

Subj: **AIMS classes and teachers?**
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Dear Praying Friends,

Below is a list of the proposed classes we hope to offer in the Athens Intensive Ministry School (AIMS) which will last for 6 months, hopefully starting in September 2004. The classes followed by (F/E) are courses we have on video in Farsi (understood by Afghans as well as Iranians) and English. We are currently looking for teachers (full-time, part-time, short-term, long-term) to teach the other classes listed. PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD TO LEAD US TO THEM AND THEM TO US!

In addition to classroom instruction, we will focus on the following:

1. Mentoring relationships between older believers and younger believers (inside and outside the classroom)
2. Character development in the context of community as the students live together, work together, fellowship together, and minister together
3. Ministry experience with the local church as the priority

As of today we have \$0 toward the \$49,550 we are trying to raise, but we believe more strongly than ever that it is both God's will and God's timing so we are moving ahead with planning and preparation. Thanks for your prayers for the provision of funds for:

1. Student scholarships for daily living expenses for 6 months (for 10 students)
2. 5 lunch meals a week for 6 months
3. Rent/utilities costs for an appropriate facility
4. Rent/utilities for student housing
5. Initial set-up costs for the school and apartment
6. On-going costs for supplies

If anyone would like to ask for more information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. If anyone wants or feels led to make an investment in this strategic ministry, please make checks out to: International Teams with a clear indication that it is for "AIMS-Athens", and send to:

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Below are the suggested courses for the first level of the 6 month AIMS course. Of course, we must expect some flexibility for changes to the courses or scheduling along the way. However, this is the suggested beginning. They are not listed in any particular order, though we will try to put FIRST the courses we have available in languages other than English while there is a greater focus on the English classes at the beginning of the school.

AIMS Courses--"final" proposed selection (not in order)

1. OT Survey (Farsi/Eng)—10 hours
2. NT Survey (Farsi/Eng)—10 hours
3. Servant leadership—Sammy Tippit--(Farsi/Eng.)—20 hours?
4. Praise & Worship (Farsi/Eng)—5 hours
5. Power of Prayer (F/E)—5 hours
6. Ministry of Helps (F/E)—5 hrs
7. Essence of Gospel (F/E)—5 hrs
8. Church-based training (F/E)—3 hrs
9. Cell groups (F/E)—5 hrs
10. Leader's Integrity (F/E)—2 hours
11. Leadership Vision (F/E)—5 hrs
12. Church Planting (F/E)—5 hrs
13. Wilderness Mentalities (F/E)—7 hrs
14. Developing Leaders (F/E)—5 hrs
15. Reconciliation (F/E)—4 hrs
16. Personal Evangelism (F/E)—5 hrs
17. Christ Connection (F/E)—7 hrs
18. Living to Give (F/E)—5 hrs
19. Reaching a New Generation (F/E)—7 hrs
20. Biblical Eldership (F/E)—5 hrs
21. Managing for Tomorrow (F/E)—4 hrs
22. Ministering to Youth (F/E)—4 hrs
23. Systematic Theology/Basic Doctrines (sin, salvation, Scripture, Trinity, covenants, grace, the Church, prayer, the second coming of Christ)
24. Hermeneutics
25. How to Prepare and Lead Bible Studies
26. Homiletics (E)—3 hrs
27. Jesus: His nature, character, words and works
28. Our Identity and Authority in Christ
29. Cross-cultural communication and missions issues
30. Church History
31. Marriage and Family
32. Church Dynamics
33. Pastoral Counseling (grief and trauma)
34. Galatians
35. Romans

36. I John
37. Jonah
38. How We Got the Bible
39. Discovering God's Will
40. Financial management
41. Sex
42. Ethics
43. Temptation
44. Developing a DISCERNING Heart (BEE course)
45. Hebrews
46. Genesis
47. Apologetics
48. Theology of Paul
49. Spiritual Formation—Body, Soul, Spirit
50. Children's Ministry
51. Basic Study Skills (E)
52. Life Stewardship (incl: priorities, boundaries, balance)
53. Conflict Management (E)--2 hrs
54. Spiritual Gifts (E)--3 hrs
55. Principles of Community
56. Basic Computer Skills
57. 7 Laws of the Teacher (E)—7 hours
58. 7 Laws of the Student (E)—7 hours
59. Personality Profiles
60. Women in Ministry/Leadership
61. The Minor Prophets
62. Developing a LISTENING Heart—6 hours

After 6 months, we should have a total of 267 hours of English classes, 833 hours of ministry classes, 119 hours of lunches together, and a yet-to-be-determined number of hours for practical ministry experience, community-building, and mentoring relationship building.

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