

## Challenge 50– Recycling in Jordan

*Challenge 50* is the PTEE's new initiative to raise 50,000 JD from our community here in Jordan. In addition to pursuing our usual sources of giving from individual supporters, churches, and organizations in the United States and Europe, we want to build a local sense of ownership of our program and motivate sacrificial giving. In addition to equipping Christian leaders, the PTEE also encourages good citizenship and community investment. To that end, we have initiated a fundraising project combines both important goals.

In this new initiative, we are encouraging local churches who have hosted PTEE classes or others interested in the program to conduct a recycling drive with their congregants. We will sell bags of



individuals to collect their home or office recyclables and provide the churches with a pick up service. We have partnered with an organization that is

able to take the recyclables to a central sorting zone where individuals from low-income backgrounds sort the items and sell them to support their families.

The money raised through this initiative goes directly towards supporting the Secondary Education Equivalent Diploma. Through this fundraising project, we have the opportunity to reintroduce the PTEE program to the local churches, raise necessary funds for the ministry, help impoverished Jordanian families, and encourage recycling and good environmental practices.

## Peacemaking Course

We are hard at work on an exciting new course to add to our growing curriculum! In a region where conflict and strife abound, we know that Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, has called his people to work toward reconciliation and love. We believe that Arab church leaders can be vanguards in Biblical peacemaking. The new course under develop-

ment is entitled "Christian Peacemaking" and will equip students with the necessary skills for conflict resolution in their families, workplaces, churches, and their communities. The curriculum writing has begun and the PTEE hopes to start field-testing the course in 2010.

## Building Fund

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. In addition to housing the PTEE's administrative offices, the building also serves as a resource center for local church leaders and theological students, and has guest accommodations for visitors to the program. We have the opportunity now to purchase this building and are actively seeking funds to cover the purchase price and the cost of renovations and improvements, the total of which is estimated to be \$950,000.

The PTEE Ministry Center in Jordan



## Update on Matching Grant Challenge 45

Last year, we introduced our *Challenge 45* initiative for 2008 in which a donor encouraged the PTEE to raise \$45,000 by the end of the year to receive a matching grant.

We fell short of this financial goal, but our donor graciously decided to give \$30,000 for our efforts. We thank God for His provision of this critical funding.



PTEE staff Robert Miner with tutors in Sudan

## Please keep the PTEE in your prayers

- 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 raises the necessary funding to purchase the Ministry Center building in Amman, Jordan.
- For *Challenge 50* and that friends of the PTEE in Jordan would become excited about the work of the PTEE and the opportunity to recycle.
- For the “Christian Peacemaking” course that we hope to start next year. Pray for the necessary funding for course development and for wisdom and insight for the course writers.
- For Njoud Haddad, Communications Director, and Margie Davis, Communications Intern, traveling to the US for a friendship strengthening trip in April/May. Pray for their safety and that God would speak through them as they communicate with current and potential donors.

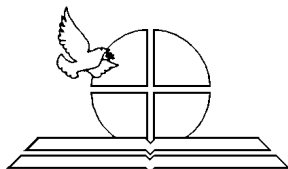
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