



The pyramids stand as historic images and icons that represent the Middle East. This vivid history combined with today's political turmoil seems to overshadow the reality that there are millions of people in this nation and region who are in desperate need of the Gospel of Jesus.

Known to many as the place that gave rise to Israel's exodus to the Promised Land, Egypt occupies a central role in the history of Israel and Christianity.

Jesus was there. Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Jacob, and Jeremiah all spent time there. The Early Church leader Apollos was from Alexandria. Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, and Caesar Augustus went to Egypt because they knew that one-third of its grain harvest could feed their empires. Because of Egypt's access to the East, Napoleon called it "the most important country in the world." Today the eyes of the world turn again to this ancient land.

The Arab World is the center of the Islamic World, and Cairo, Egypt, is the heart of the Arab World. There are larger Muslim countries (Indonesia) and richer Muslim countries (Saudi Arabia), but the most influential country in the Muslim world is Egypt. Egypt is also home to the largest number of billionaires on the continent of Africa. Egypt has the second-highest amount of private wealth in Africa. This puts the country second only to South Africa. **If we want to reach our world, we must reach Egypt.**

Home to three-fourths of the Christians in the Middle East, it is the birthplace of the Coptic Orthodox Church, which traces its lineage to the mid-first century and the apostle Mark as its founder.

We must look beyond the headlines on the nightly news and see spiritual opportunities they represent.

The message of Jesus is powerful enough to save anyone on the face of the earth including those who are enslaved by the deception of religious ideology no matter what the label. There are many who even claim some form of Christian alignment who do not know the saving power of Christ that comes apart from religious works.

By the time you read this article, I will be at work in Alexandria followed by Cairo as I teach at two groups of Bible college students that have dedicated their lives to the work of ministry.

It is not a time to set back or cower in a corner but to step up and step out in the power and purpose of the Gospel!

I am thankful to our partners who are helping to make this happen. It is not too late to be apart, so please do not hesitate in this opportunity to leave a legacy of light that can outshine any shadow and dispel any darkness.



Together we are reaching the four corners of the earth with the light of the gospel!

PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERSHIP WITH US IN THE POWER OF GOD'S PURPOSE!

Over the past 34 years, Steve and Cindy Shoop have invested their lives in ministering the Gospel of Jesus as missionaries. Their passion for helping people has provided them with the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministry positions, as well as the privilege of living in three different countries in Africa. Today, Steve and Cindy reside in the state of Ohio after living 25 years in southern Africa. Steve continues to express his gift in ministry both in the United States and the nations of the world. Steve has a passion in developing leaders who are established in God's love, grace and peace that comes through the righteousness of faith. Gospel Training International's vision is found in their ministry slogan,



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