



ADVENT 2019



School for the deaf in Giza Egypt

It is that time of year when we joyfully anticipate the birth of Christ. We look forward to hearing the stories of baby Jesus, his parents, the three wise men, shepherds, and the birth in a manger. At the time, this was a barnyard event and not front-page news! But Jesus's birth is a big event today – worldwide! It's one of God's paradoxes that something small might be very large indeed! Jesus himself looked at this paradox in Luke 21:1-2

NEWS AT ADVENT

Giza, Egypt: Our goal to raise C \$ 111,000 for this project is almost complete. We have raised and disbursed C \$ 83,000 for this project! Thank you, friends.

This vocational training centre will train young people, male and female between 16 and 30. They will learn a trade and how to operate a business. Not only the students will benefit but also their families.

Will you at this Advent time help us raise the balance of C \$ 28,000 to close this project? Will you pray for our friends in Giza, Egypt?

Doula, Cameroon: This medical centre has been fully funded by ARDFC. The building has progressed and is at this time waiting for permits from the government to increase the size of the facility to 3 stories from 2 stories. Bishop Dibo is very hands on, and one can see him on site with a hardhat ensuring that the work gets done. We are truly excited about this project. The medical centre will include an outpatient department, diagnostic center, pharmacy, 12 hospital beds, and a surgical theater. 48,000 peoples' lives will be impacted. Cameroon is a country with a high degree of HIV and Malaria and limited medical facilities. Here people will experience healing and hear the gospel.

Toronto, Canada: We have asked you to pray for a successor to Claus Lenk as National Director for ARDFC. We have terrific news. We introduce to you our new National Director, Michael Tweedle.



At the recent meeting of ARDFC Board, Michael Tweedle was unanimously appointed a National Director as of January 2, 2020. Michael is a member of Celebration Church in Barrie, Ontario, where he is a VERY active member, serving on several committees including the Outreach committee.

Michael is actively involved in the REC Cuban Mission. He serves on the board and has been to Cuba several times. Michael is retired from a successful career in sales and sales management in the pharmaceutical industry. Michael is well equipped, being an excellent communicator, manager and facilitator. Michael is well travelled, but most of all Michael cares. He cares for those in the global south who need a hand in being lifted from poverty. You can reach Michael by email at mtweedle@ardfc.ca

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A message from Claus Lenk our outgoing National Director

Dear Friends:

When ARDFC started about 10 years ago, we had an idea and did not quite know what kind of impact we would have. Now 10 years later we have completed

12 PROJECTS

ON 3 CONTINENTS

TOTAL \$ 620,000

LIFE IMPACT 89,912 INDIVIDUALS

The big number is Life Impact. 89,000 is a city like Moncton NB or Brantford, ON. Imagine that 89,000 individuals have family, friends, get education, buy groceries, clothing. 89,000 people have an impact on many others.

You all know how much I have enjoyed my work as National Director. I have enjoyed the engagement with the Global South, visiting some of the places where we have supported projects, meeting with our friends at ARDF US, Global ARDF board and our board here in Canada.



At the most recent Board meeting November 27, 2019, the board honored me with a special time of sharing, a wonderful dinner and the best of all a gift of a sizeable contribution in my name to the Giza, Egypt project by all the members of the board. I am truly appreciative for being honoured in such a way. People talked about my passion for those who need a helping hand. I want to share with you that it is Jesus who gives us the passion, it is He who tells us to be bold, it is He who enables us to recognize the gifts of the spirit, it is He who knows where we can serve Him best.

I am most grateful for having been able to serve. I am most grateful that Michael Tweedle has agreed to take on the responsibility. Michael and I a great friend and we both share the passion to "obey Christ's command to love our neighbours as ourselves". Our neighbours are Anglican Dioceses in the Global South where there is lack of infrastructure, water, health, education and often hope.

Although I am retiring from this function, I am NOT retiring from ministry. Please pray for me and pray for Michael as he takes on his new responsibility.

Thanks be to God!

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