



AZMERA RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS:

Egyptian Surprises

Written by Annette Nicholl

To my surprise, my plan of serving global workers in Greece at an Azmera retreat was hijacked when Spencer had a heart attack 3 days before my departure. This was replaced with another retreat location in Egypt a week later. There I found more surprises....

To my surprise, among the ladies attending the Egypt retreat was Elmira, who was a teammate in Russia 18 years ago. I had not seen her since I left Russia in 2005. Our time together was sweet; catching up on all God had done since our time serving in Siberia. Elmira and her husband, Chris, live in Moscow serving with CRU.

To my surprise, I celebrated my 60th Birthday in Egypt on the Nile River.

To my surprise, I was gifted by these beautiful women who were in my small group. God moved to heal, restore and revitalize these precious women. Here is one of their take aways:



Please keep these dear women in your prayers as they have returned to their fields of service! God knows them by name and knows their needs.



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The last couple of years have been really hard for me. I have become a mom and wife in a foreign culture, and in some sense, I almost forgot who I was originally, or who God made me to be. I have been struggling with depression. Here at Azmera EGYPT, I've learned that my hardship is not too difficult for God and yet I don't have to nullify the reality that I am in! God loves the broken-hearted. Instead of fixing my challenges I made the decision to wait on the Lord with hope, he will deliver me, in His way and timing.

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Colorado Dream Hunts

Written by Spencer Nicholl

Kyler was in a car accident during his senior year of high school. That was one and a half years ago. Through therapy, attitude and hard work, he now has minimal use of his arms. Kyler had the dream of hunting a mule deer and that was our aim this past week. The hunt was challenging, but with much prayer and God's Grace, Kyler shot this beautiful buck. Through tears and thankful hearts, we said a prayer of thanksgiving just before taking this photo.



Spencer, Loran and Kyler



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