



# BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE



*"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" (Mark 16:6-7)*

## Dear friends and prayer partners,

In the scripture above, Mark recounts how Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome rose early on the first Easter Sunday and went to the tomb of Jesus on a mission to anoint his dead body. Imagine their surprise as they were given another mission—that of proclaiming Jesus' resurrection! This is the same message believers in Christ have been proclaiming since that history changing day. It is the same message Bethlehem Bible College is proclaiming in the place of Jesus' birth, and we are grateful to have you as partners in the ministry of the College as we declare Jesus' birth, death and resurrection until He comes!

It has been a fulfilling year thus far. In particular, the new Student Center building is being utilized more and more for classes, chapel, and special events. The teachers and students are enjoying studying and working in this comfortable and attractive environment. It will be even nicer when the building is completely furnished. We still need to furnish the kitchen/dining hall, the faculty and board meeting room, the student

canteen area, lounge areas and various office spaces. If you or a small group would like to help, we would be delighted to recommend a specific area for you to focus on.



*New Student Center*

At Bethlehem Bible College, our students are our most valuable asset. Many of our graduates are already actively serving the Christian community throughout the land. They are the leaders of the future. We are confident they will play a dynamic role in helping the College to emerge as a leading Christian institution in coming decades. In his book, "Light Force", Brother Andrew of Open Doors recognized one of our graduates and current faculty members, Jack Sara, as a significant leader. On page 265 of the book, Jack states, "At Bethlehem Bible College we are confronted with a

Biblical world view That was when I started really studying the Bible and understanding who God is and therefore how to view life." Today, Jack is a candidate for becoming the future president of Bethlehem Bible College.



*Rev. Jack Sara*

Thus far this year, we have engaged in a number of activities that are helping the college to stay relevant and influential in missions locally and abroad:

(1) The College has been receiving many volunteers, visitors, students and groups from around the world—among the countries represented have been China, Sweden, Holland, USA, UK and Switzerland. One group provided free medical services at a local clinic. We are thankful for each visitor and group who bless us and the Christian community with their presence.

(2) In February, the College facilitated a two-day training workshop on the Rev. Nicky Gumbel's well-known Alpha course. This course that focuses on the basic tenants of the Christian faith was held in the College's new student center building. It was attended by members of the staff and student body and led by Rev. Jeff Kirby and his colleague Rev. Bob LeLietner, two pastors from Kansas, USA.



*Students at Alpha Course*

(3) In March, the Mass Media arm of Bethlehem Bible College, New Vision Media Center, celebrated eight successful years. The event brought together 150 people from the community to celebrate the many successes for NVMC.

#### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND PRAYER NEEDS

**Christ at the Checkpoint, Hope in the Midst of Conflict** - The College has been busy planning for a second international conference that will be held from March 5-9, 2012. Please pray for the ongoing preparation and for the success of this conference which will deal with issues of theology and practical realities on the ground faced by Palestinians and Israelis. For more information and registration, please visit web page:  
<http://www.christatthecheckpoint.com>

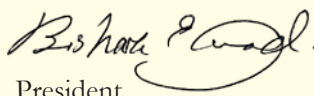
**Peace Center** - The College is making a feasibility study and has plans to start a Peace Study Center at BBC. In a land that has witnessed so much violence, we need to address this issue and what better place than Bethlehem Bible College.

**2011 Student Retreat** - BBC students will be having their annual retreat in April in Jordan. This is a rare opportunity

for our students to be together for a time of fellowship, spiritual formation and engaging the rich cultural, historical, religious and archeological contexts of the region. As we continue to be witnesses for Christ in the historical place of his birth, death, and resurrection, we are reminded that Jesus is going ahead of us to prepare the way, to give guidance, comfort and hope! We remember the words of the angel to the women at the tomb of Jesus that "He is Risen" and "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." Please pray with us that we will see great things accomplished for the glory of God and his kingdom in the coming months and year.

#### Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Dr. Bishara Awad



President

#### SPECIAL NEWS

President Bishara is being awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at his Alma Mater, Dakota Wesleyan University, on April 30, 2011. This is the university's highest honor. Bethlehem Bible College's board, faculty, staff and student body congratulate him for this outstanding award!

✂ P.S. From time to time we send email updates; if you would like to receive these, please provide us with your current email. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Opportunity to Bless

I would like to help in the furnishing of the New Student Center by donating one or more of the following item (s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Dining Room Chair(s) @ \$100 for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dining Room Table(s) @ \$150 for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Furnishings, Equipment & Appliances for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please use my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ where most needed.

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