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“The Middle East ... an agitated region!!!”

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The Middle East... an agitated region!!!!

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!



I don't think there is a region in the whole world that is as inflamed and agitated as our region: The Middle East. I am sure that you follow the news about Syria: the destruction, the loss of lives, and the displacement of the Syrian people. As this was going on, the film defaming the Prophet Mohammed was broadcasted in the US and this evoked a volcanic response here in Egypt, in Libya, in Tunisia, in Sudan, in Yemen and in other parts of the region including a suicide bomb in Afghanistan killing 13. The film is awful and is an intentional insult and provocation. The response to the film was also out of proportion and led to the death of innocent people, like the US Ambassador in Libya. We here made it clear that we Christians reject this kind of provocative film. One of my Muslim friends Dr. Ali el Samaan made a statement in the newspaper saying *"the Islamic reaction to the film was uncivilized and harms the image of Islam."*

In order to avoid future violence, my brother bishops and I thought of writing a letter to Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, the Secretary General of the United Nations to ask for a declaration that out-laws *"intentional and deliberate insulting or defamation of persons (such as prophets), symbols, texts and constructs of belief deemed holy by people of faith"* (please see next page).

What happened makes me convinced that if we do not focus on education in the coming decades it will be very difficult to see the expected positive fruits of the Arab Spring. We are hoping to see real freedom, democracy, religious harmony, and social and economic development. However, none of these will be fulfilled without proper education. Will our region make education a priority? This is what we are waiting to see.

In the middle of this troubled region, we witnessed many encouraging things happening.

- We hosted a meeting to form the "Egypt Council of Churches." Everyone was touched by the wonderful spirit among the heads of denomination.
- It was so encouraging to open the new finished building of the Vocational Training Centre in 6 of October City.
- It was fun to be with our young people at their final day for the Youth Olympics and to give out the medals and cups.
- In a suburb of Suez, I rejoiced to see a new Community Development Centre (*more information in next month's newsletter*). The church in Suez sees this the centre as part of their mission.
- In the outskirts of Giza, I rejoiced to see a new nursery, literacy classes, and house church (*more information in next month's newsletter*).
- It was a joy to attend the first class of the course "Equipping Future Leaders" (*more information in next month's newsletter*).
- It was also great to have Bishop Grant & Dr. Wendy LeMarquand with us here before they start their ministry in the Horn of Africa.

It is amazing to see the Holy Spirit work even in an agitated region!!!

We would appreciate your prayers.

+ Mouneer Egypt



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Mr. Ban Ki-Moon

Secretary General of the United Nations
2 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

15 September 2012

Dear Secretary Ban Ki-Moon,

In view of the current inflamed situation in several countries in response to the production of a film in the USA which evidently intends to offend our Muslim brothers and sisters by insulting the Prophet Mohammed, and in view of the fact that in recent years similar offensive incidents have occurred in some European countries which evoked massive and violent responses worldwide, we hereby suggest that an international declaration be negotiated that outlaws the intentional and deliberate insulting or defamation of persons (such as prophets), symbols, texts and constructs of belief deemed holy by people of faith.

This suggested declaration should not, in any way, be seen as contradictory to the freedom of expression that is enshrined in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. However, it should encourage all people (including controllers of media) to be responsible and self-restraining in expressing or promoting offensive or malicious opinions with regard to the religions of the world, especially in today's climate whereby those opinions and expressions may be rapidly and widely spread through many media.

We are suggesting such a declaration in order to avoid the possibility of further violence in the future - violence that may easily lead to wars between nations and conflicts between people from different cultural or philosophical backgrounds or followers of different faiths. It may be suggested that some of the violent responses experienced in the last few years are out of proportion to the original, offensive and insulting acts. However, it is a fact that people in different parts of the world react differently, especially when it comes to matters of faith. Hence, there is a need to take this suggested declaration under serious consideration.

Finally, as people living here in the Middle East, we see that the way ahead for peaceful coexistence and religious harmony is through mutual respect and love. Such, Sir, is the motivation behind suggesting this declaration.

May God bless you!

+ Mouneer, Egypt

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The Global South Conference in Bangkok

The Communique of the Global South Conference in Thailand may be found [here](#):

“This Conference is a response to the call at the 4th Global South to South Encounter in Singapore April 2010 to gather leaders from Provinces of the Global South and other mission partners, which are unequivocally committed to the apostolic-historic faith for the **Global South Conference on Decade of Mission and Networking**...We received with thanks a note of greeting from **Dr Rowan Williams**, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who affirmed his support for the work of the Conference....More than **100 delegates** from provinces in the Global South (comprising Africa, Asia, the Pacific and South America) gathered together in prayer, fellowship and listening to the teaching of the Word. We were also joined by a number of our mission partners from other parts of the Communion and various Mission agencies....**The Holy Scriptures** shaped our thinking on Mission and inspired our collective resolve to action. We found fresh insights from the Book of Romans. We were challenged to see Mission as “calling people from among the nations to the obedience of faith” (Romans 1:5 cf., 15:18, 16:26). Mission is not complete until it leads people to obey the true, living and only-wise God, who in His grace and righteousness (Romans 3-8), has saved humankind for newness of life (Romans 12-16) through Jesus Christ our Lord....We took careful note of the radical change in the post-1989 geo-political landscape. **The Global South is now a global “Antioch” church, which is multi-cultural and mission-ary-sending.** We noted that the “centre of gravity in world Christianity” has shifted to the Global South....In the face of these challenges, our greatest need is for discipleship to take root and go deep. The way forward is to equip our churches with an emphasis on **discipleship** and **character formation**, marked with “humility, integrity, and simplicity.”...Equipping the Global South churches means that **the gospel should be contextualised** so that it does not have a foreign but a local face and be effective in the local context. Along with this, we should strengthen an orthodox theology on the Church’s role in nation-building. Our commitment is to a strong society marked by the rise of a civil society, political stability, sustainable economy, reduction of poverty, and the eradication of all forms of violence, endemic diseases and corruption.”

The Primate’s Communique may be found [here](#) :

We have appointed a new Global South Primates Steering Committee (GSPSC) comprising: The Most Rev Dr Mouneer Anis as **Chairman**, The Most Rev Nicholas Okoh as **Vice-Chairman**, The Most Rev Ian Ernest as **Honorary Secretary**, The Most Rev Bolly Lapok as **Honorary Treasurer**, The Most Rev Stephen Than as an **Elected Member**, The Most Rev Henri Isingoma as an **Elected Member**, The Most Rev Hector Zavala as an **Elected Member**, The Most Rev Dr Eliud Wabukala as an **Elected Member**, and The Most Rev Daniel Deng as an **Elected Member**.



Youth Olympics in Cairo

On Monday 23 July the youth from across all of the Episcopal / Anglican churches in Egypt gathered together for the "Youth Olympics." The youth (Sudanese, Deaf, Egyptian, etc...) competed in football (soccer), ping-pong (table tennis), volleyball, chess, and other sports. At the end of the day, Bishop Mouneer gave out the final awards and the trophies. Many thanks to Mark Takki for arranging the youth events, and all those who helped.



Anglicanism Training Days

On Friday 6 July, Bishop Mouneer led a training day on Anglicanism for members of the churches in Cairo. Approximately 150 people participated. He shared about the history, theology, ecclesiology, practice, mission and evangelism of the church, and concluded the day by leading an instructed Eucharist at All Saints Cathedral. It was an encouraging day as people came to understand their faith and our Anglican expression of Christianity in a more complete way. They also had opportunities to ask questions and receive feedback. The Diocese intends to duplicate this training throughout the churches in the Diocese, and encourages its clergy to also give training throughout the year.

Clergy Wives Conference at Anafora

For the first time in many years, the clergy wives met together for a retreat at Anafora, a Coptic Orthodox retreat centre in the Wadi Natroun (near St. Macarius Monastery). The women encouraged each other and shared deeply with each other. They have decided to meet regularly throughout the year.



شكراً Special Thanks

The wives of the clergy of the Diocese would like to thank Dr. Andrew & Dr. Ruth Miller (and those who gave to them in support of this conference) for their generous contribution in funding the "Clergy Wives Conference at Anafora."



The Opening of the VTC in 6th of October City

The Most Rev. Dr. Mounseer Hanna Anis (Bishop of the Diocese) along with a Coptic Orthodox priest from 6 of October City, Mr. Essam (Manager of the current VTC in Old Cairo), Mrs. Clair Ghais (Director of the Deaf Unit) and Rev. Farag Hanna (Priest-in-charge of the Church for the Deaf), officially opened the new VTC building in 6th of October City.

The new Vocational Training Centre in 6th of October City will include metal work, wood work, electrical work, plumbing, car mechanics, handcrafts, as well as training in business.



Over the course of the next few months, the current VTC will relocate to 6th of October City.

We will also purchase new equipment and prepare the new vocational training departments.



Special
Thanks شكراً

The Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa would like to thank especially “**BibleLands**” from the UK, “**CBM**” from Germany, and “**ARDF**” from the United States for their support of the Vocational Training Centre in 6th of October City. We could not have opened the building it without your support. The Diocese would like to also thank Engineer Gamal Gabron and Engineer Hanna of Gotoco as well as Engineer Ehab Edward Khalil of the Diocese, for making a dream a reality.

News from North Africa : Algiers

by Levison Munongi

It is my pleasure to write once again to you in full assurance that I find you well by the grace of God. We would like to thank God so much for His love and mercy as He continues to lead us and to guide us.



We were organizing our annual summer camp-meeting, and so with great joy I announce to you that it was a success. The meeting was held from the 21st to the 26th of July in Jijel, a city about 360 kilometers from Algiers. The camp started with seven people going on the 20th ahead of the rest to prepare the site. On the 21st the rest of the group of fifty people took off from Algiers at 09:30 and we arrived in Jijel at 16:00. In total we had 73 participants with nationalities divided among Zimbabwe, Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda, Angola, Cameroun and Equatorial Guinea.

The camp was a time for rebuilding, reviving and renewing for so was the theme Rebuild, Revive and Renew. It was also a time to relieve us of the pressure that we had experienced during the academic year.

Each day of the camp began with a service and then a seminar on various topics that concern mainly the youths and the church. In the afternoon we had sports ranging from tug of war, beach soccer, and beach volleyball, egg racing and swimming.



The evenings were characterized by bible quiz, bible acts, talent show and cultural presentations. The participants were divided into four groups with each one group undertaking one activity per day.

We witnessed an elevated level of excellence, organization and commitment.

We would like to thank God for the success of the camp meeting. I have attached a few photos from the camping.

May I at this moment inform you that from 4th to the 10th of August we held a prayer and fasting as we pray for our brothers and sisters who went home for the holidays, for our families, for the sick and afflicted and for the church in North Africa and the Middle East.

On behalf of the church council and the Holy Trinity I would like to express my deepest gratitude for allowing Rev. Justin Lokey (from Tunis) to come and be part of us during this weekend's service. It was really a blessing to us to receive the peace, the love and the encouragement that he brought from Tunis.

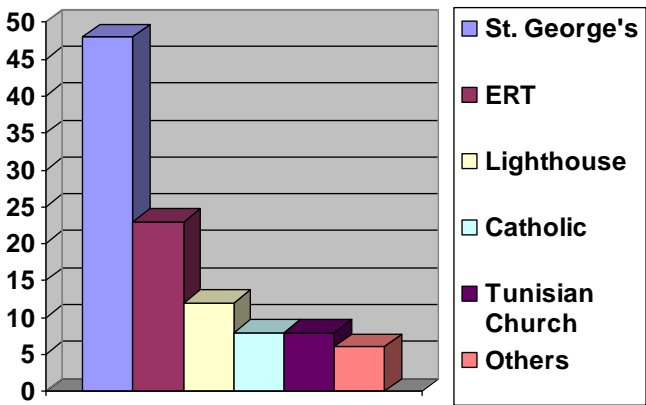




News from North Africa : Tunis

This year's VBS program was based on John 14:6 'I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me'. (John 14:6). Each day had a question as the theme of the day: Who is Jesus? Why can I Trust in Jesus? Why do I need Jesus? How can Jesus Help me when I mess up? What does Jesus want me to do?

Eighty-one (81) volunteers ran this program in English, French and Arabic, making this year's VBS a success! Thank you!





News from the Horn of Africa : Ethiopia

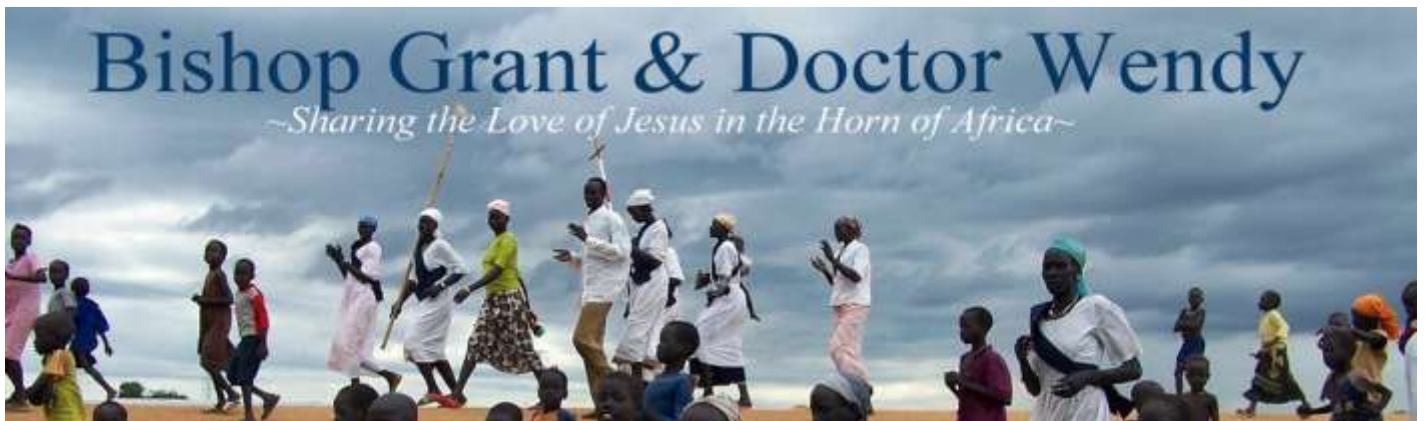
It was a very difficult past two months in Ethiopia. His Holiness Abune Paulos, Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, passed away, and soon after, the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Meles Zenawi, died.



Rev. Rick Belser, the interim priest-in-charge at St. Matthew's in Addis Ababa writes *"I have Bishop Mouneer's letter and the letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams... If given an opportunity, we will read them to the assembly. After the funeral we will find a way have copies delivered to the appropriate representatives of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church."*

Rev. Rick attended the condolences gathering at the Patriarch's residence and signed the guest book and personally extended condolences to members of Abune Paulos' family on behalf of Bishop Mouneer.

We are very grateful to Rev. Richard & Anne Belser for serving at St. Matthew's for the past few weeks and for Rev. Iri and Kate Mato who have served at the Gambella Anglican Centre for the past few months. Both couples will be returning to their respective countries (USA and New Zealand) having been enriched and having enriched so many people's lives.



Bishop Grant LeMarquand and Dr. Wendy LeMarquand arrived in Cairo on the 31st of August in order to prepare for their work in the Horn of Africa. They attended AST Board Meetings, met with the Canadian Ambassador and the Ethiopian Ambassador, met with some clergy, preached at All Saints Cathedral, visited EpiscoCare community development centres, and did many other things.

Bishop Grant will be installed at St. Matthew's in Addis, Ababa on Saturday 27 October 2012 and in Gambella on 28 October.



Please pray for them as they start this new ministry, have language training (Amharic) in Ethiopia, and seek God's guidance on what to do in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, and Djibouti.

For more information, please see their blog:

<http://www.grantandwendy.com/>

Teddy Bears for the Poor

Ms. Linda Lin in Texas had a dream...to send teddy bears to Egypt for poor children. This dream has been realized several times over the past few years, and it is our privilege to share with you the faces of several children from our nursery at the Community Development Centre in Ain Shams, a poor area of Cairo. This nursery was renovated this year, and re-opened in July. The teddy bears were a great addition to the newly renovated nursery. Several other teddy bears were given to children at the Well Child Clinic of Refuge Egypt (based at All Saints Cathedral, Cairo), where there is a waiting room for the refugee children and their parents.



News from the Deaf

On Sunday 8 July, Bishop Mouneer licensed two Deaf lay readers, Maged and Clement, to assist Rev. Faraj Hanna in the Church for the Deaf. The service was in Arabic, English and Egyptian Sign Language and included both the Church for the Deaf and Jesus Light of the World Church in Old Cairo. At the same service, Clement's daughter was baptized!





Hosting the “Egypt Council of Churches”

The Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis hosted the Egypt Council of Churches on Monday 30 July 2012 in our Diocesan Guest House. It was a wonderful occasion to bring the Coptic Orthodox, the Coptic Catholic, the Evangelical (Presbyterian) and the Anglican churches together to discuss ways of working together and advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Representatives of other churches, including the Armenian Catholic and the Roman Catholic churches also attended, as well as Mr. Guirguis Salah the Secretary General of the Middle East Council of Churches.

The Egypt Council of Churches was formed by the late Pope Shenouda III of the Coptic Orthodox Church, after meeting with Bishop Mouneer who proposed the idea based upon the Middle East Council of Churches and other national councils, such as the Sudanese Council of Churches.



Welcoming “ US Ambassador Anne Patterson”

On Thursday 26 July, Bishop Mouneer welcomed Her Excellency, Ambassador Anne Patterson, the US Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, to his office. They discussed several topics of mutual interest, especially community development work. The US Ambassador promised to visit our new Vocational Training Centre in 6 of October City.

Below, Her Excellency, is seen with Bishop Mouneer and several members of the Diocese.



Better Together—News from our Partners

CMS-NZ (New Zealand)

Ms. Rosie

I work in the Partnership Office with an Egyptian colleague, Sherry. Our role is to facilitate partnerships between our ministries in Egypt, and with many partners who support the work of these ministries. This involves writing funding proposals, reporting on how we have used the funds, and communicating about how God is working through His church in this Diocese (including writing this newsletter!).



Over the past two years, it's been great to see how God provides for our ministries, and also to see first-hand how the support of our partners makes a big impact and difference here. I'm a 'kiwi,' supported by CMS NZ. I am looking forward to being in New Zealand in August and September to share with churches there. I am so happy to be serving in Egypt, and I would like to thank CMS NZ and the Diocese of Egypt for all of their wonderful support of me.

Rev. Iri & Kate



What an amazing experience it has been for us to be here in Gambella and so unexpected too. We had finished our seven years in Tanzania and were packing to go home to New Zealand last November when within an hour we received an email from Bishop Mouneer followed by a phone call from Steve Maina of CMS New Zealand asking if we would serve in Gambella, Ethiopia from February until September 2012.

Knowing how CMS is supportive of Bishop Mouneer and his great work, we quickly decided that this was a call from the Lord and immediately replied that yes, we would go to Gambella. Then came the hard part of explaining to our four children and six grand children that we would not be staying in New Zealand as they had thought but would only be home for a few short weeks.

Those few weeks saw us visiting our family, gathering up documents and applying for our Visa and by February 8th we were here. Arriving in Gambella we found it to be sooooo very hot, we could scarcely breathe but gradually we acclimatised and with the help of the staff, set about organising things in readiness for the new Bishop's arrival. The old builders' shed was demolished and old building materials removed from the site, new furniture and furnishings made ready, the Bishop's house painted, the grounds planted and contacts built up with the Anglican priests of the region. Here many of the Priests live far away; some up to three days travel from the Gambella Anglican Centre. It has been great to meet these servants of God who struggle daily in far flung villages with minimal facilities and many difficulties.



We thank the Lord, Bishop Mouneer and the New Zealand Church Missionary Society for the opportunity to serve in this part of God's vineyard. Now, perhaps we are going home to our family or maybe God has another plan for our lives: Jeremiah 29:11

CMS-UK (United Kingdom)



Ms. Helen

I have the privilege of working as the External Relations Officer for the Alexandria School of Theology (AST), established in 2005 to train servants for Christ in the heart of the Middle East, and the Harpur Memorial Hospital in Sadat City, opened in December 2010 as an opportunity for "Practical Dialogue" between Christians and Muslims. My role is to "tell the unfolding story" to our growing network of international supporters. This is achieved by producing various publications, completing applications for grants and writing reports on funds spent as well as accompanying and facilitating visits to see this exciting work "first hand".

Perhaps, my most memorable experience was accompanying a medical outreach team to a village in the district of Menoufiya in the mobile medical bus which was donated by the Diocese of Singapore. The village NGO gave us the use of their rooms to conduct the clinic. Within half an hour of setting up, the clinic was announced from the mosque loudspeaker! Seventy two people were screened in less than three hours. When we concluded the clinic, in minutes the waiting room was turned into a dining area and we enjoyed the hospitality of the leaders of the NGO before returning to the hospital. During the meal they asked if we can come back. This is proving to be a very effective way of entering the community and meeting their needs. I also made good use of my Arabic! I thank God for CMS UK; for the ways in which they are committed to supporting me and the work in which I am involved.

Rev. Chris & Angela & Family

Chris and Angela have been in Egypt for 8 years along with Anna (9) Isaac (6) and Noah (4). Chris runs the Episcopal Training Centre in Cairo: www.etcegypt.org Arabic Lessons are available for foreigners seeking to work in Egypt and English Lessons are provided to help equip Egyptians and other non-English speakers for work. In addition to running the Training Centre, Chris has recently been ordained a priest and helps serve the English speaking congregation at All Saints Cathedral, where we all worship as a family. Angela is a teacher in an International Pre-school. Anna, Isaac and Noah all attend Maadi Community School, a small International Christian School.



Our desire is that we can encourage the Christians of Egypt to grow in vision, wisdom and boldness in showing love to their Muslim neighbours, as well as the nominal Christians amongst them. Many Christians in Egypt find their identity in being a minority rather than in Christ. Their numbers are dwindling as many seek to emigrate to the West, even more so since the Revolution. Pray for a sense of hope and vision for Egypt to be restored to God's people here.

We're currently on leave in the UK travelling around the country speaking about Egypt and our work there. Instead of questions about the weather and the pyramids we have been asked much more about our safety and the future - we of course say that we're fine and that Egypt needs our prayers as we hope for a better future. We miss our friends and the church community while we travel around, especially hard is being away from our home. The 3 CMS core values are: 'Equipping local leaders, transforming community, and discipling others.' Please pray for us as we seek to live out these values. We'd like to show our appreciation to CMS UK for their continued support as well as our many 'Link Churches' that support us both in prayer and financially.

CMS-AUS (Australia)

Rev. Timothy & Kylie & Family

We are Tim, Kylie, Peter, Sonya, Michael and Andrew, and we're from Australia. We realized that the Anglican church in Sydney has a lot of freedom and good resources, and we've benefited a lot, so we wanted to help churches elsewhere that had greater needs.

Through CMS, we found out more about the work of the Alexandria School of Theology. Tim really loves languages, and has started teaching Greek here. We're also learning Arabic. Our long term goal is to help people understand God's word better.

Tim also leads the English-speaking congregation at All Saints Anglican Church in Stanley, Alexandria. We arrived in mid 2009 and hope to stay in Egypt for as long as possible. CMS has been a great support for us through the churches in Sydney.

Currently we're on Home Assignment back in Australia (until January 2013): we visit churches here and report back on what we've been doing. People are very interested in the Arab Spring and its impact on the churches. Australians don't know a lot about Egypt and have many questions. Home Assignment is also a time for us to be refreshed and reconnect with our families and friends. We are missing our Egyptian friends!



Rev. Roger & Lynn

After an initial 2 ½ years in Addis Ababa, Roger and Lynn Kay are currently on home assignment in Australia, visiting link churches and meeting with CMS Australia who have sent and support them. They are looking forward to returning to Ethiopia in early October.



When in Addis Ababa, Roger is the Rector of St Matthew's Anglican Church, a mostly expatriate church which holds services in English. St Matthew's has about 200 church members from many different countries and denominational backgrounds. People come to Addis Ababa to work in NGO's, embassies, missions, and business or in professional activities. Some come as refugees. St Matthew's provides these people with spiritual nurture, sound Bible teaching and a sense of community. It also reaches out into the local community through its community library, breakfast program for needy children and through offering English classes to high school children.

In addition to her involvement in the church, Lynn is the country director of Retrak, an international Christian NGO working to return street children to safe homes in families and communities. The process involves meeting the children's basic physical needs and providing education, psychological support and Bible teaching. Retrak also prepares families to be reunited with their children and provides training in parenting and income generating skills.

Roger and Lynn are very appreciative of the support that CMS Australia provides to them. The preparation and training in cross cultural ministry they received in Australia before coming was excellent, and the ongoing financial and pastoral care for them and their three daughters in Australia is what enables them to continue in their ministries in Addis Ababa

Welcomes & Farewells

Dr. Mokhles Magdy Asal worked as Bishop Mouneer's Personal Assistant for 11 months. "It has been a blessing to serve with Bishop Mouneer and Rev. Drew, even though there were many challenges that I had to deal with in doing that job. I thank God for those months in which HE has grown me so much."



The Rev. Richard "Rick" & Anne Belser have returned to the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, only not to Egypt this time, but to Ethiopia! Rev. Rick is filling in as the locum at St. Matthew's in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia until Rev. Roger Kay and his family return from their "home assignment" to Australia through CMS Australia. We are very grateful to The Diocese of South Carolina for lending them to us!

Mr. Essam Louis Ibrahim was a professional woodworker and tutor at the Deaf Unit since 1987. Mr. Essam devoted his studies, his work, and his life to those with disabilities, especially those who are hearing-impaired. The Diocese wishes him all the best in his future endeavours and thanks him for 15 years of service!



Mrs. Clair Malik decided to step down from the position of the "*Director of the Deaf Unit*" in Old Cairo which she held for 30 years. One of the great fruits of Mrs. Clair's committed service and vision is the Vocational Training Centre for the Deaf in 6th of October City which was opened on 24 July 2012. It was a real joy to see that one of the lecture rooms at this centre was dedicated to her. We are happy that Mrs. Clair will continue to work with us as the "*Diocesan Consultant for Education*." She can be contacted at: clairmalik@gmail.com

The Rev. Farag Hanna is now the Director of the Deaf Unit and interim-supervisor of the Vocational Training Centre in 6th of October City, in addition to his responsibilities as the priest-in-charge of the Church for the Deaf in Old Cairo. Please pray for Rev. Farag as he starts his new responsibilities so that God may give him wisdom and grace. Please communicate with him at deafunit@gmail.com



The Rev. Samuel Iskander the former director of "Spiritual Ministry" in our Community Development Centres, has left for another part of our Diocese, to work under Rev. Vasihar at Christ the King Church in Tripoli, Libya where he worked many years ago. Please pray for him and his wife Honi as they settle into this new job and obtain the necessary visas and paperwork.

Deacon Osama Abd-el Messih the deacon-in-charge of St. Mark's Anglican Church in Menouf has been asked to take over the "spiritual" work Rev. Samuel Iskander has been doing. His farewell service in Menouf will be on 16 September then he will be moving to Cairo.



The Rev. Drew Schmotzer the Chaplain to the Bishop, is now also the interim priest-in-charge of St. Mark's Anglican Church in Menouf until a permanent arrives.

The Rev. Hessian James, an assistant priest at St. Michael & All Angel's in Heliopolis is now an assistant priest at All Saints Cathedral in Zamalek and studying at the Episcopal Training Centre. He completed his studies at the Alexandria School of Theology and graduated in June 2012.



Visitors to the Diocese

- The Rt. Rev. Ezekiel Kondo (Diocese of Khartoum)
- The Rev. Richard & Mrs. Martha Menees (USA)
- Ms. Helen Azer (UK)
- Mr. Gordon & Mrs. Rachel Hickson (UK)
- Mrs. Corinne Hawley (InterServe)
- H.E. Mrs. Anne Patterson (The US Ambassador to Egypt)
- Rev. Richard & Anne Belser (Diocese of South Carolina)
- Dr. Chris Taylor (USA)
- The Rt. Rev. Ismail Gebriel Abu Digin (Diocese of El Obeid)
- The Rt. Rev. Grant & Dr. Wendy LeMarquand (Horn of Africa)
- Mr. Mark Leakey & Mr. Ben Leakey (UK)

Prayer Points

- For our majority Muslim neighbours as they celebrated the month of Ramadan. May they come to know God in a deeper way through reading the Qu'ran, praying and fasting; may they also have dreams and visions which reveal who Jesus really is.
- For The Episcopal Church (TEC) in the USA, especially after taking many resolutions at their 77th General Convention which distance themselves from the Christian faith and our Anglican identity and heritage. We pray especially for our Companion Diocese, *the Diocese of South Carolina* and its bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, who have taken a stand for the faith once received.
- For the election of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. May Godly wisdom and understanding prevail in prayerfully choosing the best person both in leading the Church of England and in representing the Anglican Communion.
- For President Mohammed Mursi (*pictured below, middle*) as he leads the Arab Republic of Egypt. Please pray for him and his advisors and leaders, such as the Grand Mufti and the Grand Imam, (*on either side of the President*), that they may make Godly decisions and see justice for all citizens of Egypt.



Important Upcoming Events in the Diocese

SEPTEMBER

- Children's Ministry Conference in Alexandria (31 Aug-3 Sept)
- CGC & Executive Board (5 Sept)
- Bishop's visit & confirmations at Church of our Saviour in Suez (9 Sept)
- Youth Leadership Training Course (12 Sept)
- Children's Ministry Conference in Beit el Abour (10-13 Sept)
- Bishop's visit at St. Mark's in Menouf (16 Sept)
- Bishop's visit & confirmations at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral (21 Sept)
- Alpha Celebrations at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral in Alexandria (21 Sept)
- Bishop's visit & confirmations at All Saints in Stanley Bay (23 Sept)
- Youth Day with Bishop Mouneer (24 Sept)
- Culture Day with EpiscoCare and Bishop Mouneer (25 Sept)
- Clergy Chapter Meeting (27 Sept)
- Ordination at St. Michael & All Angel's (27 Sept)
- Anglicanism Course for Ezbit El Nakhl Church (28 Sept)
- Bishop's visit with confirmations & licensing at St. Michael & All Angel's (30 Sept)

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- The Egypt Council of Churches (1 Oct)
- The Alexandria School of Theology "Residential Conference" (4-7 Oct)
- Youth Day with Bishop Mouneer (11 Oct)
- Celebration at Ain Shams Community Development Centre (12 Oct)
- Clergy Chapter Meeting (18 Oct)
- Bishop Mouneer to Singapore (18-23 Oct)
- Bishop Mouneer to Ethiopia (25-31 Oct)

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