YANAL AYOUB

STUDENT PROFILE



31 years old • Male • Jordanian • Episcopal Evangelical Church • Master of Divinity

Biography

Originally trained as a civil engineer, Yanal's life took an unexpected turn when he lost sight in his right eye following a serious illness. After years of medical treatment and uncertainty, he sensed a call to dedicate his life to serving God and others. Today, he is pursuing theological studies at NEST to deepen his understanding of Scripture and prepare for ministry.

Calling / Purpose

Having already taught Bible lessons to both adults and children, Yanal joined NEST to strengthen his theological foundation and serve more effectively. He is passionate about helping others encounter Christian truth in ways that speak to everyday life.

"Before NEST, I thought I knew enough. Today, I know I must continue learning in order to serve God faithfully."

Vision

To teach and communicate God's truth in ways that transform lives, while serving others with humility, wisdom, and compassion.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room and Board	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$14,600	$8,300	$6,300	$11,000	**$3,600**

MARIE LOUISE YOUMOUCHAKIAN

STUDENT PROFILE



21 years old • Female • Armenian-Lebanese • Armenian Evangelical Church • Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education

Biography

Marie Louise joined NEST after her freshman year of university, seeking a place where she could grow in faith while preparing for ministry. In the midst of Lebanon's instability and personal challenges, NEST became a space of friendship, community, and spiritual growth.

Calling / Purpose

She feels called to deepen her biblical knowledge and serve God wherever He leads her. Through NEST, she is growing in confidence, resilience, and maturity as she prepares to serve others through ministry.

"NEST helped me grow into a stronger follower of Christ and built my confidence."

Vision

To continue growing in faith and education, using what she learns at NEST to serve others and make a meaningful difference.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room and Board	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$9,800	$3,500	$6,300	$7,600	**$2,200**

GARABED BEDIKIAN

STUDENT PROFILE



30 years old • Male • Armenian-Lebanese • Armenian Evangelical Church • Master of Divinity

Biography

Before coming to NEST, Garabed worked as a mathematics teacher. After struggling with the decision to leave his educational career, he felt called to pursue theology and follow a path of deeper faith, ministry, and service.

Calling / Purpose

Garabed joined NEST to deepen his relationship with God, grow in theological knowledge, and prepare for ministry within the Armenian church and beyond.

“The most meaningful part has been living in a learning community where faith and daily life intersect.”

Vision

To serve the Church and community with a stronger theological foundation, spiritual maturity, and a deeper understanding of people from different countries and perspectives.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room and Board	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$14,500	$8,300	$6,300	$11,000	**$3,600**

BISHARA STAVROS

STUDENT PROFILE



22 years old • Male • Palestinian • Evangelical Lutheran Church • Bachelor of Theology

Biography

Active in his church from a young age, Bishara developed a love for Scripture, service, and ministry. He previously studied Sustainable Energy Engineering at Bethlehem University before choosing to pursue theological education and prepare himself more intentionally for service to God and others.

Calling / Purpose

Bishara desires to deepen his relationship with God, strengthen his theological understanding, and prepare for faithful service in the Church. The encouragement of his pastor and bishop played an important role in helping him recognize and pursue this calling.

“Your support is giving me a chance not only in education, but also in my future ministry.”

Vision

To grow into a faithful servant of God, equipped with theological knowledge, spiritual maturity, and the ability to serve the Church and community with faith, love, and hope.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room and Board	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$14,600	$8,300	$6,300	$11,000	**$3,600**

SIRAJ KHADER

STUDENT PROFILE



17 years old • Male • Palestinian • Evangelical Lutheran Church • Bachelor of Theology

Biography

Growing up in Bethlehem, Siraj developed a deep interest in Scripture, theology, and the life of the Church. After completing high school, he chose to pursue theological education at NEST as an important step toward responding to his sense of calling.

Calling / Purpose

Siraj feels called to pastoral ministry and hopes to serve as a Lutheran pastor through preaching, teaching, prayer, pastoral care, and walking alongside people through different seasons of life.

“I want my ministry to point people toward Christ and help them know and trust God.”

Vision

To become a faithful pastor equipped with theological depth, practical ministry skills, and a strong spiritual foundation to serve his community and the wider Church.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room and Board	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$14,600	$8,300	$6,300	$11,000	**$3,600**

HAKOB ISRAYELIAN

STUDENT PROFILE



31 years old • Male • Armenian • Armenian Evangelical Church • Master of Divinity

Biography

Before coming to NEST, Hakob studied Law in Armenia. Over time, he felt drawn toward theological education and chose to pursue a different path, continuing his formation through the Master of Divinity program at NEST.

Calling / Purpose

Hakob hopes to prepare for pastoral ministry and return home equipped to serve the Church faithfully. His theological studies are helping him deepen his understanding of Scripture, ministry, and Christian leadership.

“I hope to return home prepared to serve God faithfully and care for His Church.”

Vision

To become a pastor who serves God and his community with faithfulness, theological depth, and a strong commitment to the life of the Church.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room and Board	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$14,750	$8,450	$6,300	$11,100	**$3,650**