NAZARETH EVANGELICAL COLLEGE

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Dear friends and partners,

In the midst of these unsettling days, in the midst of fear, panic, and uncertainty that the world is going through as the result of the spread of COVID19, we still spread the message of hope and peace that comes from Jesus of Nazareth. Our faculty, students, and graduates, are making all efforts to encourage and comfort the people around them. I strongly believe that God was working through the college to equip and train pastors and leaders "***For Such a Time as This***".

We would like to thank you very much for your continued prayers and support for the ministry of Nazareth Evangelical College, you are a great blessing to us and to our ministry in Israel.

God bless you,
Rev. Azar Ajaj
President

News

NEC Graduation:

January 1, 2020 - NEC celebrated the graduation of seven of its students at the Nazareth Baptist School Hal. Four MA in Leadership and Christian Ministry and BA in Biblical Studies. Among those who graduated were two Greek Orthodox priests.

In Attendance: Families of graduates, NEC faculty, staff, and board of trustees.

Women visibility: Our MC was our new faculty member Dr. Christine Dakwar. Our main speaker was Ms. Dina Katanacho, Director of the Arab Israeli Bible Society.

Dead Sea Field Trip:

February 22, 2020 - Our college organized a trip to the Northern Dead Sea area, as a part of teaching in the following courses: The Spirituality of the Holy Land and

The Gospel of John.

We had a group of 55 participants that included students, church leaders, and families. The trip was led by Pierre Tannous, NEC teacher and Rev. Azar Ajaj, NEC President.

We visited three places:
1. Mount of Temptation, Jericho (Mount Quarantania), We spoke about the temptation of Jesus by Satan.

2. Qasr Al Yahud (the baptism site at the Jordan Valley/River)- Jesus' Baptism, the crossing of the people of God to the promised land, and the place where Elijah was taken up to heaven by chariots of fire.

3. The Qumran National Park: The Qumran community and the Dead Sea scrolls. For many it was the first time to visit those places, and they were blessed to learn the biblical stories in the areas where they happened.

Literature contributions:

Director of Peace Studies, Dr. Rula Mansour, published Theology of Reconciliation in the Context of Church Relations.

Academic Dean, Dr. Yohanna Ketanacho, published Devotions from the Old Testament and Reading the Gospel of John Through Palestinian Eyes (English Translation).

Courses for the Spring Semester:

MA:
1. Leader's Spiritual Formation, Rev. Dr. Nabil Samara
2. Bible Interpretation, Rev. Dr. Yohanna Katanacho.

BA:

1. Church History: Rev. Azar Ajaj.
2. The spirituality of the Holy Land: Pierre Tannous, at the Assemblies of God Church in Haifa.
3. The Gospel of John: Rev. Dr. Yohanna Katanacho at the Episcopalian Church in Nazareth.
4. The Gospel of John: Rev. Dr. Yohanna Katanacho at the New Covenant Church in Haifa.

REFUGEE MINISTRY

Please consider partnering with us to serve Syrian Refugees in Greece and Turkey

We have the opportunity to provide training in Arabic to Christian leaders and new Christ-followers amongst the Syrian refugee community. We will provide four one-week intensive training modules with a focus on **equipping new leaders from a Muslim background** to Pastor and lead their own people.

The overall cost is **£11,000 or $12,100.**

Will you or your church prayerfully consider sponsoring this initiative?
We thank you in advance!

Partnering with us:

*UK: For donations from the UK please visit **www.baptisttwinningisrael.org.uk** and go to Support page for details of giving via cheque or bank transfer.*

Other: For online donations please designate your giving with the words "NEC Refugee Ministry"

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PRAYER

Please join us in prayer for the following requests:

- Pray with us for God to heal our world from the Corona Virus.
- Pray that God will provide the needs of our institution during this economically difficult time in our country and around the world.
- Pray for our students, faculty, and alumni to be strengthened and given wisdom on how to minister to their family, neighbors and community during this unusual time.

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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