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BARRY H. COREY



September 27, 2017

Mrs. Maggie Gobran, Founder and CEO  
Stephen's Children  
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Mama Maggie,

On behalf of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview and Biola University's Board of Trustees, it is an honor to announce that you have been selected as the 2018 Charles W. Colson Conviction and Courage Award recipient. Congratulations!

Biola University established the Colson Award in 2014 as a way of honoring Dr. Colson's legacy of Christian service, discipleship and evangelism. The award is given annually to a Christian individual who embodies both *conviction* — a demonstrated commitment to the unshakable truths of Scripture and its application in all areas of life — and *courage* — a willingness to act on biblical convictions in a bold and yet compassionate manner, however challenging or unfashionable it may be.

In its inaugural year, the award was given posthumously to Chuck Colson himself, and in successive years the award was given to Baroness Caroline Cox, Dr. Paul Marshall and Joni Eareckson Tada. This year, the university considered many nominations, which were then evaluated by a selection committee made up of esteemed Christian leaders and representatives from the university, the Colson family and the Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview.

As the committee considered your nomination, it was evident by all that you were the clear choice for the 2018 Colson Award. In particular, the committee wanted to honor your courage and conviction in caring for tens of thousands of children and their families in the slums and squatter areas of Egypt through your organization, Stephen's Children. Your life commitment to serve Coptic Christians struggling as second-class citizens amidst especially heavy and overwhelming persecution is most notable. You have made a remarkable contribution, Mama Maggie, and it's an honor to recognize you with this distinguished award.

We would like to present you with the 2018 Charles W. Colson Conviction and Courage Award at our Student Missions Conference on March 14 at Biola University. This is a preeminent student event on Biola University's campus where thousands of young men and women come together over several days to study, worship and reflect on God's call to reach people for His Kingdom. We believe our missions conference would not only be the perfect venue to present you the award, but it would give you a significant opportunity share your life's story and work with our students.

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We would be honored to pay for your flights, lodging expense and transportation to and from Biola University for this special occasion.

I look forward to hearing from you, Mama Maggie, and talking further to see if this will be a possibility. You can email me directly at [barry.corey@biola.edu](mailto:barry.corey@biola.edu) or reach me by phone at 562-903-4701.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BHC', written in a cursive style.

Barry H. Corey  
President  
Biola University

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