

**My dear
brothers and
sisters in the
Lord**



*The ministry team, as well all the children and teenagers want to thank you for your support and prayers, as well as your concern and care for them.
We would like you to especially remember these children and youngsters in your prayers during this Xmas season.
The Lord sees and values your compassion and care.
We keep thanking the Lord for you.*



“Hope for All! Child Protection Ministry”

Cairo, December `19

Conference of little open hearts to a great God

“Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12, theme of the Children’s Conference)

The Summer Conference for our children is one of the most important conferences where we have an opportunity to minister to them for three whole days and strengthen them spiritually. During the conference, the children also spent lots of time playing, swimming and attending workshops. They eagerly participated in group activities and learnt to work together in teams. Most importantly, they not only opened up to the leaders and other kids by building relationships of trust, they also opened their little hearts to God. About 182 girls and boys participated in the conference in June, outside Cairo, at Hero’s Farm. In daily presenting the Lord to them, we focused on the importance of dedicating our lives to God and follow Him wholeheartedly.



A challenging Teenager’s Conference

“You do not love the world, nor anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him...” (1 John 2: 15-17, theme of the conference)

For some years now, we are facing many problems in our youth ministry. Getting this conference organized was a big challenge. Many young people drift away from God and the church. They get involved with those who have a bad influence on them or join street gangs of Cairo. The girls are the most vulnerable and they are our biggest concern and worry. Some have become pregnant without being in a relationship and are left without support. Eight of them turned away from us because of this. Despite all this, during the conference, we had a blessed time with 96 girls and boys, encouraging them in their walk with Christ.



A story of forgiveness in an unforgiving culture



John is 15 years old and comes from South Sudan. On his way to school he was bullied and badly beaten up by three Egyptian boys. Once the Sudanese school found out about the incident they informed the embassy of South Sudan who followed up this case and complained to the Egyptian government. The Egyptian government got these boys arrested and took them to the police station. The parents of the boys have now approached John’s family asking for forgiveness on behalf of their sons and to want them to withdraw the case.

John remembered the bible verse “Come down dear ones from the throne, and lift up those who are humble (Lk 1:52).” He forgave those boys and encouraged his parents to do the same. John felt sorry for the boys who are his age and students like him. He knew that pursuing this case would do harm to their future and do no good. Somehow the Egyptian media picked up this story and spread it all over Egypt. Even the President of the Republic was touched by John’s kind act of forgiveness. Eventually the boys were released from prison. Praise the Lord for this testimony and example John is to his friends.

Peace Journey

Every summer, we have the pleasure of taking the Sunday school children and teenagers for a short holiday out of town. Organizing and arranging this trip for 450 children and teenagers from three different churches is quite a challenge and hard work for all the teachers and youth workers involved. Accommodation food, first-aid kit, program, games, buses and volunteers had to be organized. We received commendable and timely support in all this from a Egyptian Church and we are grateful to them. Since the holiday was organized with the help of so many different people who worked together in unity, we called it the "Peace journey". We put our hands together, prayed for a blessed time and gave glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. The happy smiling faces which you can see on the pictures below tell their story.



God is faithful in times of trouble

My wife Refga is having serious health issues again. She has a problem in the electrical pathway between one of the upper chambers of the heart, which has developed after her last heart surgery. She needs another expensive surgery. Please pray for God to provide for all the needs. Both of our sons Ehab (15) and Otomary (5) are doing very well. They love going to school and are busy studying. Like all boys they love playing football and computer games.

Few months ago, I was called to the Intelligence Bureau because of a mobile I purchased two years ago. I was shocked and Refga very worried and afraid. They accused me that I stole the mobile and they confiscated it. The officer gave me two options to either pay 4000 Egyptian pound (250 \$) or 3 months imprisonment. Because I didn't keep the bill and box with the serial number I could not prove that I bought the mobile. To avoid immediate arrest I agreed to pay the money. Since it is a lot of money I was able to pay it off in small amounts within a month.

End of December, we have an appointment with the UNHCR regarding our resettlement in a safe country. If the outcome is not positive we'll have to consider moving back to Sudan which is not an easy step.

Pray for us and the Sudanese refugees. Life in Cairo is getting worse and cost of living is high. The neighborhoods are not safe and Sudanese are being ill-treated and harassed everywhere.



**We wish you a Merry Xmas and
a Blessed 2020!!!**

We love you all in Christ Jesus. James, family and ministry team

**She will give birth to a son, and
you are to give him the name
Jesus, because he will save
people from their sins.**



Matthew 1:21

Marching for Jesus in Sudan

Many pastors and missionaries from Sudan resettled in South Sudan and found fruitful soil for the word of God. Half of the population (1.5 million) are now Christians.

On the occasion of Christmas in the Islamic North Sudan, Christians are preparing a march (March for Jesus) through three main areas and the capital on the country, distributing bibles. In 1996, I was part of it. The government is returning land to the churches and permitting evangelism. We praise God for His blessings and wonders.



Pray for

- For the **families** who are not able to take care of their children, who are forced to leave them alone whole day
- For the **children and teenager ministry**, that we might see fruits
- For the **Sunday school teachers and youth workers** to be good examples in Christ, for wisdom in sharing the message about Christ and reaching out to the kids
- For unity and the spirit of love among the **Sudanese churches** in Cairo, for the discrimination they face
- **Refga's** health and Gods healing touch, our future and the application with the UNCHR
- Safety for **John**
- For the **Egyptians** to stop treating foreigners with hatred
- For the coming **Christmas party** for all the children and teenagers, for all the needs



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