

# Happenings

## Egypt Youth Trip 2007

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The Egypt Trip officially began on May 4th and lasted until May 19th. But most everyone flew to Egypt from Orlando on April 29th and had the choice to do whatever they wanted but had to stay with friends or relatives in Egypt until May 4, when the trip began. Everyone flew in with one suitcase that was packed with their own clothes and another suitcase with new clothes, toys, school supplies, etc. for the poor kids and adults in Upper Egypt. On the first week, we visited the Pyramids and the Sphinx. We visited many many monasteries all over the country including, El Baramous, El Muharrak, St. Pishoy, El Souryan, St. Mina, Zieton, Mokattam, Monastery of Ekhmeem, and many more. We also stayed in Upper Egypt in an area called Nakada where Amba Biemen is bishop. The three pharmacists, and one doctor that were with us visited many sick families and helped them by trying to diagnose them and giving them medications from a local pharmacy. The rest of us helped unpack, sort, and make bags of items from the luggage that contained the clothes, toys, bags, and school supplies for the people of Nakada. We also visited nursing homes and mentally disabled homes. While in Upper Egypt, we went on a Nile Cruise for four days and three nights. While on the cruise, we visited many pharonic sites. We all had a great time and saw God in our lives and in the lives of so many around us. It was a very blessed experience.



### Picture legend

- 1.0 Most of the whole gang with Father Shenouda at the Pyramids of Giza
- 2.0 Spending time with the mentally disabled kids (left to right: Gigi Farag, Mark Guirguis, Christine Farag)
- 3.0 Some gathered and praying around Amba Wanis's body (left to right: Merna Abraham, Irini Koriakos, Maryam Mishrigi, Magdi Bishara)
- 4.0 The group at the Mokattam Monastery
- 5.0 We were handing out gifts to the kids at the hafta or gathering (left to right: Michael Azer, Abouna Shenouda, Maryann Mansour)
- 6.0 At the gathering, passing out more gifts and toys to the kids.
- 7.0 Abouna Shenouda putting the chain that St. George was tortured from around Matt Rodriguez
- 8.0 This is the entire group at a hafta for 3,000 kids in Nakada with Amba Biemen (Bishop of Nakada)

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