Baher and the Together Network

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Location: The Together Network operates across the Middle East and North Africa

What we do: Supporting and equipping the local church in the Middle East and North Africa to multiply disciples through evangelism, discipleship and leadership training

Equipping where followers of Jesus are in a minority

Dear friends,

As I read stories from other CMS partners equipping people in places where followers of Jesus are in a minority, my faith is strengthened. Use the link at the bottom of this update to read a story from Asia-CMS who share about training local mission workers and rural church leaders. In the story you'll meet Grace, who used to be a housekeeper and is now a church pastor! You can also read about mission where the church is under pressure in Lebanon. Amid heart-wrenching violent conflict, local Christians are sharing the love of Jesus with their neighbours. Find both of these stories at the end of my update.



A group study the Bible together

Faith Under Pressure

Since the outbreak of war in Sudan, hundreds of thousands of refugees have crossed into Egypt seeking safety. They arrive carrying stories of loss, uncertainty and deep trauma, often with little more than the clothes they are wearing. Far from home and separated from the support of family and community, many struggle to find medical care, housing, work and hope for the future.

S and M are a couple from a non-Christian faith background. They arrived in Egypt with their 10-year-old son, Abdul R, who had been diagnosed with leukemia. Already burdened by the trauma of fleeing their homeland, they faced the overwhelming challenge of finding life-saving medical treatment in an unfamiliar country. Exhausted emotionally, physically and financially, they were searching for help and for hope.

S was introduced to our ministry through neighbours while desperately seeking medical assistance for Abdul R. Our team came alongside the family, helping them navigate their immediate practical needs while offering friendship, prayer and compassion during one of the most difficult seasons of their lives.

As trust grew, one of our staff gently shared the hope of the gospel with S and prayed with her. S received a Bible and, as she began reading it, experienced a deep sense of peace. Although her heart was stirred, she wanted to discuss everything with her husband before taking the next step.

Soon afterwards, M's extended family discovered the Bible in their home. Their response was immediate and severe. S and M faced verbal abuse, physical assault and intense pressure to abandon their growing interest in Christ. Forced to leave their home for their own safety, they found themselves isolated at a time when they were already carrying the burden of their son's illness.

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Throughout this difficult season, our ministry team continued to visit the family regularly. They prayed with them, encouraged them through Scripture and provided practical and emotional support when they had nowhere else to turn. More than simply meeting immediate needs, they became trusted friends, reminding S and M that they were not alone and that God had not abandoned them.

In time, S made the courageous decision to place her faith in Jesus. Watching the transformation in his wife's life, M began asking deeper questions. Patiently and without pressure, our team continued meeting with him, answering his questions, studying Scripture together and allowing him the space to seek God for himself.

Over the following months, as M read the Bible and witnessed God's faithfulness through the love and care of the Christian community surrounding his family, his heart was gradually transformed. He too came to believe in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

Today, despite the ongoing challenges they continue to face and Abdul R's fragile health, S and M are no longer alone. They are active participants in a discipleship group, where they continue to grow in their understanding of God's Word alongside other Sudanese Christians. They have found a place of learning, and a community that prays with them and encourages them through every season.

Through the faithful presence of our ministry team, practical acts of compassion opened the door to conversations about Christ. What began as a desperate search for medical treatment has become a journey of healing, belonging and finding the unchanging hope found in Jesus.

Your prayers and support enable our team to help vulnerable refugee families like S and M, offering practical care, sharing the hope of the gospel and helping them grow as disciples of Christ. We are grateful to have you walking with us as we witness God transforming lives.





Trauma healing workshop; Ministry team training

Please pray with us:

- That Sudanese refugee communities would experience God's favour and provision finding safety, hope and dignity as they rebuild their lives in Egypt. That they would experience God's healing and comfort for the deep emotional, physical and spiritual wounds they carry from war, displacement, persecution and loss.
- That God would continue opening hearts to the hope of Christ, and that more families would come to know his love through the practical care, friendship and discipleship they receive.
- That God would raise up more labourers to serve among the Sudanese, giving wisdom to serve these highly vulnerable communities and to respond to the immense and growing need.
- That God would strengthen the Sudanese church and local leaders as they faithfully disciple, encourage and walk alongside their own communities.

Peace and Grace,

Baher,
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It's encouraging to hear about other people working with CMS. People like Grace, who have completed training for local mission and are now discipling Christians in their rural churches in South East Asia. And in Lebanon, CMS partners are supporting local churches to respond to the urgent physical and spiritual needs of families displaced by conflict. Find these updates, and more, at **churchmissionsociety.org/equip**

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