

Nile River School at Al Ayat

Kindergarten and Children's Centre

Updates May 2013

Dear Friends,

The month of May this year was full of activities and celebrations.

There was the local Sham el Nessim festival still from pharaonic times with lots of water play on the Nile and in the canal that the whole families celebrate together. They take coloured eggs and salted fish traditionally on this day. This maybe the origine of Easter Eggs as we know in the West!



Then we had some Cairo visitors with children who joined our art contest interacted well with village children and had a very spirited football match at the village centre.



Children are already on summer vacation and spend a lot of time at our center. Big children continue to help to teach the smaller ones. The holidays are the most active learning period at our Nile River School which is open almost all summer. We have regular classes with singing, drama, children making their own little flower gardens, lots of art and craft activities. We are



still making calligraphy pictures that the children take home and decorate their houses with. We have made over 100 pictures so far and still there is lots of demand. Some children started to write and illustrate children's story books and make books for early readers.

A dozen of children were sponsored by two teacher volunteers Emma and Brian for a trip to the pyramids. This was a memorable event for the little rural village.

There are about 70 children who come to our Centre located in a small village outside Al Ayat, Giza district.

How you can help:



Donations of educational material and other materials that can be used at the school or the village.

Donation of funds for shade over the outdoor tables. (200\$ or 1500LE)

Donation of funds for final part of our fence and the entrance gate. (\$300 \$ or 2000LE)

Donations for regular running costs.

Thank you for your kind support,

Didi and the children at Nile River School

