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## **Bethlehem: A ray of hope – Raggio di speranza**

“Hope in spite of Destruction – CWB” and “Associazione Culturale Dance Lab Harmonia” concluded the first Art and Dance summer camp. It was a 15-day camp that took place at the John Paul II foundation Headquarters in Bethlehem. Fifty boys and girls participated and performed in front of their parents. The festival was great!!

Vera Baboun, Mayor of Bethlehem, thanked Fr. Ibrahim Faltas and Antonella Lombardo for this wonderful initiative that gave hope and happiness to the children in these difficult days of War. Antonella Lombardo, Director of the Arts and Dance lab in Italy expressed her happiness for the result of this work and she also declared that her team did many performances and camps but this one was very special. She said that despite the war and the big number of problems, Palestinians proved to be free in their will and work.

At the end of the festival that consisted of Jazz, Hip Hop, mid-air dancing, arts activities for the first time in Palestine, Fr. Ibrahim Faltas, CWB president thanked Antonella and her team and CWB team in addition to the children and their parents for this great work and this extraordinary festival. Initially, this festival was intended for the general public however, the participation was restricted to the actors' parents due to the bad situation in the region. Notwithstanding the killing and destruction, there was happiness and the children's smiles and laughter were enough to express the success of the event. At the end, Fr. Ibrahim declared that this festival will be repeated on annual basis and next year it will be a one month Summer Camp.

