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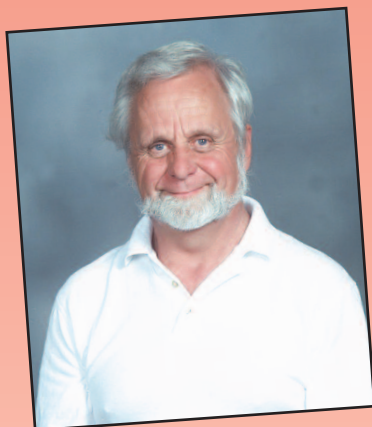
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PRAY FOR

## Roger Rogahn

Roger is the director of the graduate studies program at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo. He supervises the courses for students and arranges for visiting professors. He also teaches classes in the field of Middle East Christianity and the issues which these Christian churches face in their ministry.



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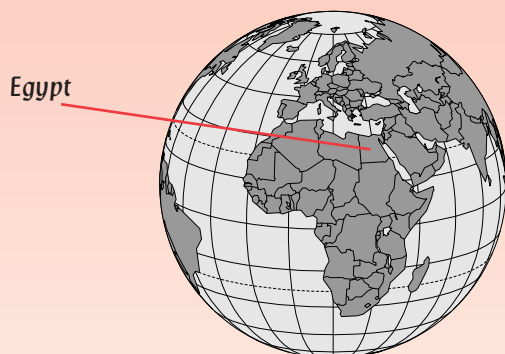
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### Prayer Concerns

- ✚ Pray for the students and faculty of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo.
- ✚ Pray for the churches that witness in this place, that Christians may find wisdom and courage in their mission.
- ✚ Pray for the work of the churches in the Sudan and for the refugee work which is done here in Cairo for those who fled the violence there.
- ✚ Pray for peace and justice in Palestine, an end to the violence and hostility which exists now.
- ✚ Pray for continuing financial support for the seminary and its students.



(see letter from Roger on the back side of this page)

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Greetings from Cairo,

I am Roger Rogahn and am serving as the director for graduate studies at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo. This seminary is part of the ministry of the Presbyterian churches of the world to carry out Christ's command to teach and preach the Gospel to all lands and all peoples. The seminary has been doing this for more than 100 years. At this time, it has a student body of more than 100 earning bachelor's degrees and about 25 in the graduate programs.

The vast majority of people in this land and throughout the Middle East are Muslim, and much of the culture reflects this. Christians are free to practice their religious beliefs but not in the open ways that we find in the United States. This makes the task of preparing leaders challenging.

My role in the graduate program is to arrange for the classes and supervise students as they write their dissertations. Preparing teachers for schools in Egypt and throughout the Middle East is a primary purpose for the graduate program. Although teachers now come from Europe, India, and America to teach here, it is hoped that more and more of the graduates of this program will take over this responsibility. The classes are taught in English so that some students may go on to universities in the United States and Europe to earn Ph.D.s. The classes are open to students from the Middle East, Europe, and the United States.

One of the students in the program is completing his second year and will now write his dissertation. His name is Daniel Amum, and he comes from the Sudan, a land south of Egypt that has experienced a civil war for more than 25 years. He described to me how whole villages were uprooted, fled the violence and now live as refugees within their own country or here in Egypt. Daniel says that the Word of God was preached with power during this upheaval and that many came to accept it during these difficult times, where before they had been more concerned about other things.

Daniel is writing his dissertation on the concept of affliction in the writings of St. Paul, particularly in 11 Corinthians. This is to me an example of how the discipline of learning in the seminary is being applied to the present context and challenges for the Gospel. I look forward to reading his thesis.

The class I now teach is called "Issues and Challenges Facing the Church in the Middle East". Included topics are Christian and Muslim dynamics, the changes that the modern world has brought to the Middle East, and the past and current situation in Palestine. I have included an article on "Christian Zionism" by Dr. Peter Pettit and the recent paper, "Churchwide Strategy for Engagement in Israel and Palestine" in the readings for this discussion. You can find them on the Web at [www.elca.org/peacenotwalls](http://www.elca.org/peacenotwalls) and [www.elca.org/jle](http://www.elca.org/jle)

My service here will end in July of 2009 because the ELCA has a long-term commitment to this seminary and its work and is currently seeking a qualified person to serve for up to 10 years. You can find the listing for this position through the Global Mission page on the ELCA web site.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the Global Mission program of our church. To me it is one of the most significant ministries we do in today's world.

In Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Roger Rogahn