



ETSC Update – April 2008

News from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo



Dr. Atef with students at the Fellowship Day

Our students and faculty are in the midst of a busy season as we move toward the end of our Spring Term in late May and our graduation activities May 27-30. Please keep them in your prayers! Here are a few other things that have been going on at ETSC lately...

In early March, the ETSC community enjoyed our annual **Fellowship Day**. Most of our students, faculty and families gathered together for worship, games, food and fun. Highlights included a volleyball competition, a chicken cookout, and eating *asab* (sugarcane), a springtime favorite in Egypt.

We just returned from our annual **Spring Retreat April 11-13**. Nearly seventy students and faculty journeyed together to a Christian retreat center near the town of Fayed, on the Great Bitter Lake (part of the Suez Canal Zone). Together our seminary community celebrated this chance to get away from the busyness of life in Cairo through times of quiet reflection, corporate worship, games, soccer, and swimming in the lake. The great food of the retreat center was an added bonus!



Some faculty and students enjoy the retreat

During the last month, our community has been blessed by the presence of many **friends, partners and visitors** who took time out of their busy itineraries in Egypt to spend time with us! These friends and visitors included Presbyterian Youth Victoria (from Australia), Glenn and Dottie Thomason of Richmond, Virginia, friends from West Hills Presbyterian Church in Omaha, Nebraska, Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, a delegation from the OCI, friends from First Presbyterian Church Houston, Texas, Mr. Walter Lewis from Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita, KS, and many more! Here are a few pictures from their visits:



Presbyterian Youth Victoria



West Hills Presbyterian, Omaha, NE visit with Lay Pastors



Rev. Case Thorp of OCI team talks with Rami after chapel



Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship with ETSC students on the Nile



Glenn and Dottie Thomason (right) visit Manshiet Nasr Evangelical Church



First Presbyterian, Houston, TX visit ETSC faculty and families

Upcoming Events: Egyptian Easter Worship April 23, Easter Break April 23-29.

We welcome your prayers and support! Please contact us at etsc@etsc.org for more information about our activities, degree programs, and how to partner with us as we train pastors and leaders in Egypt.