

# BibleLands

## .....Overseas Partner Fact Sheet..... Episcopal Diocese of Egypt, North Africa & the Horn of Africa

### How it all started

The majority of Egypt is Muslim, but the Christian Church in Egypt can trace its origins back to the time of Jesus, when St. Mark, the patron saint of Egyptian Christians, brought the Gospel to Egypt.

Anglican Missionaries first arrived in Egypt in 1825 and the first Anglican church was built in 1839. In 1945, the Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa was formed, covering a huge geographical area. However, all of the missionary organisations in the Middle East at that time recognised that there was already a Christian presence and that the ancient Coptic Orthodox Church was the natural means of witnessing about the Christian Gospel.

### Key facts

Founded: 1945

Headquarters: Cairo, Egypt

Bishop: Dr Mouneer Anis

First Grant from BibleLands: 2000

BibleLands' Grant: £20,196 p.a.



*Bishop Mouneer Anis was formerly the Director of the Harpur Memorial Hospital, another of BibleLands' Overseas Partners.*

*He is very involved in inter-denominational and interfaith dialogue, as ecumenical co-operation with the Coptic Orthodox Church and enhancing the relationships between Muslims and Christians are important facets of life in the Diocese.*

### Current Activities

From the beginning of the Anglican Church's time in Egypt, overt evangelism in a mainly Muslim population would have complicated political and mercantile relationships. Opportunities for mission therefore were mainly in the form of service. Throughout the years the Diocese has strongly continued the traditions of service laid down by the early missionaries.

The Diocese administers many ministries that meet the physical and economic needs that exist in the region – demonstrating the love of Christ through action. This work includes several of BibleLands' Overseas Partners, such as the Hadana Kindergarten, the Deaf Unit and Refuge Egypt, all in Cairo, and the Harpur Memorial Hospital in Menouf. The Diocese also supports rehabilitation projects, vocational training for women and children, literacy classes, youth clubs, micro-enterprise programmes, nursery schools, centres that care for the elderly, and many other such programmes.

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