

Egypt, MIDDLE EAST

Short background: Long term, continuous, and multi-faceted involvement in Egypt

First Church involvement:

- **HANDS-)** HANDS ALONG THE NILE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. Is a group of Americans dedicated to finding ways to combat poverty in Egypt. HANDS works with CEOSS, a Christian leader in comprehensive community development in Egypt, to form partnerships between Egyptians and Americans that apply proven solutions to poverty. Points of contact: *HANDS Along the Nile Development Services, Inc. PO Box 6293 Arlington, VA 22206 www.handسالongthenile.org* Mary Casselberry served on they board of directors for HANDS for many years. (E # 862608)
- **CARE WITH LOVE:** Is a training program for home health care providers (think practical nurse training). It is now becoming an NGO for training and employment of all kinds of caregivers. Together with the Friends of the Children with Cancer (FCC), a halfway house for children with cancer will be set on a farm outside Cairo (away from the pollution), where the children from underprivileged families will be taken care of in between treatments to boost their nutrition while providing respite for their mothers and other siblings. The mothers will be educated about proper nutrition and hygiene and will participate in income-generating projects during their stay. (051657)
- **CEOSS:** The Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services seeks to enable self-development of the rural and urban poor in Egypt through literacy work, publication of Christian literature, loan assistance for small businesses, vocational and home economics training, and health education and services. CEOSS operates within a context of concern for the whole person, attending to both spiritual and material needs. (862608)

Service opportunities: many service opportunities and mission trips. Church members Jon and Sharon Bayer depart for Egypt in Feb 2007 for a short term mission service trip. Work with the Egyptian Mission Network.

Map and pictures:



Left: Egyptian mother and child in the village of Beni Suef, the site of CEOSS community health and development projects. PHOTO by Bob Ellis. **Above:** women and girl's literacy class by CEOSS



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World Factbook on Egypt: <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/eg.html>