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To Mr. Hans Branscheidt / Medico - Germany

Birzeit Women's Charitable Society
Dental Unit

Report of Activities
October - December 1983

Ever since its establishment, Birzeit Women's Charitable Society gave importance to dental and oral health. Thus its dental unit was established in 1973, making the Society the first to promote oral and dental hygiene as an integrate portion of health care activities. In 1981, however, due to the lack of funds and adequate equipment, the Dental Unit was closed.

Though local initiative and the contribution of MEDICO, the Society was able to purchase new equipment and reinstate the Unit in 1983 by employing a dentist and his assistant on a full time basis. The Society was fortunate in locating a highly qualified dentist that is becoming the cornerstone of the Society's preventive dentistry program.

As it stands now, the Dental Unit is open daily from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m. Its clients are mainly the inhabitants from Birzeit and surrounding villages. University students (who have no dental insurance) receive services at the Dental Unit as well. Adults pay the fees of approximately 2.5 U.S. dollars per treatment with no charge for follow-up visits. Students and pregnant women are treated at half this price. All children under 12 are treated free of charge. Profits from fees go to cover the cost of operating the Unit (with the exception of salaries which are covered by MEDICO).

Over and above this, screening of pregnant women and children that attend the Health Clinic occur on a regular basis by our dentist. This is the nucleus of our prevention program that is to be expanded once the Dental Unit is consolidated.

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From October through December of 1983, 946 patients attended the Dental Clinic. Of those :

- 1- 131 were village children.
- 2- 375 were students from Birzeit University and the local schools.
- 3- 327 were villagers
- 4- 113 Birzeit University workers.

Further plans include dental screening in near-by schools, water testing for the presence of flouride and chlo-ride ions in water, and a dental fluoridation preventive programs for children.

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