

SECONDARY EDUCATION EQUIVALENT DIPLOMA

PROVIDING A SECOND CHANCE FOR ADULT LEARNERS

THE NEED

A large percentage of believers in the Arab world have not had the opportunity to complete a high school education. This loss of opportunity for secondary education is often due to personal difficulties or economic hardship or community instability resulting from war or natural disasters or a combination of these factors.

Arab Christian leaders without a high school diploma need to be able to earn an affordable degree that enhances their leadership skills, improves their reading, writing and communication skills, emphasizes church and community service and operates close to home. They need an alternative way of earning a secondary education.



Outside an Egyptian church.

THE PROJECT

The PTEE is addressing this need by developing a twelve-course Secondary Education Equivalent Diploma. The PTEE will use textbooks, interactive seminars and practical application—an approach which has already proven to be highly effective in our current extension programs.

The PTEE will utilize materials to be translated into Arabic from the *Seminary Extension for All Nations* series (SEAN).



Arabic edition of one of the books to be used.

We plan to make the study program initially available to interested church members in Sudan, Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Algeria where there are significant numbers of Christian believers lacking a secondary education. Our goal is to have the Secondary Education program operating at first in Sudan with a group of graduates by the end of 2012.

THE COST

The PTEE Ministry Center in Amman, Jordan will manage the development of the study program, with qualified native Arabic speakers from several countries helping to prepare the curriculum for the twelve courses under development.

We estimate that we will need **\$365,000** over a period of 3 years. At the end of 2.5 years we will evaluate to see if a 4th year is needed.

AN INVITATION...

The PTEE has become one of the foremost providers of Biblical leadership training in the Arab world for many who are unable to devote the time or financial resources to full-time schooling. We now have a unique window of opportunity to provide a much-needed educational alternative for adult learners.

In Sudan, we can help returning refugees and former combatants earn a degree that will contribute to community stability and the strengthening of church leadership. In Iraq, where war has



PTEE staff visit a church in Sudan.

ruptured communities and interrupted the most fundamental aspects of daily life, we can provide many adults with a critical component of their basic education and encourage the churches by equipping local leaders who can remain in the country and serve there. In Egypt and Syria, we can help many who would otherwise not have the opportunity to earn a secondary credential.

Evangelicals have always been on the leading edge of educational reform, championing access to Christian education. Your support of this study program will help hundreds of people develop ministry skills for leadership, social skills for citizenship and educational skills for life-long learning.

