



The Oldham Family
Pastors to the Middle East



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MIDDLE EAST MINISTRY OBSERVATIONS

Lebanon Update

At the beginning of February, Ken traveled to Beirut to meet with new national Church of God leader, Pastor Fouad Saddi. Their conversations together were positive and hopeful toward improving the Lebanese church's connection with each other, with the region, and with the global church. Plans for a followup meeting this spring with all the Lebanese pastors are in process, and, at Pastor Fouad's invitation, our family plans to join the Lebanese churches in their annual 1st of May unity gathering.

Ken also met with Karim, the director of the Cedar Home Orphanage outside of Beirut. The Global Strategy project for CHO has provided funding for much needed improvements to the facility that will hopefully also provide ministry funds with the creation of a guest-house ministry. Currently, 21 girls ages 4-15 years find care and support through the CHO ministries. 🏔️



Ken with Pastor Fouad at the Ras Beirut Church of God; Pastor Fouad asks Pastor Rami about the Syrian church ministries.

Syria Update

While Ken was in Lebanon, he was also able to meet Pastor Rami, a Syrian pastor whose ministries have recently come under the General Assembly for the Church of God of Lebanon and Syria. Pastor Rami's family serves outside of Homs, and they have a large ministry to over 200 families in the midst of the destruction there. We will be continuing to learn more about their ministries and encouraging the Church of God in Lebanon in their efforts to provide support and connection to Pastor Rami and these believers. 🏔️



A picture of the damaged community, a food distribution, and a children's ministry event in war-torn Homs, Syria.

North Africa

Prayer Request

Please pray with us for a dear and important family of North African believers. The father continues to battle cancer and is experiencing declining health as a result. This family has been key leaders of a network of house churches with whom Three Worlds has become connected. 🏔️

Egypt and Cairo Ministries Update

Cairo ministries resumed fully after a brief Orthodox Christmas break. In addition to Ken preaching weekly for the Cairo Christian Fellowship, he also spoke one week for the international church, Maadi Community Church (MCC). Keli also inspired MCC one week as she shared about the benevolent partner ministry that provides encouragement and support to more than 50 charities, and she returned to weekly support for the MCC Women’s Bible Study. We were both involved in helping MCC in their continuing discernment prayer process. Ken also became the last minute speaker for the Maadi Community School’s annual faculty and staff retreat.

Ken met with Egypt national Church of God chairperson Dr. Latif to plan a busy February of support and partnership with the Egypt churches. We also met with many of the pastors’ families at the conclusion of one of their annual retreats. These are just the highlights—follow our social media for more updates on local and Egypt ministries! 🏔️



At left, Keli speaks to the Maadi Community Church. Scan the QR code at right to watch a brief video on what it’s like to take the train to Alexandria. Pastors, we have sent you an additional link to a 6-minute video interview with Dr. Latif about Egypt ministries.



Prayer Requests & Praises

- ❖ Pray for Grace, continuing basic training at Parris Island, SC. Pray for Titus to receive additional college acceptances and good financial packages. Pray for Zeke beginning a new academic semester and continuing with basketball.
- ❖ Pray for the family of North African believers referenced on page 1.
- ❖ Pray for Ken as he travels to Alexandria and Upper Egypt in February for support of Egypt ministries!
- ❖ Pray for opportunities to further develop partnership among the Lebanese and Syrian congregations.
- ❖ Pray for the potential to expand Middle East ministry networking opportunities to new countries!

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