Egyptian Children Pray

In a country rocked by upheaval and division, about 1,400 Egyptian children ages 8 to 14, gathered in July to worship and ask God to change them to be the



salt and light for Jesus in their communities.

According to a story by Lindsay Shaw for SAT-7, that network aired the first-ever One Thing Kids Festival, which took place at the desert oasis of Wadi El Natroun.

"Our vision is to have this generation praying and worshiping God, and to be filled with the Holy Spirit to be able to change the world," said festival organizers from the Kasr El Doubara Evangelical Church (KDEC) and the children's prayer ministry of the Synod of the Nile of the Presbyterian Church. Most of the sessions were broadcast live on SAT-7's KIDS and ARABIC channels, as well as on the network's KIDS YouTube Live page. This was the latest on-location broadcast from SAT-7, which previously has included prayer by tens of thousands at Cairo's Cave Church.

SAT-7 said the Wadi El Natroun area has long been an historic center for Christian prayer by monks and pilgrims. But at One Thing Kids, young children took over that mantle. Many of the children played a prominent role. Some were part of the worship choir, and others helped to lead prayer times for themselves and their nation.

Farid Samir, SAT-7's One Thing Kids Conference Egypt director, said in the SAT-7 story: "In a conference like this we saw kids worshiping and praying from their pure hearts, hearing God's voice and sharing it. Some kids told their testimonies of special encounters with the Lord."

Samir concluded, "We believe God is going to change things in

Egypt because of the faithful intercession of kids, and there will be reconciliation, [and] salt and light, especially at the communities the kids will go back to."

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