Dear Friends

Greetings from EpiscoCare. First of all we want to wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmastime and a Happy New Year.
**Mobil clinic**

In October, El Salam centre offered treatment by doctors to many patients. The centre had arranged with several doctors, specialised in different fields, to visit the centre offering treatment for our beneficiaries. In total 50 people, children and adults, were seen and treated.

**Tutorial classes for girls**

To support girls’ education, EpiscoCare is offering private tutoring classes for girls in primary school who have difficulties keeping up with their curriculum. This month 22 new girls were offered additional help and support in their homework through (My Dear Daughter). The girls meet 3 times a week with their tutor.

**Certificate in organizational learning and change**

In October/November the Executive director of EpiscoCare, Mrs. Mariam Ibrahim went to Canada to do an intensive certificate in Organizational Learning and Change at COADY International Institute- Canada. It was a very educational and relevant course to our needs in Episcocare management issues and although our director is very experienced and knowledgeable within the development field, she came back enriched with a lot of new experiences and knowledge in this area.

Mrs. Mariam will do this training for Episcocare’s staff in 2012 with cooperation of Bless and Coady’s consultant Dr. Debbie who teaches this certificate in COADY. We do appreciate COADY and Dr. Debbie’s cooperation and willingness to help.
Political awareness and legal existence
Because of the Egyptian elections all of EpiscoCare’s local centres have had many campaigns, activities, seminars and meetings focusing on democracy, political awareness and participation. Some of the public meetings were arranged in cooperation with the Social Democracy Egyptian party. While a political party was involved in organising these events, the goal was not to influence the participants vote, but rather to encourage them to vote regardless of who they would vote for.

Many people in the local communities where EpiscoCare is serving do not have their official papers. The staffs at the centres help and assist people to get their official papers on order so that they can participate in elections on equal terms with others.

Campaign about parenthood
In this month’s El Salam centre arranged a 5 days campaign for parents to discuss some urgent topic like; love in marriage, nutrition for children, child rights and child care. The campaign was attended by 115 Christian and Muslim women.

Party for children and parents
As part of the Motherhood and Childhood programme Ain Shams centre hosted a very festive and fun day for 45 children and their parents. An event like this is something which the centre arranges once in a while to give children and parents an opportunity to do something nice together, but also to do something social for the beneficiaries of the centre.
Vocational training for women
Ain Shams centre conducted vocational training courses for women in hairdressing and sewing. These courses are done in order to help the women gain skills and use them as professions and get employment so they can earn a living and be empowered economically.

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Christmas items from Boulaq Center
This month’s the staff from Boulaq centre has been busy preparing for and attending many different Christmas bazaars in Cairo to sell the products made by the beneficiaries of the centre. Again this year there has been considerable interest in the beautiful handmade tablecloths and other beautiful Christmas embroidery.

Prayer Requests
Pray for all staff members, volunteers and people associated with EpiscoCares projects, may they each fill the role assigned to them and may they find strength and encouragement in their work to the benefit of others. Pray for EpiscoCares work to strengthen and develop marginalized and needy people within Egypt, may the presence of EpiscoCare be a light in the darkness, and may it be a wonderful witness of the love of God to all people. Pray for the ongoing elections in Egypt, must it be peaceful and fairly for the benefit of Egypt and the Egyptian people. Pray for the deteriorating economic situation in Egypt. Pray for a Peaceful and Merry Christmastime for all Christians in Egypt and around the world.

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