

**Dear Friends**



I offer all my respect, appreciation and warm thanks to all the brothers and sisters who are friends in the faith and to everyone who offers the best for the Lord to serve the children and teenagers, as the Bible says:

**"Each one as he intends with his heart, not from grief or necessity. For the loving giver loves Him."  
2 Corinthians 9:7**



## **"Hope for All! Child Protection Ministry"**

**Cairo, December `18**



### **Children's Conference**

We had a five day long conference from May 20-25 for two hundred children aged seven to ten years, in an area called 'A hero farm', an hour's bus drive from Cairo. We had lots of fun with games and entertainment along with a very intense program focusing on the spiritual growth of the children.

Topics of the conference were: walk sincerely with Jesus; obey your parents, growth of spiritual talent and love each other.

We had a very blessed time and also learned from the children. Having fellowship with each other was the most important and the best part. About forty children accepted Jesus which filled the teachers eyes with tears of joy and their hearts with happiness for the wonderful choice of salvation and step to a better life.

### **Naje**

Naje is a very active boy. When he was seven years old he fell off his Cairo home's sixth floor balcony, on to a small tree and then landed on a parked vehicle. He broke his left leg. He was taken to hospital and was happy and thankful to be alive, trying to lift up the spirit of his worried mother. After his recovery he was constantly coming to the church and Sunday school.

Naje, now nine years old, came to the conference. Since the accident, he follows Jesus and really loves the Lord and going to Church. Naje's case is not the only one. Every year children are dying of various accidents in Cairo. We thank God for keeping Naje alive. His testimony and story reminded us to teach awareness and safety issues to the families.



### **Teenager's Conference**

The Youth Conference is one of the most important conferences of the church because young people are the pillars of the church and the leaders of tomorrow. The three days conference was held in a city called Obour.

Topics of the conference were: life of holiness, how to follow the Lord Jesus and lead a Christian life, growth in HIS grace and the consecration.

The most blessed time we had was discussing "consecration" with the teenagers. This was a powerful topic. You can see them change through this topic.

Most of the teenagers were born again believers. They dedicated themselves to follow the Lord by serving with the church and minister in their homes and schools. They understood that consecration takes place in unity with the spirit of God.

### **Challenging trip to Sudan**

My trip to Sudan was one of the biggest challenges in my entire life. I have not been to Sudan since I moved to Cairo in 2011.

Two months ago, I had to go back in order to get my new passport. I was very afraid and worried that police in Sudan would detain me as they target pastors and missionaries from all over the world. Returning to Sudan is risky for Sudanese living abroad. During my stay in Sudan I lived with my aunt.



Applying for a new passport was a very complicated and expensive procedure, which I could only manage with the help of a lawyer. I was asked all over again about my residence in Cairo and what I am doing in Cairo for a living and so on. After twenty long days of praying and waiting, getting documents and having interviews with Government officials, I finally received my passport and was able to travel back to Cairo. On reaching home exhausted, I got malaria.

Thank you all for keeping me and my family in your prayers during this trip. In spite of many problems and danger, everything worked out well because of your prayer support.

## Suffering in Sudan

Life in Sudan is extremely difficult. Many Sudanese live in the streets as there are no jobs to earn a livelihood. It is very shocking and sad to see the number of street children. Families abandon their children and send them away, because they can't afford to feed them. They live in garbage cans. Living conditions in Sudan are bad and poverty is high. One loaf of bread cost 3 British pounds. The economic situation is deteriorating. You have to stand in a queue to buy bread or other food items. Importantly, you need to carry a national number to buy food and so, if you don't have such a number you cannot eat.



Before Christmas, demonstrations took place in the north of Sudan for several days. Many people got killed.

## Egypt has changed

Recently, no Government campaigns against Sudanese have taken place. We are grateful for this. However, many Sudanese women and girls have become victims of human trafficking. At the same time, living costs in Cairo are very high and unaffordable for many people. Many of them don't see a way out and sell their kidneys, become prostitutes or become criminals. Please pray for the refugees who are here because they are vulnerable.



## My family

My wife was very afraid that the Sudanese Government would arrest me and that I would not return to Cairo. It was hard for her because she was alone. I tried to encourage her by keeping her updated about the procedure and my well being. I praise God for taking care of my family during this difficult time.

**We wish you a Merry Xmas, filled with love and peace,  
and a blessed 2019!!! May the Lord be with you always  
and bless you abundantly!  
James and family**

**And the word became flesh,  
and dwelt among us, and we  
saw His glory, glory as of the  
only begotten from the  
Father, full of grace and  
truth.**



**John 1:14**



## Pray for

- all children and teenagers who suffer lack of interest by their parents
- provision of teaching materials and tools
- leaders of children and youth ministry that they are able to bring across the right message
- the situation in Sudan and Southern Sudan, that God grant's them unity and harmony
- for better relations between refugees and Egyptians
- wisdom for the conferences next year

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