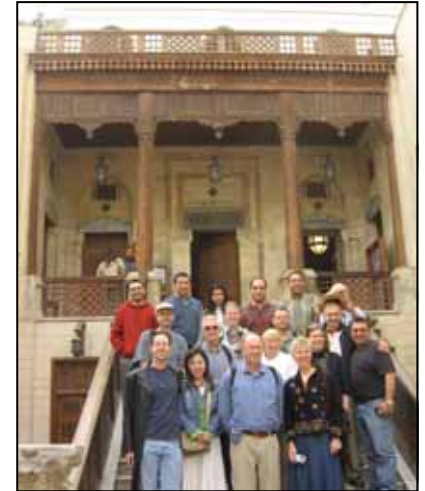


ETSC Update - February, 2007
News from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo



Synod of the Nile Holds Annual Meeting on ETSC campus

The Synod of the Nile of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt held their annual meeting February 12-14, 2007 at ETSC's Abbaseya campus. Nearly 300 representatives of the various churches and presbyteries of Egypt were present in various meetings. As it was the first time for the event to be held at ETSC in a number of years, it was a good opportunity for our students seeking ordination to observe the meetings and interact with the participants.



FPC Colorado team visits Old Cairo with ETSC students

Old Friends in Town...

We were blessed by the visit of some old and new friends from First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado on February 23 and 24. A group of 11 people from First Church were in Egypt for a Habitat building project, but took some time to visit with the students and faculty of ETSC, strengthening the ties between their church and our seminary.



The Gift of Knowledge

Thanks to our partnership with the Langham Literature Program, it is possible for our friends to support our library by purchasing and donating books online. We are amazed by the way friends have responded to this great vehicle for giving the gift of knowledge to our students! The link for donating to ETSC is http://www.langhamcatalogue.org/page.php?page=wl_don. Paste the link into your browser, then select "Egypt" and "Evangelical Theological Seminary." Choose from among the titles in our "wishlist" to participate!

Special Guest Lecturers

Two guest lecturers offered their perspectives for the consideration of ETSC's students in February. On February 13th, Dr. Yehia El Rakhawy, Professor of Psychology at Cairo University, offered a lecture entitled "Religion and Psychological Health." Dr. El Rakhawy, Chair of the Egyptian Society for Developmental Psychology, offered a scientific perspective on the benefits and challenges of all religions. He particularly focused on how religious belief and activity affects our minds in positive and negative ways.



Dr. Daniel Marguera, Professor of New Testament at Lausanne University, gave a lecture on February 23rd on the subject, "A Narrative Approach to the Biblical Text." Through his lecture, Dr. Marguera opened the eyes of ETSC's students to the art of Biblical Narrative and its usefulness in Biblical interpretation. Our seminary community enjoyed the opportunity to hear new ideas and perspectives.



Upcoming Events...

A visiting student group from the School of Mission and Theology of Stavanger, Norway will be at ETSC on February 28th. They hope to learn more about the perspectives of Protestant Christians in the Middle East. They will have conversations and interaction with ETSC's M.A.T.S. students.

Dr. Magdi S. Gendi and Rev. Brice Rogers will be traveling to the USA February 27th to March 16th. They will be visiting friends and partners in and around Chicago, Houston/Austin and Minneapolis. Please pray for their safe travels!

Please pray for our seminary family! Contact etsc@etss.org for more information.