

Program for Theological Education by Extension

## Country focus: PTEE in Iraq

In the midst of decades of war and extreme hardship, the PTEE has had a thriving and growing ministry in Iraq. Classes began in 1995 and have been ongoing every year with the exception of 2004, when violence in Iraq was at its height.



### A Voice from Iraq



PTEE participants February 2002



Class in 2006

Dr. Yacoub is the PTEE Dean for our classes in Iraq. He and his wife have volunteered with the program since 1995. He served with a para church agency in Amman for a year and studied at the Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary where he earned a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies in 2003. Besides his work with the PTEE he is highly involved in the local church and a full time teacher. Please note the facts of this narrative are accurate but the name has been changed for privacy reasons.

“Hi Everyone! I am Dr. Yacoub, I am married, have two daughters, and my work is a teacher and my wife is a dentist. My history in the church is teaching and preaching and serving on committees. In the past two academic years (2005-2007) we have about 175 students studying many courses. They are from many different churches: Anglican church, Presbyterian church, Armenian church, Baptist church, and Alliance church among others. We had about twenty tutors, but most of them have left Iraq. Now we have about six including me and my wife. We have seven classes here in Baghdad, and we also have a big vision and a big hope to see many students next year, more than this year, and increase the program in Iraq.”

-Dr. Yacoub, interviewed Sept. 2007

### Quick Facts

- During 2007-2008 academic year, over 40 students completed PTEE courses in Baghdad
- Classes active in Iraq for 14 years
- Christians make up less than 3% of the population in Iraq



## PTEE on the Radio

The PTEE's Communications Director, Njoud Haddad, had the opportunity to be interviewed for WorldVenture's radio program "Missions on the Frontline" during her recent visit to the US. In her interview she discusses the situation of Christians in the Middle East and how the PTEE is addressing the need to strengthen the local church. The interview is scheduled to air late July and will be posted on WorldVenture's website [www.worldventure.com](http://www.worldventure.com) under the "News and Prayer" tab. We pray this opportunity will allow millions of people to be exposed to the work of PTEE.



## Building Fund: new development

We recently learned of a donor who would like to help us purchase our ministry center, but is not willing to be the only one. We have already received a substantial gift from this donor, but now we need to raise \$150,000 in order to prove that others are willing to invest in us.

This blessing comes at a crucial time for the PTEE to secure a main office with new laws passed in Jordan. We are currently seeking additional donors like you and pray that you can work together with us to make the purchase a reality.

A key to the continuation of the PTEE's work is the PTEE Ministry Center in Amman, Jordan. This is where we develop the courses, train many tutors, hold annual meetings, and coordinate the overall program administration.

## Please keep the PTEE in your prayers

- For the regularization of government and a transition to peace in Iraq.
- That the PTEE in Iraq would grow in numbers and expand to reach the Kurdish Christians who have expressed interest in the program.
- 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.
- For wisdom as the PTEE leadership communicates with major donors and individuals like you to purchase the Ministry Center building in Amman, Jordan.

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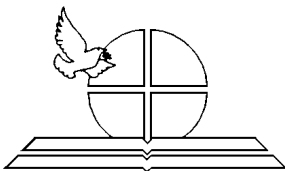
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