



2023 Year in Review



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A glimpse at what your support made possible:

For stories of God's goodness and what you've made possible, check out our updates from earlier this year: [February 2023](#), [April 2023](#), [June 2023](#), and [November 2023](#).

Our challenges of 2023

We have a significant number of immigrants who come to Bahrain by way of unscrupulous recruiters. When they arrive, most are given tourist rather than work visas and are therefore not able to secure employment. With no job and resources in short supply, hundreds have come to the ELC in search of hope, compassion, and community. We are working with diligence to address both immediate needs as well as provide development opportunities and advocacy whenever possible.

This situation has impacted our ministry greatly—stretching limited resources to the max. It has also grown in our fellowship a profound awareness of the impact of injustice and predatory behavior.

Please Pray

- Please pray for our growing migrant population. We are grateful for their presence among us, but grieve their lack of opportunity and marginalization.
- Please pray with us about planting another congregation. Our primary worship service is beyond full and our second service is reaching capacity. Pray that God will give us clarity about location and provide the necessary people and financial resources.
- Pray for our upcoming leadership retreat—calling together ELC leaders for equipping and encouragement.
- Please pray for our upcoming Women's Day of Prayer—led by ELC bringing together women from across the Kingdom for worship, prayer, and equipping.