

Mission Partner prayer and update 10 November 2024
Embrace the Middle East

Su McClellan at Embrace the Middle East writes....

I do hope this finds you well. There's actually quite a lot to update you on, so here goes.

Elias has moved on from working for the Palestinian Bible Society (PBS) full time. He and his wife have set up an independent training consultancy for preparing young people for youth ministry. He is still involved in the PBS leadership programme as a consultant.

He has been replaced by Diana Samaan. Diana has worked for PBS for many years, but she is now based in Canada, from where she will coordinate the leadership programme. In his capacity as a consultant, Elias has been training more trainers for the programme. This arrangement has meant that they have been able to expand the programme and formalize its curriculum as part of the wider Bible Society offering.

You will have seen that the northern West Bank town of Jenin has been very much in the news. It is a flash point for violence and so PBS' work here is essential. They have begun a programme with the Scouts, and prayers would be very welcome for navigating the complexities of working in such a volatile context.

As you know, Jericho is predominantly a Muslim town, and so the fact that PBS have been invited to offer the Leadership Programme in local schools is evidence of the high regard the Society is held in by the local community. Please pray that this builds resilience in the young people and gives them positive alternatives to violence or emigration.

As ever, we are continually grateful for your care, concern and partnership for our friends at PBS.