

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Cairo! Thanks again for continuing to pray for us and for your interest to be updated with our news and prayer requests. Things have been going very fast. As you have known from the news president Mubarak has stepped down and a transitional period of six month led by the army has started on Friday.

At last we managed to have our Sunday evening service (the main church service) after two weeks of morning prayer meetings because of the curfew). We also had communion and the Lord gave us a wonderful time of encouragement as we felt the warmth of Christ's one body. We are also planning to have a special event "We will go through it together!" on Friday to help each other understand what is going on and to know how to share freely in God's family with our stresses and needs including financial needs and need for support. We are also preparing 100 boxes that contain food (oil, sugar, rice, macaroni, tea, cheese, etc.) for one hundred families in our community that were directly affected by the time of the curfew and those who lost their incomes.

Is it time to stop praying? Of course not! It is time for us all to start praying for a real change in the country. In the coming six months the future of our country and the degree of the freedom of the church is going to be determined. The army has assigned a committee to rewrite the constitution. After that we will have elections for the parliament and the new president. Looks too much for such a short time!!

Let us Pray...

... that God may interfere in the process of rewriting the constitution and control the decision in the transitional period as we believe that" In the LORD's hand the king's heart is a stream of water" Proverbs 21: 1, to give for the good of Egypt and for more freedom for the church to share the message and plant churches.

... that God may raise the right candidates for the coming leadership and stop those who might be negative for the country and the church.

... for the Church's ability to have better understanding of present events and be awareness of the best ways of involvement in the community

... that the church might be able to provide the community with real help especially for those affected by the crisis.

... for a revolutionary change in the mentality of the Egyptian people to change their inherited religious and cultural positions and be prepared to accept the message.

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