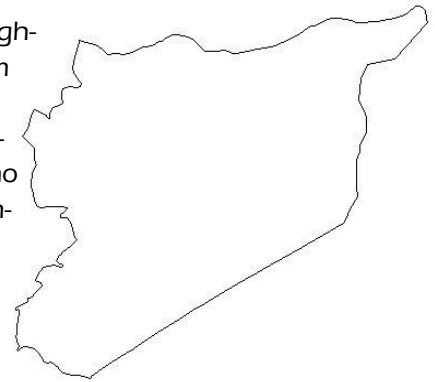


Country focus: PTEE in Syria

PTEE classes in Syria started in 1989, attended by three students. Throughout the years, this much-needed Christian leadership education program has experienced sustained growth, with tutors leading classes in local churches across the country. Today, more than 100 students are participating with the Program in Syria. PTEE's impact is immeasurable: with no evangelical theological institutions in Syria, the substantial Christian community had been deprived of proper leadership training until PTEE.



A Dream Come True!



Paul at Graduation Ceremony

"I became a believer on 16th March, 1985, when I was in college at Damascus University in Syria. I was in my junior year, and my life was changed dramatically. Since then, I have wanted to serve the Lord in any way I could.

"After graduating from the University, the leader of my congregation saw a gift for teaching in me and encouraged me to study theology. But because there were no evangelical theological institutions in Syria, I would have had to move far away from my work and family – to which I felt a great commitment – in order to study, so I gave up my dream.

God, on the other hand, had not given up. One cold and rainy night in January, a group of Christian leaders visited us from the PTEE in Jordan. They traveled over 1000 km (621 miles) to come to our church and give us a Tutor Training seminar. My dream came back to life! Though I didn't know much about the program or what I needed to do, I was the first to register and enroll in the training seminar.

"The training was held in the city of Kamishly in 1996, six months after I got married. That was the beginning of my theological education journey in Syria. That year, there was a revival in the whole country, and many Tutor Training seminars were held in various locations across Syria. I was also appointed to lead the church in my town, so I relied heavily on my PTEE education.

"I urged many people in my church to join the Program and study with the PTEE. Nine years later I graduated with a Bachelor of Theology (BTh) degree on 18th March, 2005, in Aleppo, Syria. Now there are two people who have graduated with an MA degree, four people with a BTh degree and many more who are studying with us and are looking to graduate soon.



With graduating class in Syria

"Without this Program my dream probably would never have come true. I thank the Lord for the PTEE; they have been able to reach so many people like me in places where seminaries do not exist."

Scholar-in-Residence

The value of learning from educators of various cultures is something that the PTEE has recognized for some time. Thus, PTEE is now hosting its first participants of its new program Scholar-in-Residence who have come from Hong Kong. Abraham W. Yeung and his wife Dorothy and one of their two children arrived in Amman in August 2009. Both Abraham and Dorothy are gifted educators and have contributed much to us here at the PTEE. Dorothy has an M.Ed degree from the University of Toronto and was a teacher for many years. Abraham pastored his church for ten years before continuing his studies in Canada and the U.S.A., where he earned an M.T.S and a Th.M. In July, of 2009, he resigned from his position of principal at the Macau Bible Institute (MBI) in Macau, China, where he had served



since 2001, to spend a sabbatical year with Dorothy and Franklin at the PTEE in Jordan. This is what he said about his experience with the PTEE:

"I was totally ignorant about the Arab churches in Jordan and throughout the Middle East before I came to the PTEE. I fear that most Christians from where I live are more or less the same. PTEE has given me the freedom and opportunity to interact with Arab Christians and to witness its strategic work among them. Moreover, my family and I have been given an opportunity to visit many Biblical sites around the area. This year has been unforgettable!"

Please keep the PTEE in your prayers

- Praise our Lord that we could purchase a new building for the PTEE Ministry Center in Amman, Jordan.
- Dr. Hart requests special wisdom and skill for the renovation and overall management of this project.
- That God would guide our hopes, desires, and goals for this year.
- That God would open doors for the PTEE to start classes in Kuwait.
- That the PTEE would continue to find new funding sources to enable the ministry to grow.
- The recruitment of a Business Manager and an Academic Director for the PTEE – who can help take our ministry to the next level.
- That Arab communities, wherever they are, will have access to quality Christian churches and sound teaching.

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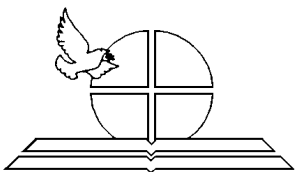
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