

EGYPT

More and more people in need of Jesus

Throughout history Egypt has been both a place of refuge and a place of trial for God's people. Abraham and Sarah fled there and found refuge (Genesis 12) but for 400 years the Hebrew people were enslaved by the Egyptians (Exodus 1-14).

Why Pray?

Today, 20% of the Arab world live in Egypt. Nearly 90% of Egyptians class themselves as Muslim. It is seen by some as an academic centre for Islam. As a training centre for many Islamic religious leaders, it is a powerhouse of Islamic theology.

And once again it is a place of hardship for God's people. Christians find it hard to live peacefully in Egypt. According to Open Doors' World Watch List, there is very high persecution of Christians in Egypt. But these Christians have an especially important job. Because of the large population in Egypt, which grows annually by 2%, there are more and more people in need of Jesus in this nation.

Ali's story: A Muslim man touched by the ministry of believers

Ali* first encountered the love of Jesus through the ministry of some believers in Egypt. He was visiting a loved one in hospital one day when he noticed some Christians visiting the sick, serving and ministering to them. Their positive, loving attitude touched Ali, and it sparked his curiosity in their faith.

As soon as he got home he researched as much as he could about Christ. The more he read, the more he wanted to know about Jesus, the cross, and salvation. Ali was full of excitement and had so many questions! He got in touch with our ministry team in Egypt online and he very quickly professed faith in Jesus! Praise God that Ali is so keen to meet more believers and learn more about Jesus.

Prayer Points

- Ali is so excited about his new faith and wants to be a faithful disciple. But he is nervous about what will happen when his family and friends discover his faith in Christ. Pray that his faith will grow stronger each day, and that he will be kept safe from those who would like to bring him harm because of his faith in Jesus.
- Pray for more people like Ali to hear about the Good News of Jesus and decide to follow Him in Egypt. Pray that Christ's love will shine through to more and more people.
- Ask God to protect Christians as they proclaim the Good News of Jesus in Egypt. Pray also for more workers to feel the call to reach out to Muslims and other unreached people groups in Egypt. As its population grows, so too will the need for Christians to share the love of Jesus.

Next Steps

Could you join other believers in Egypt and proclaim the love of Christ? As you ask the Lord to stir the hearts of others to serve Arab people in Egypt, why not ask Him if you could also serve the people in this country?

To find out more about how you could share God's love in the Arab World visit pioneers.org/go.