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Dr. Aquila's Report From Egypt

Dr. Dominic Aquila was in Egypt from March 19 through April 4 teaching at the New Geneva Seminary extension. As we have reported, the seminary began this extension program about 6 years ago, and it has grown to over seventy students. This year we had three students from the Kurdistan region of Iraq; it was good to hear of how the gospel is being received there.



We offered three courses during an intensive week of studies: The Gospel of John, The Book of Revelation, and an Overview of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. The students took an exam in each of these courses and were assigned further reading

and a research paper for each course, to be submitted in about a month.

We've noted before that the classes meet at the conference center of the Egyptian Presbyterian Church near Alexandria. All the instructors come from the U.S., all of them with competencies in their respective fields, and who raise their own support for travel. New Geneva raises support to cover the cost for administrative oversight, meals, travel in-country, and recordkeeping.

This year, instead of the instructors going to Tunisia, students from there flew to Cairo, where we spent the second week at another conference center not too far from the Red Sea. These students were mainly from Tunisia, but we had three students from Morocco and two from Algeria.

I take pleasure in reminding our students that even though the instructors are from the United States, much of the theology we are teaching them came originally from North Africa. Alexandria was a major center for biblical and theological training for the church in its early centuries. The Alexandrian School was a model educational institution. Some important early church fathers were trained and/or served there: Clement, Origen, Alexander, and Athanasius, to name a few. We still study and refer to Tertullian and Augustine, who were from an area further west, in what is now Tunisia and Algeria.

The truths these men taught shaped much of the theological formulations and language that we still use today. So I tell the students that all we are doing is bringing back to North Africa what the West received from them. Then I add an exhortation: if the West should ever lose its way spiritually, it is my hope that the truths we are replanting there will be carried once again to the West by faithful believers in North Africa. In this way, the students are encouraged to

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2017 New Geneva Commencement

The 2017 New Geneva Seminary Commencement will be Sunday, May 21, at Village Seven Presbyterian Church. You are invited to join us as our graduates celebrate this special day in their lives.

Your Gifts Are Appreciated

Thank you for your regular support to help us provide the highest quality Christ-centered education for our students. Thanks to the generosity of individuals like you, we are making a difference in the lives of students as they prepare to serve in vocational ministry here and around the world. Contact us at 719-573-5395.

A Prophecy of Gospel Victory and Hope

"In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together. In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The LORD Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance." Isaiah 19:23-25

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find out about and connect to their spiritual roots, and they are challenged about the notion that they will again be entrusted with the essence of God's truth to carry it to other parts of the world.

North Africa is a rich prospect for the gospel, and Egypt is uniquely placed in the region. The New Geneva Extension in Egypt is pivotal not only for the gospel's impact in Egypt but also for other parts of North Africa and the Middle East.



You are invited to partner in this educational and church-planting ministry in Egypt and North Africa; with your gifts and prayers we invite you to be a part of our support team.

A final note: The Sunday after I returned home, two churches in Cairo and Alexandria were bombed during Palm Sunday services. Some of our students reported that they had friends or family in these churches. This reminds us that in the midst of wide open doors of opportunity, there is also opposition to the church and its gospel of salvation in Christ alone. Pray for these fellow believers that the Lord will give them grace to be faithful even in the face of spiritual opposition.

– Dr. Dominic Aquila