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Dear brothers,

I hereby would like to recommend the work of the Religious News Service and their request to you for financial support.

The work of the RNSAW is very important for the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt. The RNSAW is the only initiative reporting and investigating Christian-Muslim relations that helps us to understand problems and deal with them in a proper way.

The work of the RNSAW contributes to maintaining harmonious relations between Christians and Muslims that is an essential prerequisite for our development work. Social projects cannot be developed in areas where there are tensions. The RNSAW helps us with their reports how to address often complicated Christian-Muslim tensions and avoiding that they would develop in such a way that they would harm our church work.

We have much respect for the work Drs. Cornelis Hulsman and his wife Eng. Saws an Gabra Ayoub are carrying out. We don't think they can be replaced, in this stage of the project, by any one else in Egypt. They do have a good understanding of issues in Egypt and they do have the confidence of the churches in Egypt and many Muslims that is essential for the development of the RNSAW.

The request for support is for a period of three years but we will do what we can do from our side to make the work further develop and continue after this period is over. We will discuss in our church what support could be given in the coming period.

May GOD bless you and your efforts

Sincerely Yours,

*Marcos*  
Bishop Marcos