TIMOTHY BOTROS

STUDENT PROFILE



20 years old • Male • Egyptian • Church of God • Diploma in Theology

Biography

Originally from Egypt and raised in Lebanon for the past eleven years, Timothy has been actively involved in ministry from a young age. Wanting to better serve teenagers and answer their questions about faith with confidence, he joined NEST to deepen his theological understanding and grow as a leader.

Calling / Purpose

Timothy is passionate about mentoring young people and helping them navigate questions of faith. Through his studies at NEST, he is developing the knowledge, wisdom, and spiritual maturity needed to serve the next generation with confidence and compassion.

"The professors aren't just our teachers; they are our mentors and friends."

Vision

To continue serving young people by sharing the hope of Christ, equipping them to grow in faith, and building communities marked by love, understanding, and service.

Budget Needed				
Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room and Board	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$3,000	$3,000	None	$650	**$2,350**

PIERRE HADDAD

STUDENT PROFILE



29 years old • Male • Lebanese • Presbyterian Church • Master of Divinity

Biography

Originally from Saida South of Lebanon, Pierre came to NEST without knowing exactly how this educational step would become possible. Through the support and care of the NEST community, he was able to continue both his theological education and residential life with greater stability and hope.

Calling / Purpose

Pierre feels called to serve God and others. His studies at NEST have strengthened his faith, deepened his sense of purpose, and helped prepare him for a life of service and ministry.

“NEST gave me the support, community, and education I needed to continue my journey and grow in my purpose to serve God.”

Vision

To continue growing in faith and theological knowledge, using his education and experiences to serve God, support others, and contribute meaningfully to the Church and community.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$8,600	$5,900	$2,700	$900	**$7,700**

GEORGE SHAMMAS

STUDENT PROFILE



29 years old • Male • Syrian • Presbyterian Church • Master of Divinity

Biography

Originally from Aleppo, Syria, George came to NEST after completing his university studies amid years of conflict and instability. Since joining NEST, he has continued his theological formation while navigating Lebanon's successive crises, finding in the NEST community a place of stability, learning, and belonging.

Calling / Purpose

George feels called to serve the Church and wider community through practical ministry, compassionate leadership, and diaconal service. NEST has helped him connect theological learning with the real needs of people living through conflict and uncertainty.

"NEST did not just teach me theology; it gave me a diverse family and the critical resilience to live out my faith in a broken world."

Vision

To serve the Church and communities of the Middle East with theological depth, empathy, critical thinking, and a commitment to practical ministry and healing.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$10,000	$5,000	$5,000	$6,500	**$3,500**

MERIT UCHECHI

STUDENT PROFILE



26 years old • Female • Nigerian • City Bible Church • Diploma in Theology

Biography

Originally from Nigeria, Merit came to Lebanon during a deeply difficult season of her life. After losing her husband shortly after arriving and facing life without family nearby, she found strength in Scripture and learned to depend more deeply on God. Her journey eventually led her to NEST, where she has found renewed hope, purpose, and direction.

Calling / Purpose

Merit feels called to serve through teaching and worship leadership. With a background and passion for music, she hopes to write and lead worship that is deeply rooted in Scripture and theological truth.

"It is a gift of clarity and hope — God turning my pain into purpose."

Vision

To serve the Church as a teacher and worship leader, combining her love for music with a deeper understanding of God's Word to encourage and strengthen others.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$6,500	$6,500	None	$1,100	**$5,400**

ROGENA SHENODA

STUDENT PROFILE



25 years old • Male • Egyptian • Nazarene Evangelical Church • Master of Divinity

Biography

Originally from Egypt, Rogina came to Lebanon as a missionary serving through Christian organizations while also working part-time to support herself. Her journey has been shaped by a desire to move beyond inherited faith and develop a deeper, more personal understanding of God.

Calling / Purpose

Rogina feels called to disciple others, especially young people, helping them grow in faith, discover their gifts, and understand their purpose. Through NEST, she hopes to become better equipped to engage difficult questions with wisdom, openness, and confidence.

“For me, studying at NEST means gratitude, courage, and a blessing.”

Vision

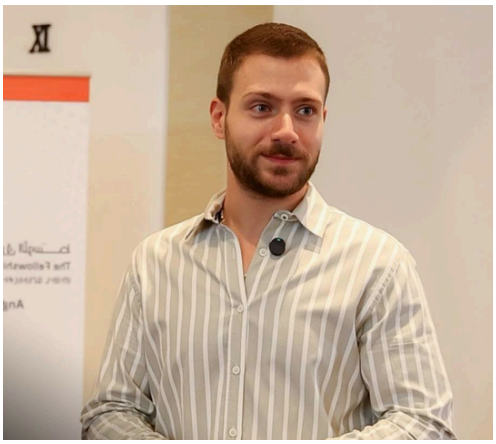
To serve young people through discipleship and meaningful relationships, using her theological education to help others explore faith with honesty, depth, and openness.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$6,500	$6,500	None	$1,100	**$5,400**

GEORGE SARKIS

STUDENT PROFILE



30 years old • Male • Syrian • Presbyterian Church • Diploma in Theology

Biography

George is originally from Syria and is currently balancing full-time work with theological studies at NEST. Alongside his professional responsibilities, he has remained committed to serving God faithfully and continuing to grow in his understanding of the Christian faith.

Calling / Purpose

George desires to deepen his theological knowledge so that he can serve God more faithfully in everyday life, both through his work and within the Church.

"I want to keep growing in my knowledge of God so that I can serve Him faithfully wherever I am."

Vision

To continue developing a strong theological foundation and use what he learns at NEST to serve God with greater wisdom, faithfulness, and purpose in both his professional and church life.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$1,700	$1,700	None	$700	**$1,000**

NERCESS BAGHDOYAN

STUDENT PROFILE



50 years old • Male • Armenian-Lebanese • Armenian Evangelical Church • Diploma in Theology

Biography

Nercess is a full-time professional who chose to continue his theological education at NEST because he believes that learning and growing in the Word of God is a lifelong journey. Despite the responsibilities of work and daily life, he remains committed to deepening his faith and theological understanding.

Calling / Purpose

Nercess desires to keep growing spiritually and intellectually so that his faith continues to shape the way he lives, serves, and relates to others.

“Learning and growing in the Word of God never stops.”

Vision

To continue developing a deeper understanding of Scripture and theology, allowing lifelong learning to strengthen his faith and guide his service to God and others.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$1,700	$1,700	None	$1,000	**$700**

GERARD GHAZARIAN
STUDENT PROFILE



37 years old • Male • Armenian-Lebanese • Armenian Evangelical Church • Master of Sacred Theology (STM)

Biography

Gerard is a former NEST graduate who continues to see the school as an important part of his formation and ministry. Today, he serves as the senior pastor of the First Armenian Evangelical Church while continuing his studies through NEST's Master of Sacred Theology program.

Calling / Purpose

Gerard is committed to serving the Church through pastoral ministry, theological reflection, and lifelong learning. His return to NEST reflects his belief that growth in faith, ministry, and theological understanding never truly ends.

"My growth at NEST never ends."

Vision

To continue serving the Church with greater theological depth, pastoral wisdom, and faithfulness, while allowing ongoing study to strengthen both his ministry and his personal formation.

Budget Needed

Total	Tuition and Academic Fees	Room	Amount Covered	**Amount Needed**
$1,700	$1,700	None	$1,000	**$700**