

Seedbed XI

At present approximately two thirds of these courses are available and in use. We've set ourselves the goal of completing the full curriculum by the year 2000, which means production and testing of roughly four courses per year.

It is for this purpose that we have established the administrative office, along with staff and installation, in Amman. Where feasible courses are based on existing TEE material from around the world, avoiding the proverbial reinvention of the wheel so innate to our profession. The majority of these courses originate from India, Pakistan and the Philippines. On particularly sensitive cultural issues, e.g. marriage and family, pastoral care and church planting, we emphasize both original authorship and national character. To this end we plan and participate in writers' workshops and the coordination of Christian literature production throughout the Arab World.

The successful completion of the 34 courses will lead to an accredited B.A. in Theology. The PTEE is a member of both the *Asian Theological Association (ATA)* and the *Middle East Association for Theological Education (MEATE)*, as well as being an associate member of the *International Council of Accrediting Agencies (ICAA)* of the *World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF)*. Now, how's that for organizational alphabet soup! The point is that we are connected with a credible international training network.

In conclusion, what would we like of you, the readers of *SEEDBED*? In short: prayer and support. We ask you to pray seriously for the all training of church leaders throughout the Arab World, whether using our material or not. We invite you to give generously and regularly to our efforts in quality course production. The cost/student ratio of PTEE indicates wise investment. I believe your dividends will prove abundant!

You know where to address your prayers. As for support, send your gift to any AWM office, earmarked **PTEE Textbook Project**.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

1. Two information items available from AMC, c/o KFS Consultants Ltd. PO Box 7186 Lykavitos CY1642 NICOSIA Cyprus:

A Comprehensive Listing Of Christian Arabic Radio Programmes, US\$4 / GBP25 + US\$2 postage & packing + US\$5 if paying by cheque. This booklet lists all Arabic programmes available each day with name of programme, name of producer, time and frequency. About fifty programmes are listed for each day from 1:00 A.M. to 22:30 P.M. The first section lists programmes according to programme name. The second lists programmes according to producer's name. Two short sections follow. The first gives a "footprint" of who broadcasts via what stations, what frequencies different stations use, and what area of the world they cover. The second gives addresses, phone and fax numbers for the different producers listed. While too bulky to use as a handout, the booklet is a valuable resource tool for Christian workers among Arabic-speaking peoples.

A Catalogue of Arabic Ministry Resources, available in electronic format or hardcopy, USD15 / GBP10 + US\$5 postage & packing for hard copy and US\$5 if paying by cheque. When ordering the Resource Catalogue on diskette the radio listing will be included free of charge.

Cheques should be made payable to KFS Consultants Ltd.

2. **A Worldwide Web home page** is now available giving important historical and factual information from a Christian perspective on subjects of longstanding debates between Muslims and Christians. One of the team involved with preparation of materials writes, "... it is not just the excitement of getting 'sensitive' materials to Muslim readers, but it opens up the opportunity for these readers to write back to the authors of the documents with their comments, criticisms and questions. It is not a one-way preaching exercise." The Internet address for accessing this material is <http://www.domini.org/debate/home.htm>.
3. **MINTOOLS** is an indexed collection of ministry tools contributed by field workers in the Arab world and containing over 50 ideas and suggestions for sharing with your friends and answering their objections. The topics of the collection include *Answers to Objections*, *Conversation Starters*, *Parables*, *Quranic Bridges*, *Redemptive Analogies*, *Riddles*, and *Trinity Analogies*.

All this information is free for the asking with only one small request — in order to receive a copy, you must submit a sharing idea (tool) that you have found useful. These tools will then be included in subsequent versions of the program. There are already 30 additional tools for the next version which will be available sometime this summer.

Computer Requirement: Any computer with MS-Windows (there is an MS-DOS version also). Where to get it: Request MINTOOLS from the *Seedbed* editor, 74674,631 @compuserve.com to receive it via email; PO Box 4006, Worthing, W. Sussex BN13 1AP, UK via snail mail.

4. [In *Seedbed* VII/4 Sam Schlorff, then editor, reported on **Visualized Bible** materials in Arabic. In the VIII/3 issue he gave an update on those materials, in which he said, "*Bible Visuals hopes to find volunteers to enter what exists on computer disk so that they can be reproduced more readily and upgraded to Literary Arabic for use across the Arab world.*" A colleague who is nearing the end of a long and fruitful career of discipling and church-planting ministry says that of all the materials she has used down through the years, "*The single most valuable material has been Visualized Bible.*" We have just received the following from Sam on progress of this project: "*There are now nine volunteers (one a former colleague) helping with this project. Three of the VB volumes have already been returned to me on diskette. When all who have a volume have returned their disks, the volumes on the gospels will be completed. More volunteers are still needed. With my new Arabic software, my computer can now read files written with many of the most common Arabic programs. Perhaps some of you now have a computer with Arabic software, and would be willing to enter one of the manuals on diskette. Or maybe you know of someone with the equipment, whether co-worker or Arab Christian, who might help. I would love to hear from you, whether to request information or to volunteer.*"

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