



Children in Not Alone have the assurance that many stand behind them.

Not Alone: Twenty Years of Changing Lives

Well, it's already 2008. As we gear up for this new year, I thought that this would be the perfect opportunity to talk to you personally.

And it's not only a new year. It's now been twenty years since I started gathering friends and family together to help a small orphanage just outside of Cairo.

The work very quickly took on its own momentum. Friends got friends (and friends of friends) involved until our network of acquaintances became a network of dedicated Reps. Soon we were helping children in their own homes and villages rather than in an orphanage.

That work is now *Not Alone*, Coptic Orphans' largest program. Nearly two thousand contributors and hundreds of Reps equip children as far as the remotest villages of Egypt.

You probably already sponsor a Not Alone child or support children participating in Not Alone directly. But you might not realize just how much of an impact your support in Not Alone really makes.

Over the next few newsletters in 2008, I want to share Not Alone with you: how your support goes to

work through this program to make a huge impact for Coptic children who have lost their fathers.

Why has Not Alone been so successful during these last twenty years?

We want to highlight three reasons in the coming newsletters: because Not Alone is community-based, it's family-focused, and it's individually tailored.

That means that this unique program works in the children's own local parishes and villages.

It also means that the family is the fundamental unit of each child's community. We don't just equip children, we equip families to equip their children.

Thirdly, it means that since no two children are alike, we do not treat any child alike. We individually tailor Not Alone to the unique talents and potential of every child.

More to Come,

Nermien Riad
Executive director

Serve to Learn 2008 Open

Looking for a once-in-a-lifetime journey? Last year, we sent more volunteers to Egypt than ever through Serve to Learn. This year we are again proud to offer our annual summer program teaching English to vulnerable children in Egypt.

Visit us at www.copticorphans.org to download an application now. Click on Get Involved/Serve To Learn or call Valerie King at 703-641-8910 ext. 210 for details about this unique opportunity. The application deadline is April 1st, 2008.

Quick Facts: Not Alone

10,652—children that we have equipped since 1988 through Not Alone

6,116—currently active children participating in Not Alone

1,532—Not Alone children who currently have a sponsor

251—Volunteer Reps throughout Egypt

Have a question of your own about Not Alone? Write us and we may feature your question here.

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credit card number: _____ exp date ____/____/____

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