



The picture was taken at Sakara in Egypt by a staff member of Road Scholar. This organization develops lifelong learning programs designed specifically for people in their 50s, 60s, 70s, and beyond who share common interests and - most importantly - a love of learning.

In November, 2010, I took a trip to Israel and Egypt with a group from my church, Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta. In Jerusalem, we traced the footsteps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Mt of the Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Jordan River and lots more. We began our exploration in Egypt with a midnight climb to the top of Mt. Sinai, reaching the top of the mountain the next morning in time to experience the most breathtaking and inspirational sunrise imaginable. From there, we ventured on to Cairo. There we viewed the Pyramids of Giza, The Sphinx, and the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. We ended our stay with dinner by special invitation at the private home of an Egyptian family.

In addition to my enjoyment of bridge, I love to travel. For me, this experience provided the opportunity to take a faith journey and to experience first-hand the history and inspirations of the Bible and ancient Egypt, as well as, an opportunity to soak in the sights and sounds and uniqueness of these cultures.