



2004 Agape Charity Department Annual Activities Report

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Blessed Reverend Fathers and beloved brothers, friends of BLESS USA,

The peace, love, and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Once again, I would like to wish you, my beloved, a joyous Feast of the Nativity, and Feast of the Epiphany. I would also like to wish you a blessed Fast of Nineveh, may the Lord fill our lives with all His spiritual blessings and joy.

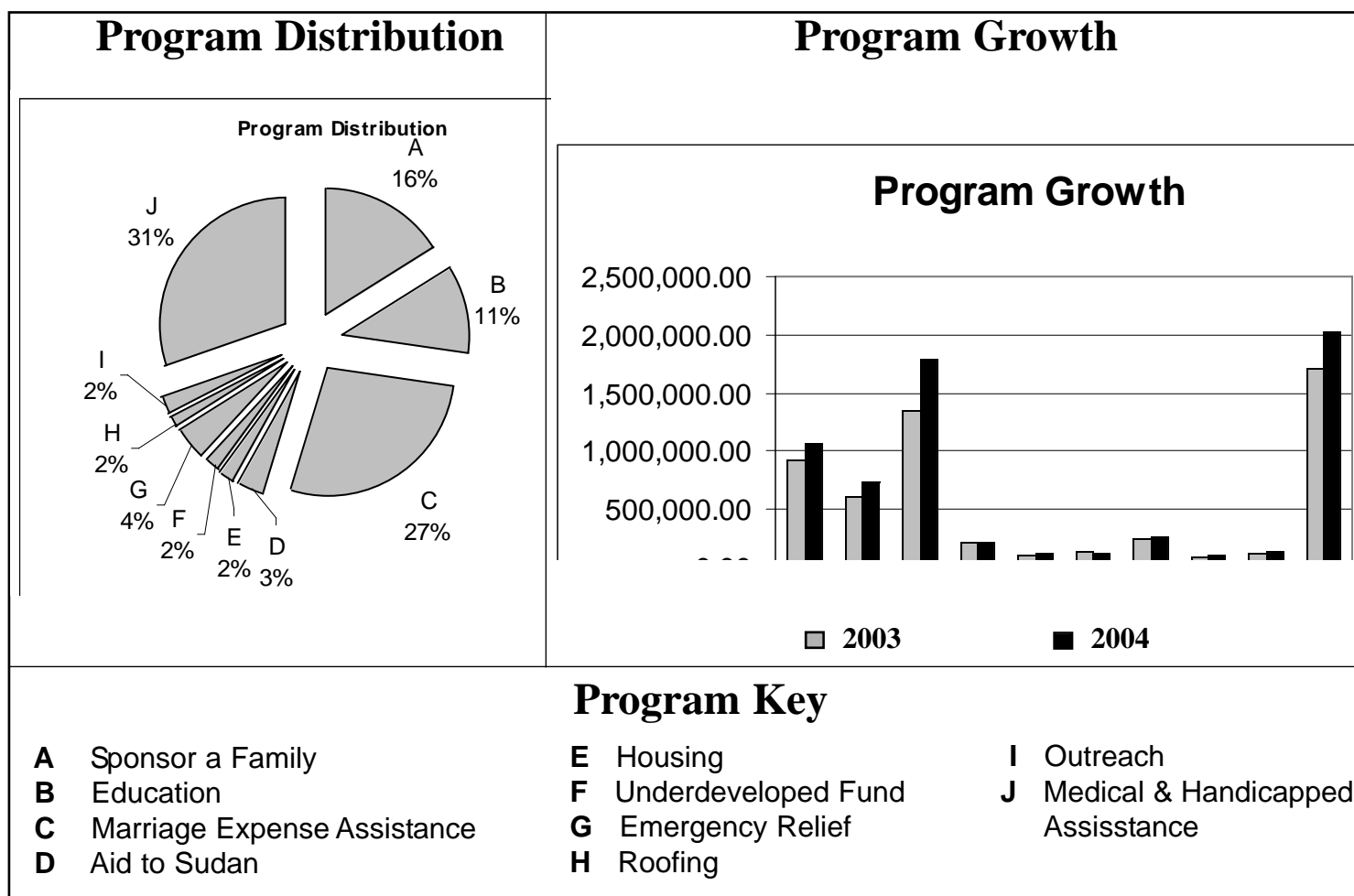
My beloved, I would also like to express my gratitude for the generosity and kindness of heart that you have shown towards your needy brothers and sisters in Egypt, the Brethren of the Lord.

As a result of your profound love, we received 4,578,232 L.E. (\$740,000) from BLESS USA during this past year. An additional 2,027,397 L.E. was received from other contributions. Thus through the grace of God, the BLESS Agape Charity Department was able to distribute 6,605,629.20 L.E. as follows:

Program	Amount (Egyptian Pounds)	Number of Cases Helped	Program Description
Sponsor a Family	1,072,410 L.E.	1325 families	Supports families living in extreme hardship with no steady income.
Education	744,150.60 L.E.	5,432 students	Assists students of all ages with fees, tuitions & monthly stipends.
Fees & Tuition	651,500.60 L.E.	5,002	
Monthly Stipend	92,650 L.E.	430	
Marriage Expense Assistance	1,786,405 L.E.	905 women	Assists young women with marriage-related expenses.
Aid to Sudan	222,725 L.E.	---	---
Housing	119,775.80 L.E.	65	Provides for the homeless, for those migrating from rural areas, and for people living in overcrowded housing.
Underdevelopment Fund	132,640 L.E.	115	Offers low income individuals with training and provisions to enable them to generate income for their families and become self-sufficient.
Emergency Assistance	265,343 L.E.	2,554	Extends relief for cases such as debts, late rent, supplying electricity & water, etc.
Roofing	103,000 L.E.	68 roofs	Built roofs for homes in the poverty-stricken villages of <i>Al-Radeesya in Aswan, Al-Aayasheya in Kouss, El-Rahmania in Deshna, El-Marashda in Nag Hamadi, Dier El-Naghamish in Balyana, Nag El-Kosairia in Gerga, El-Wastania in Sohag and El-Hawaweesh in Akhmeem.</i>
Outreach	137,000 L.E.	1,760 families	Seeks out the elderly and sick who are unable to go to church to ask for help. Includes spiritual services, medical assistance, home repairs, food, etc.
Handicapped Assistance	33,650 L.E.	22	Assistance of the Handicapped
Medical Assistance	1,988,529.80 L.E.	4,061 cases	Provides for a variety of medical necessities such as hospitalizations, surgeries, emergencies, x-rays, medications, dialyses, and care for the chronically ill.
1. Chronic Illness	492,880 L.E.	440	
2. Medications	486,309.30 L.E.	2,471	
3. Kidney Dialysis	165,705 L.E.	150	
4. Hepatitis Treatment	399,350.10 L.E.	93	
5. Cancer Treatment	14,637.25 L.E.	23	
6. Blood Transfusions	2,590 L.E.	20	
7. Tests & X- rays	37,729 L.E.	189	
8. Prescription Eyeglasses	4,843 L.E.	78	
9. Orphans, Elderly and Psychiatric Care	12,900 L.E.	22	
10. Hemophilia Treatment	23,620 L.E.	18	
11. Surgeries & Related Fees	283,116.15 L.E.	554	
12. Multiple Sclerosis	64,850	3	

The following chart explains the expansion of the service for the Brethren of the Lord in comparison to last year:

Project	2003		2004	
	Amount (Egyptian L.E.)	Number of Cases helped	Amount (Egyptian L.E.)	Number of Cases helped
❖ Sponsor a Family	934,975.00 L.E.	1,270/mo.	1,072,410.00 L.E.	1,325/mo.
❖ Education	608,628.60 L.E.	5,370	744,150.60 L.E.	5,862
❖ Marriage Expenses Assistance	1,346,955.00 L.E.	644	1,786,405.00 L.E.	905
❖ Aid to Sudan	212,580.00 L.E.	---	222,725.00 L.E.	---
❖ Housing, Underdevelopment & Emergency Funds	506,748.95 L.E.	1,114	517,758.80 L.E.	2,734
❖ Roofing for poverty-stricken areas	94,660.00 L.E.	62	103,000.00 L.E.	68
❖ Those Who Have No One	130,000.00 L.E.	1,650	137,000.00 L.E.	1,760
❖ Medical & Handicapped Assistance	1,715,109.00 L.E.	3,126	2,022,179.80 L.E.	4,083
Total Distributed By BLESS Agape	5,549,656.95 L.E.	---	6,605,629.20 L.E.	---



Once again, my beloved, I thank you for your great love & mercy toward your needy brothers and sisters- the Brethren of the Lord. May the Lord compensate you with the incorruptible instead of the corruptible, the heavenly instead of the earthly and the eternal instead of the temporal.

Bishop Youannes

General Bishop and Secretary H.H. Pope Shenouda III