



Prison Ministry

GOOD NEWS

25 INMATES ARE RELEASED IN 2016

During the period from January till July 2016, a large numbers of inmates were released from the Kanater Prison in Cairo. However, many of them are now facing insecurity and hardship after they were deported back to the countries which they fled from.

Matthew 25:36
"I was in prison
and you came to
visit me "

About the Prisoners

El Kanater Prison Fellowship men's group comprises inmates from different nationalities.

They have been imprisoned under a variety of criminal charges, and sometimes simply because they do not have a visa. Many struggle to obtain legal counsel and advocate for themselves because of language barriers and corruption in the justice system.

Prison Fellowship Program

The Prison Fellowship conducts 3 meetings on a weekly basis. Sundays are ceremony and worship, Tuesdays are Bible Studies and reflections on spiritual books, and Thursdays are Life Group Meeting and sharing of testimonies. Saturdays include small prayer time while main topics discussion involve management of the Fellowship program and the Help Ministry which supports other prisoners.

16 men and 9 women of the released inmates were from different nationalities including Ethiopia, Eritrea, Cameroon, South Sudan, Argentina, Peru, Russia, Ukraine and Mexico. Pray for these ex-prisoners as they rebuild their lives elsewhere.

50+

Prisoners engage in the Fellowship Program

The Prison Fellowship Program

Group Meeting and Testimonies



Bible Study



Help



Ministry

Planning for Fellowship program



Worship & Praise



Prisoners' Challenges

Embassies should provide support and advice to any national who gets into difficulty in a foreign country, but unfortunately such action is not initiated in most cases. Prisoners with long sentences might feel that their life is over, especially those who have no families or friends to care for them.

About the Prison Ministry Team

Activities of our Prison Ministry include:

- Engaging and training new volunteers in the prison ministry.
- Increasing community understanding of the social teachings of the Church's as we reach out to the prisoners with God's Grace and Love.
- Conducting weekly visits to the inmates in the Kanater Prison.
- Providing direct pastoral and counseling support to the inmates.
- Sharing the Gospel and give empathetic listening ear that embodies love, care and a non-judgmental attitude.
- Providing inmates during our weekly visits with food, clothing, shelter, medical care, Bibles, and meaningful work adequate to their conditions.
- Providing support and maintain follow up for the released inmates.
- Promoting a wide variety of leather, metal, and wood craft items, made by inmates of the Kanater Prison.
- Most of the works created by the inmates are displayed at our Wady Crafts Shop in All Saints Church.
- Supporting inmates with mental or physical health problems to help them access the services they need, in prison and after release.
- Communicating inmates' needs in the prison and raise it to official authorities whenever we can.
- Providing support and maintain follow up for the released inmates.
- Helping spread the Good News of God's love and promise of salvation.



Works made by our inmates in Kanater Prison

Twice a year during Christmas and Easter, the authorities allows Bishop Mouneer and a group from the Diocese to meet with all of the Christian prisoners as a group. Together we sing songs, pray, hear the Word of God and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.



Easter Celebration with Bishop Mouneer and Dr. Maher Samuel in 2014

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Current Challenges

To love and walk with the inmates through challenging times, is the heart of our Prison Ministry's mission. The Prison ministry team has been considering how best to meet the challenges of supporting prisoners' materialistic, emotional and spiritual needs. Not just passing time by in the prison, we step in by reaching out to the prisoners and encouraging them in God's love and grace that makes a significant impact on their lives.

On a weekly basis, members from the Diocese of Egypt and volunteers visit primarily foreign inmates at El Kanater Prison on the outskirts of Cairo.

Prisoners who encountered many setbacks and pain in the past, now have the hope to make a difference in the future, achieve new goals and tackle challenges courageously. Unfortunately, most prisoners do not have a valid travel document and they must pay for the fee for the travel document issuance, as well as for the flight tickets in order to be released.

Therefore, with God's grace and people's generosity, we need a total of 77,897 L.E (8,777 USD) including 45,000 L.E (5,067 USD) from the total amount to support the prisoners in obtaining a valid passport and air tickets before deportation can be arranged.

160+
Bags of Supplies
given until now

Prison Ministry Expenses from January 2016 - July 2016

Exchange rate: 1USD = 8.88 Egyptian pounds

Detail	Egyptian pounds	Dollars
	The budget 2016 in Egyptian Pounds	The budget 2016 in Dollars
Administrative Expenses	66,800	7,526
Weekly visits (food, blankets etc.)	22,000	2,479
Easter and Christmas celebrations a	23,000	2,591
Conferences and meetings	2,500	282
Clothes for released inmates	5,000	563
Other expenses	5,000	563
Total Expenses	124,300	14,004

**45,000 L.E
NEEDED FOR
AIR TICKETS**

**32,897 L.E
TO COVER
EXPENSES**

**A TOTAL OF
77,897 L.E
NEEDED**

The Financial Report records a total expenses of 124,300 L.E(14.004 USD) in the Prison Ministry Budget from the period January - July 2016.

Thanks to God and to the donors generous support, we succeeded to cover 91,403 L.E. from the total expenses and still need 32,897 L.E to cover for the remaining expenses.

Also, 45,000 L.E (5,067 USD) is needed for the Air Tickets. A total of 77,897 L.E. (8,777 USD) to cover all expenses including air tickets.

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Prison ministry team members and Volunteers before & after the visit



There are two pastors involved in the Prison Ministry, Reverend Yashou from Egypt, and Reverend Samuel from Egypt. They provide pastoral support, share the gospel and pray with prisoners. Also, Ms. Sanaa Gamil who supports the pastors and coordinates all major activities in the Prison Ministry.

To accomplish our mission, our ministry relies on God's grace and volunteers including priests, church members and anyone who is willing to give their time to serve the inmates who are imprisoned in prisons and jails.

If you have a passion for sharing the Gospel and serving others, we invite you to consider taking the love and truth of Jesus Christ behind prison walls.

We pray to God for a strength and a can do spirit to tackle all challenges, and to bless all who supports us by their serving efforts and donations.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you." **Jeremiah 31:3**

Prayer Requests

John, from India, was supposed to be released last year after the completion of 25 years sentence period, but the authority informed him that he will stay until the age of sixty, another 5 years!

Also, he is required to pay a fine of 100,000 LE. Please pray for John.

Pray for supporting an inmate couples with air tickets, their sentence period in the prison will be over and will be released on the 20th of August, 2016.

Pray for God to send volunteers for the Prison ministry services.

How you Can Help

Join the Prison Ministry team

Volunteers go weekly to visit the prisoners, bringing food bags and friendship. Contact us for more info.

Donate for the Prison Ministry needs

Donors enable us to provide food, clothing, and other necessities for the prisoners on a weekly basis, to hold celebrations for the prisoners at Christmas and Easter, and to purchase air tickets for those otherwise unable to get home after their release.

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