



**Hope
Secondary
School,
Beit Jala,
Bethlehem,
Palestine,
partially
supported by
United
Methodist
Advance
Specials.**



Solomon Nour, director of Hope Secondary School, above. Below, Rev. Sandy Olewine, UM missionary, left, with Hope School staff.



photos by Wes Rehberg



Classroom and bunk dormitory at Hope School.

Please meet Ramzi, a new member of Wes & Eileen's extended family

Dear friends – We are most pleased to introduce you to Ramzi Al A'raj, 13, a student at Hope Secondary School in Beit Jala, Bethlehem, Palestine, whom we are supporting by providing for his education. We visited the Hope School in September 2001, in a very difficult zone, and were deeply impressed. The school is supported by various Christian beneficiaries, including the United Methodist Advance Special.

Solomon Nour, the school's director, tells us that Ramzi's father is a tailor, with little income now because of the Occupation and restricted movements, and mother is a housewife. He has two brothers and a sister, all older. In August 2001, their home was burned out by Israeli military shelling, so the family stays with relatives.

Ramzi tells us he likes math and soccer, and hopes to get a good job when he graduates. He is in grade 8. He writes us: "I am most happy to be at Hope School and will do my best."

We now consider him part of our extended family and will visit him when we return to Palestine. As part of this family, we introduce him to you as well.



Ramzi Al A'raj, student at Hope Secondary School, Beit Jala, Bethlehem District, Palestine



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