



Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza

**Suhaila says that much effort and time will be needed to restore conditions to normal at the hospital and in Gaza.**

The hospital began this process almost immediately when it re-commenced non-emergency surgery. The hospital is also resuming its Medical Mission program beginning with patients from Zaytoun, an area particularly hard hit by the conflict. Patients are being brought to the hospital and offered medical, social, and rehabilitative services as well as basic food stuffs such as baby milk and high nutrition biscuits, before being returned to their homes.

To continue its role as a vital part of the Gaza healthcare community, programs for elderly women and mammography screening are starting again. There is now, sadly, an urgent need to provide ongoing care for children with burns and those recovering from serious injuries.

During this recovery period, all programs and medicines at the hospital are being provided free of charge - despite the hospital's mounting financial deficit.

**Christians in Gaza now number little more than 3,000 people, and need our support. The hospital treats all, regardless of their faith, and each year forty-five thousand patients pass through its doors.**

Bishop Suheil challenges us to support the work and witness of the Christian community in Gaza. "In the weeks and months ahead, the needs of Al Ahli will be great as it continues to respond to a suffering and devastated community".



Bishop Suheil in the hospital chapel



The McCabe Educational Trust is responding to the Bishop's appeal and we invite you to contribute. All donations will be sent to the Diocese of Jerusalem specifically for the work of the hospital in Gaza. If you giftaid your contribution, we will be able to add 25% to your donation.