



May the Lord make you
increase and abound in love to
one another and to all.

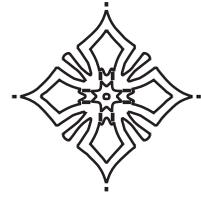
~1 Thessalonians 3:12

Getting married is an exciting and special time in the life of a young woman. However, many Brethren of the Lord face significant challenges when preparing for their weddings and transitions into married life.

MARRIAGE CUSTOMS



Egypt's social custom dictates that the bride provide some of the furnishings and appliances for the couple's new home. Unfortunately, there are many instances where eligible, underprivileged young women are actually prevented from marriage due to their inability to meet the costs of these items. While many of the Brethren of the Lord look forward to the blessings of the holy sacrament of marriage, there are some who simply do not have the economic means to embark upon married life.



BLESS
and
BLESS USA
invite you to share in the
blessed marriage of the
Brethren of the Lord
by helping provide for their
marriage expenses.

BLESS MARRIAGE EXPENSE ASSISTANCE

BLESS founded the Marriage Expense Assistance Program to assist young women with marriage-related costs to enable them to partake of the joys of marriage.

At BLESS, the bride-to-be, together with her immediate family and priest, is interviewed and her situation examined to determine her need. Every case is different; however, brides receive an average of 3,000-5,000 L.E. from the Bishopric, although stipends can amount to nearly 6000 L.E. on occasions where the family is without sufficient means. In most instances, BLESS will directly provide the bride with the bedroom set as well as the major appliances, including stoves, washers, and refrigerators. At times, allowances will also be distributed for living room sets, pots, pans, linens, and kitchenettes. The total costs for even the most modest of wedding and household necessities can amount to over 8000 L.E. Funds are distributed to women throughout Egypt, especially in the regions of Upper and rural Egypt.

A WEDDING IS FOR A DAY, A MARRIAGE IS FOR LIFE



By providing these women with the necessary means to get married, the Church is promoting the holy sacrament of marriage and giving these couples a chance to build a family that will in turn provide the Church with new generations of believers.