



## A vocational School to equip vulnerable youth in Giza Egypt.

**Goal: US \$ 84,144 - C \$ 111,000**

The Anglican Relief Development Fund of Canada, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Egypt, will help to support the continued development of a Vocational Training Center in Giza, Egypt. The Vocational Training Center will enroll 144 students, both male and female, between the ages of 16 and 30. Students will be able to learn a new trade or discover how to operate a small business on their own. The Vocational Training Center will increase enrollment and funding to meet the needs of these students. In 2015 Bp. Charlie Masters and Claus Lenk visited the school and were impressed with the enthusiastic group of young people learning new skills.

**We have already received \$ 27,000 of the \$ 111,000 needed for the project. This will give the Diocese a start in expanding the training centre. THANKS BE TO GOD!**



### **Shenouda Haroun 20 Years Old**

Shenouda Haroun is only 20 years old, but life has already thrown him some great challenges. In a family of 4, he is the sole bread-winner. He carries the financial responsibility of providing for his mother, sister, and elderly father. His father, Haroun, used to provide for the family. But as his father's health got worse and he was unable to work, the financial burden fell entirely on Shenouda's shoulders. In Egyptian culture, Shenouda was suddenly expected to provide for his entire family! And when Shenouda was not able to find a job, this burden felt overwhelming. He had no income, no way to find work, and no way to provide for his family. The entire family wondered how they would make ends meet. Shenouda felt discouraged, and even ashamed.

All of this changed when Shenouda found our Vocational Training Center. He completed trainings in carpentry and got a stable job working as a carpentry assistant! In just a few months, he has gone from zero income to regular employment with a stable income! This has made a huge difference in not only Shenouda's life, but in the life of his family as well. When you see Shenouda today, it is easy to see that he has been empowered to take control of his own life and support his family.



### **Michael Adel 33 Years Old**

Michael Adel has always been a motivated, competent man; but like many Egyptians, he has struggled to find stable work. Most estimates put the unemployment rate in Egypt from 10-12% , with the under-employment rates substantially higher. Michael's struggle to find work was so hard for him, as he seeks to support his wife and two children. While he had been able to find intermittent work as an assistant metal-worker, it was not enough to support his family. Although he was embarrassed, he had no other option but to ask his father for financial help almost every month.

Since Michael completed the metallurgy training at the VTC, he has gained the skills to be able to work as a metallurgy co-worker, rather than an assistant! He has a stable monthly income and does not need to rely any longer on financial help from his father. This experience has been lifechanging for Michael, who has not only gained vocational skills, but has gained independence and belief in himself.

### **These are reports of lives being changed!**

- Will you pray for the centre and for the funds to be raised by June 2019?
- Will you pray how you might contribute to this project?
- Could this be your project for Lent?
- See a video of Bishop Mouneer of Egypt expressing his support and gratitude
- Donate on-line here: <http://ardfc.ca/donate/>

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