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Refuge-Egypt serves people from Sudan and other African countries who have fled their country of origin due to war or disaster. We seek to provide humanitarian assistance and development programs to prepare refugees for repatriation, resettlement or integration into Egyptian society.

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Sanabel Clinic Opening 2013

On the 29th of January 2013, Refuge Egypt opened new clinic facilities in Sanabel. As Bishop Mouneer, Madam Nancy, and Dr Eman approached the balloon festooned clinics to snip the opening ribbon, Sudanese women in vibrant dresses ululated with joy. It is indeed with great joy that Refuge Egypt announces the opening of the Sanabel clinics. Sanabel Hospital has faithfully partnered with Refuge Egypt medical services since 2010. Since then, the hospital has allowed Refuge Egypt to operate clinics in the hospital between Sanabel shifts and provided excellent secondary and tertiary medical care to refugees referred from Refuge Egypt.

Overtime, the hospital clinic space became too small to comfortably accommodate the large numbers of patients coming for Refuge Egypt services. This year, Father Bladio and Mr Elisha surprised us by designing a newly renovated clinic facility to Refuge Egypt services. The new facilities are light-filled and spacious.

We praise God for Sanabel Hospital’s great generosity and pray that through these clinics many refugees will experience Christ’s healing touch.

Achan’s Story as told by Margo

“One day, I went to visit Achan on a post-natal visit. When I arrived at her house, I found her door half open so I called out to her. She told me, ‘Please come. I can’t stand up to open the door.’ When I reached her bed, I found her lying there, in her filth, with her baby. The child was crying.

‘Her episiotomy was terribly infected and she couldn’t move because of the pain. I urged her to eat. She told me, ‘I don’t have anything to eat. There’s only one bag of milk and water. I don’t have any money or anyone to take care of me so I will stay in my bed until me and my child die.’ She didn’t know where her husband was or whether he was still alive; he had left her. I tried to encourage her by telling her about the mercies of God.

‘I had three cases to visit this day but decided to stay with her. I went and bought antiseptics and food, then came back and prepared chicken, vegetables, fruit and some juice..."
Situation Update

Egypt remains unstable and politically volatile. Two of Egypt’s main industries, tourism and foreign investment, are suffering. In 2012, the Egyptian Pound lost 15-20% of its value.

So far, inflation has mainly affected the Medical and Humanitarian Assistance Programs as food costs rise. In 2012, Refuge Egypt decreased food package expenses by eliminating two items (oil and sugar) and decreasing lentils and rice amounts. However, this food is essential as it supplements the diets of the most vulnerable refugees: emergency cases, pregnant mothers, young children, malnourished children, HIV and TB cases.

Despite the economic problems, refugees continue to flock to Egypt. In 2012, Refuge Egypt registered 1,833 newcomers, an average of 153 refugees each month. This is a slight decrease from last years’ number of new registrants (2,018 new registrants).

All told, 67% of Refuge Egypt newcomers were from Sudan. Two-thirds were adults (61%) and the remaining third were children (33%). Refuge Egypt endeavours to extend God’s love to refugees through our three departments: Medical Services, Family Support, and Capacity and Livelihoods.

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Sanabel Clinic Opening in Pictures

Page 1: Sudanese Mothers and babies.
Page 2: (Above) Clinic staff, beneficiaries and Bishop Mouneer, Mdm. Nancy and Mr. GS Tan. (Top R) Sudanese babies waiting for Well Baby Clinic. (Bottom R) Bishop Mouneer, Father Bladio, and Dr. Eman.
New Director

In October 2012, Refuge Egypt welcomed our interim director Mr Ghee Siak Tan. Mr Tan, his wife Dr. Lay Wee, and his son, Zan Jia, are from the Anglican Diocese of Singapore. We are thankful for Mr Tan’s leadership and pray that Mr Tan and his family will be blessed during their time with us.

2012 Stories (cont.)

and put it next to her so that she could easily eat and drink. I also helped her to take a shower, cleaned the episiotomy site and cleaned her baby up. After this, she started to eat.

“Sudanese communities always have community leaders. So I went to the leaders of the community and pleaded with them to help her. They are Muslims and they really took wonderful care of her. They organized a chart so that one person visited her each day. Each person brought food and made sure she was clean and healthy. After one week, she came to the clinic looking like a new woman. She was so thankful to us for saving her life and said that we had given her hope to keep on living.”

Iqbell’s Story

Iqbell has two daughters, Amelia and Alicia, who attend the Happy Child Preschool. Alicia’s well behaved but Amelia has a wild streak and asks loads of questions. With a smile, Iqbel said she’s glad to have a break from Amelia’s antics but added, “I appreciate the quality of the education here. The children learn how to write and count in English and Arabic. The whole neighborhood wants to bring their children here.”

At the preschool, the girls have blossomed. They love to draw, sing and dance. Alicia sings and dances throughout the house. Amelia is a talented artist and a diligent student. She spends hours with her whiteboard carefully reviewing new words.

Of the preschool, Iqbell says, “I don’t feel like we are just moms and children and teachers but that we are one family because there is so much love between us.”

6th of October Clinic Opening

Refuge Egypt is happy to announce the opening of the 6th of October Clinic in February. This clinic is only possible through UNHCR funding and the partnership of the Diocese of Egypt. The clinic shares a building with the Diocese of Egypt Vocational Training Centre for the Deaf. Many refugees live in the 6th of October area. In the past month, over half of clinic beneficiaries were Syrian and the other half were Sudanese and Eritrean.

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