



## Ezbet Nakhla Report 2018

### Ezbet Nakhla Facts

Sponsored Children	32
Un-sponsored Children	9
Total Children	41
Village Staff	Ivon

### Jesus

- AWANA
- Kids Conferences
- Discipleship Groups
- Home Visits

Healing Grace is working in the Apostolic church in Ezbet Nakhla. The Apostolic Church works with Healing Grace to host an AWANA club for the village. All of our sponsored children attend the AWANA club.

There is a need for more leadership training within the church, as there are plenty of leadership roles that could be filled in order to serve the community better. The Apostolic Church also has a need for a new sound system in the building.

The children in Ezbet Nakhla, along with their siblings, had the opportunity to attend a children's conference in 2018. The conferences and their topics differ by age group: elementary-age children and teenagers. Several villages are invited to attend each conference, so children can meet new people and make friends from other villages in their age bracket. The themes for this year's conferences were:

**Elementary:** "Speak to Me" – the story of Samuel, God's calling, discerning the voice of the Lord, true belief, making Jesus the priority, the importance of the Bible, having a relationship with Jesus, and awareness for abuse

**Teenagers:** "Spend Time with God, not on Social Media", correcting false concepts about God, establishing a relationship with Jesus through prayer, value, and humility

The sponsored children meet once a week for discipleship group. This is a meeting where the sponsored children learn more about Jesus and how to live fully for Him. The elementary age groups are generally taught by going through stories of the Bible. This year, they have focused on stories about children in the Bible. The middle and high school groups focus on learning Christian doctrine and other relevant topics for their age group. Their main topics of the year have been discipleship, psychological and spiritual issues, using social media wisely, problem solving by finding the root of the sin, sin and salvation, and God the Father.

*Every child deserves a chance.*



The village staff visit each child a minimum of three times a month in their homes. These meetings give the staff one-on-one time with each child and their family. They are able to meet the needs specific to the child, pray with them, encourage them, and build trust and a stronger relationship with their family. The most frequently asked prayer requests from the children are for blessings for their parents and for their church.

## **Education**

- School
- Tutoring

One of the requirements to be a part of Healing Grace is that all of the sponsored children must attend school. In the villages, it is common for parents to keep their children from attending school, in favor of starting to work at a younger age, or doing chores to help the family instead. Many parents do not understand the long-term benefits of education, but our staff works with these parents to help them see the importance of education.

35 sponsored children in Ezbet Nakhla receive additional tutoring. Literacy is the key focus of tutoring. While good tutors and strong literacy curriculum are difficult to find in the village, Healing Grace is continually seeking opportunities to help our students become literate and successful in their education. Right now, the children are tutored by a variety of teachers in the village. They choose their own tutors with their parents, based on staff recommendations.

## **Health**

- Water Filters
- Medical Care

There is one water filtration system installed in the Apostolic Church in Ezbet Nakhla. Most of the families use the filtered water from the church. For those who do not, the Healing Grace staff continues to encourage them to use clean water. The village would benefit from more educational outreaches/campaigns on the importance of clean water.

The most prevalent health issues in Ezbet Nakhla are hepatitis C and stomach worms/infections. Many of the parents in the village have hepatitis C and need or receive treatment. There are no local health clinics in the village, so our families rely on the Healing Grace doctor, who is the first point of contact for all medical needs.

## **Building Healthy Family Clubs**

Building Healthy Family clubs were introduced to the villages with the intention of teaching parents how to be effective, godly leaders in their home. These family leadership concepts are currently taught by focusing on the 5 C's: Christ, Calling, Community, Character, and Competency.

The Building Healthy Family clubs are held twice a month in the Apostolic Church. 25 individuals and 15 couples regularly attend the meetings, for a total of 55 participants. Women make up 75%, and men make up 25% of the attendees. There are three couples from the local church in Ezbet Nakhla that are trained by Healing Grace BHF Staff to lead the meetings. The couples are volunteers and are supervised by our BHF staff.

The topics for each meeting are chosen by the BHF staff, so the most relevant needs are addressed in each village. Some of the topics that have made the greatest impact on the parents' daily lives this year were about stopping violence in the home and the importance of family devotional time together. There have been a few topics that have been a challenge to teach because, culturally, parents are not as receptive to them. The challenging discussions have been about intimacy in a marriage.