

School and Kindergarten

Achievements:

- Our amazing new computer lab opened, providing opportunities for teaching basic computer skills and serve as entertainment for the children
- The final year students successfully passed the government assessed mid year Arabic examinations in February 2011
- Staff attended training for English and Computer Skills to improve their teaching skills
- Our weekly Sign Language lessons are attended by many parents, with one session per month concentrating on deaf psychology

Challenges:

- Equipping the library with relevant books written in Arabic
- The extended break during January giving us less teaching time
- A valued staff member left, meaning there was only one permanent Housemother for the boys dormitory
- The difficulties faced acquiring licenses for the Nardine Association and Audiology Clinic

The Future:

- We hope to integrate Muslim deaf into our existing school, increasing the number of students
- To continue to expand and improve our provision for deaf children

Prayer request:

One of our kindergarten students has undiagnosed tumors present in much of her body, a prayer for her health and well-being would be appreciated. We would also like you to pray for our continued success in teaching the deaf and setting an example to other deaf schools in Egypt and the Middle East.



Training and Community Outreach

Achievements:

- Through our summer and other courses in Egypt, the Middle East and Asia we have taught more than 300 people
- Our Summer course with Teachers of the Deaf was a great success (pictured) and the first to involve both Christian and Muslim Teachers of the Deaf
- The training course in Luxor was a great success and a new class for the deaf will soon be opened there due to our hard work and perseverance
- Rev. Faraj has recently returned from leading a 3 week workshop on deafness in Burma where his teachings were warmly received, and a return invite issued.

Challenges:

- The January 25th Revolution delayed one of our courses
- The situation in the Middle East limits our availability to visit other countries to offer training
- Continued prejudice against the deaf and disabled still counteract our good work and challenge us daily

Future:

- To continue our excellent community, nationwide and international training
- To increase the frequency and number of training courses
- To encourage more people, especially in Upper Egypt, to open centres of learning for the deaf

Prayer requests:

That we are able to continue our work across Egypt, the Middle East and Asia. That deaf people are able to access education and training from qualified and understanding individuals, to the benefit of their lives. That our knowledge base and communication with other trainers and educators worldwide will continue to grow.

Vocational Training Centre

Achievements:

- The first phase of the new VTC building in 6th October City is nearing completion
- Our high quality products have been further recognized within Cairo, with an increase in personal specialized orders being noticed
- The sewing workshop has developed new items, including cloth storage boxes, aimed at the small apartment owner and ex-pat clientele
- The income produced by the workshops continues to grow
- Our sessions concerning 'knowing your rights' continue, encouraging the deaf and their families to be advocates, understanding issues such as ending violence against women

Challenges:

- To find willing donors to the deserving project in 6th October City
- To continue to advocate for deaf peoples rights in the workplace, despite persisting prejudice

The Future:

- To re-locate the VTC to the new premises
- To expand our training services to applicants from Upper Egypt and the Muslim community, attracting 156 students
- To add a greater variety of courses to our program

Prayer request:

We pray that the new centre will become a centre of excellence for training. We would like you to pray for the deaf trainees, that the new centre will enable them to improve the lives of their families through work. We pray that sponsors for the project will become evident and we can complete the centre as soon as possible, God willing.



Deaf Club

Achievements:

- Our computer skills summer course for teen girls were so popular that it has carried on each week Friday
- Sports Day for the Deaf has continued, every Friday from 6pm-10pm
- Members of the Deaf Club have become involved in the Bible translation project (translating the Bible from written Arabic into Sign Language) that is being organized by the Deaf Church
- The number of home visits made to Club members has increased, making the support network stronger
- We were able to offer those negatively affected by the January 25th Revolution some relief from the lack of work with a gift parcel of food (care of Episcopocare)

Challenges:

- The lack of funds for re-building the Clubhouse
- To continue to support our deaf members through this difficult time when there is a lack of work and income

Future:

- To start the renovation of the clubhouse
- To increase the number of field trips and activities available for small children
- To increase our outreach program to street and orphaned children
- Increase the frequency of computer skills lessons

Prayer requests:

We pray that the members of the Deaf Club are able to sustain themselves and their families during this difficult time, that they are able to find an income and food source.

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