



## ETSC Update - November 2008

News from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo

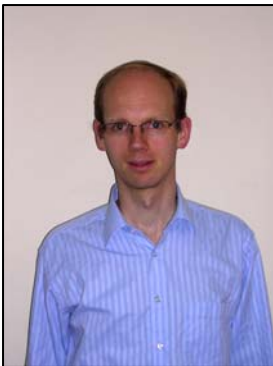


**Left:** Ordination students and faculty at Fall Retreat.  
**Right:** M.A.T.S. students and faculty.



### Back in Class!

Our 2008-2009 academic year began officially on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with a ceremony to welcome all of our new students in all of our academic programs. A few days before, our Ordination-track students had gathered together with many faculty members for a three day spiritual conference, helping to focus everyone on the importance of the task ahead. We celebrate the growth in numbers of our student body... nearly 245 students are now enrolled in ETSC's various degree programs! This makes 2008-2009 another record-breaking year for our institution. Please remember to pray for our students: men and women who are being trained and equipped to be pastors and leaders in Egypt and the region.



### Welcoming a New Colleague

ETSC extends a warm welcome to Mr. Willem J. de Wit, Teacher of Biblical Studies from the Netherlands. Mr. de Wit, who is working to complete his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, plans to be with ETSC for the next 6 years, sharing in the teaching of the M.A.T.S. program. Mr. de Wit comes to serve as part of a relationship between our institution and the GZB organization of the Netherlands. In addition to getting to know our community and learning Arabic, Mr. de Wit is teaching a course on Isaiah to students in the Biblical Studies concentration of our M.A.T.S. program. His complete profile is posted on our website at [www.etsc.org/facultywillem.htm](http://www.etsc.org/facultywillem.htm).

### ETSC Hosts Synod of the Nile Meeting

October 14-16, ETSC hosted a special session of the Synod of the Nile of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt. The gathering, which included pastors and elders from all over Egypt, was attended by more than 300 persons. It was a great opportunity for our students, many of whom will be pastors in this denomination, to observe the activities of the Synod and interact with pastors and leaders.



Dr. Magdi Gendi welcomes Nick Vujicic

### Nick Vujicic at ETSC Chapel

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, those who attended our regular chapel worship enjoyed the presence of Nick Vujicic of the Life Without Limbs Organization. Nick took some time out from his busy World Reach Tour to Africa to preach to our seminary community. Nick brought to our students, staff and faculty a message of inspiration, showing what the power of our Lord can accomplish in the lives of those born with disabilities. We also enjoyed a chance to talk with Chip Kingery of the Joni and Friends Organization about possibilities for curriculum development to prepare our students for ministry to people with disabilities in the future.

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