

Email 18th August

Dear friends,

Yesterday, Alexandria School of Theology had to cancel the training we were planning to run this week (see below) when two of their key lecturers went off sick. They are very short staffed at the moment. The President, Bishop Samy Shehata is in Cairo after becoming archbishop and two full timers are out of country doing PhDs. With another full-timer having left, they are down to skeleton staff, relying mostly on part-timers.

Please pray for them as they struggle to keep on teaching. They still want to complete the Pedagogy course, but we will need to find time that is optimal for everyone.

Thank you for praying.

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Email 14th August

Dear friends

Please could you pray for the online training at Alexandria School of Theology (AST) in Egypt due to run next week. We did Phase 1 in Alexandria in 2019 and Dick visited Egypt during Phase 2 in 2020. Phase 3, however, will run online due to continuing Covid waves in South Africa and Egypt. There are several areas for prayer:

1. Most AST lecturers now have day jobs, so we will run a reduced course between 5 and 9 p.m. Monday to Friday. Please pray for stamina for all of us as we do this work "after hours".
2. Pray that we will connect well with all the lecturers after such long gaps between phases.
3. As always, please pray for stable electricity and internet in both countries.
4. Please pray for us as the Western Cape reaches the peak of the current Covid-Delta wave. We are finding that the 17 months of lockdown is beginning to wear us down emotionally, leaving us with less energy for periods of intense activity.

Thank you for praying about the riots in South Africa and the taxi violence in Cape Town a few weeks ago. The situation is now quiet.

Sincerely,

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