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What's Next?

- Speaking at the Church of God in Prineville, Oregon for their Missions Weekend in May
- Attend the North American Conference of the Church of God in Anderson, Indiana in June to network with Global Missions and Church of God Missionaries.
- Meet with Church of God Missionaries Kelley Phillips and Dwayne Goldman from Berlin, Germany and Chelyabinsk, Russia respectively to plan a future ministry trip to Chelyabinsk, Russia

It's All About Relationships

We want to share a couple of stories with you about some relationships we formed while we were in Cairo in February.

There are two people in particular that we were able to minister to while in Egypt. I (Dennis) will tell you about a young businessman named Mina and Georgia will write about a young professional woman we will call Alise

Before leaving for Cairo, I was informed by our host about a young man who was struggling with some life issues and he wanted to meet with someone and get some help. He was told about a Pastor from the US who was coming to Cairo

and that it would be good for him to meet this person.

About our third day in Cairo, I received a phone call that Mina, the young man, was on his way from Alexandria.

Mina and I met and he began to tell me all of the issues he was struggling with, including addictions and habits he knew were wrong. He indicated he was from a Christian home which, in Egypt, meant he wasn't a Muslim.

After talking with him I heard his confusing ideas of who God is and how He thought God works. It was clear he really had a very mistaken concept of God, His character and nature. Mina

thought God had abandoned him and had cursed him because of the lifestyle he was participating in.

I explained to him that everyone sins and I read Romans 3:23 to him along with other scriptures from Romans and elsewhere, relating how Christ came to deliver us from all the wrong doing and because Jesus died for all of our sins, we could be forgiven and have a new life.

We talked for some time about the scriptures and how if Mina could believe what the Bible says he could have this new life. We prayed together and he accepted that (cont. below)

Where We've Been

This past month we have had the privilege of sharing about our Egypt trip with the Women of the Church of God at Mt. Scott Church of God and to the residents of Kirkland Manor, a retirement center where we were hosted by Dorothy Essy, a friend and supporter of our ministry.

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Egypt ...(cont. from above) he was forgiven and was now a new person in Christ.

We talked for a few hours and then he headed home to Alexandria after I assured him we would meet the following week in Alexandria when I presented a seminar to a group of pastors there.

The first person I saw as we pulled up to the Church of God in Alexandria was Mina. In just

a week his demeanor had changed and he seemed to be much less confused.

Mina spent the day at the seminar and he wanted to make sure that the pastors understood what I had to say about how important a recovery program was for people with addictions. As we left Alexandria and I said farewell to Mina, I marveled at how God had arranged this divine appointment for me to be



The Cave Church in Cairo

used in helping Mina to break free from the bondage of sin and to become a new creation.

We continue to share emails and he continues to struggle but he is headed in the right direction. Please pray for Mina!

God's Quiet Whisper...By Georgia

An Egyptian psychologist, Dr. Alise came to our 4-day seminar in Cairo wanting to be equipped to help her clients; people with various life issues. It wasn't long before she began talking about her own struggles. She started with the most current situation but it wasn't long before the layers began to be peeled off like an onion.

Since childhood, she had never been able to please her mother; she had even become a doctor to gain acceptance that never came. As a young woman she had been raped by a young man who was supposedly a Christian. That event, in addition to her mother's ongoing lack of approval, started her on a road filled with shame eventually separating her from the God she loved and served. The One whose voice she had heard clearly at one time seemed very far away. She could only hear a

voice telling her she was no good and that God had never really loved her. She was shocked and skeptical when told that God was with her when she was raped and that He was angry and grieved by what had happened. She could barely believe that He was still with her, still whis-



pering in her ear of His love for her. She wanted to accept that as truth but the other voices were the loudest ones.

Dr. Alise felt that she was at a crossroads and had to make a decision to listen to God's quiet, barely heard voice, or the loud, obnoxious one shouting lies of the enemy. She wanted so badly to believe that God could and did still love her in spite of all the bad choices she had made.

We talked about the Master Potter who forms and re-forms all of His pots to be just who He wants them to be and was more than able and willing to patch His pot called Alise. We prayed and cried together and I begged God to show her that He loved her still. I told Him that she didn't have the strength or courage to make it back on her own.

She had the tiniest seed of faith left and I prayed that God would grow it in spite of the other voices. I believe it is what she really wanted but fear and doubt weren't going to give up without a fight. I challenged her to remember that while she might not believe it, God had never left her alone for one minute and grieved with her over the things that had happened to her.

Her eyes were wide and filled with tears as I told her over and over again that God's voice was the gentle one, the one that was still whispering in her ear, "Alise, I love you. I will always love you. You are my cherished daughter. Alise, I love you. I will always love you. You are my cherished daughter. Alise....Alise.....". Pray for her.

ICM's Outreach in the Congo



Deo Mwamba on his first trip into the bush to minister to the Pygmies of the Congo

ICM is in 12 different African Countries as well as many countries in the Middle East. One African nation is the Democratic Republic of the Congo. ICM Congo country director, Bishop Deo Mwamba is on a 3 week mission outreach to the Pygmies. Please PRAY for him as he will be doing discipleship training and showing the "Jesus" film in different Pygmy villages. Deo says, "There is no Internet and phone. I will be out of the world. Keep me in prayer for my safe mission trip for the time I will be there in the Jungle of Congo." Deo is a former Muslim Imam who became a Christian several years ago and is also the Bishop of the Anglican Church in the DRC.

Whether it is ICM staff from the USA traveling to Africa to teach, or ICM staff from Africa doing ministry in the still isolated bush of the Congo, we all share a common vision and purpose to help train leaders to make disciples in the Church in Africa and beyond.

Deo is just one example of how ICM is helping the African church to become mature in Christ by taking the gospel "to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Perhaps *Deo's* "Samaria" is *our* "Ends of the Earth") Just as Paul states in Romans; "For I have a great sense of obligation to people in our culture and to people in other cultures, to the educated and uneducated alike." (Rom. 1:14, NLT), Deo and others from both *his* side of the world and *our* side of the world are striving to fulfill the obligation of the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

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