



Keli's Increasing Egypt Ministry Roles

March was Women's History Month and included International Women's Day on March 8, so it is a great time to highlight Keli's ministries. The misconception is that Ken is the pastor and Keli is the supportive partner by marriage; but both of us felt the Lord calling us to serve in Egypt and the Middle East, and both of us have sought to fulfill that calling through the years.

Keli has been active in our ministries with the Cairo Christian Fellowship (CCF). She is a favorite contributor to the worship ministry, active in the coordination of special CCF events, and she is currently preparing to begin contributing to the preaching.

The Maadi Community Church (MCC) near to our home has provided strong connection and support to our family through the years, but has been an increasing place of ministry for Keli. She has been a part of the women's ministry leadership team, facilitating discussion groups and helping to organize an annual retreat. MCC's Family Life Pastor Amy Widener is thankful for Keli's contributions to this and other ministries there, saying, "Keli has served on the Women's Bible Study Committee for two years and is a constant source of creative ideas and great feedback. She is often the upfront personality who makes announcements, organizes and connects with the larger group. She also is very involved in the Children's Ministry as one of what we call dependable back bone teachers. She has a great sense of the big picture of where and what we are trying to accomplish over the course of the semester." Keli was recently asked to serve on the MCC Council at a unique and critical time in the life of the church.

Keli also serves as the volunteer treasurer for a wonderful ministry called Eye on the Child, which provides training to churches and families to know how to better care for and educate children. Keli has also been an active member of the Maadi Women's Guild, a benevolent organization that supports more than 50 Christian charities throughout Egypt; Keli regularly travels to different charities to review their work, offer encouragement, and evaluate requests for funding to support sustainable ministry goals.

Through the years of service in Cairo, Keli has become increasingly convinced of God's calling on her own life and will begin the Leadership Focus ordination process offered by the Church of God. Keli says that she wants to seek to be prepared and equipped to offer the best possible service for the church.

Thank you for your continued support and prayer for all of our family's service to this region. 🏔️



Above, Keli leads worship at the annual CCF retreat; below, with one of the charity leaders.



Another Great Testimony

The Church of God in Egypt continues to inspire. During last week's national general assembly meeting, Ken heard this testimony from one of the lay leaders of the southern congregation that is nearing completion of their reconstruction (pictured). During the construction process, the congregation sought to serve and bless the construction workers; they created a rotation for all the church families to provide the afternoon meal for the workers each day. This was a wonderful, sacrificial act of service in this rural community where many families live in poverty. One family faced a difficult decision: when their time came to serve, the family only had one chicken and limited resources. But, in the spirit of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), and in keeping their congregation's commitment to serve, they prepared that chicken and served the meal to the workers. The pastor and lay leader testified that the construction process has provided many opportunities for strengthening faith and discipleship of the members, and that the Lord was adding to the church weekly! The church is also now able to serve six families due to increased Children of Promise sponsorship. Thank you for your prayers for the Church of God in Egypt and for your generous support of their church planting and leadership development project (#42.30170)! 🏗️



Prayer Requests & Praises

- *Praise God for the wonderful testimony of the Church of God in Egypt. Pray for safety and peace during the Easter holiday.
- *Pray for Ken as he visits and encourages churches in Upper Egypt and in Ostia, Italy, during April.
- *Pray for Keli as she begins the Leadership Focus ordination process.
- *Pray for the encouragement and faith of our children.
- *Pray for the Church of God in Lebanon as they seek a national ministry vision.
- *Pray for the encouragement of North African believers.
- *Pray for the Three Worlds team as they launch the new Europe X initiative April 8-10 in Budapest, Hungary, to support young pastors and church planters.

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