



Dr. Atef M. Gendy in the USA



In late October, ETSC President Dr. Atef M. Gendy (currently on sabbatical) was a featured speaker in a mission conference held by First Presbyterian Church Berkeley, California together with the Theology Department of New College, Berkeley. The theme of the conference was "Jesus and Evangelical Power." Dr. Gendy presented a number of lectures including a plenary address entitled: "What Gospel do American Evangelicals Preach to the Arabs of the Middle East: the *Dunamis* of Salvation or Dynamite of Devastation?" If you would like to listen to an MP3 recording of his talk and see the slides he presented, both are available for download at <http://www.fpcberkeley.org/NewsDetail.asp?id=281>.

ETSC's Library Wishlist Online

The Langham Partnership (a.k.a. John Stott Ministries) has created a service to double gifts to help ETSC build our library collection. ETSC's "Wishlist" of our most needed theological books, is available through Langham's website. Our friends from around the world can select titles for purchase on ETSC's behalf at one-half the normal price (also, anyone from the US or UK receives a charitable receipt). The direct link to ETSC's wishlist is: www.langhamliterature.org/page.php?page=wl_don&c_id=00505. Please consider helping ETSC build a better library collection!



ETSC Lay Pastors Take to the Field



Luther Liksan (center left) and friends at Shanaina

During the 2005-2006 academic year, ETSC began a new partnership with the Synod of the Nile to train Lay Pastors for towns and villages lacking in pastoral leadership. By God's grace and generous support from friends around the world, 14 Lay Pastors were trained and sent to the field by the Synod of the Nile.

One of these lay pastors is Luther Liksan. Prior to his arrival to serve the church in Shanaina Village, Asyuit, this historic church (est. around 1910) was all but closed. Luther, who now serves full time at Shanaina, is training up group of male and female leaders in this church as youth leaders and Sunday school teachers. The old church building is all but falling down around the congregants, so they are petitioning the local government for permission to build a new church building on the same location. This church now has a bright future and is set to be a light to the surrounding area as well!



Left: David Magdy with youth in Hurghada.

Right (1): Amgad Farouk.

Right (2): Menassa Neseem in Sudan.



ETSC Students Serve on the Cutting Edge

Every summer, ETSC ordination students embark on a wide variety of ministry internships. While most students served last summer in one of the 350 churches of the Evangelical Church of Egypt, a few set out into new frontiers in Egypt and abroad. Menassa Neseem traveled south a second time last summer to serve in Sudan under the leadership of Sudanese pastors and leaders. Menassa's three months in Sudan this year included a focus on leadership training, and part of his time was spend in southern Sudan helping Sudanese leaders to assess the situation there as a growing field for church planting and leadership development. David Magdi spent his second summer internship helping to pioneer a new effort in the growing resort city of Hurghada. David's service, in coordination with Synod of the Nile leadership, concentrated on development of a youth group and outreach to nominal Christians working in the tourism industry. The Synod is hoping to purchase property soon in Hurghada to begin constructing a church facility. Amgad Farouk, a third year student from Mansura, Egypt, went to the heart of the Delta to serve in a town currently lacking any organized church. Amgad's service had him going from house to house, leading prayer and worship and doing counseling with the congregants. Currently, strong persecution from several groups prevents the construction of a church. The Synod and the seminary hope to continue to send workers to this field until God opens the door for the establishment of a church there, and Amgad is considering if this may be his calling upon graduation.