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# EGYPT

## COUNTRY PROFILE



**AREA:** 1,001,450 sq km,  
mostly desert only  
3% is arable land

**POPULATION:** 78.9 million

**CAPITAL:** Cairo

**ETHNICITY:** Arab (Bedouin,  
Nubian, Berber,  
Beja, and refugees,  
mostly from the  
Sudan)

**RELIGION:** Muslims 90%  
(mostly Sunni)  
Christian 10%

### BACKGROUND

President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak has served as chief of state since October 14th, 1981. In spite of its ongoing struggles with extreme Islamist groups, the political situation in Egypt is considered a fairly stable country and plays a key political role in the Middle East. There is a tangible tension between modernization and tradition. Even though certain aspects of Western culture and globalization are admired, they are also met with suspicion and deep-seated repudiation. The country's more than 5,000 years of written history draws millions of visitors each year to the pyramids, the tombs of the pharaohs, and the Red Sea.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The writer of the gospel of Mark brought the Good News to Egypt in the year 60 ADE. Since then the church has experienced and withstood much persecution. Even though there are many genuine followers of Christ, there are also many that are turning from their nominal Coptic faith and are leaving the faith they inherited. Numerous Christians emigrated to the West. There are only about 3,000 churches for this vast population and many towns do not have churches or meeting places for Christians. A growing number of Muslims have become followers of Christ. However, they often suffer for their faith. At the same time, each year thousands of Christians are converting to Islam.



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## Help to bring about lasting change in Egypt

### Current Projects

- Training of church planters in villages towards planting more than 3,000 house churches.
- Printing and distribution of Bibles, books, tapes, etc. for evangelism and church planting.
- Training and equipping of Christians in how to share the gospel with Muslims and active evangelism.
- Safe shelter for persecuted Christians.
- Legal support for persecuted Christians and victims of discrimination.
- Supporting Egyptian missionaries that are traveling to other Arab speaking countries.

## Pray for...

- Pray that new churches can be planted in areas where there are none at present and especially for those that are turning away from Islam and to Jesus.
- Praise God for the growing unity among Christians and for their ministry together.

## Needs...

- \$ 13 covers the cost of an equipping weekend for one church planter.
- \$ 5 is the cost of a Bible (Old and New Testament) and \$ 10 purchases 10 Bible stories on tape for the illiterate.
- \$ 350 enables one student to be trained in evangelism and church planting among Muslims through an intensive course.
- \$ 500 is needed each month to provide shelter and safety for those that are persecuted for their faith.



## How will you respond?

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