

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Egypt

Abducted Young Woman Given New Identity

Source: World Watch Monitor

The family of a kidnapped 18-year-old Christian woman, who has been missing since January 26th, accused the police of complicity in her kidnapping after the authorities failed to take action against an alleged suspect who admitted his involvement in the crime. The young woman, Hanan Girgis, was found missing from her family home in Esna, a village of Upper Egypt, when some of her brothers returned during the night.

After a search failed to locate her, Hanan's brothers and their lawyer made a formal complaint to the police, suspecting a neighbor, Mohamed Ahmed Nubi Soliman, of her kidnapping. Prosecutors summoned the accused 27-year-old man who admitted a connection with the abduction. However, he was released due to lack of physical evidence. And although a national security investigation was ordered, according to the family's lawyer, there has been no progress with the case, despite protests outside the police station by the missing young woman's friends and family.

During the protests, security forces used a fire station car and unnecessary violence to disperse the crowd. In addition to arresting 20 people, several of the protesters were badly injured. Of those arrested, five were released later the same day; the rest were freed the next day due to the intervention of church leaders. "(Members of the security forces) broke the leg of my 23-year-old brother and wounded my older brother...who's 28," states Rezeiky, one of Hanan's concerned siblings. The young man adds that they "dragged my mother and beat my three aunts." Two other relatives, Shahin and Ayman, were also hurt at the scene.

Rezeiky has been told by the Civil Status Authority at Esna Police Station that his sister Hanan now has a new Muslim identity and is being held by the security services. The family's lawyer accused the police of "complicity and apathy" in the case, adding that "because the victim is a Christian girl, we see inaction."

Pray for Hanan's protection and peace as she awaits deliverance from her captors. May all her fears be washed away, enabling her to explicitly trust the Lord for His divine intervention. Ask that no harm will come to her while in captivity, nor to her family and friends who are diligently pleading for her release. In the meantime, also intercede for the kidnappers, praying that they will come to know Christ as their personal Savior through her exemplary testimony. May the enemy's work be divinely intercepted -- turning Hanan's circumstances around for good and the fulfillment of God's higher purposes.

Life 96.5 March Hands & Feet "On a Roll" with Necessities for Neighbors!

Life 96.5 invites you to be part of a ministry to families in our community called *Necessities for Neighbors*. While many programs are in place to feed the hungry, the need continues to emerge for the items that food stamps cannot buy. *Necessities for Neighbors* relies on donations to help meet the need for essentials like toilet paper, diapers, feminine hygiene products, and laundry detergent. Distributions are the first Sunday of each month from 3-4 pm.

During March, let's work together to help! Here's what you can do:

- Donate packages of toilet paper! Hundreds of rolls are needed each month! Let's see if we can reach or even surpass the 1,000 roll goal! Bring TP donations to Sunshine Foods, 530 S. Second St., downtown Sioux Fall (6 am-10 pm daily), the Life 96.5 Studios, Peace Lutheran Church, or East Side Lutheran Church.
- Volunteers are needed at the distribution on Sunday, April 2 at Peace Lutheran Church. Families are welcome, but kids under age 14 need to work alongside a parent/adult. We need just 30 volunteers. If you want to volunteer April 2 from 2:30-4:00 pm, register using the form at life965.com

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Sunday, March 19, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Pam Osmanon

Greeters: Pat Lacey and Scott Sittig Usher: Justin Tiffany

Scripture Reader: Theresa Friesen Nursery: Dan Hanson

Children's Church: Matt Murphy and Cade Fox

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Isaiah 53:1-3

Hymn #81....."What a Wonderful Savior!"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Ministry of Music.....Chet & Rachel Hsiao

Children's Moments with Pastor Merv Kramer

Scripture Reading.....Luke 19:1-10

Children may be excused for Children's Church (3 yrs-2nd grade)

Sermon... JESUS' LAST JOURNEY AND ENCOUNTERS:

"Zacchaeus the Tax-Collector".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #299....."Rescue the Perishing"

Benediction

Postlude

***Nursery care is available for children infant thru 3 years old

(Please contact an usher for information and/or direction)

***Hearing Amplifier Available – Please contact an usher

Please join us after the worship service for coffee and treats in the fellowship room.

Sunday School for All Ages

Combined Preschool-1st Grade with Aaron Skogen or Jan Questad in Nursery

Combined 2nd-5th Grade with 2D Gerdes in Cubbies Room

6th-8th Grade with Erica Skogen or Judy Preston in Pastor's Office

9th-12th Grade "Truth Project" with Mike & Stacy Frost in Youth Room

Adult Classes:

- "Grace" Bible Study with Mike Benson in Fellowship Room
- Video study with Pastor Kramer in Sanctuary. Today's topic is "Why Won't They Listen?" part 1

*** Praise & Prayer***

Anna Carlson, Carl and Lindy Johnson's granddaughter, for healing from RSV

Maxine Savage, for healing and strengthening

Elmer Gerdes, healing from hip fracture surgery, now at Garretson nursing home

Ruth Ortiz, possible cornea transplant surgery (previous one was unsuccessful)

Ruth Hansum, recovering at home from back surgery

Lajeane Wright, wife of Jim Wright, thankful for her increasing physical strength, continue to pray for increasing mental clarity; also encouragement and endurance for Jim

Lorrayne Montecuello, for healing from broken hip, now home recovering

Ron Benson, brother of Mike Benson, for heart health issues

Amanda Benson, as her sending church, Amanda has asked that we lift her up in prayer as she is in the mission field.

Serving Our Country: Josh Onnen, Air Guard; Chad Carlson, Air Guard (Son-in-law of Carl & Lindy Johnson); Devon Lee, Army, and Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchildren of Ray & Dee Olson)

Our Prayer Partnership

- Risen Savior Catholic Church, Brandon
- Student Ministries Pastor Josh Brown, South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, SD

For Your Information and Prayer

-Today: -5:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Service

-Tuesday: -2:00 p.m. Bingo Social at Helping Hand

-Wednesday: -6:30 p.m. Awana Clubs

-Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship (beginning a study of Ecclesiastes) at Rachel Hsiao home, 501 E. Switchgrass

Next Sunday: March 26, 2017

-Greeters: Paul & Pam Osmanson

-Usher: Dave James

-Nursery: Justin & Sara Tiffany

-Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson

-Children's Church: Barbara Young and Skogen

OUR GIVING:

Sunday, March 12, 2016

General Giving \$ 1,795.00

Building Fund \$ 25.00

Total \$ 1,820.00

(Approximately \$2,500 is needed each week to meet expenses)

Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: March 12



Jesus Rivas, Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington. Jesus and his wife, Carmelina, partner with Calvary Baptist to reach nearly six thousand Hispanics who live within a two-mile radius of the church. Since they began ministry at the beginning of last year, they have established worship services on Sunday and are leading Bible studies in Tacoma and two other cities. The first baptisms were held in December. Pray that people will be receptive to the sharing of the Gospel. To find out more, visit www.calvarytacoma.org and www.hispanicsforchrist.org.