

## Visiting Palestine and the Holy Land as Pilgrim Not Tourist

Isai Garcia, a seminary student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary gives a remarkable account of his recent, eyeopening pilgrimage to Palestine and the Holy Land. Sadly, the majority of American Christian who go to Israel, just go as tourists looking at Biblical sites. And, most often, they come away with no idea about the obstacles their Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters in Christ face in a country of military occupation that is rife with discrimination, even towards the arab citizens of Israel. In this program, Isai recites "The Pilgrim's Prayer" that started every day on their travels through the Holy Land. (31 minutes) In the photo, Isai is standing in front of the Israeli separation wall that is surrounding and choking off places like Bethlehem (see "[Keep Bethlehem Open and Help Palestinian Christians Stay](#)")



While in the Holy Land, Isai Garcia prayed at the Israeli Separation that it would come down.



