The Syrian Plea

Throughout our history Refuge-Egypt has focused mainly on meeting the needs of the African refugee community in Egypt. However, as the crisis in Syria continues, we find ourselves in a unique position to provide medical aid in response to a worsening situation there. As an implementing partner of the UNHCR, we have been providing medical and nutritional care for Syrian People of UNHCR Concern.

There are now over 111,000 UNHCR registered Syrian refugees in Egypt, with thousands more unregistered and awaiting registration. Although the Egyptian government has granted Syrians access to public services, Egypt does not have the capacity to meet the demands of so many individuals.

In November 2012, the UN conducted research amongst Syrian refugees in Egypt. In it they identified a strong need for medical support, specifically for primary, maternal and child healthcare. Since this research emerged, and upon the request of the UNHCR, Refuge-Egypt has provided ante and postnatal services for all Syrian refugees. This has been an enormous responsibility, but also an encouragement and a privilege. An incredible 20% of the 16,149 medical clinic consultations this year have been Syrians.

Due to this tremendous need, and

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through the amazing support of our partners and friends, Refuge-Egypt is now able to establish a new antenatal clinic in Alexandria. The following services will be provided:

- Family planning clinics
- Gynecology clinics
- Health education and awareness sessions
- Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) centers
- Postnatal home visits
- Antenatal care
- Well Baby & Well Child Clinic

By the grace of God we aim to open this clinic in October. Please pray for our medical teams, the staff and other logistics of this important work. We pray that through this work God’s name would be glorified and His goodness and love revealed.

“Front of House” at Refuge-Egypt (Cont’d)

clothing store and receive new clothes for their children and blankets in the winter.

The humanitarian team faces a number of challenges, the two largest being the sheer number of refugees registering with us this year and the rise in food prices due to economic and political instability in Egypt. As a result, Refuge-Egypt’s food store has come under significant pressure to meet the rising numbers of registrations and everyday food prices.

God, however, has been faithful in providing thus far into the year! Every day brings new challenges, but it is always a privilege for the humanitarian team to be able to welcome newly arrived refugees, hear their stories, and serve them in a tangible way.

A big “thank you” to our many partners and friends! Your support is invaluable to us and we thank the Lord for all He is doing through you.