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Teams from Brazil and Portugal impact Greece through outreach and ministry at the Glyfada Christian Center.

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Getting creative with the use of the Arts in the Middle East and North Africa.

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Come along on a “Vacation with a Purpose” in Greece/Turkey (Footsteps of Paul), or in Tunisia, Morocco or Egypt.



Summer has come and gone and we wonder where it went. Thank you for your support and care. It constantly enables EME Ministries team to reach new people and places.

MAKING DISCIPLES...

Like most field-based ministries, EME carries the commitment not only to evangelism, but to the making of disciples of Christ, seriously and eagerly. One of our priority missional activities is that of training leaders and young people around the region. Part of that commitment is a special emphasis on the training of women in leadership who find themselves busy and active—and effective—in a region that continues largely to disregard that capacity invested in them; in the churches, business, educational programs and governments around the region that they serve. Whether training house church leaders in North African nations where these women are taking ground where others will not go, or working to “train trainers” in nations like Egypt, we are seeing a talent and giftings pool emerge, strengthening the Kingdom and growing the Church.

Further, we are seeing the emergence of young leaders around the region, beginning to take on new roles and express themselves creatively as they emerge to lead churches and ministries. EME was blessed once again to help raise funds to see 70+ under-forty leaders brought from around the region to a host location where they are being trained, coached and loved on by other, current leaders from around the region and the world. These young people are dynamic, and ready to see God move!

And finally (for now!), we have seen the zeal and desire of young people from church, universities and partnering agencies bring hope, enthusiasm and passion to nations much in need of their influence. God is raising a generation—has raised a generation—to lead the way into a new Kingdom season!



Gail Stathis (Executive Director) and Anton Beukes training in Egypt



July brought new and amazing young friends from Portugal and Brazil to walk alongside us in Greece. Believing for God miracles, they didn't even seem to rest during a heat wave in Greece.

From music ministry on the streets of the city where Glyfada Christian Center is planted in Greece, to Prayer Walking, witnessing wherever people would stop and listen, this group were dynamic witnesses to the power of God's love.

A dedicated Praise and Worship night saw the local church full of people lifting up Jesus (see cover page photo). During prayer time, many individuals expressed a freedom they had not known or sensed in a long time. The prayer and ministry time was sweet and effective, complete with healings a new commitments.

Many thanks to Zion Church and the Dunamis movement from Brazil for making this team a reality. The plans are already in the works for

There were other university and church teams, and much more, as the Summer seemed to be filled with appointments from God, preparing for a new day ahead. But it would make for an extremely long newsletter. Stay in touch and we will post how you can pray for all that is transpiring on the edge of this most exciting region.



WHY ART MATTERS IN MENA AND BEYOND

“Art opens hearts.”

Our good friend, Imed, who leads the Lighthouse Arab World ministry, likes to repeat this often. And he should. We have seen it happen. Especially, most recently, through the influence of The Chosen series, which Lighthouse took on as a project for the Arab nations.

September began with Brian van Deventer (EME General Director) attending a gathering of artists, musicians, film makers and business leaders, to explore what is happening and discover how we might work with one another to empower people of the ARTS in the Middle East and North Africa with Kingdom purposes and societal influence. EME has committed to a partnership in this effort.

Why Art Matters (WAM) is an effort sponsored by Lighthouse Arab World for artists from North Africa and the Middle East from Muslim backgrounds, and open to all Christians whatever their backgrounds, with the purpose of affirming, inspiring and encouraging the heart, mind and activity of Christian artists.

As a Christian media company operating in the Arab World, a majorly Muslim environment, we have seen first-hand how art can open doors for the gospel and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, doors to human hearts that are often closed and resistant to traditional methods of ministry. Sadly, like so many of God’s good gifts, art has been twisted and used as a tool for the kingdom of darkness rather than the kingdom of light. Christian artists are often misunderstood, labeled as worldly, and ostracized from their Christian brothers and sisters. Our task at Lighthouse is to turn this around, helping artists to transform souls and to glorify God using our Art.

We would love, repeat LOVE, for our partnering churches, agencies, supporters and friends and family to help us engage in this effort. Especially those of you with artistic talents (of every kind), and those of you who know of those people within your churches... Come join us! “Art opens hearts!”



CREATIVE ARTS AND COFFEE:

In Tunisia, we are working with our partner there to develop these creative meeting places for the intermingling of faith, the Arts, and of course, great coffee!

Along with another US-based group, we are rolling out these “Cultural Cafes”, where a number of different artistic expressions—from painting to pottery and photography to poetry—will be taught, displayed and communicated as opportunities to the local communities.

We continue to seek out partners for this potentially expansive project! (info@ememin.org)

Society and family exclusion are not uncommon when people become believers in this region. How should we approach and help this reality? Do you, or do you know of others, with the ability to help invest in, coach or support those who need to find a new way forward in life with potential jobs and skills? Ask us about our Business As Mission and Business For Mission Opportunities. (Picture from Creative Hands in Greece)



“Vacations with a Purpose”.

EME is focused on taking teams of worship-oriented and prayer-oriented people into the incredibly historical, culturally rich, and most interesting places of the region; joining the touristic aspects of the trip to opportunities with the Church in the region, including meeting the “living stones” of these nations while surveying the ancient stones of history and the beautiful destinations of modern tourism. Join us!

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GOING PLACES WITH EME

Footsteps of Paul and the 7 Churches of Revelation.

We are excited to announce another local church is bringing a group to walk where Paul walked in Greece. It opens up the Word to have Holy Communion in Ancient Corinth where Paul stayed and developed so much for God. Or, to sit at Lydia’s Spring and meditate on how the Church message first came to Europe.

Please contact us for more information for your church or group tour.

If you are reading this newsletter it is because you are 1) interested in the writers and directors of EME, 2) you want to know more about the areas this ministry serves, or 3) you like to read generally; and perhaps another would be 4) you want to GO DEEPER. Your soul longs to expand in knowledge of spiritual truths.

May we share some thoughts to help you GO DEEPER:

The resource in your soul of having walked among the ancient roots of our faith. One of those amazing spots is to be found in Carthage, in modern day Tunisia. Come join us on a Vacation with a Purpose as we travel the country, visit incredible sights, worship together and pray with the “living stones” of the land.

Join the stories of famous Christian figures including Perpetua, Felicitas, and their Companions (martyred c. 203), and early Church fathers such as Tertullian (c. 155–240), Cyprian (c. 200–258). Visit where the 5th Century Council of Carthage canonized the books of our Bible.

What better ways to spiritually build ourselves up together in Christ and in Fellowship than to journey these historical paths and enjoy the history of our faith, even as we bring the Word and Worship of the Lord into the land.

We are also currently planning such “Vacations with a Purpose” to **Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt in 2026**. Would you, your church, organization or ministry be interested in going along? Or, let us help design a trip with you for your own group! We are looking to impact these nations with people who love God, love to travel, love the Mission, and look forward to the adventure.

Contact us for more information at info@ememin.org.