

PTEE COUNTRY GATHERINGS

CONNECTING PEOPLE, EMPOWERING GROWTH

THE NEED

Even though evangelical Christians make up a relatively tiny percentage of the Arab world's population, Arab church congregations are vibrant, engaged and growing, and have ongoing needs for training their leaders and members. The Program for Theological Education by Extension (PTEE) has been playing an integral role in responding to this need by providing sound, evangelical theological education on location for students wherever they live.

The convenience and accessibility of PTEE classes being held in local churches is one of the hallmarks of the program, but students and tutors miss out on the encouragement and stimulation that comes from interacting with a larger academic and ministry community.



PTEE class in Homs, Syria

Such interaction is vital for sustaining positive program growth and for motivating new initiatives and efforts in places where the program faces challenges to its expansion.

THE PROJECT

The PTEE plans to hold regular country-wide gatherings for its students, tutors and leaders to provide them with the opportunity for fellowship, training and strategic planning. The PTEE hopes that gatherings such as these, which have been highly effective in the past, will meet some of the needs that students and tutors have for greater connection to each other and will encourage committee leaders in each country to identify new leaders and initiate more classes.

The PTEE is presently well-established in six countries, and has set the goal to hold three such gatherings in three countries over the next two years. The countries identified for these gatherings are Syria, Iraq and Sudan.

These gatherings will bring together PTEE students, tutors, and national leaders with the goal of addressing the spiritual, intellectual, and educational needs of each of these constituents. Meeting components will include motivational activities, lectures, opportunities for testimonies, sharing and extended prayer, and time for planning for those in leadership. The gatherings will promote the exchange of ideas, relationship building, and the establishment of good foundations for further growth.

THE COST

The total cost of holding these gatherings in three countries is approximately \$37,000.00.

AN INVITATION...

An investment in these gatherings is an investment in hard working, dedicated Arab evangelical leaders who are doing the difficult work of furthering God's Kingdom in an extremely challenging region, while diligently attending to their theological education. Daily, they face political, religious and economic turmoil in their lives and ministries. Providing them with the opportunity for encouragement, fellowship, accountability and training will pay enormous dividends in their personal ministries and in growing the work of the PTEE in the region.



PTEE Ministry Center staff share a meal with leaders in Sudan.

We invite you to prayerfully consider giving to this important project.

