



ETSC Update – March 2009

News from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo



The Ecumenical Movement Comes to our Campus

A course is presently underway joining students of all Egyptian denominational families in one classroom at ETSC. The course on the History of the Ecumenical Movement is being shared between ETSC and the Catholic Institute at Sakakini in Cairo. The lecturers sharing in the course are from Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox denominations. The students participating come from Protestant, Catholic, Greek and Coptic Orthodox churches.



Renovation Work Continues

Renovation of the stairway on the main entrance to our educational building is underway, as is the construction of a new property wall around our campus. The purpose for both of these projects is to make access to our campus safe and secure for staff, students and guests, and to improve the appearance of our main entry area. When completed, our building will be handicapped accessible, with a walkway and ramp leading to an elevator to help the mobility challenged reach all floors in our educational building. Other projects in progress include the completion of our playing field and the construction work of the Center for Middle East Christianity.



Sharing with Lay Pastors

The team participated in a leadership training event at Mallawi Evangelical Church and spent time there with a group of 25 Trained Lay Pastors, in addition to visiting several village churches. The experience was equally uplifting for the delegation participants as for the Mallawi leaders for one another more effectively in the future.

Visiting Family in Mallawi

In Early March, members of a delegation from the Outreach Foundation of the PCUSA traveled six hours south of Cairo by bus to visit their brothers and sisters in Mallawi, Upper Egypt. The goal of the visit was to share with and encourage the leadership of the Mallawi area churches, and to better understand the importance of ETSC's efforts to train lay leaders



Visiting a village church

they visited. Both groups will strive to pray

News from the ETSC Archives

Currently the staff and volunteers of the ETSC archives are working hard on gathering the Oral History of the Egyptian Presbyterian Church, drawing on the knowledge and wisdom of generations of pastors and church leaders which can be preserved for the future. Interviews are being conducted with imminent leaders like Rev. Dr. Menees Abdel Noor, and Rev. Dr. Fayeze Ferras, and their recollections recorded on digital media. We hope that partnerships with other institutional archives abroad (such as Princeton and MHS Stavanger, Norway) can make our future efforts more effective.



A manuscript from the ETSC archives

Check out our website at www.etsc.org for periodic updates and news from our campus in Cairo. Please contact us at etsc@etsc.org for information on how to visit us and support our work and ministry of preparing pastors and leaders here in Egypt!