NAZARETH EVANGELICAL COLLEGE

YEAR END UPDATE

Dear friends and partners,

In the past year we experienced that God does things that are bigger than our dreams and expectations. He opens doors that we might not even think about and he can even give beauty for ashes.

Therefore, we continue to take upon ourselves the challenge and role to train the next generation of Christian leaders and pastors. Our students continue to join others in the work of the Kingdom, a work that will bring peace and hope for many people in this land and beyond. It is such a blessing to be able to do this work together with you.

God bless you in this new year,
Rev. Azar Ajaj
President

News

Leadership training:

For the 5th year, NEC partnered with the Baptist School in Nazareth to host the **Global Leadership Summit**. People throughout the community attended this event in November. The GLS served as outreach, as all dominations, faiths, and backgrounds were invited to participate. This year the GLS saw some changes as we dedicated a full day for the youth. We had over 50 young leaders attending the GLS, and the second day, which was opened to all age groups, saw an increase to upwards of 70 people.

Theology Teaching:

In spite of our small faculty size, our staff worked faithfully in teaching different courses on the B.A. and M.A. levels, both inside the college campus and outside. This year we offered more courses that were taught in church settings and worked alongside more churches than in years past. **Almost 70 total**

students joined in these courses for the 2019 Academic Year.

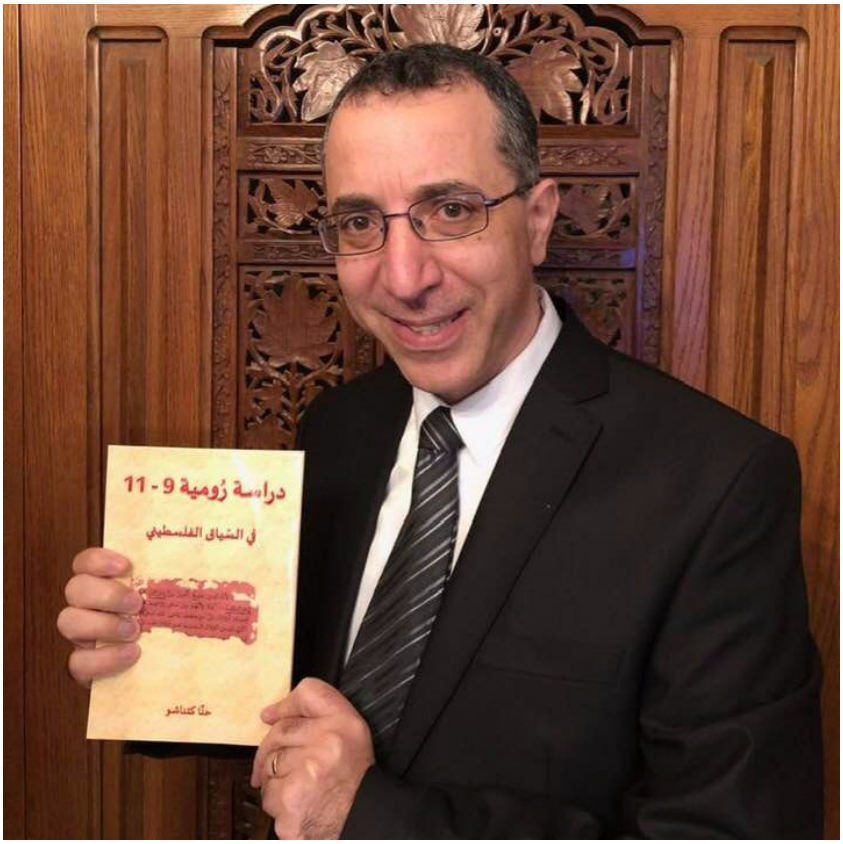
Mission Training:

At the beginning of this year, we held a special training for youth leaders and church leaders to interact with **Muslims and the Islamic faith.** This topic was discussed in a mature and loving Christian way. The teaching Professor, Colin Chapman, is a published Christian author and Islamic scholar.

Building Bridges:

As we have done in past years, **several of our faculty worked to build bridges with the Messianic Jewish Community through the annual Lavi Forest Meeting.** The Lavi Forest Meeting is a very special event for both

Messianic Jews and Arab Christians alike as we share in a time of worship, prayer, fellowship, and breaking bread. Our faculty also participated in monthly meetings, as well as attended conferences with theological institutions across many backgrounds in efforts to learn from each other and see how we might work together to further the Kingdom for Christ.



Literature contribution:

Our faculty and graduates worked hard publishing books and articles this year. One of our graduates, Abir Mansour, published a dissertation about the theological perspective concerning Mary the Mother of Christ. Other faculty members recorded videos about courses concerning the introduction of the Old Testament. Additionally, contributions in Arabic were provided for a book titled ***Why the Church?***, which is published by the Middle East Association of Theological Institution. Also, our Academic Dean, Yohanna Ketanacho, released his new Arabic book studying Romans 9-11 from the Palestinian Context and it is now available on Amazon.

Growth:

We are pleased to announce that our faculty has grown with the addition of **two new professors. Dr. Rula Khoury Mansour** who is developing the Department of Peace Studies and **Dr. Christine Dakwar**, who will be teaching Pastoral Ministry.

THANK YOU!

from all of us at Nazareth Evangelical College!

GivingTuesday: A special thank you to all who gave on #GivingTuesday this year.
You can still join in helping us meet our goal to provide students with a scholarship for 2020.
Simply click the link below!

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Student Spotlight

YARA

Hello, my name is Yara. I am 28 years old and I am from Nazareth.

I am an M.D. doctor doing my speciality in Family Medicine. My older brother is a dentist and my younger sister a physician at Nazareth English Hospital. We were brought up and raised by my amazing mother, who is a former English teacher.

I attended medical school abroad for 6 years. Throughout the years I had spent away from home, I missed studying the bible in my own language and listening to ceremonies in my mother's tongue.

I was glad to take a course in the Nazareth Evangelical College. I studied the minor prophets with Pierre Tannous. Such books might be sometimes overlooked. I was amazed of how much we can learn about God from these small but rich parts of the old testament. I learned about God's forgiveness, justice and righteousness. A key lesson I took with me is trusting God in my daily life and to not question His will. Such courses help to build a person that is a better example to others and a person who is strongly rooted in their faith. This is the kind of person I aspire to become for students younger than me.

Blessings from the home of Jesus Christ,
Yara

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

In 2020 we invite you to consider coming to Israel and encountering a unique institution representing a unique community in a unique land.

We offer university students and non-academic interest groups the opportunity to hear from a dynamic catalog of our lectures
OR
the opportunity to come on one our holistic 10-day study tours.

Click the link below for more information.

LECTURES AND TOURS

PRAYER

Please join us in prayer for the following requests:

- Pray with us that 2020 will be a year where we grow in effectiveness and influence.
- Pray that God will provide the provision necessary to fulfill our vision and mission as well as fund the projects we have.
- Pray for our students and alumni to be fruitful in their local church and in society.
- Pray for our faculty and staff to be faithful with each student, class, and opportunity that God gives us to love and equip.

THANK YOU!
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Our Faculty and Staff greatly appreciate your prayer and support! Together we are training the next generation of Christian leaders in the Holy Land. To God be the glory!

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