



The Deaf Unit: June 2017

## Greetings from Cairo



We thank our Lord for all He has done for us so far. He has done a lot for the School, children and staff.

*"The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore." Psalms (121:8)*

This verse is the core of our testimony for the last 6 months.



All the children have passed the exams in the governmental school and their results are very good. This is very promising and encouraging for it is the first time for our students to be allowed to take the official governmental school exams. This didn't just take the exams, but, they graduated successfully. They made us so proud and the hard work of many months was fruitful for the 8 classes of deaf children. The pictures show the top 3 students in the school.



To celebrate their success, we had a special goodbye party for the children at a swimming pool.

The kids enjoyed the pool a lot and expressed their desire of having all parties at the swimming pool.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank Our Lord and whoever made that day possible for the children.



As for the Deaf Club, we are grateful to have started a new sport service for the deaf youth. The youth learnt to use their time wisely. We still need prayers to be able to bring the vision God filled us with into reality. Our vision is to focus on the deaf who have lost their faith in Christ and have put their hopes on damaging habits, such as drugs, instead.







After lots of prayers and struggle, the Lord enabled us to create a summer program that can empower and motivate the children to be productive.

The summer program enables the kids to continue sharpening their vocational skills that they acquired in the school, besides, learning new skills that can help them make a living in such circumstances. The summer program helps the children to put goals and achieve them instead of wasting time as they used to do in the previous vacations.

The summer program includes; sewing, carpentry, cooking, hair styling and computer workshops. The program provides a safe environment for the children to enjoy fellowship. The program also aims in building their self-confidence as they develop those skills.



Thanks God for the audiology clinic that was opened early this year. It was a great help indeed, much more than expected. Let us keep Dr. Mona Mohamed El- Akkad in our prayers as she is working very hard to help all the deaf.



For the first time in Egypt, Eftar (Breakfast) Ramadan inside the deaf church for the Muslim and Christian deaf. The guests were grateful for this event. The president of Deaf Union in Egypt attended the breakfast. The relationship between the deaf unit and the union started one year ago which was a blessing for the deaf unit. Now, we look forward for stronger relations between the Muslim and Christian deaf.





The most favor of all was the ordination of the first deaf lay minister in Egypt, Clement Alfons. With a special ceremony in All Saints Cathedral, many priests and congregations were thrilled to share this wonderful progress in the deaf church and later joined the Deaf Unit to offer their blessings, wishes and prayers for the special event.

Filled with joy, everyone gathered for the occasion including Fares and Soheir, his blind-deaf wife. Fares translated everything that happened to Soheir using the sign language on her hands. This image touched many souls and encouraged us to keep going. The fruits will be seen one day.



Last but not the least; we give thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for the gift of colors. In a fun and joyful day, the children together with their teachers had a coloring party in the backyard of the school. It was difficult to tell who had more fun, the kids or their teachers!

The Deaf Unit's Mission:

To dedicate ourselves to creating a space where the deaf and their families can learn to communicate with each other and overcome barriers through rehabilitation, education and sign language classes.

*The Deaf Unit is part of the holistic ministries of the Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, which includes the Church for the Deaf, an Audiology Clinic, a Vocational Training Centre, Deaf Club, and Community-Based Rehabilitation.*