

Project Hope Progress Report - 14 September 2004

www.palhope.net

SCI-GERMANY - PROJECT HOPE "Circus Project"

This is one of many unique projects we had this summer.

Circus Project

In August of 2004 a group of German and Italian Volunteers through SCI Germany (www.sci-d.de) initiated, together with Project Hope, a CIRCUS PROJECT for kids.



Volunteers Aldo, Inga, Isa, Peter and Mahdis, were all trained by the good people of Circus Cabuwazi (www.cabuwazi.de) Berlin. Cabuwazi itself organized a circus program for children in the Dheisha Refugee Camp.

From August 8th through the 15th five international volunteers, together with local volunteers from Project Hope, the SpaceToon Band, Askar Band and Jenin's Clowns Band "Voices" set up a program in the Askar Youth Center. Around 50 children from the Refugee Camp participated in the project. Part of this program included several workshops in various circus disciplines such as "Clowning," Juggling, Flags, Diabolo and acrobatics.

The children attended the classes twice a day for two hours in the morning and in the early afternoon. Besides the training in an elective discipline, the children prepared a performance for the show that took place at the end of the week.

The whole project was organized by volunteers of Project Hope and SCI. The pilot project was the first of its kind in Nablus. Due to its great success Project Hope intends to continue collaborating on future circus projects.

After the training in Nablus, International and the Palestinian volunteers joined Circus Cabuwazi in Bethlehem, Dheisha camp. While there they participated as trainers and were given further training by the circus themselves.

Pictures from Askar!



← Inga, an international volunteer, preparing the girls group for the performance with the flags



Acrobatic pyramid →



← Last collective warm-up before the show

Flag performance →



← Warm up