



## Bishara Awad – agent of peace in a world of conflict

Bishara Awad was born in Jerusalem in 1939. During the height of the Arab/Israeli conflict, Bishara's father fell victim to a stray bullet, and Bishara became a refugee along with his mother, three brothers and three sisters.

Following his high school education in Jerusalem he attended the Dakota Wesleyan University in the USA

After marrying Salwa from Gaza in 1970 and the birth of their first son, Sami, in 1972, Bishara returned to Palestine to work in the Hope School in Beit Jala. He served as principal for ten years.

In 1979, Bishara felt led to start Bethlehem Bible College and with the support of other Christian leaders, began this ministry during evening hours at Hope School. From 1979 until 2012, Bishara has served as president of Bethlehem Bible College. Today, Bethlehem Bible College is a fully accredited institution that enjoys its own campus and serves 130+ young men and women each year. Extension satellites operate in the Galilee region. Graduates of Bethlehem Bible College are serving their communities as pastors, Christian educators, counsellors and tour guides.

He personally has a wonderful ministry of reconciliation and has been used by the Lord to bring people of all nationalities together through Christ. He is a godly man with a remarkable story of reconciliation that will challenge and inspire.



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Bethlehem Hope exists to support the Bethlehem Bible College in Australia through information, fundraising and cultural exchange.

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