

*Dear Friends and Prayer Partners!
Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ! We
thank our Lord for this opportunity to
communicate with all of you in love in the Lord
Jesus to carry one another on our shoulders
complete his work. Amen*



“Hope for All! Child Protection Ministry”

Cairo, September `16

Update

We are all doing well as a family, though some trials of the flesh continue. My wife Refga is constantly in pain due to hemorrhoids and needs surgery costing around four hundred dollars. Please pray that the Lord will take care of this need. A year ago we shared about our foster child Kaka who was supposed to move to relatives in the US. We need intense prayers because the UNHCR keeps postponing the travel dates.

Thomas and David are part of the main leadership of the ministry teams. Thomas is working among teenagers in partnership with a church and is doing well. Brother David (father of four children) was unemployed for many months, but is now back working as a teacher in the same Sudanese school as before. Being a gifted musician, David is also playing using his talents in a worship band.

Children’s Camp

During the summer, we had something new and exciting for the children and teenagers for the first time. With lots of effort, prayers and faith in our Lord, we were able to have a fun conference for the children and a youth camp for teenagers.

God provided a place about four hours by car from Cairo, enabling us to conduct a 3-day camp starting 14th June. The premises consisted of four floors of which we used two floors for accommodation. We conducted two programs each day, consisting of bible lessons and memorizing of bible verses. The rest of the time was spent playing games and having fun. Some of the teachers took care of cooking.

Thanks to the Lord, by His generous grace we could serve the children and teach them how to pray and thank the Lord at all times - while eating, before going to bed and early in the morning. Most children come from homes where they don't experience a child friendly daily routine with regular meals, fellowship and so on. What they learned during these three days is a blessing for each child and their families. We ourselves were very blessed by the Lord through these wonderful kids. Despite their misery they were happy and full of joy.



Most of those kids are in between the ages 6 to 9. About 150 children attended the camp, from various churches like Episcopal Churches Roxy, Episcopal Zamalek, Sudanese Church of Christ and Evangelical Church. Following the camp, twenty children have decided to follow Jesus.



Situation in South Sudan

There is a war going in South Sudan between the parties loyal to the existing government and the rebel government. Recent fights were caused by the party loyalists. They orchestrated an assassination of the chairman of the rebels. Due to this, many lives have been lost, while 6000 people had to flee to the refugee camps run by the United Nations. The rebel leader escaped into the jungle. For the second time he and his group gave up the position of deputy President of the Republic. Right now, famine too has hit South Sudan. Please pray for the people in South Sudan.

Some time back I shared a prayer request concerning pastors who have been arrested. Persecution, especially against church leaders, is constant. Recently, the government decided to release some of the pastors. Due to the above mentioned crisis Christians were spared for about six months, yet no evangelization is possible in Sudan because once again the government has started arresting anyone sharing the gospel. In addition, the state security takes all their possessions, including mobile phones, laptops and even money from their bank accounts. Please pray for change in the situation, for churches and for pastors in Sudan.

Youth Summer Camp

On 14th of July, for three days we went with 150 teenagers to the same place where we took the children before. We had three daily workshops for them. In between, the youth had fun swimming and playing football and other games. The youth keenly participated in the workshop lessons. We had a great time of fellowship and of seeking the Lord. Seventy two teenagers have accepted Jesus Christ into their lives. This is not our work but the Lords. We thank Him for touching so many lives. Praise the Lord for He is good!

Teacher's Workshop

It is one of my dreams that all the Sunday school teachers receive training as there is a lack of knowledge of teaching methods from biblical lessons among them. There is a group of Egyptian believers called Awana. I asked them to provide a six month training course to all the Sudanese volunteers involved in children and youth ministry. They welcomed the idea.

Subsequently, about 72 volunteers from 24 Sudanese churches (of different denominations) will be attending the training workshops starting on 2nd September. The main theme is partnership. Our prayer is that we all get sufficient experience to effective serve our children and teenagers. During the workshop we want the name of God to be glorified.

In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:4



Please Pray for:

- # Protection for all Sudanese against persecution
- # Children and teenagers who surrendered their lives to God
- # That families raise their children according to the scriptures
- # Their growth in the Lord
- # Youth to stay away from the bad gangs of teenagers
- # Follow up of teenagers and to provide means
- # For the teachers' workshop

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Thanks for partnering with us!
May God bless you.
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