

**My dear brothers and sisters,**

It has been some time since we last wrote to you. Sorry for that. I am thankful for your patience, support and prayers.



# “Hope for All! Child Protection Ministry”

Cairo, August/September `17

## Kaka

Some of you may remember ‘Kaka’, the little orphan who stayed with us two years ago. After that my cousin sister took care of her. Four months ago, she moved to Texas in the US where she lives with a relative. (The girl in front of the picture is Kaka.) Please keep her in your prayers as she settles down, especially pray for her emotional healing.



## Family

My children and wife are doing fine. Refga had her hemorrhoids removed and recently, I had gall stones removed. Both of us were in pain for a long time. We thank God for our healing and for taking care of our financial needs.

## Pastor Isaac

Rev. Isaac was part of the leadership of the Episcopal Church and very active in the field of praise and worship. He passed away due to a brain clot soon after he returned home from service. Please pray for his wife and three children.

## Kidnapping case

The entire Sudanese Christian community in Cairo was shocked when the wife of a pastor was kidnapped some months ago. They don't have children and had a foster child living with them. The woman is a Muslim convert. Her family in Sudan was responsible for the kidnapping. By God's grace she could escape and is safe now. The UNHCR got involved and helped her and her husband to take refuge in the US. Unfortunately, the foster girl refused to go with them because her real mother still lives somewhere in Sudan. The girl is mentally and emotionally very disturbed. Please pray for her. She is longing to be with her real mother, which seems impossible due to dangerous circumstances.

There are many children with similar stories and trauma, that's why this ministry is so dear to our hearts.



## Persecution in Sudan

Last year, these three pastors were imprisoned in Sudan for doing evangelism. First they were sentenced to death, and then they got life imprisonment but by God's grace they have now been released from prison.



One of them, Pastor Kuwa Shamal was able to leave Sudan and is now in a safe place.

Last month, the Sudanese government destroyed 27 churches saying they were illegal. After the destruction of the churches, one of the pastors converted to Islam. A car and money was giving to him in return. He was made to renounce Christ and confess that he is a Muslim in front of a mosque and he then divorced his wife. He has two children. This sad episode was shocking to believers and evangelical churches. Yet, we still we see people coming to the churches in Sudan and getting to know Christ every day. Please pray for the challenges and hardship the leaders of the churches in Sudan face, that they may remain strong.

### **Bible Competition**

*Theme: "If there was a preaching in Christ, it was a pleasure to be loved, if a company was in the Spirit, if it was a bow and a womb" Philippians {2:1}*

The competition was held at the Episcopal Church of Roxy from 6 pm to 9 pm on 28 January 2017. A total of 282 children and adults from 3 churches (including Episcopal Church, Zamalek and Roxy Church of Christ from Ramses) participated. Our goal was to teach lessons from the bible and impart a deeper understanding of what Christ has done for mankind. Every church chose a team of 6 children who had to answer about 100 questions encouraged and cheered by the audience. The atmosphere was filled with happiness, fun and smiles of proud mothers.

Four missionaries and two pastors from different churches were present. They spoke on Philippians 2:1, and about Gods wonderful agape love.



Liza (12 years) and Sarah (10 years) are sisters who shared their testimony during the bible competition. Liza said that one evening her mother returned from work and as usual started to prepare dinner with her husband. A gas explosion in the kitchen made Liza and Sarah run to see what had happened and they found their parents lying injured on the floor. The children started screaming for help, whereupon the neighbors rushed the injured couple to hospital. Unfortunately, the parents did not survive the accident. After a quiet moment, Liza continued saying that she and her sister are missing their parents very much, but that they remembered how the parents taught them to pray and how they found comfort and strength by doing so. The encouraging words of these wonderful brave young girls moved our hearts deeply.

### **Situation in Egypt**

The political, religious and social situation in Egypt continues to be very difficult and unsafe. The Egyptian government recently arrested many Sudanese due to problems between the two countries over terrorism and border disputes in the Halaib and Shalatin areas. Many Sudanese got sent back to Sudan. Early this year I was arrested and imprisoned for three days; it is not safe for me to walk on the streets. At the moment, I am staying in a friend's house close to my place of work. I go out mostly at night to check on my family. The possibility of getting arrested and sent back to Sudan, where my life is in danger, is high. To continue staying in Cairo, we are being asked to pay a bribe of 5000 EGP--- money I don't have.

Presently, our ministry has stopped and the planned 3-day summer conference for 150 Sunday school kids has been postponed until things settle down.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR US!!!**

*Thanks for partnering with us! May God bless you all.  
With lots of love,  
James, Refga and ministry team.*

**FOR HIS FULLNESS WE HAVE  
ALL RECEIVED, AND GRACE  
UPON GRACE.**

John 1:16



### **Prayer requests**

- Vanity and envy within the Sudanese churches in Egypt
- Lack of interest in children and teenagers within our church
- Upcoming teenagers' conference in August, I will speak in this conference
- Support - one of the churches in South Sudan wants me to serve with them among the children for a week, especially for my papers to be able travel, issue of my passport
- My wife Refga is looking for a job to cover our expenses
- Security for the Sudanese in Egypt
- The ministry to continue
- For the kids conference to be able to take place, safety, and finances for accommodation and food
- That I will not be arrested and that we don't have to leave to Sudan

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