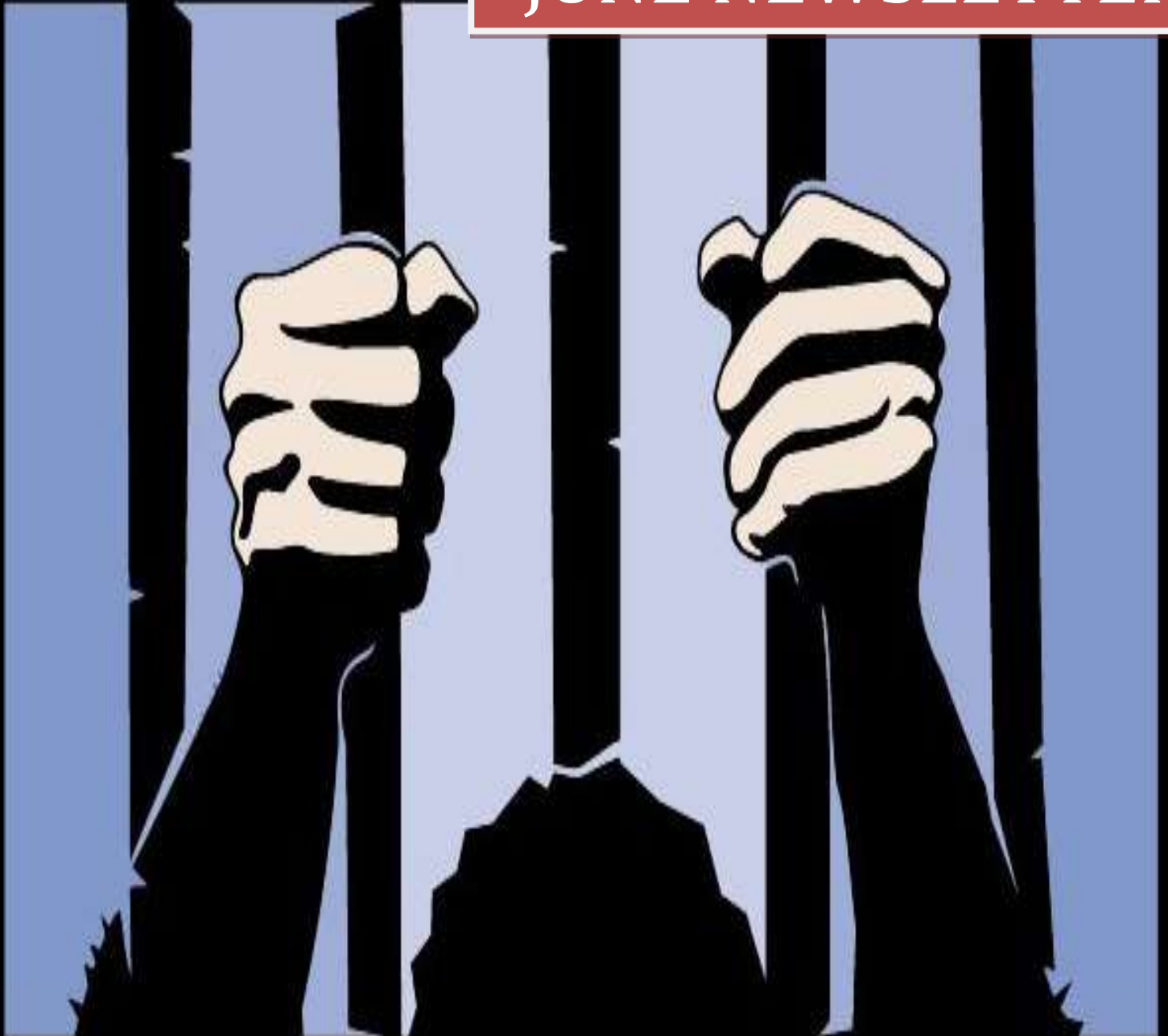


2017

PRISON MINISTRY

JUNE NEWSLETTER



Our Vision:

Our vision is to offer love, hope and Unconditional love without any condemnation or judgment to the prisoners; nor any discrimination based on gender, nationality and religion; praying that through our deeds and words, they would encounter with God's love and forgiveness.

Our Ministry:

The prison ministry team of the Episcopal Church visits the Qanater prison, which is located outside Cairo, weekly.

The ministry has a heart to fulfil some of the inmates' physical –as much as possible– demands besides the moral and spiritual needs as well; becoming more like a family to them, since their own families are not present to alleviate the severity of their sufferings. Unfortunately, the prison administration can't afford all the needs of the prisoners and our help is a necessity for the prisoners to tolerate the rough conditions of the prison.



"I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36



Our Activities:

- Weekly visits.
- Promoting the beadwork of the prisoners that they produce while still in prison.
- Purchasing the foreign prisoners' tickets.
- Buying some personal materials for the prisoners.
- Offering a weekly supply of; Rice, Sugar, Pasta, Oil, Tea, Nescafe, Honey, Sterilizer, Soap, Napkins.
 - Providing medicine.



Good News:

- John, Indian, finished his sentence and has arrived to his family after spending 25 years in prison. He was able to celebrate his son's wedding. We are thrilled to know that he appreciates everyone who visited, encouraged and helped him during his time in prison.
- Xui Gui An, from china, was set free after spending 18 years in prison and he arrived home safely, back with his family.
- Five prisoners were set free and got departed to South Sudan after their tickets were purchased.
- More than 20 prisoners were set free from both men and women, who came to Egypt by illegal immigration. They all got departed to their countries after spending a period of time in prison (between couple of months to two years).



Pray for:



Pray for:

- The ministry team that God may give us wisdom and power to serve all prisoners with love and gentleness; and to be able to understand all their different cultures.
- The administration of the prison itself.



•The prisoners, especially; the sick, with chronic diseases like diabetes and blood pressure, and those who can't go back to their countries due to war, etc. and can't stay in Egypt as well, due to their illegal situation.

They need lots of prayers to be able to travel to any other country.



Sad News:

One of the Sudanese prisoners committed suicide. Another Ethiopian prisoner, Younis, tried to committee suicide. He lost all hope to be set free. Thanks God, he was rescued at the last minute; however, he still lacks hope.

Please pray for Younis.



Financial Report 1/1/2017-30/6/2017

ITEM	Amount
Income	
General donations	26,112 L.E
Currency difference	9,332 L.E
Total	35,444 L.E
Outcome	
Visits Cost	32,890 L.E
General Expenses	1,038 L.E
Administrative Expenses	27,797 L.E
Total	61,725 L.E

Deficit = 26,281 L.E

Notes:

- The report shows a deficit in the budget with 26,281 Egyptian pounds due to the economic inflation which caused all prices to be doubled or tripled; consequently the administration expenses. Another result was the shortage of the needs provided by the prison administration; therefore, we started to provide more supplies.
- The amount of money available for the end of this year is 39,274 Egyptian pounds, which is not enough to cover all the expenses planned for the year including Christmas celebrations and gifts, tickets for the released prisoners in the near future and visiting expenses like the microbus rental, 390 L.E. weekly, food supply and medications.

Come and join us:

Our weekly visit to the Qanater prison is every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Current Challenges:

Ministry team challenges:

- Lack of volunteers especially who know different languages like Amharic and Korean.

Ministry challenges:

- Money challenges especially after the economic inflation.
- Lack of donations for purchasing the plane tickets for prisoners.
- Lack of donations to cover the prisoners' personal items and electric equipment e.g. fans.

Near future plans:

- Lead a bible study for the prisoners (Gospel of Mark).
- Visit more.
- Take permission to serve Holy Communion once per month.

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