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Dear Friends,

There I was, standing on a balcony praying with outstretched arms, overlooking a rehabilitation facility in Egypt. Let me explain...

As part of my duties with Europe Teen Challenge, I serve on a board with a coalition of Christian drug rehabilitation centers called ISAAC (International Substance Abuse and Addictions Coalition.) Through this organization I received an invitation to teach on rehabilitation principles in the country of Egypt. What a great privilege it was to be there. 37 years ago, Terry and I were there doing work with evangelicals, so it was special to be able to return, once again.

On my recent visit I learned many things, but the most important of all is that the Egyptians pray...a lot. So, there I found myself praying with Egyptians.

On one occasion I visited and met with the staff of a large rehabilitation program sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Egypt. We met for a short while and then prayed together. I visited a small village in upper Egypt where a new evangelical church was being built. There, together with many people, we prayed over the hole in the ground that will be the foundation of that new church.

During the training seminar, several significant things happened. In attendance were Coptic Christians, Evangelicals, Presbyterians and Pentecostals. A young man confessed he smoked four packs a cigarettes per day! He wanted to stop, so all of us gathered around him and prayed for him to be free! Two Coptic brothers cornered me under a stairwell grabbed my hands and placed them on their foreheads and simply said: "Pray!" Others came to me and said: "Pray we have the Holy Spirit!". Pray, Pray, Pray.

I was/am deeply moved by the experience with our Egyptian brothers and sisters. I know God hears their prayers and will not withhold His promises to them. Would you take a minute now and pray for them? Would you pray for Egypt?

God Bless You All Richly,

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