

CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKING

EQUIPPING ARAB LEADERS WITH A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO CONFLICT

THE NEED

Our students with the PTEE live, work and minister in a region where social, religious and political conflicts have long and complex histories. People of all faiths have a deep mistrust and suspicion of each other because of historical and present-day realities of violence and persecution on all sides. Significant divisions also exist within the churches and among the denominations, due to various cultural and social factors.

Arab Christian leaders have the unique potential to be vanguards in innovative peacemaking. They need to be equipped with important skills in conflict resolution and mediation in their families, among their friends, at their churches, and in their communities



Tutor workshop in Sudan

THE PROJECT

In response to this need, the PTEE has begun developing a Bachelor's degree-level course entitled *Christian Peacemaking*. The purpose of the course is to provide a growing number of evangelical Arab leaders with the necessary theological grounding and practical skills to mediate conflicts and divisions of various kinds and to train others in effective peacemaking in their churches and communities.



PTEE textbooks

The project involves the research, writing, editing and field-testing of a college-level self-instructional theological textbook to be used as a course manual. The book will be written in the PTEE Curriculum Development Center in Amman, Jordan.

THE COST

As the PTEE's courses are primarily intended for Arabic-speaking people, all study materials are provided in the Arabic language. PTEE courses take hundreds of hours to prepare and develop. We project that *Christian Peacemaking* will take about fourteen months to develop.

The estimated cost for developing a PTEE Bachelor's level course is **\$150,000.00**.

AN INVITATION...

By virtue of where they live, our tutors and students have already been involved in peacemaking efforts. At the request of the government in southern Sudan, they are mediating between several clans there. In



PTEE class in Baghdad

Israel and Palestine, the ongoing cycles of violence, most currently in Gaza, challenge our students and tutors to push against the prevailing enmities to achieve reconciliation. In Baghdad, PTEE leaders have the overwhelming challenge of building peace in the midst of war time circumstances. In northern Syria, others have worked on peacemaking efforts with the Kurdish people. We seek to strengthen and enhance their skills so that the impact of their work can be multiplied.

If there was ever a time to invest in a peacemaking course, it is now. News from the region confirms daily that we need the Arab evangelical leaders to lead the way in effecting Biblical peace and reconciliation. With a relatively modest financial investment, the PTEE has the opportunity to create a groundbreaking and highly-accessible tool that will be available to PTEE students across the Arab world for many years to come.

