



ETSC Update April '06



ETSC community on Mt. Sinai

The Sinai Experience

A large group of ETSC students traveled to Sinai for a cultural trip April 7-10. The focus of the trip, attended by Junior and Senior full-time, part-time and Lay Pastor students, was to learn more about Egyptian culture and to enjoy time in community together. The group visited St. Catherine's monastery,



Students learn about the coral reefs

climbed Mt. Sinai, and relaxed on the seaside. Throughout the journey time was set aside for group discussions and worship.



We are all Disciples...

Our full-time ordination track students joined 5 of ETSC's faculty March 31 - April 2 for a spiritual retreat in the desert near Wadi Natroon, an area famous for reflection and meditation since the ancient monastic movements. The theme was "We are all Disciples," encouraging our students to reflect on how all believers are disciples of Jesus Christ. In the three day conference times were set aside for community and individual prayer and Bible Study, as well as quiet time and recreation.



ETSC Students Host Ecumenical Day

On March 24 ETSC hosted an annual day of theological dialogue on our campus in Abbasia, Cairo. Speakers from the various denominations participated: Coptic Catholic, Coptic Orthodox and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The focus of the conversation was the changing political situation in Egypt and how churches and Christians are affected. We hope that these conversations can lead to better cooperation and mutual support among different Christian groups in Egypt.

Egyptian Easter Celebration at ETSC

On April 19th the ETSC community celebrated a special worship service for Easter. We gathered together for prayer, worship and communion in anticipation of eastern Easter which falls on April 23rd this year. After worship our students, faculty and staff enjoyed fellowship before heading off for the Egyptian Holy Week holidays April 20-25th.

