

Egypt



Bible Education Tour

Project: 103129
Non Tax Deductible



10-15%

of Egyptians are Christians, or an
estimated 9.8 million

2,500

Coptic Orthodox Churches in Egypt

Overview

Bible Society Australia is supporting the Bible Society of Egypt in running the 'Mobile Bible World' tour in rural areas, educating children, Sunday School teachers and leaders about the reliability, historicity and credibility of the Bible.

The Need

Christian Egyptians are a minority and face constant criticism of the Bible. The Bible Society of Egypt has a popular and long-standing 'Bible world tour' which has reached over 70,000 Christian children living in the Cairo area over the last 15 years. However, Christian children living in rural areas outside of Cairo also need to relate to the Bible personally, and gain confidence in the reliability, historicity and credibility of God's word. They need to learn how the Bible is translated, as the challenges facing these children include outdated Bible translations and the perception of Christianity as a Western import.

There is also a need to enhance awareness and acceptance of a modern Standard Arabic Bible translation. There is an overwhelming demand for help in this area, to impart valuable knowledge to children and foster a personal connection to the Bible. There is also a need to encourage and inform Sunday School teachers and church leaders, ultimately strengthening their faith and heritage.

Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.' - **Luke 14:23, NIV**

Goals

The Mobile Bible World project aims to provide an engaging biblical experience to children, through hands-on activities and information as to how the Bible was written, who wrote it, when, how it was accurately copied, translated into many languages, and how the manuscripts verify the text in our hands today.

Each year, the project aims to serve 40,000 children outside Cairo, primarily in Upper Egypt and the Delta. The goal of the project is to conduct eight events, each lasting seven days and reaching 5,000 children per event. In 2025, the Bible Society of Egypt are aiming to expand the project's capacity by acquiring a second set of Mobile Bible World tents and equipment to facilitate simultaneous events in different regions.

In 2025, the goal is to provide each child with a special booklet on the reliability of the Bible to take home. Through these efforts, the project seeks to deepen children's understanding of the Scriptures and encourage them to read God's word every day and share it with their friends.

Impact

When the Mobile Bible World tour was launched in spring 2023 the Bible Society of Egypt were able to serve more than 18,000 children in just four events, with engaging, hands-on experiences that emphasise the reliability and historicity of the Bible. Overall, 27,500 rural children were reached in the first year, with tens of thousands more in 2024.

Participants are impacted as they gain a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and the need for more accessible translations, fostering lifelong confidence in the Bible's reliability. The engaging experience connects children personally to their faith, creating lasting memories. Additionally, the project strengthens the Church in Egypt, enhances relationships within the community, and boosts fundraising efforts. By acquiring a second Mobile Bible World set, the initiative aims to double its reach and impact, further benefiting children and families across the region.

Testimony

"One of the churches that came to take the tour... had just done a series in their Sunday School... refuting the idea of [the Bible] being falsified ... They were so thrilled and grateful... stating that [the tour] was the perfect illustration and compilation of all that they had been attempting to teach their children, but in such an appealing and engaging and kid-friendly way ..." — *Staff Member, Bible Society of Egypt*

Prayer Points

- Pray for strength and discernment for the team in planning events, and for their safety and health as they set-up, tear-down, and present for up to a thousand kids per day.
- Pray for the team facing inclement weather and challenging accommodations, including cold nights and lack of hot water. Thank God for the high spirits of the team, and the supernatural encouragement they receive. Pray that God would continue to bless the team, and that they may rejoice in the fruit of their work.
- Pray for safety for children and equipment, with no accidents occurring.