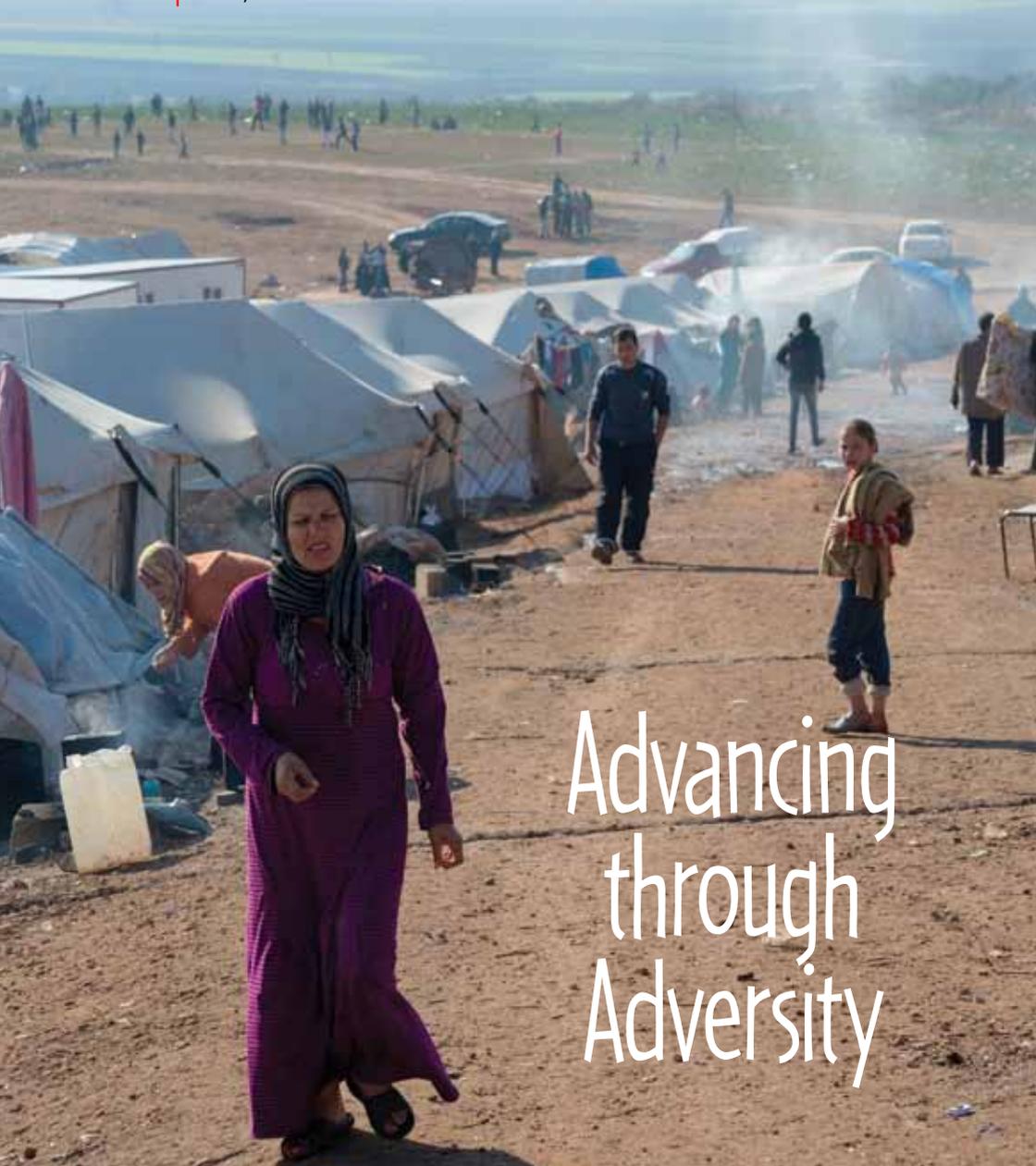


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## Advancing through adversity

*"Adversity is always unexpected and unwelcomed. It is an intruder and a thief, and yet in the hands of God, adversity becomes the means through which His supernatural power is demonstrated." Dr. Charles Stanley*

In this issue you will read some amazing stories of how God has helped our friends and colleagues respond positively to adversity. We hope the articles will inspire and encourage you to pray for God's work in the Middle East and the people who carry out that work.

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**Our mission** is to support Middle East Christians in sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

This includes prayer, example, service, partnering with churches, training and development, and encouraging church planting.

**Our strategy** is to work in fellowship with Christians, churches and agencies in the Middle East, and we come as servants of God's Church in the Middle East.

**Our priority** is to mobilise and equip people and prayer for the Middle East.

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# The view from here



**Advancing through adversity** is our theme in this edition. It's a good summary of how we see what's going on in the Middle East.

Our friends on the ground, national Christians and church leaders, are living with considerable pressure. Political upheaval and uncertainty, displaced people and refugees, and the threat and reality of vicious violence are the context in which they live and work. One of their biggest challenges, the emigration of Christians from the region, has recently been greatly magnified.

What's striking is how our friends see all this. I recently shared a platform at a consultation about "Member Care in Hard Places" with the pastor of a church one of our colleagues works with. We'd been thinking of him operating in a tough place, but his view is the opposite: "This is not a hard place. It's a place of great opportunity!"

The Christian leaders and networks we work with see this time of pressure as a time of Gospel opportunity. One Egyptian preacher whispered to me after an outreach event, "This is the time. This is the time." In cultures where questioning is regarded as disloyalty, many people are asking questions about inherited faith and the practical outworking of majority beliefs. A movement is under way, and the Lord alone knows the numbers involved.

David Garrison's book, *A Wind in the House of Islam*, traces recent movements towards Christ. We've focused on some of the things he

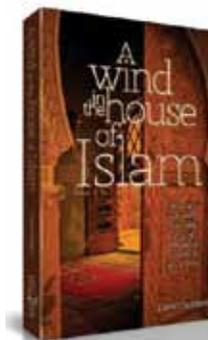
says in this magazine. His remarkable research confirms that we're on the right track as we find ways to be involved in what God is doing in the Middle East.

Never has it been so important to demonstrate our support for our brothers and sisters who choose to remain and engage with their circumstances. Never has it been such a key moment to support internet and satellite initiatives and their response teams. Never has it been such a significant time to show our love and care by living and working alongside Middle East Christians.

With all this change and opportunity, it has also been time for MECO to discern ways forward. Our vision is appropriate and timely, and we long to bring new people into the mix. Our International Board and Leadership Team met recently and agreed to pursue options for partnership and merger as we explore ways to play more of a part in what the Lord is doing. Those conversations are exciting and risky, and they have stretched us. Change will take some time and move at different speeds and levels in each of our countries. It will be a work in progress, and we value your prayers as we look to the Lord for the best ways forward.

Meanwhile, the Gospel continues advancing through adversity. Thank you for playing your part in what the Lord is doing, as you pray, support and give.

**Mike Parker**  
International Director





## In their own words

Relatives of martyrs call for prayer and forgiveness

If the Islamic State's (IS) brutal beheading of 21 Christians in Libya was meant to create a climate of fear, the plan has backfired.

The victims, 20 migrant workers from poor villages in the Upper Nile region of Egypt, and one man from Ghana, have become symbols of solidarity for Christians, especially in Egypt.

Relatives of the Egyptian victims – wives, mothers and brothers – have called people to pray and to forgive IS members for what they have done. It is a call that has echoed around the world as televised interviews with those relatives have been broadcast, initially by SAT-7, a Christian satellite television channel serving the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey, and then on Facebook and YouTube.

At Kasr el Dohara Church in Cairo, the largest evangelical church in the Middle East, a service was dedicated to watching some of the interviews. Senior Pastor, Dr. Sameh Maurice told the congregation that they had seen real martyrs die for the sake of Christ and that when the sons of the kingdom die “we hear testimony”.

The congregation watched as the brother of one of the victims said, “We are praying for them (IS) that the Lord may cleanse their hands and enlighten them.”

Another man said, “My brother’s wife asked the priest to announce to everyone that she isn’t wearing black clothes. She doesn’t want anyone to mourn at all because they are martyrs. She requested that the women would shout for joy as in a wedding, declaring heavenly joy.”

The mother of another victim said, “May the Lord touch their heads (IS) and forgive them so that they won’t remain in a dark place and end up in Hades. I only pray that He will enlighten their hearts. That is all I am asking.”

In addition to those interviews, the Kasr el Dohara congregation also saw an interview with the mother of a young woman who was killed on her wedding day by terrorists. She said Christians have a stronger weapon than anything IS uses, a weapon that isn’t being used. “Our weapon is prayer and fasting. I wish we all would pray and fast for these people – that the Lord may stretch out His hands and enlighten them!”

Responding to her call, Dr. Maurice told the congregation, “She is calling us to pray and fast...Pray not for vengeance but for mercy...”

Less than 36 hours after the 21 men were martyred, the Bible Society of Egypt produced a tract that features biblical quotations about the promise of blessing amid suffering. It also includes *Two Rows by the Sea*, a poem written by a doctor that highlights the difference between the men who died and those who killed them. The tract has been distributed through Egyptian churches.

### Two Rows By the Sea

Two rows of men walked the shore of the sea,  
On a day when the world's tears would run free.  
One a row of assassins, who thought they did right,  
The other of innocents, true sons of the light.  
One holding knives in hands held high,  
The other with hands empty, defenceless and tied.  
One row of slits to conceal glaring-dead eyes,  
The other with living eyes raised to the skies.  
One row stood steady, pall-bearers of death,  
The other knelt ready, welcoming heaven's breath.  
One row spewed wretched, contemptible threats,  
The other spread God-given peace and rest.  
A Question... Who fears the other?  
The row in orange, watching paradise open?  
Or the row in black, with minds evil and broken?

## Song from the heart a gift of encouragement

John Young's perception of Coptic Christianity was turned upside down while watching a SAT-7 video of Egyptians praying.

“I had the impression that their kind of church was rather formal and distant,” says John, a Church of Scotland minister. “Watching their energy and joy and commitment to prayer, left me in tears.”

When a fellow minister in Scotland posted the story about the Egyptian Christians who were killed in Libya by Islamic State (IS), John's tears flowed again. As he cried the words of a song also flowed from his heart; a song to encourage Christians in Egypt.

“I was so moved that the men weren't willing to give up their faith, but were prepared to give up their lives instead. ‘Ya Rabbi Yesua, Oh my Lord Jesus’, were the final words of those killed. Their testimony became the song's chorus. The middle verse of the song was really me trying to think of all the things Muslims could relate to. It's based on my experience of meeting former Muslims, who have given up everything in order to follow Jesus,” he explains.

PLEASE PRAY FOR CONTINUED ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CHRISTIANS IN EGYPT. IF YOU SENSE GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE THE CHURCH IN THE MIDDLE EAST, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MECO OFFICE.



The first time John sang the song was on a Friday evening following the men's executions. “One of our local churches held a music night in a local pub, and I sang the song at the end of the evening. It was followed by silence - no-one knew how to follow it. A man who'd been a folk singer came up to me and said, ‘You have to record this, John.’ We recorded it on the Sunday night, with guitar and violin.”

John gave a copy of the recording to Mike Parker, MECO's International Director, to give to Bishop Mouneer Anis, Diocesan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa.

“Mike was able to play it for Bishop Mouneer and some of his colleagues in Cairo,” says John.

In his diocesan newsletter, Bishop Mouneer shared some of the verses of the song and said he was “very moved” by it. The song has also been posted on the diocesan website as well as on the website for All Saints Cathedral, Cairo.

### YA RABBI YESUA

by John Young

They're asking me to say  
My faith is just a lie  
They tell me 'turn away  
And I won't have to die'  
But how can I abandon  
The one who wouldn't abandon me  
O my Lord Jesus  
In you alone I'm free

Lord, you are the treasure  
Worth more than all we own  
Lord, you are the pearl  
Your beauty shines alone  
Lord, you are the Lamb  
Who takes away our sin  
Lord, you are the bread  
Who feeds the life within

Ya Rabbi Yesua  
Yesua  
Ya Rabbi Yesua  
Yesua  
They won't take my peace  
Believing as I do  
O my Lord Jesus  
Ya Rabbi Yesua

They can break my body  
They can break my pride  
They can cut my head off  
And post it up online  
But when the morning breaks  
It's Jesus I will see  
O my Lord Jesus  
In you alone I'm free

Ya Rabbi Yesua...  
But when the morning breaks...



# When bad days



# are good days

## The following is a colleague's response to threats

A few weeks ago, a group warned foreigners via media networks to leave the country we live in.

**T**he agenda was clearly stated. When something like this happens – when foreigners or Christians are targeted – news spreads fast. We check and compare the information to see if it is a rumour or fact.

My flatmate and I chatted and found we received the same information but with different timelines. There is a big difference between the "end of March" (this was for businesses) and the "end of Wednesday" (for individuals)! The deadlines were a reminder to us that every day is a gift; precious time to share what we know. Sometimes we tend to slip into the daily grind of getting through the day rather than asking and looking for opportunities to bless and point to the One whom everyone needs above all else!

After comparing the information, my flatmate and I then spent time affirming who we are in Jesus and what we have been called to be and

why we're here - committing all to the One who is above all political parties. Our hearts were alert and awake to the knowledge that the time was now!

Later, at school, where I teach English to local adults and some refugees, the warning surfaced again and the refugees expressed their fears. What a wonderful opportunity to pour back into their hearts the truth of who we are. This is living out what Paul meant when he said that there was much opposition but there were also doors of opportunities. *But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. 1 Corinthians 16:8&9 NIV* Opportunities happen on the "bad" days. It is important to focus on the opportunities and not on the opposition.

Others in the class who do not know of this affirmation were amazed and commented later of never hearing and seeing such clarity of understanding. God's wisdom and truth are above our understanding but those who stand on the Rock stand on unshakeable ground. We know our days are ordained until He calls.

One of the students who overheard the encouragement we gave during class has approached me and asked if he can come to church. He would like to visit and ask questions. He was surprised to hear that he was welcome and could just come as he is!

In the last week we had bombs explode very close to our flat. This is the first time that they have been close enough to remind me that I'm not living in La La Land. My flatmate had already retired to her room to sleep and I was lying on the couch watching a movie. It was 11.30 p.m. when the explosion happened. The building shook, shock waves shot through my legs and my immediate reaction was to shout out, "Bomb!" My heart was racing! Adrenalin is a powerful force as well! My housemate joined me in the lounge and we waited. The whole neighborhood held its' breath. Lights came on, people were looking through their windows, but no one went out. Then we heard the sirens... and then another bomb! The movie (about Nelson Mandela) continued with gunshots and shouting. We were experiencing both - the real and the unreal.

Talking would do nothing. We lowered our heads and committed all to the Lord. His hand of protection is the only shield we can trust in. A battalion of angels can be called upon at any time, in any place. We went to bed with peace in our hearts. At 4.30 a.m. another bomb went off but this time I just turned over and went back to sleep. Reports came through that there were a total of five bombings that night but I only heard three.

In times like this it does help being with like-minded people. It has been a blessing having a flatmate. She is waiting on a visa so that she can have her own flat but for now our Father has put us together to support and point to the One we can rely on! When you have one heart, one focus and one destination you walk boldly together; encouraging and spurring each other on to the goal set before us.

It truly is a privilege to be here. When there is so much darkness the Light is clearly visible.

# Everyone loves something for nothing!

**T**he Jesus film, first produced 35 years ago, is everywhere. Every eight seconds someone, somewhere in the world, indicates a desire to follow Jesus Christ after watching the movie, according to [jesusfilm.org](http://jesusfilm.org).

In multi-faith, multi-cultural Lebanon, MECO worker Julia\* has produced and distributed 260,000 Jesus DVDs over the past five years. You read that right, more than a quarter of a million copies, all duplicated on two machines in Julia's lounge, each with eight languages (dubbed, not subtitled) for viewers to select from. Julia says 100,000 of those have been given to Iranian pilgrims on their sight-seeing stop in downtown Beirut and another 100,000 to migrant workers. The remainder have been given to Lebanese and Arabs from other countries. Julia's distribution chain covers some 200 money-transfer and international call-home shops; places where people go, especially migrant workers. Julia says many of the workers are domestic servants, cut off from their own ethnic/cultural communities.

'My friend met a Sri Lankan woman in prison once who said she'd seen the film. A foreign woman had pulled up beside her in her car, opened the window and gave her a DVD out the window. She'd taken it home and watched it with her Buddhist roommate who cried her way through the movie,' says Julia.

Even those who don't have access to DVD players in their employers' homes, never throw them away: they pack them away to take back to their home countries.

'The migrant-worker churches also use them in their own evangelism. At a recent conference for four Ethiopian churches, Ethiopian women took 4,500 DVDs to distribute –

they would have taken more but I ran out,' says Julia, who has been described as 'the biggest small film distributor in the world.' Little wonder.

More recently Julia has branched out and added audio to her Gospel-sharing toolbag. 'The MP3 player project was stimulated by an Ethiopian maid who lives in the same building as me. She's been in Lebanon for 19 months and has never left the apartment except when her madam [the woman of the house for whom she works] takes her to clean her mother's house. I gave her an MP3 I'd loaded with the New Testament in her own language, along with lots of worship songs. She ran it flat that first night – she must have listened to it

for five hours. That gave me the idea of doing the same for other maids, virtual prisoners in their madam's home. How truly transformational it could be,' says Julia, noting that on average, one maid commits suicide weekly.

Using a crowdfunding website Julia raised USD 17,000 in just two months for this project. She is now preparing the audio material, co-ordinating people in various countries for the three languages which will be used, and working to finalise arrangements with a manufacturer in China. Julia plans to distribute the MP3s through a network of migrant-worker churches. Many of the women who attend the churches know someone in their building who is shut-in and MP3s can be passed on. The project is still in its early stages, but Julia's experience, entrepreneurial skills and passion to see lives transformed through the Gospel has significant potential.

Julia's hope, quite simply, is to share the hope which is found in Jesus.

Everyone loves something for nothing! The word is getting out.



## A Wind in the House of Islam

**David Garrison has written a remarkable book called *A Wind in the House of Islam*. His research carefully brings together stories of Muslims who are now following Christ. He explores how their journey began. Who and what helped them along the way. The challenges they have faced. And what do they do now to encourage and support one another.**

Garrison's focus is on movements to Christ which he says represent "at least 1,000 baptized believers over the past one or two decades or 100 new church starts over the same time frame within a given people group or ethnic Muslim community."

The book is a ringing endorsement of MECO's vision to see Middle East Christians encouraged and equipped for their witness to Christ at this time. All of us, wherever we live and work, are invited to play our part in what God is doing.

**Garrison concludes his book with five applications.**

### Pray for Muslims

*Prayer changes things, and every Christian can pray for Muslims... As we pray, we begin to see them as God sees them. If you lack love for Muslims, pray for them and see how your heart changes... Hardly a day goes by that some Muslim tragedy, war, or atrocity doesn't appear in the news; pray for God to work through these tribulations to bring Muslims to a knowledge of Christ and His salvation... God is able to take the violence and injustice that plagues the Muslim world and turn it to good...*

### Support outreach and ministries to Muslims

*You've seen the importance of missionary and local Christian witness, Bible translation,*

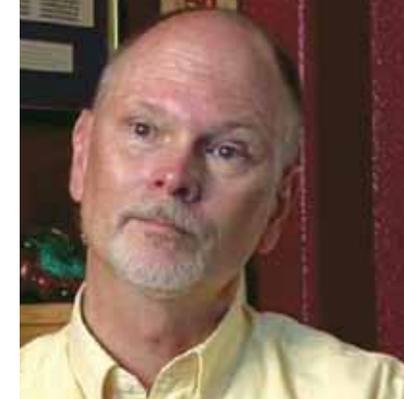
*gospel videos, satellite TV, radio, compassion ministries, religious freedom advocacy, and ministry to refugees. These ministries are costly. God has placed more wealth in the hands of Christians today than at any time in history. Investing in the fulfilment of the Great Commission (through these ministries) is sure to pay eternal dividends, and God is able to multiply those investments many times over.*

### Go to Muslims

*Movements to Christ do not take place spontaneously. They occur when someone sacrificially responds to God's call and shares the good news (Romans 10:14-15). Through this book you've learned of 82 Muslim movements to Christ in history and heard testimonies from 45 of those movements drawn from 33 Muslim people groups. You've also learned that there are 2,157 Muslim people groups around the world. This means movements have occurred among only 1.5% of the world's Muslim people groups. There is so much work yet to be done.*

### Minister to Muslims in your own community

*Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with all our hearts, and the second is to love our neighbours as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40)... This requires us to get to know Muslims, listen to them, become their friends. Thousands have left their homelands and arrived as immigrants and refugees in countries with substantial Christian populations. Many of them are fleeing violence and have lost everything in their war-torn countries. Christians who befriend and minister to Muslims in these situations are revealing to them a Christ they have never known and making great strides toward Muslim movement to Christ.*



David Garrison

### Share the Gospel with Muslims

*When you've spent time praying for someone and demonstrated Christ's love to them through ministry, it is natural to 'give the reason for the hope you have... with gentleness and respect' (1 Peter 3:15)... The single most significant thing Christians have done to stimulate the current wave of Muslim movements to Christ is to prayerfully and obediently engage them with the love and gospel of Christ. This remains the most significant step each of us can take today.*

Garrison predicts in the years to come, the testimonies in his book will circulate throughout the House of Islam. "Already, Muslim-background believers are sensing that the wind of God's Spirit is blowing through their communities. They are discovering that God is doing something extraordinary among their people. The simple knowledge that God has Muslims on his Heart has emboldened these new believers to share their faith with their family members, friends, and neighbours," he says.

As for Christians who aren't from a Muslim background Garrison says, "When we reject fear, anger, and hatred, we cast off the ballast that anchors us to the ground, and we prepare ourselves for the spiritual adventure God has set before us... Our meagre talents and abilities no longer limit us; we have taken flight. We have been caught up by the wind of the Spirit that blows wherever it pleases and carries us along with it."



## ... And you came to visit me

A number of our colleagues in the Middle East go to prison every week

**Grace\* is one of them. She goes with a team from her church, visiting both men and women inmates – most of whom are from other countries and recognized by authorities as Christians.**

Some are serving one year sentences for minor offences. Others have committed murder and are in prison for life. By visiting them weekly, Grace hopes the prisoners will know they are not forgotten and that the Lord is with them.

“The Bible is clear about visiting those in prison. When I go, I pray for something from scripture I can share to encourage them. I also try to find a way to pray with those I have a chance to talk with, which isn’t always easy because of the noise and lack of privacy,”

she explains. “Some I visit don’t say much at all and I have to try and keep the conversation going, but others really want to talk and share and ask questions. Most are alone without family or friends to visit them. One woman has been in prison for 15 years and has never been visited by people she knows. Another man, who has been in prison for 22 years, says he has forgotten how to speak his own language.”

Recently, Grace met a young man from Latin America who was arrested for robbery. “He had told a member of our team he was innocent and we came away from the prison feeling sad, confused and unsure about his story. We wanted to hear the police report. We thought surely there was something missing in the inmate’s story.”

The next week the man told Grace a completely different story. “This time it was evident that he had encountered the Lord. He said he cried for a week after we left and wanted to confess to us his lies and his crime. He said, ‘Not only am I a liar and a thief but I’m an absolute fool to live this way.’ He was happy to have us pray for him and he had such a sense of peace and release afterwards.”

Grace says it is visits like that which make the very long process of getting into the prison each week worthwhile. She describes entry as a discouraging process that can take anywhere from two to five hours. “The women’s line-up to enter is very disorderly. The women can be very aggressive. They push and shove and it can be like a stampede as each one

tries to enter the prison faster than the others. Women yell at each other the whole time, sometimes fighting breaks out and we’re in the middle of it all. Some who join our team don’t come back when this happens.”

Once inside the prison, Grace says visitors are carefully searched twice before being allowed to meet inmates. This is in addition to having to stand in two different waiting areas for as long as an hour at a time. The actual visits last only 30 to 60 minutes.

“Sometimes you wonder if it is worth it but when you meet the prisoners and they thank you for coming, it is all worthwhile,” she says, noting that women prisoners are only allowed two visits per month while men are allowed three.

Aside from bringing the prisoners spiritual encouragement, the visitation team also bring medications and some basic food items to supplement the prison food. Grace says when the weather turns cold some prisoners are in need of warm clothes and blankets, which the team tries to supply. The team is also free to mail letters for prisoners and bring them mail. In some cases they even serve as advocates for the prisoners.

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For Grace and all those visiting the prison – that they will release the burdens they carry for the inmates to the Lord
- For divine appointments for the team so that they will meet with those the Lord wants them to speak with
- For a women’s prison fellowship group to be established, led by a prisoner
- For the men’s fellowship group and the inmate who leads the group
- That more prisoners would experience true freedom in Christ
- That more people will join the visitation team so that more prisoners can be visited

“For instance there are many people in prison for immigration violations,” she explains. “They sit in prison waiting to be deported but in order to be deported they have to come up with the money to purchase a ticket home. Many times our church has raised money to help release these people from prison. There have also been times when the team has contacted authorities or embassies about specific cases. Seeing results for our efforts is very rewarding.”

The prisoners Grace feels most sorry for are those who have been duped by others. These include Eritrean men and women who left home to find work, were kidnapped by gangs, forced to raise money from their poor relatives so they could be released and then, when they were released, were arrested and put in prison for immigration violations.

There are also young women in the prison who were enticed by internet boyfriends to leave their countries. “When they came here they were forced by their so called boyfriends into prostitution,” says Grace. “When they refused to co-operate

they were arrested on charges of prostitution and put in jail for a year. There is an 18 year old girl in the prison who has been traumatized by the experience. Her mother has come and said she won’t leave without her daughter.”

Grace has also met with one man who has been in prison for 15 years yet claims he is innocent. “He has said he wants nothing to do with God because God doesn’t care. He’s angry and hurt and for a while he wouldn’t come to see us. Praise God, during last week’s visit I was able to tell him God is burdening my heart to pray for him. I told him I am praying the Lord will restore the years the locust have stolen from him and that he will one day experience joy again and not remember what he has been through. He thanked me and that is a huge praise item!”

Then there is the man serving a life sentence who is glad he is in prison. “He says he would never have had the privilege of meeting Jesus without the prison sentence. He says being in prison is worth it. He’s such a joy to talk with,” says Grace, adding, “I am so blessed by the inmates who have found Jesus, and through Him, real joy and freedom.”

# OPPORTUNITIES

Listed on this page are samples of how people can serve churches and ministries in the Middle East. If you sense God calling you to this part of the world you can be sure He has work for you to do. Although opportunities for service in the Middle East usually require professional qualifications, we are as concerned about God's call on people's lives as their professional abilities



## Calling all Teachers

The Head Teacher of the largest Evangelical School in Lebanon recently asked, "How can we make teaching opportunities here known to qualified teachers?" In his school of 1,500 pupils, there's a daily devotional time for staff, daily Chapel for students, and weekly Bible lessons. The door is wide open for the Gospel, and there are no hindrances to clear Christian teaching. What's missing is a steady stream of qualified and experienced Christian teachers who will invest in generations of young lives at a critical time in the nation's history. Accommodation and a local honorarium may be available for suitable candidates. Could this be you or someone you know?

### HEAD TEACHER TUNISIA SCHOOL

A Christian Primary School in Tunis has a good history in the country, and in recent years has doubled its capacity to 330 students. It has 25 teaching staff, and wants to move into Middle School education. Tunisian National Education is 70% in Arabic and 30% in French. French and English are taught. They are looking for a new head (principal) to give leadership for staff, curriculum and development as of October 2015. The person concerned, apart from professional skills and qualifications, needs to be a mature believer, and a French and Arabic speaker. Could this be you or someone you know?

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### AFRICA HOPE LEARNING CENTRE IN CAIRO

The centre is looking for a new principal, called Chief Executive Officer, who will provide leadership, supervision and administrative oversight to promote the educational development of every student. Two of our MECO colleagues work in this Centre and testify to its strategic effectiveness. This is a volunteer position, and you will need to come financially supported. Could this be you or someone you know?

### REHABILITATION WORKER

*Qualifications:* Appropriate degree/diploma  
*Minimum service:* 2 years  
*Language:* English and willingness to learn Sorani Kurdish  
*Location:* Iraqi Kurdistan

### PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, SPEECH LANGUAGE AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

*Qualifications:* Experience preferred  
*Minimum Service:* 1 year  
*Language:* English and willingness to learn Arabic  
*Location:* Various countries

### THEOLOGICAL TRAINER

*Qualifications:* Post Graduate Degree in Theology  
*Minimum service:* 3 years  
*Language needed:* English. Arabic required if tutoring  
*Location:* Jordan

### ORPHANAGE YOUTH WORKER

Providing leadership and imparting life skills and assistance to street children and orphans  
*Qualifications:* Teacher or youth worker qualification plus TEFL, TESL or CELTA  
*Language:* English, with a commitment to learn Arabic  
*Minimum service:* One academic year

### CHURCH WORKER/GENERAL ASSISTANT

Helping with practical matters relating to various church ministries, as well as teaching Syrian refugee children, aged four to 14, English and mathematics  
*Qualifications:* Teaching and administration experience  
*Language:* Some knowledge of Arabic  
*Minimum Service:* Short or long term

### DOCTORS, NURSES, MIDWIVES – FOR HOSPITALS, CLINICS

*Qualifications:* Internationally recognized with experience  
*Minimum service:* 1–2 years  
*Language:* English, willingness to learn Arabic  
*Location:* Various countries

### HEAD OF CAPACITY AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Promoting an environment of personal development and self-sufficiency among refugees and their communities  
*Qualifications:* Experience in managing and developing capacity-building and livelihood programmes. Experience in or knowledge of vocational training, small business enterprise and marketing.  
*Language:* English and willingness to learn Arabic  
*Location:* Egypt  
*Minimum service:* 1 year, preferably longer

### DONOR RELATIONS OFFICER

Raising awareness and funds for projects involving refugees  
*Qualifications:* Experience in fund-raising and public relations  
*Language:* English and willingness to learn Arabic  
*Location:* Egypt  
*Minimum service:* 1 year

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