

# EGYPT MISSION GUIDEBOOK

MATTHEW 28: 18-20

*"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go [a]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

LOGISTICAL  
PREPARATION



**SPIRITUAL  
PREPARATION**

## MISSION STATEMENT

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### SIT

Sit alone with God daily. Learn to embrace tribulation as an opportunity to transform our hearts through a profound reliance on God.



### STAND

Stand together in the community and grow. Integrate into new cultures as a means of extending our hands in camaraderie and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the local area.



### SERVE

Serve inside and outside the walls of the Church. Use our newfound spirit of mission to be light in our local communities back home.



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# ABOUT THE LOCAL MINISTRY

When in Egypt, the travelers will be serving with a local organization called The Shepherd and Mother of Light (SML) - a not-for-profit organization that serves the extremely poor and needy Christians of Egypt. Their service began in Australia in late 2011 with an objective to raise funds that can support the very deprived in Egypt, serving under the direct supervision of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II. SML was first established in Egypt in 1994.

The service and donations enable the renovation and construction of houses where the very basics are missing. We are referring to houses with no roofing, no water, no electricity, no bathrooms, and no furniture - the essential needs to survive. Through the grace of God, SML is able to help these people through our social services and housing programs.

All contributions and service for this ministry open the door for Jesus to enter their lives, hearts, and homes through their spiritual development programs, spiritual days, summer retreats, and visits to each family.

As a member, you play an essential role in the survival and development of many families. Thank you for sharing this responsibility and fulfilling the vision and mission of creating a better life for the neediest.





# COUNTRY OVERVIEW

For many, the scope of Egypt's history is difficult to comprehend. Its history covers some five thousand years, and encompasses the origin of civilization, the rise of the Greeks and Romans, the establishment of the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic religions, the colonial era when first France and then the English ruled the country, and finally, a return to independence. Egypt has played an important role through all of these eras, and today one can find monuments that evidence Egypt's role in most of the world's historic events, from the beginning of mankind until the present. More and more, we are not only learning about the history of mankind in Egypt, but also about his prehistory, the way that he migrated and finally began to organize communities that eventually led to a civilized world.

In Egypt, we find the earliest detailed records of warfare recorded thousands of years ago, but we also find the cemeteries and monuments of the world's last global war, World War II. In Egypt, we find some of the first written words of civilization, but we also find great thinkers and writers through the Greek period, into the Christian era, the archaic Islamic period, and even modern Nobel Literates. In Egypt, we find ancient pyramids and giant columns supporting massive temples, but we can now find these architectural elements spread throughout the world. Here, along with the first monumental buildings made of stone, we also find the first paved roads, the first wines and beer, and even the first peace treaties between organized governments. However, we also find the world's first scientists, doctors, architects, and mathematicians.

Egypt is our window to humanity's distant past and in understanding its history, we find both mankind's greatest glories and achievements, as well as his often repeated mistakes. We may follow along with the building of empires, only to see them collapse again and again. We find great men and rulers of renowned empires, but we often also see their ultimate demise.

And here, we learn about religion, its evolution, and, as the world grows older, its replacement with newer religions. Yet, the ancient Egyptian religion has never really completely died out. Even today, many Egyptians continue customs, including some aspects of religion, held over from thousands of years ago. In fact, throughout the world, aspects of the ancient Egyptian religion, particularly funerary, continue to affect our modern lives.

We hope you enjoy our efforts to bring Egyptian history and its monuments to your fingertips.



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# Let's Go Travel to Egypt



Each traveler will be responsible for arranging their own ground transportation to the meeting location upon arrival. The local ministry will arrange the transportation for the remainder of the trip.



Once you have completed an application and submitted your \$1600 deposit, you will be responsible for arranging your own air transport to Cairo International Airport as well as your own ground transportation to and from the airport. The address for your hotel will be provided ahead of the trip



The local ministry will arrange living accommodations at two hotels in Upper Egypt and Cairo for each traveling family. Travel to and from the hotel and airport should be self-arranged.



For recommended vaccines visit the following CDC travel page by clicking below and talk to your Primary Care Physician before travel.

[CLICK HERE](#)

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a way  
OF LIFE**

## Get your visa!

U.S. citizens must have a visa to enter Egypt. U.S. citizens can obtain a renewable single-entry 30-day tourist visa on arrival at Egyptian airports for a 25 USD fee. A multiple entry visa is also obtainable for 60 USD. For Information on International travel to Egypt from anywhere in the world, including the U.S., [CLICK HERE](#)



# THE LOGISTICS ARE EASY

The coordinator should create a spreadsheet ahead of your travel with the following information pertaining to each group member to keep on hand in the event it is needed.

## PLAN YOUR TRIP

-  Legal First and Last Name
-  Date of Birth
-  Passport Number and Issuing Country
-  Contact Details
-  Arrival/Departure Dates and Times If Applicable
-  Dietary/Medical Restrictions





# EXPLORE *The World*

## TRAINING SESSIONS

A series of four spiritual training sessions should be conducted ahead of the trip, under the facilitation of the trip coordinator. The training sessions are intended to prepare each missionary spiritually and practically for their journey while fostering fellowship among the group. Each training session should follow the below agenda.



*Social Time*



*Prayer*



*Icebreaker Activity*



*Spiritual Word*



*Logistical Updates*



*Practical Prep.*



*Questions and Answers*



# Mission Tips

### 01 MANAGE YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Manage your expectations. Expect God to do big things, but also remember that a trip doesn't have to be groundbreaking in order to be successful and effective. God can work in small ways, too.

### 02 REST

Your trip will likely include long days that require lots of energy to pour out to others. Make sure you are physically and mentally rested before going into a very busy week. Eat healthy, get a good night's sleep and make sure you get proper spiritual mindset before you leave.

### 03 BE FLEXIBLE

Plans will inevitably change on your trip. Be adaptable and willing to learn. Don't get stuck in your own ways, but be willing to try new things. The only way to grow is to be stretched.

### 04 PRAY

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." (1 John 5:14-15)

### 05 READ YOUR BIBLE

Without Christ working in and through us, we are useless. His is the power that changes, so spend time cultivating your relationship with him. Glorify him, commit your plans to him and ask him to prepare you to be used by Him with those you meet on your trip.

### 06 GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Try something new. Practice doing something out of your comfort zone like eating at an ethnic restaurant or starting conversation with a stranger. Your trip will be full of opportunities for new experiences!

### 07 GET TO KNOW YOUR TEAMMATES

Your relationship with your teammates will determine the atmosphere of your trip. You'll be sharing a lot of experiences and emotions with your group, so get to know your teammates before the trip to build unity and friendship.







# LANGUAGE GUIDE

The official language of Egypt is Arabic. Here we offer you a list of words that may be helpful, as well as a list of useful language learning and translation apps below!

Hello  
Goodbye  
Good morning  
Good afternoon  
How are you?  
I am fine  
God  
Lord  
Jesus Christ  
God bless you  
Pray for me  
Nice to meet you  
Very much  
Thank you, our God  
Yes  
Lord willing  
Do you want to pray?  
In the Name of the Father, and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit. One God. Amen

Ahlan  
Ma'a el Salama  
Sabah el Kheir  
Misa el Kheir  
Izayak?  
Ena tamam  
Rabena  
Rab  
Yesua el Messih  
Rabena Yebarikak/ik  
Salee Min Aglee  
Itsharafna  
Gidaan  
Al Hamdillulah  
Aywa  
Enshalla  
Awiz/y Tisalee?  
Basm el Ab, Wa el Ibn, Wa el  
Roh el Qudos, Illah Wahid, Ameen.

I came from America  
God be with you  
I love you  
I am happy to see you  
What is your name?

Ena Geet Min Amreeka  
Rabena Maak  
Ena Bahibak/ik  
Ena Mabsut/a Ashufik/ak  
Ismak/ik Eh?



## Useful Apps to Download:



Duolingo



Google Translate



SayHi





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# Mission Services Preparation

...You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works

*"Go in Peace..."*



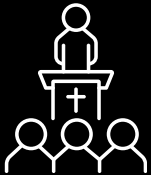
## MISSION PROJECTS

The mission projects on this journey will include house visitations, house painting, and spiritual days. Each activity will depend on the individual's age and physical capabilities. Preparation for these projects will take place during the mission training sessions and on the ground in Egypt if necessary.



## MONASTERY VISITS

In between our service projects, prepare to visit several monasteries on this journey including the Monastery of Mohoraq, the Abu Sufein Convent, and more.



## MINISTRY TOUR

We will take a tour through all the exciting service initiatives that the Shepherd of Mother and Light Ministry has established over the years, along with the local Hope Mobile Clinics in the area.



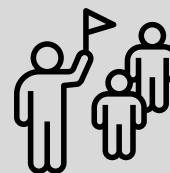
## TOURISM

1-3 days on this journey will be dedicated to exploring some of the ancient Egyptian monuments and museums. If you're Interested In Individual tourism, please plan your trip outside of the designated mission dates.



## LOCAL SHOPPING

You will have the opportunity to shop for souvenirs at Khan el-Khalili on a designated day not intended for service.



## CHURCH TOURS

We will take several tours of the Old Cairo Churches.

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## *Fundraising*

CONTACT LOCAL  
TEAM TO IDENTIFY  
CURRENT NEEDS

ORGANIZE AN  
AMAZON  
WISHLIST AND/OR  
FUNDRAISING  
EVENT FOR THE  
ENTIRE CHURCH  
TO PARTICIPATE IN

ONCE YOU HAVE  
COLLECTED YOUR  
DONATIONS, PLAN A  
PACKING PARTY TO  
PACK THE ITEMS IN A  
SECOND LUGGAGE  
THAT EACH  
MISSIONARY WILL  
TAKE WITH THEM

UPON ARRIVAL, PLAN  
TO UNPACK THE  
DONATIONS AND  
NOTIFY THE LOCAL  
TEAM OF YOUR  
DONATIONS



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