

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, TRIPOLI, LIBYA

Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa

Annual Report 2017

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The Church of Christ the King is committed to playing its role; serving our local and global communities as we seek to provide answers and hope that only Christ-centred care and the message of Jesus can bring to the darkest world.

Our Focus

We remain committed to the centrality of the preaching of God's word, the word of life that inspires us, challenges us, and changes us. Our evangelism and follow-up team reach into the corridors of the unreached and invite them for worship and prayer. Special Bible study programs and mid week prayers are organised for discipleship. Eventually, twelve members took baptism including two sons of this soil this year. This Christmas, we visited our members' houses through our carol singers, organised by our youth. Weekly church attendance has grown by 5% and 7 new members were added in 2017. We welcomed three new Ambassadors who visited our church. The Apostolic Nuncio a Papal Representative His grace Alessandro D'Errico visited our church on the November 25, 2017.

Our children and youth programs are aimed at equipping young people with a sense of value and purpose. In 2017, our programs highlighted three main areas of support; coping with stress, school and study problems and family conflict. These programs provided positive peer and leadership support, with the aim to strengthen a young person's resilience as they learn to navigate these important issues such as unemployment and school drop outs. This year, our church identified two school dropout kids and encouraged them to continue their education by paying their school fee and provided materials as well.

The Church of Christ the King continues to render hope to those who need help both in our church and in the city and encouraging each one of us to be more generous with our time, talents and resources'. The church is continuing her charity work through 'Mission House Project' serving less privileged Africans refugees and our 'Single Mother project' provides legal assistance through the Nigerian embassy. Our Spiritual ministry continues through our newly launched online services through the church facebook account. We're also a church committed to taking the gospel to the lost world around us. This happens in number of ways through Bible study and outreach programs, midweek groups and guest events.

Harvest Festival

Our Annual Harvest Celebration attracts many the expatriates working in Libya. The church becomes a central platform to meet, celebrate and witness to people. This year it was on Sunday 27th September 2017. The Church was suitably decorated and gifts were on sale after the service. As usual, our vibrant multi ethnic community brought in their national cuisine. The event was a sell out with over 80 people attending the feast which included a variety of cultural food from all

communities. The wonderful social gathering and auction sales also raised an amazing Lyd 5,267 for Church Funds this year. We enjoyed friendship and fellowship together. This year our overall church finances breaks-even. Our council had to draw on reserves to fund deficits and this is likely to happen again in 2018 as the dollar rate soars above 10 LYD per USD. With this sharply in focus, the Council continues to work on examining budgetary priorities.

Arabic congregation:

We thank God bringing ten Arabic Community members. These families worship along with us. We have bilingual order of service for them.

Medical Mission - Mariam Medical Centre

By the grace of God, we inaugurated Mariam Medical Centre on Nov.7, 2017. MMC is accountable for overall public health promotion and medical care service of Sub Saharan refugees living in Tripoli, Libya. It aims to make sub Saharan settlements viable by improving basic health status of Nigerian in exile through its Primary Health Care centre, for disease prevention, promotion of healthier lifestyles and a cleaner environment. It currently manages and finances one health centre in Tripoli, Libya. MMC's major challenges are in providing adequate health care to the community, particularly in urban areas. Church of Christ the King, Tripoli, Libya opened a Free Medical Consultation for Basic Hygiene and Family Health Awareness Program every Tuesdays between 9:00 am and 12.00p.m. Within a month, the around fifty patients have consulted the doctor. One of our prayers for 2018, is to see even more people receive salvation through our Medical evangelism efforts.

Proposal and Costing:

Dr. Amir El-Kashdi, the medical officer of MMC has been asked to identify the problems related to Health that are prevalent in the proximity of old city. After the discussion with him, project proposal with project estimate report was prepared. Cost estimate for the project proposal has been prepared only for arranging conducive rooms for doctors and for medicines will be USD \$ 6000 for Short term (From November2017 –June2018) approximately. With the advice of Dr. Amir, we would take further steps to organize this project in a larger scale after acquisition of our annexure building.

Despite these challenges, the project report gives us many reasons for optimism including the future growth of new areas of ministry, the impact of church activities and the high level of commitment shown by church members, volunteers and staff.

We continue to look forward to the opportunities before us, to provide answers and hope through the gospel. As we serve in communities across Libya, from as far East in Zuwara to as far west as Tarhuana, it is our prayer that we can see countless people's lives lifted as they encounter Jesus in a real and personal way at the Christ the King Anglican Church Tripoli, Libya.

We are thankful to see how God has continued to bless our ministry. We want to thank those of you who have been on this journey with us for years, those who have overseen the work of the church together. The Church of Christ the King, Libya is highly grateful and is privileged to be under the continuous care of our God appointed Chief Shepherd Rt. Rev. Dr. Mouneer and Rt. Rev. Dr. Samy, for their continuous support and sacrificial work.