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**Beneficiaries**

**ALL PUBLIC**

\* **French classes:** After Marian's departure at the end of October, Charlotte - a doctoral student in Hebron - provided French classes and conversation sessions twice a week to the employees of the Old City, to which three former students joined.

Since December, Chantal has provided other sessions twice a week for two employees of the other location and 4 other people.

Hayat Rjoub, inspector for the teaching of French in schools in the Bethlehem and Hebron area, met with the AECHEF in order to allow school children and teachers to benefit from our facilities and to lead after-school activities.

\* **The Francophone Club** organized a screening of the film "Petit Pays" by Gaël Faye at the end of October.

\* **Cultural activities:** an exhibition of children's works from 8 to 14 years old was inaugurated in the old town garden on December 1 (see below). Public from both parts of the city came for the event.



## CHILDREN

\* **Library** : during the 3 months of autumn we counted 123 participations to the reading workshops animated once a week by Razan as well as 51 book borrowings. Razan participated in the 3 meetings organized by the Tamer Institute in the district libraries, especially in Bani Naim and Hebron city. She also animated the annual campaign "Daddy read me a story" associating reading and drawing activities. Finally, she brought the regular readers to discover the first bookstore opened by Abeer, who is also a volunteer in the association, in the old city, near our office.



\* **Handicraft activities** : In addition to the drawing activities, pottery painting and envelope making, sessions were organized, as well as a ceramic painting workshop with a small training session!



\* **Painting workshop** with the artist Nicole Pfund : at the end of November, our friend Nicole came to animate a 3-day painting workshop in the old town on the theme "what hides the beautiful". On large-format wallpaper, 15 children from 7 to 14 years old painted pictures representing what they particularly like in their daily life but which can be hidden or tarnished by bad practices...



For the International Children's Day, the association hosted a kindergarten in the old town for various activities.

\* **Clowns sans frontières** : ECHF organized a show at Al Fawwar camp on November 15th. More than a hundred children were present.



The next day, a second show was scheduled in a girls' school in the south of the old city. Unfortunately, the show was interrupted by protests from the leaders of two of the neighborhood's main clans, who claimed that the show was not educational and condemned the outfits of the two female clowns and the music. The Ministry of Education was present and was very embarrassed, advising us to end the show... The Clowns Sans Frontières team decided to return to Bir Zeit and to cancel the third show scheduled for the old town the next day.



## WEMEN

Every week 20 to 25 women meet in our offices in the old city for various activities, led either by the social workers or by interveners from NGOs or public structures.

The responsible for prevention at the Ministry of Health in Hebron has organized several information sessions on anemia, early marriage, breast cancer and the reduction of psychological pressure.



The Union of Women Engineers led a plastic recycling session.

The Family Protection Association came to present the different methods of contraception.

During that period, the social worker received 10 women for social problems, 18 for economic issues, 6 for health concerns and 8 for psychological matters.

Finally, AECHF shared a donation from a group of Norwegian visitors among 6 families and distributed some new clothes donated by a shopkeeper in the city.

## PATRIMONY AND TOURISM :

\* **Christmas Market** : AECHF had a stand at the Christmas market of the French Institute Chateaubriand in mid-November. The numerous public particularly appreciated the blown glass from Hebron and the Topoly game.

\* **Guided Tours** : tourism has picked up a bit and 207 visitors have been guided by the Association during the last 3 months of the year, which included a delegation of the leaders of Première Urgence Internationale.

## SUPPORT TO SOLIDARITY HEBRON

During her mission in France, Chantal presented the TOPOLY game to the CEMEA and the Secours Catholique.

The sale of Topoly continues via the internet

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## ENCONTERS

Anwar and Chantal went to Belfort on the invitation of the municipality, which is one of our sponsors, and met the various services of the city. Cooperation opportunities between the AECHF and the city were discussed, especially in the field of youth.

## SEE IT

TV5 Monde : « Destination Francophonie : la Palestine ».

You can watch and re-watch these [programs](#) on the TV5MONDE [platform](#).



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vous souhaitent de bonnes fêtes et  
une année 2023 pleine de lumière !!!

Happy New Year 2023 full of light !!!



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*Photos du hammam An Naïm, souk Al Qazazin, Hébron, décembre 2022.*