



QUARTERLY UPDATE



Dear friends and partners,

We hope this update finds you well. Please enjoy a brief update covering the third quarter of this year after a brief message from our President.

"...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2



The beginning of a new semester always brings with it new hopes and renewed energy to teach and train students. Paul commissioned Timothy to pass on what he received to others. This is what we strive to do at Nazareth Evangelical College; we do not spare any effort, skill, or resource in order to train our students to be faithful followers of Jesus.

As the rest of the world, we are going through challenging times due to the spread of the COVID-19. However, God has still been at work in amazing ways here in Nazareth. At Nazareth Evangelical College we have seen our class sizes triple from online students and we have continued educating our local student body. Especially in the days we are currently in Christian leaders, both men and women, are needed as much as ever to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people in Israel; News of salvation, peace, and hope. Therefore, we invite you to be our partners in this journey and to celebrate with us as we fulfill our mission.

God bless you,
Rev. Azar Ajaj
President

News



The New Semester Begins:

With all of the unique challenges that this year has posed we were excited to a new semester. We grew and learned a lot this past semester having to navigate through changing restrictions. Our faculty and staff are prepared and ready to fulfill our mission another unusual semester.



Lockdown Part 2:

Due to a sharp rise in the infection rate the Israeli government decided to impose the second nationwide lockdown as the country neared the holiday season. Schools that just reopened were shut down again. Road blocks were set up and many fines were given out to try and enforce this new closure. This means that we will still not be able to return to normal operations. We are praying that the country will be able to get things under control and be able to open up as safely and quickly as possible.



The Dream Team:

A few weeks back we showed up to the college to discover that a leak from one of our restrooms sink flooded the floors of the college. The president, admin, librarian, one of our professors, and development officer quickly got to work cleaning the floors. It was a team effort showing that no job is too large or too small for us. Teamwork makes the dreamwork!

Meet Our Staff

Pierre Tannous

Tell us about your recent studies...

Last August I finished my studies to become a licensed tour guide in Israel. It was two rigorous years of studying history, geography, archaeology, geology, zoology, botanics and more. On top of the studies were a total of 80 field trips all over the Holy Land. It was difficult, but at the same time the studies were tremendously enriching and enjoyable. It felt as if I was getting to know my country all over again in a deeper way through discovering layers of information that I had no idea even existed.

Why did you study tour guiding?

I studied tour guiding because I felt that I needed to know the Bible and its land in a different way. I wanted to know the land of the Bible through my legs and not only through my mind. I knew Bible's stories and texts well enough, but I didn't know them in the same way you do



when you connect with the history and geography.

How did your studies enrich your understanding of God and his Bible?

The focus on history in this course showed me how God works within history to fulfill his plans and to keep his witness alive among the nations. My studies of the geography of the Holy Land enriched my understanding of the context within which the biblical stories happened.

How will your studies help Nazareth Evangelical College?

Biblical geography is a field that can give life to almost all the biblical courses in our college. In addition we have a plan to make enrichment field trips to our staff, as well as trips for our students and the community. Moreover, I will be taking a leading role in Nazareth Evangelical College's International Study Program which helps international students and guests to discover our college's community and context. We offer tours and lectures that are suitable for both non-academic guests and university students. I encourage you to visit our site to know more about this program.

Learn more about our International Studies Program Below!

[Visit Our Site](#)

Learn Spoken Arabic on Youtube!



Check out one of our students' new Youtube Channel! Ibtisam focuses on teaching the basics of Spoken Arabic and brings 25 years of experience of teaching Arabic to English speakers. We plan to offer future participants in our International Study Program the opportunity to learn Arabic.

Prayer Request

The coronavirus pandemic became a great opportunity for us to serve with the wider Middle East area and beyond. So please pray with us for:

- The students in the new semester as we witnessed an increasing number of students some of them are from non-Christian background.
- That the NEC faculty and staff will meet the academic and discipleship needs of students.
- The challenges we are facing as a result of Covid-19; social distancing, financial needs, and so on.

Partner With Us

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with NEC? Your partnership will make it possible for us to finish this challenging year well and continue our mission in 2021. For instructions on how to give click the link below.

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THANK YOU!
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From all of us at NEC, we appreciate your faithful prayer and support! Together we are equipping the next generation of Christian leaders in the Holy Land. To God be the glory!

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