



Happenings at the Deaf Unit and Church



I want to finish 2013 and start 2014 with these words from Psalm 27 "For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling." The children are so happy with their Christmas gifts; however they are learning that we are seeking God, not just His gifts. The rewards of seeking God are awesome; not only will we develop a closer relationship with God, but we will also find true joy and contentment. Parents, staff and the children thanked God for the blessings we have had this term.



Mariam (Deaf) is a house mother. She taught the other girls how to make bed quilts. They are so happy they finished the first one.



Abanob (left) and Armia did their first piece of wood work. They are so proud and happy.



The VTCD team is making good progress. They started to make large furniture. They have been in different bazaars and we have sold a lot of their products. Please pray for the team and the new director.



On Fridays, the children who stay at the Deaf Unit over the weekend take trips out. This month we were blessed to meet with Bishop Suheil (Jerusalem), Bishop Michael (Cyprus and the Gulf) and Bishop Mouneer at a service at All Saints Cathedral. One of the Deaf told them not to be afraid as God is protecting the churches.



It is a great opportunity for parents to come together for sign language courses on Sundays. We talk, learn, eat and pray together. They want the preparatory Dep. to be opened soon, so please pray for us.



Friday morning on the Nile. It was very cold but the children were very happy.





The British International School, Cairo invited us to attend the school Christmas chorale. The deaf children sang "Jesus King of Kings". After the service, the principal took us on a tour around the school. The children enjoyed very much the basket ball hall. A lot of gifts were given to the children.



The kitchen team is so happy with the new cooker; it saves a lot of time and effort. It is used for cooking breakfast and dinner for the boarding children.

We prayed and God answered!



CBM team visited us and kindly helped the accountant and the cashier to understand the project progress sheet.



The Deaf church congregation celebrated Christmas lunch together. It was a big joy to all of us. We ate and prayed together.

We thank God for: MWG, MCC, CBM, Embrace the Middle East, Allerton Church, WOW, British International School, Deaf church UK, Archbishop of York, and the Diocese of Egypt.

Please do pray for: 1. The children with their parents during the half term holiday

2. Renovation for the deaf unit and new building at the VTCD

3. The work at the Bible Translation project

4. Peace, security and protection for our country and our neighbors.



The Bible Translation team is doing their best during the time of training. One Sunday evening the priest for the Deaf congregation got up and took a Bible in his hands and pretended to read (no signing!). He asked the deaf "Did you understand that?" The resounding answer in sign language was "NOOOOOOOOO!" This is why we need Bible translation in sign language... the natural language of the Deaf. Praise the Lord for this wonderful work. Please do pray for the team.