

PTEE SYRIA OFFICE

CONTINUING A LEGACY OF EXPANSION AND GROWTH

THE NEED

The prevalent view of Syria in the Western world is of an isolated and politically troubled country, with an authoritarian government and strict controls over contact with foreigners. This somewhat distorted image has unfortunately meant that very few people are aware of the rich histories of the ancient cities of Damascus and Aleppo or of the Christian heritage that has persevered there for two thousand years. The roots of Christianity in the country go all the way back to Paul's life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus and to the establishment of the early church in ancient Antioch.

Christians enjoy official protection from the government to freely worship and establish churches. This has precipitated a need to develop sound theological training for evangelical leaders, and the Program for Theological Education by Extension (PTEE) has been responding to this need for over ten years. It is the only program of its kind there, offering classes among many of the different ethnic groups throughout the country.



PTEE class in Homs

There is currently a convergence of extremely encouraging growth indicators, among them the chance to officially register with the government, that present an exciting and timely opportunity to strengthen and further expand the PTEE throughout the country. PTEE Syria leadership believes that in order to capitalize on this important progress to date and to offer the best case for official registration and recognition, the PTEE in Syria needs a central office as a ministry center from which to operate.

THE PROJECT

The PTEE has achieved a high degree of positive momentum in several cities in Syria, such that it is now a favorable time to centralize the program there and continue operations out of one main office. Syrian PTEE leadership has determined that the best course

of action is to purchase an apartment in Aleppo to serve as this facility. A dedicated office would provide central program headquarters, a mailing address, administrative, training and hospitality space, and a known location for operating an educational program to be recognized by the government.



Outside the Aleppo Baptist Church with PTEE leader Mouner

THE COST

The total purchase price of the apartment is **\$50,000.**

This includes the cost of simple renovations and repairs, as well as equipping the space with basic office furniture.

AN INVITATION...

The Spirit of God is working in exciting ways among His people in Syria. With the growth of the evangelical churches, more and more Syrian believers are eager to pursue theological training. The PTEE has stepped in at this most opportune time and is finding fertile ground for ministry throughout the country.



PTEE graduates celebrate.

Investing in the PTEE Syria Office supports its visionary leaders who desire future program expansion and formalization with the government, both critical to sustaining a long-term presence and ministry in the country. Your participation in the PTEE's vital ministry in Syria means becoming a part of a legacy of pioneering evangelical Christian work that began with a single, life-changing encounter on the road to Damascus.

