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# LOWER EGYPT

*Dedicated Care for Children*





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Egypt is a land rich in culture, history, and mythology, and has played a primary role in the Biblical narrative from the very beginning. The spiritual soil of Egypt was rich and open, even during the early days of Christianity, with influences from the Apostle Mark to the “Ethiopian eunuch”. Early church leaders like Clement, Origen, and Anthony the Great all hailed from Egypt. Additionally, many of the early desert fathers, or hermits, called Egypt home.

Despite this early and deep presence of Biblical faith in Egypt, time, war, and a systematic elimination of Christian influence have reduced the number of faithful followers of Christ to a nominal level. Many in the nation live at or below a subsistence level, and large numbers have inadequate access to quality, compassionate healthcare. Our partners are working in a remote area that is a 99% majority Muslim population.



387,000 <sup>SF</sup> Land

*The same size as Texas and New Mexico combined.*

103 <sup>Million</sup> Population

*99% of people live on 5% of the land.*

40%

*The percentage of the population that are children.*



# A SERIOUS GAP

*for children*

We are working in the town of Menouf, which is located well within the Nile Delta of Lower Egypt. Lower Egypt is actually Northern Egypt, with the word “lower” referring to the flow of the river as it heads toward the Mediterranean, not north and south as one might think.

Lower Egypt, and the area surrounding the town of Menouf, is largely agricultural with most families living in a subsistence manner. Transportation is slow and difficult, and most major healthcare facilities are multiple hours away.

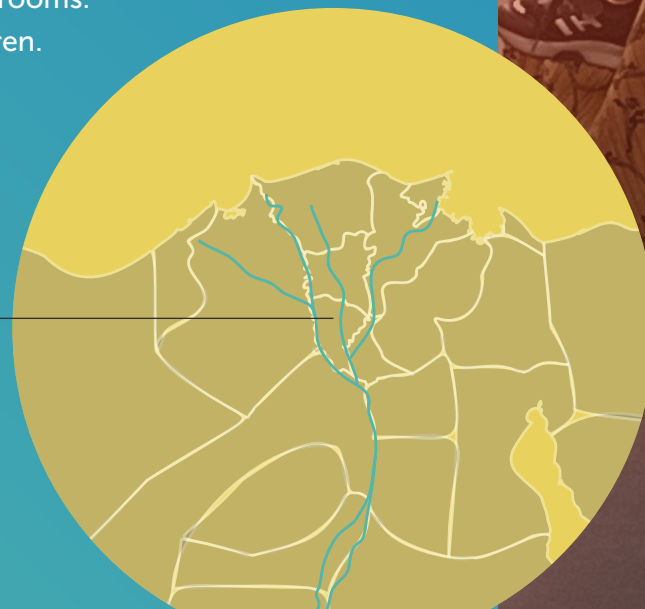
There are currently no dedicated healthcare facilities for children. In-patient and out-patient pediatric patients are combined with adults in crowded rooms, using adult-sized equipment and beds. When children must spend the night in the hospital it brings obvious challenges related to privacy, safety, comfort, and security, as well as mental and emotional well-being. They must share the same sleeping quarters, equipment, beds, and restrooms. Because space is tight, parents are rarely able to accompany their children. It's not best medical practice, it's not safe, and it's not appropriate. For these reasons, staff must be very selective about which pediatric patients to admit, forcing them to turn some patients away.

400,000 - population of Menouf

4 million - population of the surrounding area

80% of the population is rural

1.6 million - estimated number of children under 18



*Creating safe spaces to  
provide medical care  
to children is a must.*

They deserve compassionate care in a dedicated  
and child-friendly environment.



# LEADERSHIP



*“The sound beginning and development of a human being, a child, physically, psychologically, and spiritually is of vital importance.”*

## **DR. MANAL MAKRAM FRANCIS**

Pediatrician and Regional Medical Director  
for the Anglican Church of Egypt

Dr. Manal was privileged to be born into an Egyptian Christian family. As she grew in her personal faith, she dreamed to serve the Lord with everything she had. After finishing Medical school and her post-graduate specialization in Pediatric medicine, she was invited by the Arch Bishop of Egypt to move to Menouf, a severely underdeveloped and underserved part of Lower (Northern) Egypt. There was a growing medical community of believers there who were sacrificially living as medical missionaries within their own nation. To this day, it continues to be a special environment that fosters holistic care (body, mind, and spirit) in the midst of a community that is nearly entirely Muslim.

Over the years, Dr. Manal has honed her God given passion by receiving additional training in family medicine and a diploma in “Healthcare Quality Improvement.”

Her passion to serve the Lord by serving children is clear. Her passion to love and lead colleagues is evident. Her commitment to her profession, and her calling to intentionally integrate ministry and medicine is inspiring.



# SERVING A COMMUNITY

In the early 1900s, Irish missionary Dr. Frank Harpur started traveling up and down the Nile River. Stopping at various towns and villages, he would provide medical care to the massive groups of people who came to the shore using his boat as a hospital. In 1910, Dr. Harpur decided to establish a permanent home base for his work, and Harpur Memorial Hospital of Menouf was born.

Harpur is an openly Christian hospital, that for the past 112 years has faithfully served the regional population with high-quality, compassionate, Christ-centered healthcare. The Hospital has gained a solid reputation in the community. Patients often proclaim the Arabic phrase, "You shine your light on us," in reference to the loving services, and the staff who provide them.

The last decade has brought increased opportunities and growth to the hospital. A branch of the PAACS program (Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons) was established here, and facilities were added to help house internal Egyptian mission doctors as well as ex-pat visitors (long and short term). About five years ago, a two year training program for nurses was launched.

**The staff of Harpur Hospital are intentionally, strategically, and faithfully serving their community with compassionate, dignified, Christ-like healthcare.**



## *The Vision of Harpur Hospital*

To provide excellent healthcare for all people in the region, depending on the Almighty God who gives mercy, heals, and relieves the pain of mankind.





*Next Steps*

# DEDICATED CARE FOR CHILDREN



We are partnering with Harpur Hospital to build their first spaces dedicated wholly to the medical care of children. This is actually two projects in one, and we've adopted both due to their integrated nature and impact.



## PEDIATRIC OUT-PATIENT UNIT

This will be a spacious, child-friendly unit, with ample room for both patients and their parents. We estimate that this space and the staff who serve here, will care for 23,000 children per year. This new unit will be unique in the entire state of Menouf! It will create a dedicated space for the pediatric caregivers and nursing staff of the hospital, while providing a safe and welcoming environment for both children and their parents.

## PEDIATRIC IN-PATIENT UNIT

This new unit will include a nurse's station, child-friendly touches and decorations added to create levity, as well as comfortable chairs for parents who wish to stay overnight with their children. Dedicated medical air, suction, oxygen, and room-specific HVAC units will provide the technology to complete the space.

This newly finished space will allow Harpur to care for 8+ children simultaneously, in a peds-only environment.



Phase 1

✓ COMPLETED

PLANNING AND NEED CASE

Hospital leadership determined that improved pediatric services was their greatest need.

Phase 2

✓ COMPLETED

ROUGH CONSTRUCTION

The Hospital has already invested in the rough form construction of the pediatric units on the second floor of the current facility.

Phase 3

INVESTMENT NEEDED = \$55,000

FINISHING CONSTRUCTION

Add windows, flooring, plumbing, electrical, and interior walls.

Phase 4

INVESTMENT NEEDED = \$70,000

EQUIPPING AND OPENING

Purchase medical equipment, furniture, initial consumables, and outfit admin spaces.



Total Project Budget  
**\$125,000**



# PROJECT FAQ'S

## *Who and what is Harpur Hospital?*

Harpur is a Christian Medical Organization associated with the Anglican Church of Egypt, one of the most evangelical churches in the country. They have a strong history of medical missions work, and the former bishop is a medical doctor himself. Harpur shares Healthbridge Global's passion for intersecting the gospel of Christ with compassionate healthcare.

## *What is Healthbridge Global's role in this project?*

We have adopted this project. We are advocating for it, consulting for it, and raising funds from caring and like-minded people in the U.S., because this project is in-line with our mission and purpose.

## *Does Healthbridge provide operating support for this project?*

Harpur has a great track record of being self-sustaining with regard to its ongoing operations. Our commitment is to help them take this significant step forward and build out these two pediatric projects; they have the capacity to carry them forward once launched.

## *Other questions?*

Feel free to reach out. We'll answer any questions you may have.

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