



Nuba Mountains Bible Institute Cairo (NBIC)

Annual report 2013

Introduction

A large number of Sudanese refugees are living in Egypt, especially those who have come from North Sudan and the Nuba Mountains due to the difficult situation in this area of the world.

The Sudanese Christians among the refugees have added their own new flavour to Church life in Egypt. The Church of St Michael and all Angels (SMAA) had



opened its gates 12 years ago; we now have a Sudanese congregation with 669 members.

Many of these Sudanese refugees want to use their time in Egypt for learning. They need to be equipped to play roles of pastoral and ministerial leadership in our and other churches.

This is why in February 2013 we began the *Nuba*

Mountains Bible Institute Cairo (NBIC). We train those leaders and other members of the Sudanese community in Egypt for the benefit of their own

church here, both for their time now in the Egypt and hopefully later for their future in Sudan or elsewhere.



Beginning with many obstacles

We have started the classes of NBIC in January 2013, after we have interviewed 60 students and after we chose 35 of them to begin with. We began well prepared, with a curriculum of three years and teachers lined up.

2013 was not an easy year for Egypt with political disturbances, violence and street demonstrations. We thank God that we have been able to continue our work in the midst of all this and we admire our students' perseverance and courage. They often had to travel to us in situations where the streets were unsafe at least, and sometimes more like a war zone.

A major challenge for us in 2013 was that bishop Ezekiel from Khartoum has sent us some students for being trained to go back to Khartoum. We had agreed to receive 3 students and we were to provide them with one apartment. When they landed, we received two families and two single students. We could hardly turn them back so we had to provide them with three large apartments overnight. This was financially problematic for us but we accepted the challenge.



Curriculum 2013

1st term: February to May 2013

We have offered these subjects:

1. Biblical survey
2. Spiritual formation
3. The life of Jesus
4. Sudanese church history
5. Anglicanism



2nd term: September to December 2013

We have offered these subjects:

1. Principles in Biblical interpretation
2. Moses
3. The Book of Genesis
4. Salvation
5. Mission
6. History of the Sudanese church

Due to the situation in Egypt and the emigration of some students, 28 students have been able to complete this term.



A library for each student

In order to help the students develop a personal library, we have given to each student 50+ books to help them in their ministerial development. We were able to do this thanks to a personal donation by a Dutch friend of us.

Vision for 2014

- Continuing to offer contextually suitable training to our present 28 students
- Recruiting 25 new students for NBIC
- Recruiting more teachers with a wide range of teaching areas
- Providing more references and textbooks for our students
- Providing practical training for our students within the context of church, both in internal and external ministries.
- Strengthening our management of NBIC
- Creating more financial stability for NBIC



Financial Report

When we started NBIC we could not oversee all financial and practical ramifications of this decision. Our actual expenses were higher than anticipated, but thanks to some generous supporters we were able to reach the finish-line at the end of 2013. But hardly so. The financial report of 2013 shows that the coffers are almost empty. Your support for us in 2014 would be highly appreciated!