

Program for Theological Education by Extension



## Country focus: PTEE in Sweden

The PTEE seeks to reach out to Arab Christians wherever they live to provide quality theological education. One of these places is Sweden. In a country accepting of immigrants from all over the world, the cultural differences are often shocking to those going to live there, especially to those from the Arab world. As a result, many immigrant communities clump together and try to find solidarity and comfort in the familiar. PTEE classes in Sweden are new, yet Arab communities have existed in Sweden since the 1970s. Arabic language theological training is just as applicable in these contexts since these communities have maintained their language and culture in their homes and churches.

### Meet Muna

Muna is a Jordanian woman married to a Swedish man that she met while they were serving as missionaries. They now live in Sweden with their two children, teaching them to speak Arabic, English and Swedish. Muna is the Dean for the PTEE in Sweden and has served as the tutor for three courses thus far. Due to Muna's background, she is very active in helping the immigrant population in Sweden adjust to cultural differences there. Serving as a liaison between the two cultures, Muna addresses both immigrant populations and the government on a range of issues from honor killings to child rearing practices.



Muna visited the PTEE headquarters in August



Muna with her two children in Sweden, December 2009

### Needs of PTEE in Sweden:

- Cohesion and solidarity among Arab Christians enabling them to study with one another regardless of background and affiliation
- Recognition of the need for pastors and Christian leaders in the Arabic speaking community to be properly trained in theological education
- Finding and training additional competent and qualified tutors

## SEED Program

As we are striving to grow and expand in ways that fit our new strategic plan and make good use of the resources from our donors and supporters, we are working on a new projects for the PTEE. The Secondary Education Equivalent Diploma (SEED) offers adult learners and Arab Christian leaders a second chance to complete high school education in difficult places like Sudan where a large percentage of believers have not had the opportunity to do so. This loss of opportunity is often due to personal or economic hardship, or community instability resulting from war or natural disasters, or a combination of these factors. The need for an affordable diploma that will enhance reading, writing and communication skills, and emphasize church and community service while operating close to home, is great. Thus, PTEE is addressing this need by developing the twelve course SEED program that offers an alternative way of completing a ministry focused secondary education level diploma. Developing this program is going to cost us \$365,000. Right now, we have raised about 50% of our first year's budget. We believe in the Lord's provision for us always, and we ask you to help us achieve this goal so we can reach out to adults in need.



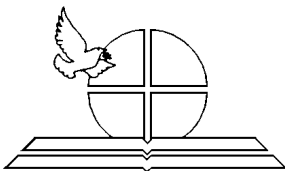
Arabic edition of "Abundant Life"

### Please keep the PTEE in your prayers

- Praise our Lord that we have received the necessary funds to purchase the PTEE Ministry Center in Amman, Jordan.
- For the buying of the building and preparing it for the future plans and expansion of the PTEE.
- That our hopes, desires and goals for the year ahead would go according to plan.
- That Arab communities, wherever they are, will have access to quality Christian churches and sound teaching.
- For students, tutors and staff in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Sudan, Egypt, Iraq and other areas of the Arab world.
- That the PTEE would continue to find new funding sources to enable the ministry to grow.
- That God would open doors for the PTEE to start classes in more countries.

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