



The Deaf Unit Cairo

A ministry of the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa



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Coptic Christmas Celebration!



Blessings of 2019!

- ❖ Fun field trips that gladdened the children's hearts, giving them treasured memories, and drawing them closer together. In addition, the extra summer practical activities increased their self-confidence, as well as football training that enabled them to keep healthy and strong.
- ❖ Wonderful volunteers who generously gave of their time, money and talents enabling us to buy new kitchen equipment, a new sewing machine, and the Christmas boxes for the children. Visit by Japanese Ambassador and Wasfia Nazreen, a famous mountaineer, who encouraged the children to overcome their difficulties and never give up.
- ❖ SMART screens purchased have positively impacted the children's results, especially in science. Also, buying amazing play equipment has allowed the children to have fun, use their energy, and learn through play.
- ❖ Four teachers attended training with The Learning Centre for the Deaf (LCD)" in Baabda, Lebanon that Encouraged them to use some creative methods of teaching and Use new methodologies in teaching speech.

Our Farewell to Song, a Volunteer from China

Out of the Classroom History Experience



Song Gao, a volunteer from Shandong, a Chinese Province, helped the Deaf Unit write fundraising proposals. However, we also learnt about a very different culture, with an ancient history like Egypt! She cooked traditional Chinese food that amazed our children, who enjoyed tasting vegetables and chicken that had been cooked in way they had never experienced! She left a lasting impression on all our hearts.

We will miss you very much Song!



We had a day trip to “Panorama 6 of October” in Cairo to see, feel, hear, smell and taste Egyptian history by having a ‘hands-on’ experience that increased the children’s knowledge about their country.

The children watched a film on “October War”, and learnt about the 6th October 1973, the critical day in Egyptian history when the Egyptian Army pushed back across the Suez Canal and dislodged the Israelis who had been occupying the Sinai Peninsula, on the other side, since 1967. The children felt that Egypt was a great country, and bestowed on them a sense of pride and dignity.

Afterwards, they were so excited and had a big smiles as they took photos with army officers!

Learning the Art of Crocheting



This year, Mira, our volunteer from Cairo, taught both boys and girls, without the use of sign language and a translator, how to crochet bags. The children were amazed at the lovely bags their hands had produced, and pleased to display them at the Gusour Cultural Center Event. We are most grateful, to our volunteers, Lucy and Marion, for sharing their love of crocheting with the children during their visits, and giving some professional tips!

Bread making with Chef Jennifer



Jennifer and her assistant Aya provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to cook two different types of bread from start to finish. We all had so much fun and laughed a lot. It was an amazing day. Jennifer has promised to come back and teach the children how to make pizza! Cooking teaches the children creativity, and the confidence to provide for their daily needs.

Decorating for Christmas



Our amazing volunteers, Patricia, Sharon and Jessica Smitz, used their valuable time to decorate the Deaf Unit at Christmas. The children also made cute snowmen with their names. They were so excited and felt the warmth, kindness and joy shared by these volunteers.

Transformed Living Room for Our Boys



Before



After

Last year, the boy's living room desperately needed refurbishing and refurnishing, to the extent that we were unable to use it because of safety concerns. We prayed and waited a long time for an opportunity to do this. We are very thankful to, Patricia and Sharon from Scotland two of our volunteers who provided a painter and Special thanks to Annechien March and a group of foreign ladies in Maadi got together and donated new furniture, including two beautiful sofa. The living room is pleasant, comfortable, clean and safe.

Praise & Prayer

- ❖ *We give thanks for all those who have so generously supported the Deaf Unit by giving donations, their time and talents so freely, and upholding us in their prayers. Please pray that the Deaf Unit would continue to be a source of blessing to all.*
- ❖ *Give thanks for the enthusiasm and learning capabilities of the children. Please pray that everyone at the Deaf Unit will start the new semester strong and finish well.*
- ❖ *Give thanks for the interest shown and the increased confidence displayed by the children in the extra vocational activities. Please pray that they will become independent, and integrated into the Egyptian society.*
- ❖ *Give thanks for all the staff training sessions/courses that have improved their capacity. Please pray for the Montessori training this year.*
- ❖ *We thank God for all His wonderful provision in 2019. Please pray that we can find a sponsor for every child so that we are able to cover all our costs.*
- ❖ *Please pray for volunteer PE teacher, Art teacher and Handcraft teacher.*