

meant a lot to me, much more importantly, to all those who attended the clinic. Just look at their faces in the photographs! Many thanks!"

Jenin

Screening: Total of 160 patients screened in 4 days in Jenin, 62 in Jenin Camp clinic and 98 in Jenin makeshift clinic organised & hosted by a community centre, not to mention 5 pavement consultations..!!

The majority of cases were diabetic patients, but people with other eye related problems have approached the clinic to be checked by the visiting doctor.

7 patients need a follow up session, planned in October 2009, out of which, 4-6 cases may need a laser treatment.



Discussions with UNRWA regional director are ongoing regarding the possibility of establishing a pre- and school vision assessment initiative. Logistics and possibility of commencement will be studied during Oyooni's October visit.

Training: A seminar at Jenin Refugee camp provided an introduction to Glaucoma to medical staff (3 doctors, 9 nurses and 3 community workers). The seminar was well received with participants showing a great interest in having further sessions. Many questions on the subject were asked. A request to furnish a room with a projector / audio visual to set up a 'learning' room at the new planned medical centre in the camp, has been put forward. This will allow the chance to invite other doctors, lecturers and specialists to give seminars in the future.

Awareness: A local TV station conducted an interview with Dr Dabbagh to raise awareness of diabetes in general and its effect on eyes in particular.

Ramallah

Screening: Oyooni was received by the Community and Health Workers Association and with them conducted 2 field visits to 2 villages (Beit Luqya, which covers 9 surrounding smaller villages, and Kafr Ni'ma, a centre for Health Workers Committees).

15 patients screened in Beit Luqya and 5 in Kafr Ni'ma. 2 patients need follow up laser treatment.



11 Patients screened at Sunjel (village) Health Centre and a visit to Turmus-Ayya hospital was conducted to reschedule a screening clinic at the hospital in October.

Meeting with Head of medical services at UNRWA (West Bank) Dr. Umaiye Khamash. Oyooni has been invited and has accepted to act as consultants to look into the setting up of the eye unit of the diabetic centre in Deheisha refugee camp.

Training: Dr. Dabbagh prepared and delivered a seminar on red eyes to 22 primary healthcare physicians in the UNRWA centre (Monday 3rd August) in Ramallah. Lively discussions ensued followed by a request to conduct similar seminars on various topics such as: anatomy and functions, viral keratitis, diabetic retinopathy, dry eye, general eyecare and lid hygiene, cataracts, styes and chalazia, and glaucoma management. Will follow up during October visit.

Beit Jala

Screening: Assessment of 24 children at Al Shurooq School for the Blind and visually impaired.

Oyooni is privileged and honoured to have been offered a room at the school to act as a base clinic for Oyooni and for the establishment of a low visual aid centre to serve the school primarily and outside needs where there is demand.

26 children were screened at the Diabetic Friends Society (DFS). None were found to require laser treatment in the foreseeable future.

Oyooni was requested to assist in the setting up of a diabetic unit in their own GP clinic to serve DFS members.



Awareness: Sunshine Radio station (Nazareth based) conducted a 15 minute live interview with Dr. Dabbagh. Questions about Dr. Dabbagh's origins and Oyooni motivations and aspirations, his thoughts, feelings and emotions about being there.

Hebron

Screening: 21 patients in Al Dura village (south west Hebron) were screened. Although a small village, Dura's clinic serves 99 surrounding villages. Follow up when Oyooni returns in October 2009.



A letter of thanks : “We, residents of Jenin, surrounding villages and the refugee camp, wish to extend our thanks to Dr Dabbagh for the effort he’s put in the screening of diabetic patients at UNRWA clinic.”