



Prison Ministry Newsletter

March 2018

“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 judgment 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:

- Peace with the ministry partners from other Churches who are giving us hard time with the prison administration.
- 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.
- Protection against harassments that the inmates may encounter inside the prison.

Answers to Prayer:

- Through your generous donations; we were able to purchase 3 tickets for released prisoners, to Chad and South Sudan. The availability of the South Sudan ticket saved Beal from prison, since, it allowed us to send him back before he would get a sentence.
- The ministry offers a mass service to prisoners twice per months at least.

Current Challenges:

- The lack of volunteers recently affected the number of prisoners the ministry could care for, one to one.
- Financial challenges continues, especially in regard to mad increase of prices.
- Partners' challenges; one of our partners from another domination is giving us hard times with authorities, by falsely accusing our teachings.

Financial Report

Financial Details:

Income

General Donations	38822 L.E.
Tickets Donations	20655 L.E.
Total	59477 L.E.

Expenses

Visit Costs	16465 L.E.
Flight tickets	20655 L.E.
General Expenses	386 L.E.
Administrative Ex-	8848 L.E.
Total	46354 L.E.

Surplus: 13123L.E.

Notes:

- The current money available until the end of this year is 41727 L.E. for plane tickets, and 46990 L.E. for general expenses. We thank the Lord for the available funds, however, we hope to raise double the amount to cover the expenses for the rest of the year, which includes celebrations and gifts for Easter and Christmas with the inmates, 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.