



# Together with Christians in Egypt

## Saving Ten Families from a Leaking Roof

Very many Egyptians are too poor to live in a house with a solid roof. Just imagine if your floor became flooded and your furniture damaged whenever it rained! That is what happens to many Copts in the Fayoum Oasis. We have committed ourselves to saving 10 families from this misery.

For example, Mervat is a widow with three children. She can barely survive on her deceased husband's small pension. The wooden roof of their house leaks and needs to be replaced by a solid concrete roof. However, that will cost approximately €815.

This project to rescue 10 families from flooding still requires €250 per family. Will you contribute?



## Eating Together after Church



Each Sunday we provide Sudanese refugees at six to eight churches in Cairo with meals after their church services. The numbers vary somewhat due to the Corona pandemic, but are in the region of 500-1000 people per week. We usually give them sandwiches with hamburgers, beans, and chips. Once a month each church gets a more solid meal.

Rev Nabil Abdullah, one of the Sudanese clergy, has this to say:

"The food you give is important to us. The members of my congregation are refugees, and are often poor and uneducated. There are many vulnerable

widows, orphans, and elderly people. As the cold winter approaches, good food is important. I thank you on behalf of all these people."



## You can help Christians in Egypt by:

- Donating to a project that appeals to you. You will find all our projects on [www.nijlvallei.nl](http://www.nijlvallei.nl).
- Supporting our work by making a regular contribution. We are looking for 100 people to give 20 euro each month (although more or less is also welcome).
- Praying for the church in Egypt, and for our colleagues in Cairo.
- Inviting us to give a presentation about our work in Egypt.

### Amal has Cancer in her Eye



*Amal Khalid with her father*

be cancer and the Sudanese doctors wanted to remove her eye. Khalid spent five months trying to find a treatment to save her eye in Sudan, using all his holiday time.

One doctor said that they would be able to save her eye in Egypt, with chemotherapy that was not available in Sudan. Khalid therefore

Khalid Ismail was a policeman in Omdurman, Sudan, when it was discovered that his seven-month-old daughter, Amal, had a problem with her eye. It turned out to

resigned his job and travelled to Egypt with his daughter.

Khalid was unable to find work in Egypt, and used all his savings on chemotherapy. He is now broke and is unable to help his daughter anymore, despite her still needing six more chemotherapy sessions. He therefore asked us for help in his desperation. A Muslim must be really desperate to ask a Christian organisation for help, but he could not get any help from his friends.

Fortunately Jesus did not ask people who came to Him in need if they had the correct beliefs. Following in His footsteps, we are helping this girl, with your financial support and your prayer.

### Among others, we have recently been able to help:



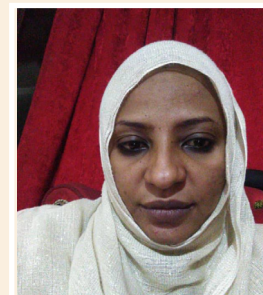
*Romaya AbdAllah  
Breast cancer*



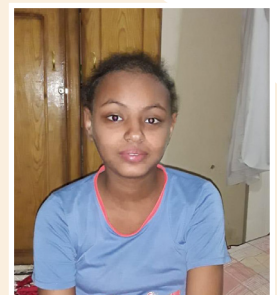
*Ayad ElFatih  
Bowel operation*



*Mashair Mohammed  
Cancer of the eye*



*Arafa Habiballah  
Herniated disk*



*Alaa Rashid  
Leukemia*



## A Christmas Food Parcel for Coptic Families

We hope to once again make hundreds of Coptic families happy by providing them with a Christmas hamper. Not with the luxury items one finds in the West, but simply with rice, two chicken, sugar, cooking oil, and other basic necessities of life. Many Egyptian Christians need such help, especially this year when the poor have been badly

affected by the Corona crisis.

We give this help via local churches, and they know precisely who needs help most.

Will you participate in this initiative? A Christmas food hamper costs approximately 20 euro.



## CHRISTMAS HAS TOUCHED US



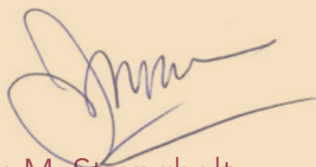
At Christmas we celebrate the fact that God has come to our world as a vulnerable person. **He who had everything became poor for our sake.** At Christmas we think of God's giving love.

People who have been touched by this are known in turn for their giving activity. God's work in our lives means that something of His giving DNA also becomes part of us.

Your Christmas celebration this year has no doubt been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but that is something temporary. God's giving of Himself to us in Jesus remains constant, as does our giving to others.

**Can we hope for an extra Christmas gift from you?** This will enable us to witness to God's giving behaviour to the Christians of Egypt, who need this witness to God's love especially at this time.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,



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