

Tom Bogaert: Yazid coincidentally met Tom at Beit Aneeseh on the 8th of November. He had just arrived straight from Amman via the border point of the Allenby Bridge to install his work in Nablus before the opening on the 12th. A glass of beer in hand Tom was still trying to come to terms with a strange border crossing experience that had happened to him. He had brought with him 200 field ants that he gathered from both Amman and Ajloun, in fear he won't find any in Palestine. Yazid asked how did he manage to pick the ants? He explained that he used sugar traps and in other cases jam. When the Israeli soldiers checked his car at the border point, one of them accidentally dropped the box of equipment that also contained the ants. Everything was scattered around the floor but luckily the ants had been placed in plastic jars or else Tom would have needed to collect another 200 ants from the fields around Nablus. The soldier was very startled by the scene of ants as Tom tried to give an explanation being sure that the soldier was thinking of him as a nothing less than a strikingly odd man.