

## **Sudanese School Project**

### **Mataraiya, Cairo**

**Background:** First of all I would like to express our sincere thanks to Scotland church for their generous support what they have provided in the last several years. Sudanese people tend to be the refugees of Egypt and are often treated as such. Some years ago a building owned by the Egypt Field in an area of Cairo called Mataraiya became vacant and a school for Sudanese children was begun. The school is completely self funded by volunteers and what can be raised from school fees. The Field does help in that no charge is made for the use of our property. Further help is given in that one of the Field pastors also serves the school as a teacher without cost to the school. The school has grown from 250 students to 420 as April 2014. Because the children come from poor households the fees are minimal – EGP 700 per year. [This is the equivalent of \$100.00 year] and many are not able to pay. Out of the aid they receive and the tuition fees the teachers are paid. The school has 15 teachers, 1 of whom is a volunteer. Teachers are able to get higher salaries in other schools and so the School struggles to get good teachers and often lose a teacher when they are poached by higher wages.

The long term solution is to increase the number of students so as to increase income. To do this the school needs to be developed so that we can have more students as well as justify any rise in fees. The School Board of trustees recognises that to do this we need to give attention to the following:

1. Create three rooms for classes OR two rooms with one large enough to be an assembly room. The present classes are already crowded – students often sit three to a two-person desk and in some cases stand.
2. Alongside this is the need to provide lunch meals for the students. At present the school cannot afford to do this so the children are encouraged to bring their lunches with them – but many are from every very poor families and they cannot do so. The school used to provide lunches from private donation from Australian government but that source has dried up last years.

**Development Costs** [Quotations for these are in hand – all figures are in Egyptian pounds and the current exchange rate is approx EGP 7.00 to USD 1.

1. Build one classroom (10m x 7m)            EGP 27,500/7 = USD 3,928.00 includes brick walls with cement, plastering, painting, electric work and tile floor.
2. 15 Benches and Chairs for student to sit and each will cost EGP 300@15=4500/7= USD 643.00
3. Matria School request to provide meals for 200 students based on current rate. It cost EGP 6,500.00 per month for 420 students for 10 months. Here is the calculation (EGP 6500/420 students/20 days = EGP 0.88 per students) We request to provide 200 students lunches those who come from the poor families and the cost is EGP 0.88@200 students = EGP 176x 20days = EGP 3520 x 10 months= EGP 35,200/7=USD 5,028.00
4. TOTAL - EGP 67,200/7    [USD 9,600.00]

**Accountability:** One of the Field pastors is the School Treasurer and he is overseen by the EF Treasurer.

PHOTOS



Students in Class. This is one of the old picture (not recent one) but I have confirmed with teacher and he said still the classrooms are packed like this. I will send more pictures in future. Sorry the school is off due to public holidays till Sunday.



This is the place where we want to build new classroom for students. It is next to the two classrooms and kitchen that CAP built.