



Newsletter July to September 2012

Greetings Friends,

The past three months have been an eventful time in Egypt after the settling in of the new democratic government. EpiscoCare has, as usual, been hard at work improving the living conditions and increasing the opportunities that the poorest of the poor in Egypt have.

Our staff and volunteers at the various centres have been invaluable in this time of need, sharing their wisdom and working to build bridges among community members and provide others with the skills needed to survive.

June-July 2012

Cleaning Campaign



In late June, volunteers and staff from the El Salam community centre sent cleaning equipment and staff to help clean up certain areas of the city. They partnered with the Special 3 Division School to provide snacks and support to the participants. This was a wonderful example of how the community centres work with other organizations in order to create and support a healthier lifestyle for the people of Egypt.



Community Meeting

In July, the El Salam Centre, community leaders and Bishop Mouner also hosted a public meeting for all members of the community. They held a theatrical presentation, honoured volunteers for their time and commitment as well as the Bishop and his guests. This public meeting focused on studying the needs of the community and the literacy graduation of various people seeking help through the centre.



August 2012

Health Seminar



The community centre in Ras el Soda held a seminar about female genital mutilation, educating women in the community of the dangers of this practice and teaching them about how harmful it can be. The seminar was attended by 30 beneficiaries from the community. These seminars are important because many of the women in this community have moved into the city from villages carrying with them unhealthy traditional practices.

Nursery Renovation and Graduation

After several months of renovation the nursery at Ain Shams Community Centre reopened with a party. This party was attended by Madame Mariam and Bishop Mouneer along with the mothers of the children at the nursery. The children learned several songs for the event and there was an official ribbon cutting for the new rooms. Bishop Mouneer also presented gifts to the most recent class of graduates who started at a government school in the fall.



September 2012

Celebration of the Arts

A celebration of the work in the community centres was held on September 26 in Zamalek. EpiscoCare, collaborating with the Ministry of Culture, set up a viewing of crafts, which have been made by different community workers. The bishop was present along with many of the women whose crafts were being shown and they enjoyed a concert put on in part by the Ministry of Culture. Episcopcare and the Ministry work together in conducting vocational trainings for handicrafts at several of the Episcopcare Centres.



Beach Trip

This past September was celebrated by a trip for the EpiscoCare staff. 21 employees who work in the social centres and the office support staff went to Alexandria for three days (September 10 to September 13) for a time to build team relationships and a support network for each person as they continue to do their jobs. Three days of time together at a local church guesthouse included several excursions to markets and the beach which helped build the community among the volunteers and employees working at EpiscoCare.



Giza Trip

Madame Mariam Ibrahim, the director of EpiscoCare, also went on a visit to a new target community in Giza looking into the needs of the community there. The priest at the church there has already started a nursery, but Episcocare is looking into the possibilities for further work. Hopefully this will provide new opportunities to help a new group of people who are in need of aid and development. Please pray for God's direction as we looking into this new area.

**Prayer Requests**

Please continue to pray for President Dr. Mohamed Morsi, that God will continue to strengthen him and give him wisdom to make decisions that are best for the whole of Egypt.

Please pray for peace in Egypt, especially in this time when the constitution is being written.

Pray for the Episcocare community centres around Egypt, which they would be able to continue to meet the needs of the people who they are serving.

Please pray for Reverend Samuel. He had been working in Cairo and will be greatly missed, but he has been called by God to move on and work in Libya. Please pray that his work in Libya would be blessed.

Thank you and may God bless you.

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