

# Hope for the Middle East

## PREPARATION IN EGYPT FOR FUTURE MINISTRY

I grew up in a village in Egypt in poverty. The church played a big role to make me who I am. Without the influence of my pastor, the church leaders, and God's grace I would not be serving as a missionary. I decided to follow Jesus in my first year of high school. Later I felt that God called me to be a pastor. I graduated from Cairo Theological Seminary and was ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian church of Egypt. I studied the Bible, and to better equip myself for ministry to Muslims, I got a bachelor degree in Islamic philosophy



Eid visiting a partner church in Egypt

Fall / Winter 2022 - A Trip to Egypt

## VILLAGE CHURCHES IN EGYPT LACK RESOURCES

In August of 2022, I took my Houston family to Egypt for three weeks. I visited my Egyptian family. I also visited some churches and a project in Sharona that we support. There are some big names in Egypt such as Cairo Seminary. They have connections with the West. They have good resources for ministry. But the churches and poor Christians in the villages, in the South and different places, have no resources. God has called me to support some small churches and persecuted Christians. I encourage my friends and churches who are called and interested in this ministry to be involved.

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## MY CHURCH IN SHARONA

When I was on my way to come to America in 2009, many people, pastors, church leaders, and family told me, “Don’t forget about us.” That phrase is still in my mind. How can I help them? At my church in Sharona we started a day care project. There were many kids who didn’t go to school. They just wasted their time in the streets learning street stuff because their parents work and are busy. I was praying with the church leaders in Sharona to start a day care center. They had a place that was not used so we helped them to paint it and to make it ready. Now we have three classes with around forty children in attendance. Some of them pay; others cannot pay. We help those who cannot pay to join in. It’s making a difference. These kids are learning reading and writing. They are learning about God and Biblical stories. They are learning good habits like prayer before eating. In turn, the parents learn this good habit of prayer from their children. Some parents started coming to church because of their kids.

## PERSECUTION IN EGYPT

The day after I returned home from Egypt, four churches were burned on the same day. Forty-one people died in one of the fires. The authorities tried to cover up this terrorist act by claiming that they were caused by an electrical problem. These fires occurred on the anniversary of the removal from power of the Muslim brotherhood. Though no one claimed responsibility, this was certainly an act of terror against the church in Egypt carried out by Muslim radicals. I encourage my friends here, if God calls, to adopt a family. A hundred dollars a month can make a difference. I also encourage my brothers and sisters to pray that these Christians will be strong. They are already strong, but pray that they will keep on being strong because it’s really difficult to live in a country where it’s not safe, and you feel betrayed.



*Eid visiting churches in Egypt*

## HOPES OF A FUTURE MISSION TRIP

When I visited the Sharona project, the people were so happy. We provided some financial support, as much as God has given to us. They asked if we can do a once a year mission trip. They said, “Bring your friends. We would love to have them.” I hope that we can do a mission trip sometime – just to go and see how people live. This will help those who go to learn about faith, how people live the gospel in a different context. They will see that the problems that we encounter here in America are nothing compared with what people encounter over there.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble – Psalm 46:1

With love,

Eid & Neven

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### Prayer Requests:

- 1 – Thank God for how He prepared Eid for ministry
- 2 – For the children at Sharona to grow strong in the Lord
- 3 – For financial and prayer.
- 4 – For God to strengthen and provide for those persecuted
- 5 – For this ministry to lead a future mission trip to Egypt
- 6 – For God’s blessing and protection for Eid and family

### How Can You Get Involved?

- 1 – Join or start a prayer team for this ministry
  - 2 – Share our newsletter with your friends and church
  - 3 – Be a friend to a refugee
  - 4 – Donate to the ministry of Hope for the Middle East
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Houston, TX 77007

Include our account code in the memo: **HopeForTheMidEast.001**

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