



Prison Ministry Newsletter

September 2017

“I was in prison, and you came to visit me.” Matthew 25:36

Our Vision:

Our vision is to provide unconditional love and hope that is free of any personal conviction or judgement to prisoners regardless of any gender, nationality, religion, or accusation. We seek to show love and God’s forgiveness, not only through words but through actions.

Our Ministry:

The Prison Ministry team from the Episcopal/Anglican Church visits Al Kanater prison, located outside of Cairo, on a weekly basis.

The prison administration cannot meet all the needs for the inmates. Most of the inmates have many needs, not only material needs, but also moral and spiritual needs. Family and friends are very important during these hard times and help relieve some of the suffering, but many inmates, especially the foreigners, do not have any kind of support from family or friends. The Episcopal/Anglican prison ministry team takes on this role of being like family and a friend for foreign inmates by meeting their various material, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Our Activities:

- Weekly visits
- Marketing the handicrafts created by the inmates that are made inside the prison
- Providing plane tickets for the inmates when they travel back to their countries
- Buying personal material things that the inmates need
- Providing food, sanitary items, and medicine



Examples of beadwork done by the prisoners



Please pray for:

- One of the inmates whose father has passed away in Sudan without being able to see him again
- The prison ministry team, that God would give them wisdom and strength to help the inmates even with differences of their nationalities and the prison administration.
- The sick inmates, especially for the ones who have chronic diseases and are dependent on continuous treatment such as blood pressure treatment or diabetes medication.
- The inmates who escaped from their countries because of war and mistreatment, and came to Egypt to feel secure through illegal immigration but were caught and are now in prison. They will spend 3 to 7 years here, but don't want to return back to their home countries, because if they do return they will be sentenced to prison for the rest of their life. Please pray that God opens up another way for them to travel to another country.

Answers to Prayer:

- Some people are helping us with ticket expenses
- An inmate was released during the past two months, and he left to go to South Sudan.
- The Indian inmate who was released over the last couple of months has arrived safely back to his country. He now has a job opportunity, and was able to see his son get married.

Current Challenges:

- Team challenges, such as the lack of volunteers
- Financial challenges, especially in regard to changing prices
- More donations are needed in order for celebrations and gifts for inmates during the month of December

Financial Report

Financial Details:

Income

General Donations	31022 L.E.
Currency Differences	10806 L.E.
Total	41828 L.E.

Expenses

Visit Costs	37372 L.E.
Flight tickets	20660 L.E.
General Expenses	11182 L.E.
Administrative Expenses	37325 L.E.
Total	106539 L.E.

Deficit: 64711 L.E.

Notes:

- The report shows a shortage in the budget with 64711 Egyptian pounds. This is because of the variation of the prices of the visits, plane tickets, and administrative expenses.
- The current money available until the end of this year is 50781 Egyptian pounds, and it's not enough to cover the expenses for the rest of the year, which includes celebrations and gifts for Christmas with the inmates during December, plane tickets, and visits.
- Service depends on donations to provide for inmates' basic food needs. Each guest is provided with a package containing sugar, tea, oil, macaroni, rice, Nescafe, honey, and hygiene products such as soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush, and sanitary napkins for women.
- The cost of airline tickets, medicines, etc.
- The cost of the weekly transfer every Tuesday of the rental of a microbus of 390 pounds.

Support the Prison Ministry

For more information about how to support this ministry please contact the prison ministry team.

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Come and join us!

Our weekly visit to Al Kamater prison is every Tuesday at 8:30 am.