

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AFRICA

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Egyptian Christian Held in Mental Hospital

An Egyptian convert to Christianity is being held in a Cairo mental hospital and doctors tell him he has to stay there until he recants his faith and returns to Islam. He was committed to the hospital in January by his adoptive parents when they learned he had accepted Christ as his Savior. The hospital placed the young man under the care of a doctor described as a 'fanatic Muslim'. It is reported that since his forced confinement he has endured beatings, whippings and potentially lethal injections. Pray that the Lord will keep this young man safe and his mind clear as he clings to his faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that the doctor will turn to Jesus as a result of what she sees in this Egyptian Christian's lifestyle and witness.

Attempt to Re-define Marriage

Christians in South Africa are asking the Constitutional Court to affirm that marriage is only between a man and a woman. The Court is hearing arguments on whether marriage should be re-defined to include same-sex marriage. Calling something 'marriage' which is not between a man and a woman undermines respect for real marriage. Apart from moral reasons, the state needs to protect marriage because it uplifts society. Studies show that children with both a mother and a father are more successful. The children do better at school, are healthier and have less risk of being involved in crime and other problems that are costly and difficult for the state to solve. The South African 'Gay Rights Charter' states the goal of making the teaching against homosexuality by churches illegal. Pray that the Constitutional Court will heed the call by the **Church in South Africa** to re-affirm the sanctity of marriage as taught by the Bible – the union of one man and one woman.

IPHC Needs for Missionary Personnel in AFRICA

Rev Ernest Turner, OMC for Africa has identified the following needs for **MISSIONARIES to AFRICA**

WEST AFRICA

- ❖ A mature, well-seasoned, French speaking couple with a teaching type ministry for the **Ivory Coast/or Benin**

CENTRAL AFRICA

- ❖ A strong, Portuguese speaking couple to promote, administer and develop the **People to People** Program in **Mozambique**. They will also be expected to serve as advisors to the work, promoting all IPHC programs and uniting all the Conferences.

SOUTH AFRICA

- ❖ A strong, mature **Church Planting** couple needed to promote and strengthen the work in **Swaziland** and **Lesotho**. Must be willing to learn at least one local language. Place of residence will be determined on assignment.

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

- ❖ A strong, young, bi-vocational (tent maker), **Church Planter** needed to open work in the **Comoros**. French would certainly be a plus. This position would also cover the **Seychelles, Mauritius and Madagascar**.