



HAPPENINGS AT THE DEAF UNIT

Greetings from Cairo!



A note from the Director:

I was meeting with some of the older boys in my office last week and told them "Our schedule reveals our priorities, so we need to examine our schedule to make sure we have the proper priorities. I asked them the question "What do you think our priorities should be?" Albeir, a 12 year-old deaf boy answered, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." During this week, I have been tired and disappointed by miscommunication and things not being done, but I have learned from Albeir and the other boys that when we seek God and trust him to fulfill our needs, He will take care of everything else.

Meet our new volunteers!

We are very grateful for the service oriented hearts of Peter and Jane, two of our new volunteers who are from the UK but currently working at the ETC. They approached us offering their services as English teachers and helping us reorganize our library and we are so grateful for all they are bringing to the Deaf Unit!



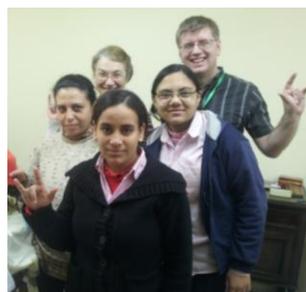
*"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."
- Matthew 5:7-8*



Among the visitors this month was a group of women from Myanmar who were interested in what was going on in the Deaf Unit and what we do as a school. We were very thankful for their visit.

Van Update!

Thanks to our generous donors at Embrace the Middle East, we are in the process of buying a new van! They have donated enough money to cover $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cost of the van, so we are currently finding funding to cover the rest, but are very excited to have begun the process of finding a new van. Our last van has been the property of the Deaf Unit since it began in 1982 and had a tendency to catch fire and break down with much frequency, so we are very grateful for the opportunity to buy another.



This month we have had many visitors come to the Deaf Unit! The Archbishop of Adelaide and the Bishop of Exeter both found some time on their visits to Cairo to stop by the Deaf Unit and meet some of the students and teachers. We also had our friends Dee and Dave come visit us while they were here for a medical conference. We are very grateful for their interest and desire to come and visit our small family of people here in Old Cairo.

The Deaf Unit: February, 2013

Three of our teachers were able to travel to Jordan in February in order to receive training on the latest techniques for teaching the Deaf. We are very grateful for our partners who so graciously hosted the teachers, one of whom is deaf. They were able to make connections with other people who teach the deaf and learn through mentorship and training sessions.



On Wednesday mornings, a peer group of young men have been meeting to discuss a variety of things they are each having to deal with in their daily lives and are able to find peer mentorship with each other as well as leadership from Rev. Farag.



This month, two of our teachers were able to join Rev. Farag on a trip to Luxor to run some training classes for our Community Based Rehabilitation program. We recognize that there are Deaf people all over Egypt, so we hope to be able to create more of these programs throughout Egypt. Right now we have two outside of Cairo and one more which we hope to begin in the new future. The programs allow us to train teachers for the deaf as well as holding sessions with families who have deaf children to teach them sign language and how to best interact with their children. Thanks be to God we now serve more than 15 children and have five trained teachers working at the CBR center in Luxor and are able to contemplate further expanding the program to help as many people as possible. Our goal is to start a new school for the deaf in Upper Egypt in the near future.



Here please put praises from the month and prayer requests

This month we celebrated Suzanne's birthday! She is serving as a house mother and we are so grateful for all that she brings to the Deaf Unit!



We are currently searching for funding to cover basic running costs for the school property over the summer. Since the children are not in school for June, July and August, we do not receive any income from the parents. We ask that you pray with us that God will provide, as we know he always does. We have been blessed and are constantly reminded that God is good and always takes care of us. Please also pray for funding for the rest of the bus as it is an urgent need.