

Egypt

Arab Republic of Egypt/Jumhuriyat Misr al-Arabiyah

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Population: 75,400,000

Area: 386,660 sq. mi.

Capital: Cairo

Language: Arabic

Religions: Islam, 94%; Coptic Christian, 6%

Missionaries appointed to Egypt: Mokhles and Terry Sedra

The Arab Republic of Egypt, at the northeast corner of Africa, is the ancient land of the Nile, Pharaohs, and pyramids. However, its glory and ancient splendor have faded, leaving an impoverished land whose 2005 per capita annual income was \$4,400. The nation exports crude oil and petroleum products, cotton, textiles, metal products, and chemicals.

The late Boshra Sedra, an Egyptian pastor, founded the Faith Apostolic Church of Egypt in the late 1950s. He had come to Missouri to attend a Bible school in Chillicothe. While out for a weekend service, he found a copy of the *Pentecostal Herald*. That magazine led to his meeting pastors Harry Branding and W. I. Black and subsequently being baptized in Jesus' name. Black and Branding then provided the means for Sedra to attend Apostolic Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota, for one year.

The UPCI now has over 717 constituents, two licensed national ministers, and seven churches and preaching points in Egypt. Mokhles Sedra hopes to have a short-term Bible school in downtown Cairo in the near future.