

Think and Do Annual report for the year 2009



".....Thus far has the Lord helped us." We praise the Lord for all that He did through us during the last year, believing that He will continue with us in the ministry. Following are the achievements.

Vocational training courses at the Oasis and in Upper Egypt

- We held 24 training courses at the Oasis centre, attended by 683 young people, offering training in different vocations such as driving, ceramic tiling, men's hairdressing, women's hairdressing, plumbing, electricity, painting, cooking and tailoring; and we added new options such as women's tailoring for men and women's hairdressing for men. We also held a training course in cooking for young women. Two advanced training courses were held, one in women's hairdressing and one in ceramic tiling, to enable those who already have a micro enterprise to develop their skills. 421 trainees received the Lord as their Saviour.
- We also held a residential training course in Luxor, attended by 48 trainees, offering the following vocations: computer skills, fixing satellite dishes, maintenance of refrigerators and air conditioners, and mobile phone maintenance. Another training course was held for 26 trainees in women's hairdressing: basic and advanced. 25 trainees received the Lord as their Saviour.
- A telephone survey indicated that of the 470 trainees who responded, 260 had succeeded in working with the vocation that they learned. Think and Do found work for 12 young men in different factories and for some young women in hairdressing salons in Cairo and Minya.
- We held 2 reunion days, attended by 195 trainees, in Minya and Assiut to follow up the trainees spiritually and vocationally.



One of the trainees said: *"I took a course in masonry and I have learned how to build, and now I work with this vocation and I earn around EGP 40 daily. Even my ID card has changed, with the position of "builder". I thank you because I was enabled to provide for my household through Think and Do."*

Amal from Samalut said: *"I lost my husband and I have two children, and I thank Think and Do who gave me a tool with which I can work and earn money for my children. This came about through the vocation which I have learned."*

Comments of trainees

- The training course has changed my life completely.
- I encourage all my friends to attend such training courses.
- You have to try the training courses because it will make a big difference in your life, practically and spiritually.
- If you want to know Jesus, come to the training course.
- Think and Do is the most beautiful thing in Egypt.
- My life was dark without Jesus, but now the light has entered my life.

Local vocational training courses in Upper Egypt

We held 33 training courses in villages in Assiut, Sohag and Minya, attended by a total of 348 trainees, in different vocations such as women's and men's hairdressing, sewing and mobile

phone maintenance. We also distributed 66 sewing machines to women who took sewing courses.

Activities in the Samalut centre

- 45 training courses were held, attended by 363 trainees, in computer skills, English language, music, sewing and women's hairdressing.
- A leadership training school was formed, offering two sessions per month, attended by 30 Think and Do workers.

Project management training

We held a training course in project management in the Cairo office, attended by 14 people.

Computer courses

Computer students receive training and obtain internationally recognized certificates on passing their exams. A total of 112 courses were held in different programmes, both regular and advanced, and including special diplomas needed in the market. 511 trainees took courses at the following centres:

Centre	Number of trainees	Number of training courses
Cairo	180	44
Minya	138	19
Samalut	187	48
Cairo (out of T&D office)	6	1
Total	511	112

The above table includes the following:

- 35 people graduated after completing a Cisco Networking Academy training course (in Cairo or Minya).
- 5 secretarial courses were held with a total of 41 trainees, who obtained the ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence) certified by UNESCO and were examined online by Microsoft. They spent 3 months with Think and Do staff in the Cairo office, and some accepted Jesus as their Saviour. The trainees enjoyed the discussions held daily for them on spiritual, social and psychological topics as well as secretarial skills. Many of the trainees said that they benefited a lot from the daily discussions and that they were impacted by the spirit of love and care which they felt in the office, which encouraged them very much. One of them said: *"I decided to love what I do in order to continue in it."*
- 8 ICDL training courses were held in Cairo and Minya where 51 people graduated.
- We gave ICDL training to 6 people from another Christian ministry in Cairo, in their own premises.
- In addition to the computer training courses, we held 2 training courses in the Amadeus airline ticketing system. 20 trainees graduated after being trained in the basics of booking tickets, customer service and related topics. Amadeus is one of the most widely used electronic markets, and the Amadeus system is used by airline agencies and tourism companies to market, book and sell tickets over more than 245 markets around the world.

Rania from Assiut, who is 23 years old and single, said: *"I used to listen to a lot of [secular] songs while at work, and I was living a life that was far away from God; but when I attended the spiritual day held in my village church, I felt that I was in need of God. From that moment I stopped listening to the songs, and I asked the church to provide me with Christian songs from the library. I started to live a good life with God, and I regularly attend church."*

Training at the NGO

- We held 64 training courses, attended by a total of 602 trainees, in women's and men's hairdressing, sewing, mobile phone maintenance, women's accessories, computer skills and English language.
- We held 16 training courses for 169 trainees enrolled in the project "Together against Unemployment", carried out in cooperation with one of the largest Egyptian foundations for social development, and we found jobs for 95.
- A new sewing workshop was established.
- 7 sewing trainees shared in an annual exhibition open to NGOs such as ours, and presented the items they had made.
- 3 training courses were held for the staff on subjects such as how to protect women from violence and how to find job opportunities.



Mariam, who took a sewing course, said: *"I had a small sewing project before coming to the NGO, and I came to learn how to make a pattern, and technical things in sewing. Before the training course, when I received a client who wanted trousers I used to buy a pair readymade because I had no idea how to design the pattern. But since I learned this, the number of my clients has increased and I am happy with the change that took place in my job and my life."*

Maher, who took a mobile phone maintenance course, said: *"Before the course I used to love to take electronic equipment apart in my workshop, but I refused to receive equipment with defects that I wasn't able to deal with. Through attending the training course, I have learned the vocation professionally, how to take things apart and how to fix them. Now I receive all the units that come to my shop and fix them, and all the thanks go to Think and Do."*

Village workers

Minya area

- 19 people were sent to the Oasis training centre to be trained in different vocations such as cooking, mobile phone maintenance, women's hairdressing, ceramic tiling and driving.
- 6,391 home visits were carried out by 69 workers.
- 169 spiritual days were held attended by more than 18,200 people.
- 20 needy young women were helped in their marriage preparations by the provision of necessary items such as gas stoves, basic washing machines, kitchen equipment or clothes.
- 14 new home meetings were opened, attended by a total of 162 people.
- 5 new meetings were opened in different churches: a women's meeting, a Bible study, and meetings for families, leadership and youth.
- 13 Bible study groups were running attended by 131 people.
- 10 workers were trained in how to make home visits.
- A leadership training school was formed, with 34 workers in the Mallawy area attending twice a month.

Raouf from Edmo village said: *"I was addicted to drugs and to other bad things. Following the visit of one of Think and Do's village workers, who talked to me about repentance and turning back to God, I prayed with tears and declared my repentance, and the whole church was praying with me. I thank God for this love, and for searching for me."*

Cairo, Fayoum and the Delta

- 11 evangelistic outreaches were held.
- 7 medical outreaches were held and 238 cases were checked.

- The ministry was extended into 10 new deprived areas.
- Ten thousand tracts and 3,400 audio cassettes were distributed, and some Bibles.
- 7 new meetings started in different churches: Sunday school, women's meetings and Bible studies.
- 5,000 home visits were made in the deprived areas to present the message of salvation.
- 15 cell groups were formed.

Heba said: *"I thank God for the ministry of Think and Do. My life has changed a lot since they served among us. We were not loving each other nor bearing with each other until we came to know Jesus and His love, which changes lives and behaviour. We experienced this practically in our personal interactions."*

Assiut, Sohag and Beni Suef

- 10,377 home visits were made to present the message of salvation and encourage the believers.
- 182 spiritual days were held, attended by more than 11,500 people.
- 145 people were sent to the Oasis training centre to be trained in different vocations such as sewing, mobile phone maintenance, electricity, ceramic tiling and driving.
- 74 evangelistic outreaches were held, attended by more than 10,100 people.
- 22 new cell groups were formed, and 6 existing groups continued to meet.
- 17 new meetings were opened in different churches: prayer meetings, youth meetings and women's meetings.

Development in Herz Village

- 506 home visits were made, including visits to 298 new families.
- 7 new home meetings were opened, attended by 74 people in total.
- An evangelistic outreach was held, attended by 230 people.
- 5 latrines were installed, 2 homes were renovated and 9 homes were rebuilt. A total of 48 people benefited from these services. Clean water connections were installed for 27 families and project staff helped 9 families to get electricity.
- A spiritual day was held, attended by 49 people from 7 villages, and an awareness seminar was presented about HIV/AIDS.
- 2 training courses were held for 35 workers, one on planning and the other on characteristics of different personality types.
- A cell group with 13 members was meeting regularly.
- A monthly sack of food was distributed to 40 elderly people during the spiritual days.
- 2 awareness classes met regularly to discuss different subjects such as eye diseases, diarrhea, First Aid, healthy nutrition etc.
- 496 visits were made by health visitors to discuss health matters, and 248 new families benefited.
- Project staff helped 19 young women in their marriage preparations by offering a washing machine and a stove to each.
- 25 blankets were distributed to 25 elderly people, and another 7 elderly people each received a cooking stove.
- 8 awareness seminars were held, attended by 626 people, discussing different subjects such as hepatitis C, kidney diseases, teenagers' problems etc.
- A cow was given to a family of four as a source of income.



Mandeya, a single lady of 45, said: *"I live alone in the house and I have nobody to take care of me. All I have is EGP 50 which is my monthly pension, and it is not sufficient to cover my food and medicines as I suffer from continuous bleeding. But my health has improved through the medical care that Think and Do is offering me."*

Development in Shams el Deen Village

- 23 trainees were sent to the Oasis centre to be trained in different vocations such as men's hairdressing, women's hairdressing, cooking, ceramic tiling etc.
- An awareness seminar was held to discuss early breast checks, attended by 87 women of different ages.
- The project helped 13 families to have clean water connections installed in their homes, and 4 families to get electricity.
- 21 families were helped through rebuilding their houses or building new rooms, and 27 families benefited from different renovations to their homes.
- 2 latrines were installed for 2 families.
- Visits were made to 326 new families, and follow-up visits to 829 families.
- A monthly sack of food was distributed to each of 35 families.
- 7 families were each given a cow, and a total of 40 people benefited from this service.
- 2 awareness classes met regularly, discussing different subjects.
- 7 spiritual days were held for families and elderly people.

Kamal, a married man with four children in different stages of school, said: *"I used to live with my wife and my four children in one room on the ground floor. We ate, drank and slept in this one room, and because the room was so narrow I felt upset and embarrassed when I received guests, especially in the evening when my children were sleeping. But I want to thank Think and Do for building another room for me on the top floor, which gave me and my family a better life."*

20 Villages Development Project

- 158 people were sent to the Oasis training centre to be trained in different vocations such as ceramic tiling, driving, mobile phone maintenance and sewing.
- 159 awareness seminars were held, attended by 8,460 people from different age groups, to discuss various spiritual, social and health topics.
- 316 home visits were made by the development supervisors.
- 18 spiritual days were held, attended by 888 people.
- 167 water connections were made and 198 latrines were installed in poor homes.
- 3 young women were assisted in their marriage preparations.
- 18 female headed households each received the gift of a goat.
- An evangelistic outreach was held, attended by 95 people.
- 4 retreats were held for the youth.
- 3 new home meetings were opened for women, attended by 35 in total.
- 3 spiritual days were held for orphans and needy children, with a total attendance of 57.
- A revival was held over a period of several days, attended by 58 people.

Amira said: *"I am married with two children. I didn't discuss issues about our life with my husband, except the small things. I didn't know how to talk with him except very little, and usually we would fight and talk rudely and he might beat me. After hearing a seminar from Think and Do on how couples should communicate, we started to have a proper conversation where each can voice his opinion in a pleasant way, and the relationship improved a lot between us. Also I started to give advice to my neighbours about what I learned."*

Medical ministry

- 91 medical outreaches were held and 6,084 cases were checked in different specialties.
- A medical outreach was held for 3 days in Assiut and 150 cases were checked.
- 40 spiritual days were held for sick people, with a total of 6,316 people attending, and some groceries, meat, chicken and other gifts were offered.
- 1,694 cases were followed up in different clinics.
- 35 people were assisted in obtaining treatment at government expense.
- 16 awareness seminars were held, attended by a total of 1,430 people, to discuss different topics such as hepatitis C, swine flu (H1N1), HIV/AIDS etc.
- Other services were provided, such as finding jobs for 22 young people, and helping 20 young women in their marriage preparations by giving them electrical equipment, gas stoves, clothes and other gifts. We also gave clothes at feast time to 460 poor and sick families, in addition to meat, chicken and blankets. In addition we visited 78 poor families and helped them by providing food supplies, beds and blankets, and we presented the message of salvation to them.



Senareya Clinic

- The clinic dealt with 4,903 cases in different specialties such as pediatrics, ophthalmology, ENT and gynecology.
- A medical outreach was held in a deprived area and 120 cases were checked.
- 5 health awareness seminars were held for children and women discussing different topics such as hygiene, and including eye checks for 100 children. Breast checks were carried out on 97 women, and they were taught how to check their own breasts regularly.
- An awareness seminar was held for barbers on safety precautions to avoid the spread of hepatitis C.
- 23 people donated blood to be given to poor people in case of accidents.
- 74 different operations were carried out.
- 57 awareness home visits were made to raise awareness about dental problems and hepatitis C.
- Staff followed up 150 patients suffering from hepatitis C, including praying with them and giving them health awareness training and some medicines.

Education ministry

- 40 literacy classes were running, with a total of 368 students enrolled, in different villages in Upper Egypt.
- 298 students entered for the government literacy exam and 272 of them succeeded.
- 242 students learned how to read and write well, and 155 studied parts of the Psalms.
- 88 awareness seminars were held for literacy students, dealing with different subjects including family problems, hepatitis C, balanced nutrition, FGM (female genital mutilation) and swine flu.
- 8 picnics were held for 135 students.
- 12 spiritual days were attended by 276 students, and the programme included prayers, devotions, and memorizing psalms and songs.



Rahma, a housewife aged 20, said: " *I am married with a one-year-old child, and I never went to school to be educated. When I got married, I stamped my name in the contract instead of*

signing and this was upsetting me very much. I wished I could learn how to write my name and my daughter's name. Since joining Think and Do's literacy classes, I have learned how to write my name and also my husband and my daughter's names. I am very happy, and I will continue in the class until I am able to read and write everything."

Loans for micro enterprise

We distributed a total of EGP 621,100 to 330 people. 276 of the 330 received loans in the form of cash to start micro enterprises or develop existing ones such as a grocery shop, carpentry, hairdressing, stationer's shop, a small supermarket, selling vegetables, selling oil (for cars), etc. In addition, 54 people received sewing machines as repayable loans. Beneficiaries were from the governorates of Cairo, Minya, Assiut and Sohag.

Emad from Minya is a youth who has suffered from polio since his childhood. He went through the education system and didn't give up until he had obtained a diploma from agricultural school. After that he knocked on many doors seeking employment, but with no success. He started to be discouraged and experienced feelings of despair, saying: *"What can I do? My state of health is like a wall between me and any job, whether in the public or private sector; everyone wants to hire a fit candidate."* He stayed in bed for a long time refusing to talk to anybody, crying day and night about his situation. When the pastor of his church heard about his problem he visited him, encouraged him and suggested that he take a loan from Think and Do to start a small business that he can follow up from his home. His brothers encouraged him and promised to help him in this project. He applied and took the loan, and he started a small stockbreeding project at his home. His life has changed and he has become happy.

Children's ministry

6-12 age group

- 2 conferences were held attended by a total of 197 children.
- 32 training courses were held in different churches for the children's leaders.
- 13 evangelistic days were held in different governorates in Upper Egypt.
- 14 spiritual days were held for poor children. The programme included games, drama and sports competitions.
- 4 retreats and 9 festivals were held.
- 2 sports days were held in Beni Suef attended by 317 children
- A day event was held in Minya for orphans in which 12 churches from 12 different villages joined. 150 children attended this day with 16 leaders.
- We held a variety of different activities during the summer vacation.
- We ran an educational support class in Sohag from which 15 children benefited.



13-15 age group

- 3 conferences were held attended by a total of 194 children.
- 20 spiritual days were held.
- 10 evangelistic outreaches took place.
- 12 sports days were held for youth, and 14 festivals.
- 15 training courses for leaders and 13 evangelistic days were held.
- 3 retreats were held, with an average of 60 young people attending each.
- We celebrated Family Day in Assiut and 75 people attended.
- The Panorama of the Bible programme was presented twice during the summer vacation, and the materials were distributed to the youth attending.

- 7 competitions were held in which around 100 youth participated.
- We distributed school supplies to 90 young people.

Project in 5 poor areas of Greater Cairo

This project started with training 68 Sunday school leaders in the 5 poor areas. After the training, many activities were organized for poor children from these deprived areas.

Children's Nursery Schools

- 3 training courses were held, in Cairo, Alexandria and Upper Egypt, to train a total of 44 teachers.
- We served 780 children through the preschools we have helped to establish, and through the spiritual curriculum offered we helped them to grow in their knowledge of God.
- In the governorates of Alexandria, Cairo, Sohag and Minya, 6 preschools were opened, 6 were developed by providing them with training and with furniture and equipment, and a further 15 existing preschools were developed by giving them training only.

The Oasis

- We hosted 39 conferences and 36 retreats and sports days.
- Electricity cables were installed for the buildings, the carpentry workshop, the amphitheatre and the covered car park.
- Electricity cables were laid from the generators to the new well (a distance of 600m).
- 3 new workshops, 3 halls for training, a hairdressing room and small prayer rooms were established.
- 4 small flats were built for the married workers, and a 2-storey building for guest accommodation.
- A well was dug, 170m deep, and the water is 100% mineral.
- A compost machine was purchased.
- An amphitheatre was constructed that can seat 180 to 200 people.
- We prepared a place for the workers, equipped with a TV and satellite receiver.
- A round pool was prepared for breeding fish.
- 7 acres of onions were cultivated, and melons were planted in greenhouses.
- Many items were purchased including 2 stoves, a hamburger machine, scales, a motorcycle, 4 bicycles, 166 plastic chairs, 34 plastic tables, 10 beds with mattresses, a "Coldair" (to provide cold drinking water), 8 desks, 2 cupboards and other items.



We want to give thanks to our God who led us during the past year. We should also like to thank every one of you who shared in our ministry, whether through prayers, funding or new ideas. We ask you to continue to pray for Think and Do's ministry.

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