teachers Projects

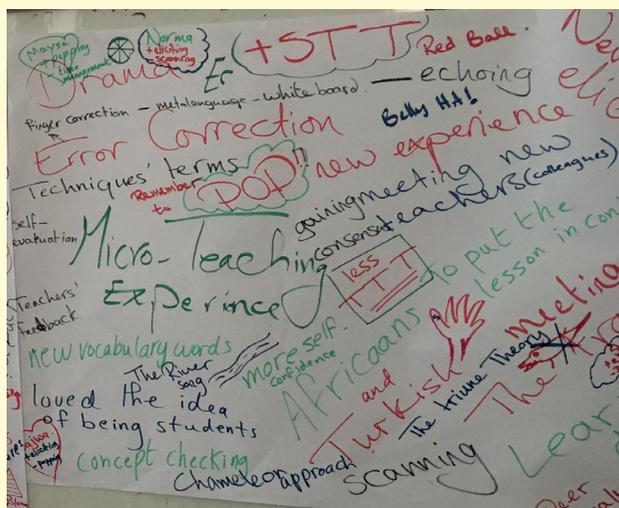
Richenda, Jackie and Jonny, our specialist English trainers, returned. Every time, I remind the teachers that the training is only possible through the support of CNT's benefactors. All the teachers are grateful that you know, pray for and support them. The LPJ Education Department commented that CNT's training is better than any other they had received. In turn, the team is very well looked after with transport provided, wonderful hospitality and delicious refreshments.

March 2019 CNT Returning to Beir Zeit in Palestine



Beir Zeit LPJ School in Palestine
CNT provided forty-two teachers in three groups with new ideas for teaching English
14 new teachers
17 in Drama workshop
11 in Advanced group who had received training from 2013 to 2016

Fourteen new teachers received five days of workshops providing input into the main areas of language teaching and teaching in general. They were introduced to student-centred teaching techniques, teaching reading and listening skills, using course books more effectively and error correction in speaking. In a final workshop, an amazing series of five-minute micro-lessons presented by the teachers themselves demonstrated how they were adopting the key messages from the workshops.



What we have learned - more Student Talk Time



Jonny discusses various ways to organise a classroom

Seventeen teachers from a variety of LPJ schools attended a three-day workshop of 'Drama in the Classroom'. David, our new Drama recruit from Theatre Express, offered them a toolkit of ideas and activities to implement in their classrooms whether they were teaching Kindergarten or older students. The enthusiasm and creativity of the teachers as they performed for their colleagues in their final session delighted us all.

Palestine, April 2019



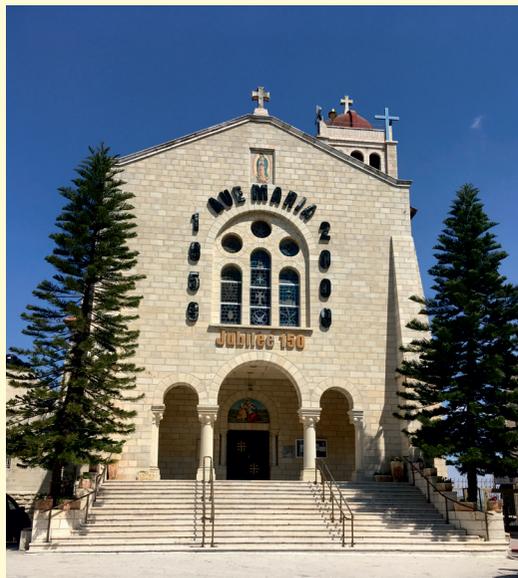
David using Drama in Jifna School



Jonny leading a Workshop



Working Together



Our hosts at The Immaculate Conception Parish in Beir Zeit



Hadeel receiving her certificate



The latest group of teachers from across Palestine to be trained

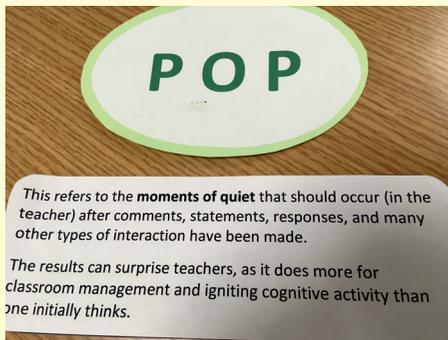
Jordan, November 2019



The Team with Suha Haddadin, Head of Teacher and Curriculum Development and Supervision for LPJ Schools in Jordan



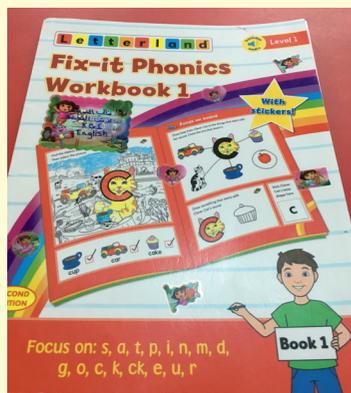
Phil, our Treasurer with other pilgrims at Jubeiha School in Amman



Explaining why POP, the Power of Pause is used in education to elicit responses



Letterland is a multi-sensory phonics programme from England recently introduced into all LPJ nurseries in Jordan



*All work and no play ...
... we were very well looked after !*



Abouna Wissam Mansour, LPJ Director of Education in Jordan

Abouna Khallil Ja'ar, Parish Priest of Marka





Quick thinking : Role play

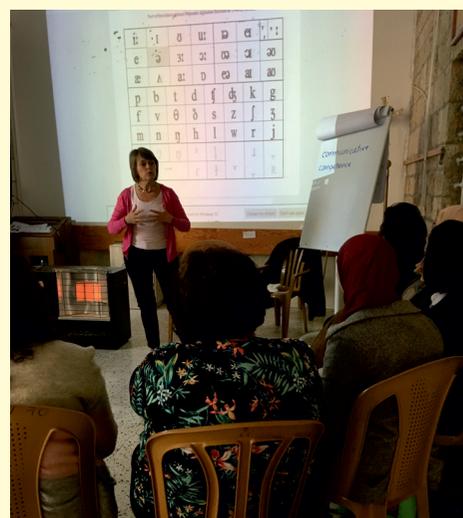


Catch the ball and give a noun/verb/adjective when you pass it back

Eleven teachers who had previously received training from 2013 to 2016 formed an Advanced group with four days of workshops on Teaching Lexis, Teaching Receptive Skills, Teaching for Exams, Critical Thinking and Teaching Speaking to maintain their Continuous Professional Development. We were heartened to see and hear that their earlier training had been remembered and that they are now Mentors, supporting and encouraging their colleagues, which is just what we had hoped to achieve in 2016.



With Jackie: how to reflect on a lesson



Richenda on correct pronunciation

This training will be continued at the 2020 LPJ Education Conference in March in Ramallah.

November 2019 CNT in Amman, Jordan

We were with the third group of Jordanian teachers that CNT has trained. Since the initial training in 2018, the team has been following the teachers' progress on a WhatsApp forum. Our three loyal and inspirational tutors led workshops and then travelled across Jordan visiting and observing teachers in thirteen schools. They were very pleased with the progress they observed.

Drama workshops, led by David, were held in three schools. Confidence in the use of expressive and clearly pronounced English was encouraged. David was thrilled to see some of his methods being successfully implemented. Learning English is fun and David's advice on 'Caring for your voice' was heeded.



November 2019: The third group of Jordanian teachers with the tutors



Exchanging ideas



Rula presents

The Team believes that the twenty- five LPJ schools in Jordan are well on the way to self-sufficiency. Some of those trained now have training roles themselves and, with support, they can take the development forward, as the final session demonstrated. Rula and Shireen, two inspirational teachers trained in 2012 who are now supervisors, gave impressive presentations on how the training had helped them and how they are helping others. We were reduced to tears. Cascading best practice is working!

Not all is so heartening - Iraqi Refugee Schools

Whilst in Amman, we visited two Iraqi Refugee Schools held in the afternoon in the LPJ schools at Marka and Hashemi. About 12,000 Iraqi Christians fled from ISIS to nearby Jordan in 2014. They are being sheltered in Jordanian parishes. As refugees, they are excluded from state education and health care and their parents are not allowed to work. They receive little international aid. Fluency in English helps with visa applications for Australia and Canada. CNT will continue to help.



Margaret and Bernard Waddingham with Fr Khalil Ja'ar at the Iraqi refugee school in Marka. The children's very smart uniforms are made by Iraqi ladies in the sewing room set up by Fr Khalil, for which they receive food tokens. The parish community supports 800 families.

The numbers of Christians living in the Holy Land has reduced significantly following decades of political turmoil. **Yet this small Christian presence, 2% of the population, contributes to a sense of justice and peace in this troubled land.** Christians are highly respected in their communities with their schools providing education to all, whether Christian or Muslim. The Christian community in Jordan is to be commended for its amazing humanitarian care of Syrian and Iraqi refugees.

Thank you, Shukran. Be assured that your kindness helps to maintain a Christian presence in the land of Jesus, the Holy Land

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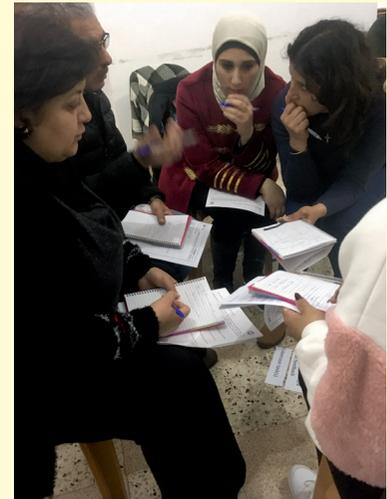
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Giving instructions in English



Enjoying the task



Deep concentration

You can help by

- Remembering these beleaguered Christian communities in your prayers
- Praying for the success of our mission
- Donating online or by cheque to Cambridge Nazareth Trust (can be gift aided)
- Making a standing order
- Organising fund raising in your parish or school

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Account number 82994505

Our patron is Rt Rev. Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia. The Trustees are Margaret Waddingham (Chairman), Mgr Eugene Harkness, Donald McEwen and Benedict McHugo (Secretary), with Phil Parker as Treasurer.

On their visits in 2019, Margaret and Phil were made welcome and were very impressed by the LPI schools. Trustees pay all their own expenses and CNT keeps its administrative costs to a minimum.

CNT will never give your personal details to any other organisation

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