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*Dear Friend of ABTS,*

As we begin the last month of the 1998/99 seminary year, we have much to be thankful for ! Our God has been faithful in providing for our needs in every way. Fifty-seven students have studied this year in both morning and evening programs. It gives me pleasure to share with you some of the highlights of this school year.



*Dr. & Mrs. Chetti with Rev. & Mrs Khalaf*

### SEMINARY HIGHLIGHTS

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*Dr. Daniel Chetti*, our newest faculty member, and *Mrs. Sarah Chetti*, new ABTS librarian began their ministry among us. Dr. Chetti is teaching « History and Theology of Missions » this Spring, assisting the Academic Dean in various projects, and helping the librarian to develop our ABTS collection of books and learning resources.

Speaking of the library, the last days of February brought to ABTS the first ever Librarians' Conference of the *Middle East Association for Theological Education* (MEATE) with 15 participants from ABTS, Mediterranean Bible College, Christian Alliance Institute for Training, Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary and Ras Beirut Baptist Church. They dealt with such issues as Library Computerization, Classification and forming a MEATE Librarians' Association. By early April, our librarian and a volunteer from the USA, Mr. Philip Ewert, completed the computerization of our entire English collection, over 5,000 books. We plan to computerize our Arabic collection in June. Two computers are also available to our students at present and are located in the library.

In January, *Dr. Naji Abi Hashem*, ABTS alumnus and clinical psychologist who lives and works in Seattle, Washington USA, presented the seminary with a copy of the Dictionary of Psychology to which he himself has contributed numerous articles. Dr. Abi Hashem made himself available on several occasions to counsel with students.

In early February, Mr. Victor Hashweh, well-known for many years of ministry as an evangelist, Radio preacher and family life counselor, brought to us a Spiritual Life Week, special extended chapel messages and at times in the afternoons and evenings for special spiritual counseling with the students.

Five visiting professors have taught intensive courses at ABTS this year:

- Rev. Stan Scroggins : Church Education
- Dr. Bill Wagner : Discipleship
- Mr. Boulos Raad : Social Ministry
- Rev. Milad Doss : Personal Evangelism
- Dr. Tony Maalouf : Romans / 1 Corinthians