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مراسلات جمعية سيدات بيرزيت الخيرية

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Report to the CCCOP meeting concerning the work in the clinic in Birzeit.

The clinic, runned by Birzeit Women Charitable Society (B.W. Ch. Soc.), is situated in the center of Birzeit opposite the old campus of the Birzeit University. It is located in an old building, but the best is done out of it and it is functioning well.

The administrator of the clinic is miss Georgette Abed, Public Health Nurse. The rest of the staff includes two doctors, one midwife and public health nurse, one registered nurse (me), three assistant nurses, one assistant pharmacologist, one woman who works with family planning, one clerk, one driver and one cleaner. There is also a modern dental unit with one dentist and one assistant nurse.

Another dentist comes once a week in the afternoon, she is espacially for children. B.W. Ch. Soc. also runs a laboratory. A team from St. John's Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, comes once every second week. For the Family planning work there is a gynecologist coming once every second week.

The patients are from Birzeit and villages all around Birzeit.

The fee is half a Jordanian Dinar (J.D.) paid in Israeli Shekels. The fee includes visiting the doctor and medication. For laboratory tests the patients have to pay extra. At the dental clinic the fee is one J.D. and then according to treatment.

Around 60 patients are treated daily, the dental clinic not included.

The clinic is open five days a week. Closed Fridays and Sundays. But on Fridays one assistant nurse is on duty in the clinic.

Once a week our midwife has antenatal clinic. A lot of pregnant women are coming for checkings. Infant care is done twice a week in the clinic.

There is a cooperation with the Health Department of the university, particularly in the field work.

Earlier all new students came for a medical checkup at the clinic. Now the university has appointed their own doctor and a nurse. However we receive a lot of students and university employees as patients.

Health classes are given in different villages. Lessons are given on nutrition, hygien, first aid, mother and child-care etc. In the villages many girls drop out of school after 5th or 6th elementary classes. Many of these girls are interested in learning. They have an exam by the end of the course and they get a certificate. Some of these girls come to train afterwards in the clinic. They learn how to check the temperature, the blood pressure, give injections and do dressings of wounds, so that they can do these services in their villages.

We also receive students from Al Bireh Nursing College to practise antenatal work and infant care.

Since one year I am in charge of the infant care, which means weighing and immunizations of babies 0-3 years old and give advice to the mothers concerning nutrition, feeding, hygiene etc.

This work is done twice a week in the clinic. Since September 1984 we work in cooperation with the Public Health Department (P.H.D.) in Ramallah, in an outreach program in five villages, Atara, Ajoul, Al Mizra'a, Kobar and Abu Sheikhedem.

All the vaccin we get from the P.H.D. They also send us one registered nurse who comes with us.

The work has shown a very good result. We had some babies registered from these villages before, but now we got much more. (More than 400 new registrations in all during May 1984 - April 1985).

P.H.D. was working in these villages before. They do not weigh the children or give advices. They visited these villages once every second month. We do one visit per month in each village. I have noticed that some children got their immunizations quite irregularly. Now we are covering it up and are trying to reach each child in these villages. We give the immunizations according to the W.H.O. All immunizations are free.

In these villages we rent a room in which we are working or the village has given us a room. The buildings belong either to a private person or to the village. There is a woman from the village taking care of the room.

We work in a team: the nurse from the P.H.D., me, an assistant nurse, a woman from the village and our driver. The inhabitants in these villages are Moslems. We announce our arrival in the village through the loudspeaker of the mosque.

Mainly I do the weighing and speak with the mothers and check if the babies are due for immunization. We got the confidence of the mothers. I feel I have a good contact with them. They spontaneously tell me about problems with the babies or at home. I have to speak in Arabic with the mothers.

I also try to find out about handicapped or mental retarded children and adults. The families do not so easily speak about them.

We also do homevisits. I go together with an assistant nurse. Unfortunately there is not so much time left over because of other activities. But when there is a chance we do homevisits especially to homes of children who are underweight - to see their situation and give advices.

At the end I want to say that I think we are doing a good and important work. We always try to keep the quality high.

I do hope The Lutheran Church of Jordan and the COCOP will continue to support this work.

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