



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is not about Turkey, corn, family gathering, but it is about thanking God. It is God's will that we should ask for our daily bread, it is God's will that we thank Him for His care for our needs and share with others.

John 6:11 ESV Jesus then took the loaves, **and when he had given thanks**, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

Who will you share with this Thanksgiving? Will you just share the leftovers, or will share from the riches God has blessed you with? Will you think of those who do not have the riches we have? Will you think of those who do not have adequate food, protecting shelter, medical care and education? **Will you help us with a gift to complete this project by Christmas?**

A vocational School to equip vulnerable youth in Giza Egypt.

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



We praise God that this project has now been funded to 50 %.
We need another C\$55,000!

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.

Part of this project is the school for the deaf. This is the only school for the deaf in all of North Africa. Read some of the stories of God's provision for young people who would otherwise be shunned.



My name is Abdel Mesih Tharwat. I am 13 years old. My father passed away when I was very young. Now, I live with my mum and 3 brothers. We live in a slum area in down town.

When my father passed away, I became very upset and angry. These feelings were manifested in all my relationships. I usually ended up in trouble. I could feel my mother's distress as she tried to fix my problems. I became a reason of conflict with and for my brothers too.

During the past few years, my mother came across one of the diocesan ministries, the Deaf Unit, where I learnt about many things including taking care of myself, my cleanness, my studies, and, most important of all, my behavior. This helped me to change and be open to learn. And I was definitely able to enjoy new friends which was a privilege that I missed for a long time, if not ever.

However, the major change that happened in my personality was when I started learning about the seashell and wood-craft. For the first time in my whole life, I was able to be productive, motivated and energized to do something and be useful. I was able to have better friendships with my relatives who used to be afraid of me. My family is very happy with the products that I make and helps me in selling them. My mum is very happy with me and encourages me a lot.

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During the workshops, I also learnt to be cooperative with others, and not to be selfish. This is fun and beneficial for both work and relationships. I am now full of hope towards life. I know that I can take care of my family when it is time for that. I can be self-dependent. **By the way, in case you don't know, I am Deaf.**



I am Foaud Mahros and am 16 years old. I am from Upper Egypt, specifically from Mynia. My dad is a Farmer. I have one older brother. I like to work with my hands.

I was raised in a harsh community that looks down upon disabled people like me; even if they don't say it, I see it in their faces. Lots of negative stereotypes were poured inside my thoughts that led me to truly think that I am disabled, incapable of doing anything or functioning in any means. I had no confidence, desire or strength, until, one day, I joined the seashell and wood craft workshops. I didn't know how much I was going to enjoy and benefit from them! It was not only about what I learnt through them, but it was a self-discovery journey for me. I became aware of the things I like to do and those that I am able to do. I discovered my identity that was lost within my disability. During the workshops, I also met new friends who encourage me and accept me as I am. Now, my skills are improved and I can face the society better than before.

ARDFC seeks a new National Director

Early this year Claus Lenk announced that he would be retiring as National Director and also as board member at the end of December 2019. Claus has been in leadership of ARDFC since its inception in 2009. Shortly after receiving the announcement, Bishop Charlie, Chair of ARDFC appointed a two person committee to recommend to the Board of Directors how we should go forward into a new era and also to seek out a person who could lead us into the future as Claus has done over the past years. Nona Leung from Vancouver and Bishop Don Harvey from St. John's accepted this appointment and immediately began their work.

The Committee was greatly helped in its task by a detailed and comprehensive report written by Claus wherein he described his present duties and made recommendations as to how our operations could be streamlined as we move into a situation where technology and rapid communication had vastly changed since our inception. This position is voluntary and would be for a person with passion for mission, the needs of the Global South, and a love for the less privileged. Above all, the person must have a desire to live out the Lord's words - *"Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."* (Matthew: 25:40)

Some travel is required and administrative experience would be an asset. The time requirement is about 15 hours a month.

The Committee is putting much effort into seeking a candidate for the pivotal role of National Director, and will take as long as it feels necessary to find a person qualified for this heavy responsibility. We are asking the ARDFC community to pray that God will direct us to the right individual.

Suggestions for a suitable nominee would be very welcomed and the committee would be pleased to follow up on any suggestions. Please email any suggestions with a short recommendation and contact co-ordinates to Bishop Don Harvey at bpdonharvey@gmail.com

Psalm 26:7 ESV - proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

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A message from Bishop Charlie Masters

My dear friends,

I pray for God's blessings for you and those you love this Thanksgiving.

Actually it is clear in the Bible that thanksgiving is very close to the heart of God and therefore is a huge blessing. In fact Paul exhorted the young Thessalonian Church with these words: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Even in the midst of struggles and difficulties, it is God's will in Christ Jesus that we thank him.

This is amazing but perhaps even more amazing is that He who is the source and giver of all good gifts actually entrusts us with more than we need to give us the joy of joining Him in sharing in the act of providing some of what others need.

Paul described this cycle in this way: "10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God."

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

It is a great joy therefore at this Thanksgiving season to invite all who are able to give generously specifically to help us complete our commitment to this training centre in Giza Egypt.

At so many levels this project is a great blessing; people are trained to have a skill to be able to work and thus earn a living. In many cases, they are handicapped in a variety of ways and so this training is even more important and welcomed.

Students have a work experience, giving them a skill. This results in the satisfaction that they can actually earn a wage to live and support for their families is so important. And all this is done in the name of the Lord Jesus where the good news of Jesus is shared.

This Thanksgiving I thank God for the Giza Project and for an opportunity to give to something which can provide such help and hope in Jesus Name and thus fill the hearts of trained young people and their families and communities in Egypt with thanksgiving to God.

Please join us and give generously as you are able.

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