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Nursing Students Receive Scholarships and Honor Nancy Martin



Nazareth Academic School of Nursing recently awarded twenty students scholarships of 2,000 Shekels (1/3 the average monthly income for employed Arab-Israelis). In the photo above, scholarship recipients met to receive the awards and to hear about Nancy Martin's foundational work for the Nazareth School. The School director, Dr. Salam Hadid, is on the far right.

A Visit to Nazareth Village Leads to a Major Gift

Terrance (Terry) Overholser has volunteered to serve on the International Chaplaincy team at Nazareth Hospital—a natural extension of his personal Christian faith and counseling experience. Terry has also been a faithful supporter of Nazareth Village since his first visit in 2019.

In the 1980s, Terry, his wife Dawn, and their two daughters lived in Asia and Europe while he worked in international banking. In 1988 he was transferred to New York City to take over responsibility for the bank's international operating subsidiary.

Within a few years, facing a mid-life crisis, Terry sensed a call to become equipped as a counselor. Building on his multi-cultural business and people skills,

he pursued full-time graduate work at Columbia University in psychology, so he could better help those struggling with either marital issues at home or leadership challenges at work.

He put this work on hold in 2018 when his wife began to suffer from a variety of health problems that limited her freedom. When her late-stage cancer was discovered, she had only a few weeks to live.

After Dawn's death, stunned and in deep

mourning, Terry made a trip to Israel with his grandson Cameron. The trip included a visit to Nazareth Village where Terry had new personal and spiritual insights.

Terry received a strong sense that God had something very special in mind for him in Israel—and Nazareth in particular.

Terry and Cameron were both impressed with the Village's historical authenticity and sincere representation of the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. Before leaving the Village, they placed a stone in honor of Dawn.

To help get the Nancy Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund past \$150,000 by June 30, Terry Overholser and Bob Martin have pledged to match your gifts up to \$25,000. We at NPI hope to grow that fund to \$200,000 by end of 2022.

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After reading Dr. Robert Martin's memoir, *Together in Galilee*, Terry and Bob met in person. The two friends have since traveled between their respective homes in Annapolis, MD and Wrightsville, PA to share food, coffee, and conversation.

Bob notes that Terry's experiences mirror some of his own. "When I first met Terry last September I was impressed by his deep sense of calling to serve the Lord by reaching out to the people of Israel and particularly in Nazareth. Because of similar life experiences—including the death of a spouse—we quickly developed a mutual friendship."

Terry highlights that he and Bob share a common commitment to faith and service. "It is so rare to meet someone with Bob's intelligence and training willing to give so freely of himself for a higher cause. He has that rare quality of both strength of conviction and humility, both head and heart.

"I wish I had known his wife, Nancy, for what they did has created a lasting legacy of faith and service that will live in eternity."



Terry Overholser, left, and Bob Martin pose outside a restaurant in Annapolis, MD.

A reflection on SERVE by Kathy Ochocki

To live and serve where Jesus grew up was nothing short of magical!

Spending a month in Nazareth was one of the highlights of my life! It was November of 2019, and I volunteered with the SERVE Program at the Nazareth Village and Nazareth Hospital. Sharing the experience with other volunteers made it even more special.



Kathy Ochocki (left) with her friend, Kitty (right) in Nazareth. Kitty is from Hong Kong and she was a SERVE volunteer at Nazareth Village with Kathy. Kathy is from Northport, AL.

At Nazareth Village, (an open-air museum that replicates life in first-century Galilee), I served as Hostess at the period restaurant, there on the grounds. As Village staff served a delicious array of first-century foods to eager visitors from all over the world, I would identify and comment on the foods. The menu included savory roasted chicken, lentil soup, cabbage salad, authentic dips and pita bread, along with a dessert of apple slices with date paste. Visitors always remarked how delicious the food was, and how special the experience!

Volunteering in the Chaplaincy program at Nazareth Hospital is also a treasured memory. What a special opportunity to show and share the love of Jesus! I was paired with a local volunteer and we would visit different wards, visiting and praying with anyone who welcomed this form of encouragement. I became friends with one such patient, and we now keep in touch through Facebook.

During my time in Nazareth, I clearly felt God confirming His call on my life. Lord willing, I hope to return when the borders open, and volunteer long term with SERVE Nazareth. All those with a heart to serve, and a love of adventure should consider applying. Housing and food are provided for a very reasonable monthly fee, and opportunities to explore the many spots of historical significance are made available. Believe me when I say, you will be blessed!

SERVE Nazareth plans to re-open later in spring 2022.

Legacy gifts that support Nazareth Project into the future

There are giving strategies that can help you to increase your impact on NPI's important initiatives while also building charitable tax advantages.

- **Charitable bequest**

Consider naming NPI in your will or trust. There are a number of ways to structure this gift, including: designating a specific item or amount of money or leaving a percentage of your estate. If your estate is subject to estate tax, your generous gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

- **Name NPI as a beneficiary in your retirement plan**

Donating your qualified retirement plan to NPI as a giving strategy has significant advantages. These gifts allow your heirs to avoid income taxes and potentially estate taxes upon your passing.

- **Giving through a new or current life insurance policy**

You can name NPI as the beneficiary or the owner of a life insurance policy. Your gift can support NPI at a modest cost. Benefits from this gift can include an income tax deduction for cash value and/or premiums paid.

We'd love to talk more with you about smart giving options and the ways they can benefit NPI's mission. For more information, please reach out to Elyse Kauffman, Charitable Consultant, at elyse.kauffman@everence.com or 717-653-6662 or Howard Good, Executive Director at Nazareth Project, Inc. at howardgood@nazarethproject.org or 717-290-1800.

Please consult with your accountant or financial consultant for specific information about and potential strategies for your personal situation.



Join NPI's anniversary celebration

June 4, 2022
7 pm (EDT)
Featured speaker,
Richard Mayhew
of Nazareth Trust.

Attend the
live event
at
Akron Mennonite
Church
or
join via Zoom.

Wayne Speigle,
tour host



“HEALING AND HOPE” Tour of Israel/Palestine includes Nazareth Hospital 160-Year Anniversary

Visit Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and other important historical sites in Israel/Palestine during October 12 -23, 2022. The NPI-sponsored tour will spend four nights in Jerusalem and six in Nazareth. While in Nazareth, the tour will visit the Nazareth Hospital, Nazareth Academic School of Nursing and Nazareth Village — important partner organizations of Nazareth Project.

The tour will focus on historic sites, current realities and reasons for hope in present-day Israel/Palestine (including the Galilee, the West Bank, Jerusalem and many other sites near Jerusalem). The tour will include visits to the following: Mount of Olives, Temple Mount, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Yad Vashem, Masada, Qumran, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Cana...and many more.

The tour will include a special 160th anniversary event at Nazareth Hospital on October 22.

For more information please call NPI at 717-290-1800 or email us at npi@nazarethproject.org.



Ibrahim Emtanis,
tour guide



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