



***“Through faith in the name of Jesus,
this man was healed—and
you know how crippled he was before.
Faith in Jesus’ name
has healed him
before your very eyes.”***

Acts 3:16 (NLT)

Michigan District Church of the Nazarene
NMI Resource Book
2023-2024

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Nazarene Missions International (NMI) is the organization responsible for engaging and mobilizing the local church in missions and the denomination’s representative for missions on the district and in the local church.

NMI focuses on **5 strategic areas** where the local church can have the maximum impact on missions. Focusing on these five areas of impact does not diminish other areas of NMI influence rather they are stepping stones to deeper involvement in missions.



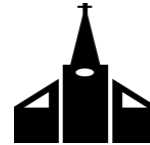
Prayer



World Evangelism



Engaging Children



Alabaster



Care and Connection
(of our missionaries)

“Here’s the knowledge you need: you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. And you will be My witnesses, first here in Jerusalem, then beyond to Judea and Samaria, and finally to the farthest places on earth.” Acts 1:8 (The Voice)

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Find information at: **Nazarene Missions International** or scan the QR code

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The Importance of Missions

- The early church **IS** our example. After the crowd received the filling of the Holy Spirit, they were to spread out in the area and around the world carrying the Gospel to those who had not heard. It was a direct command from Jesus.
- We are commanded to go...to teach others about God. Jesus preached the good news in word and we are to follow in His footsteps. Jesus especially lived among those who were hurting, weak and poor.
- People need to hear the Gospel! An individual can only do so much. Through the Nazarene mission program we pool our resources to assist with funding the global church, called World Evangelism Fund—WEF.
- Missionaries are dependent on churches and on you. It isn't just financially; it includes praying supporting and encouraging our missionaries. In the book of Philippians, Paul thanked the churches multiple times for the support of his ministry. The same happens today.

We have a responsibility and privilege to support those who are going.

How do **you Speak Jesus** through local /global missions? _____

How does **your church Speak Jesus** to local/global missions? _____

How are you able to do a little more? _____

**We as North Americans are blessed!
Our bank accounts and time should reflect
reaching out OUR hands to OUR neighbors,
whether globally or locally that are in need!**



World Evangelism Fund (WEF)



- World Evangelism Fund (WEF) fuels the **ENTIRE** church’s ministry by combining each **ALL** gifts from **ALL** Nazarene churches. The World Evangelism Fund provides the undesignated money and mission network that all Nazarene ministries need. Your gifts create and sustain ministries, and allow ministry personnel to spread the gospel. The life that is changed for eternity is beyond financial value!
- Each year every church in the denomination is asked to give a portion of their yearly funds for the purpose of making Christ-like disciples in all nations.
- The giving goal is 5.5% of a local church’s current income. This goal is the same for all churches in all world regions. The Church of the Nazarene continues to thrive, as it has historically, because of the generosity of people.
- WEF is **VITAL** to the work of our global church. Send in the offerings as soon as possible since funds are needed now! Talk to your church treasurer on how to give through Funding the Mission website.

“It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out give God.”

Charles Spurgeon



Discover the Joy of Giving!



WHAT IS FUNDING THE MISSION?

The Funding the Mission website is a dynamic tool that connects the local church to the global Church of the Nazarene as it brings life transformation through Jesus Christ.



For more information click: fundingthemission.org



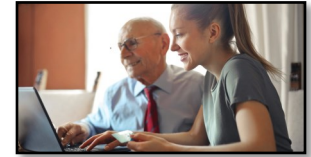
Engaging Children and Youth

Provide opportunities for the children and youth to learn and experience mission and to respond to God's call. Make it exciting and fun!



Here are a few ideas:

- Plan a service activity one a month, or once a quarter.
- Participate in youth mission trips or join with other churches on mission trips. There are many areas around the state including Flint Forge or a Compassionate Ministry Center.
- Participate in Crisis Care Kits and School Pal Paks.
- Encourage children and youth to give financially to the WEF, Alabaster, Easter and Thanks Offerings.
- Explain the concepts compassion, missions, service and prayer.
- Involve children and youth in your Faith Promise plans.
- When having a missionary in your church, plan a separate time for them to speak with your children and youth.
- Present a monthly missions lesson for children and youth.
- Include them in learning how to pray and making prayer reminders for the entire church.
- Provide global awareness of people's needs. Ask for their ideas on service projects and then act on it!
- Volunteer at Community Services Centers, Day Centers, and Mission Centers.
- Go to school play grounds and pick up trash especially before school starts. Offer awards!
- Do leaf raking, pick up sticks in the yards after winter, shrub trimming, window washing for the elderly, changing out smoke detector batteries, handing out hot chocolate to the homeless.
- Shopping cart retrieval for those strip malls or smaller stores that might not have designated employees to collect carts, i.e., Target, GFS, Dollar Tree. Check especially around the perimeter of the parking lots or at bus stops.



Where To Send Offering Funds



**Send to:
District Office
Grand Ledge, MI**

- District Missions Project
- District W & W Funds
- 5K / Walk / Run Funds
- Convention Deputation Offering (or bring to Convention)
- Convention Links Offering (or bring to Convention)

**Send checks to:
Michigan District Church of the Nazarene
15180 S. Wright Rd.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837**

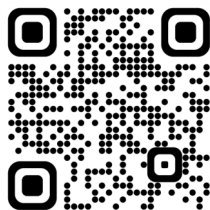


Include full church name and offering / fund designation.
Or pay online at:
michigandistrict.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving

**Send to: Global
Treasury
Services,
Kansas City, MO**

- 10% Approved Specials
- Alabaster Offering
- Child Sponsorship
- Compassionate Ministries Offering
- Distinguished Service Award (\$125)
- Care and Connection Gifts
- World Evangelism Fund Offerings

Send to: Global Treasury Services
Church of the Nazarene
PO Box 843116
Kansas City MO 64184-3116



Or pay online at: fundingthemission.org



To pay online: fundingthemission.org



Missionary Care and Connection Program

The Care and Connection program is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarenes around the world. Each district is privileged to care for their own district missionaries, whether sponsored or global, plus one additional missionary family.

You are encouraged to support the missionaries throughout the year, with prayer, emails, and donations. Send financial donations through Funding the Mission. Do not send cash or checks directly to the missionary. Always include the name of the missionary and your church's name on the check or online giving. For retired missionaries, send financial donations/cards directly to their home. Any amount over \$600 needs to have a 1099 attached.

Life on the mission field often means dealing with uncertain or inconsistent internet and not enough time in the day to get everything done. We give grace for our missionaries on responding as we know this personal connection is as vital to them as it is for your church.

Michigan Missionaries Care and Connection David and Sylvia Potter — Served in PNG and Vanuatu



Address:
4279 30th St.
Dorr, MI 49323

- Special Dates:**
- David b-day: July 5
 - Sylvia b-day: March 17
 - Anniversary: June 7

Email address: dspotter.vu@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/davidandsylvia.potter>

Churches assigned to care and support David and Sylvia through prayer, emails and financial gifts are:

Alma	Midland Nease	Saginaw Swan Valley
Bay City Faith	Mt. Pleasant First	Saginaw Valley
Bay City First	New Lothrop	Saint Johns
Midland Bethel	Okemos	Spring Arbor
Midland Community	Saginaw First	Sturgis

For Potters:

- Ask David and Sylvia, how your church can pray and support them.
- Send cards and monetary donations to their home for special days, celebration days and just because days! Our church will care for our Potters by: _____.

Michigan Missionaries Care and Connection Nate, Hope, Forest, and Peter Owens—Kenya Africa



Special Dates:

- Nate b-day: January 1
- Hope b-day: June 26
- Anniversary: June 7
- Forest b-day: March 9
- Peter b-day: September 7

Email address: nowens@africanazarene.org
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hrowens>

Churches assigned to care and support the Owens family through prayer, emails and financial gifts are:

Battle Creek First	Journey of Grace	Owosso City
Durand	Lansing First	Owosso First
Ebenezer	Lansing International	Perry
Found	Lansing South	Portland
Grand Ledge	Lansing Woodview	Williamston
Holt	Mt. Pleasant Faith Indian	

For Owens:

- Ask the Owens how your church can pray and support them.
- Send monetary donations through “Funding the Mission” for birthdays, special days, Christmas and “just because days”!
- Our church will care for our Owens by: _____.
- Check with Nate and Hope via email on sending packages and cards. Remember, they have full time work and other responsibilities plus a time change so the response might not be immediate.



Michigan Missionaries Care and Connection Steve and Rebecca Barber—Thailand



Email address: rasbarber@yahoo.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RebeccaAndSteve>



Special Dates:

- Steve b-day: December 24
- Rebecca b-day: May 10
- Anniversary: September 27

Churches assigned to care and support the Barbers through prayer, emails and financial gifts are:

Albion	Grand Rapids Clyde Park	
Buchanan	Hillsdale	Nashville
Chapman Memorial	Jackson First	New Faith Charlotte
Coldwater	Kalamazoo South Side	St. Louis Restoration 58:12
Corey	Lighthouse Community	Three Rivers
Eaton Rapids	Muskegon Breakwater	

For Barbers:

- Ask Steve and Rebecca how your church can pray and support them.
- Check with Steve and Rebecca first before sending packages and cards. Remember, they have full time work and other responsibilities plus a time change so the response might not be immediate.
- Send monetary donations through “Funding the Mission” for birthdays, special days, Christmas and “just because”!
- Our church will care for our Barbers by: _____.



For more information on any missionary go to:

[Missionary Profiles](#)



Care and Connection Missionaries
Lynn and Sharon Shmidt—Served in 5 countries, on 3 continents



Address:
 1542 Troy Rd.
 Delaware OH 431015

- Special Dates:**
- Lynn b-day: October 26
 - Sherry b-day: September 11
 - Anniversary: August 7

Email address:
 Lynn: ldshmidt@gmail.com
 Sherry: Shmidtsherry@gmail.com

Churches assigned to care and support the Shmidts through prayer, emails and financial gifts are:

Connection Point	GR NE Community	
Corunna	GR West International	Mason First
Cross Community	Greenville	New Holland Life
Elmdale	Hastings	Sparta
Grand Haven	High Pointe	Sumner Center
GRIF	Lowell	

For Shmidts:

- Ask Lynn and Sherry how your church can pray and support them.
- Send cards and monetary donations to their home address for birthdays, special days, Christmas and “just because”!
- Our church will care for our Shmidts by: _____.



July 2023

Monthly Emphasis:

International Ministries, Bible Schools
and Seminary Offering

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5 David Potter's Birthday	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 NMI Convention Indian Lake Camp
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Prayer Emphasis—Asia-Pacific Region:

Asia-Pacific Regional Director: Mark Louw

Pray for Leody Tan Echavez III who was appointed the new
NCM Regional Coordinator starting July 1, 2023.

Focus on God: Pray for missionaries to remain focused on God and His plan.

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things
will be provided to you.” Matthew 6:33*

Humility: Pray for missionaries to have a spirit of humility asking

God for wisdom in carrying out their assignment.

*“Now if any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously
and without criticizing, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5*

Asia-Pacific Region



Asia-Pacific spans from Mongolia in the north to the New Zealand towards the south. It covers Myanmar from the west and most of the Pacific Islands to the east.



Asia-Pacific's website is: <https://asiapacificnazarene.org/>
Or click [here](#). Also, check out their Facebook Page.



August 2023

Monthly Emphasis:
Children and Youth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Shmidt's Anniversary	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Prayer Emphasis—Mesoamerica Region:

Mesoamerica Regional Director: Carlos Sáenz

The Mesoamerica region is comprised of 33 countries which includes Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Guyana, Surinam and (South America) French Guyana.

**Eyes to see like Jesus: Pray missionaries will have eyes to see as
God sees and to love the unlovely, the rejected, and the outcasts.**

*“For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks on the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7b*

Weariness: Pray for God to daily renew the missionaries.

*“He gives strength to those who are tired.
He gives power to those who are weak.” Isaiah 40:29*

Mesoamerica Region



Welcome to the Mesoamerica Region

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

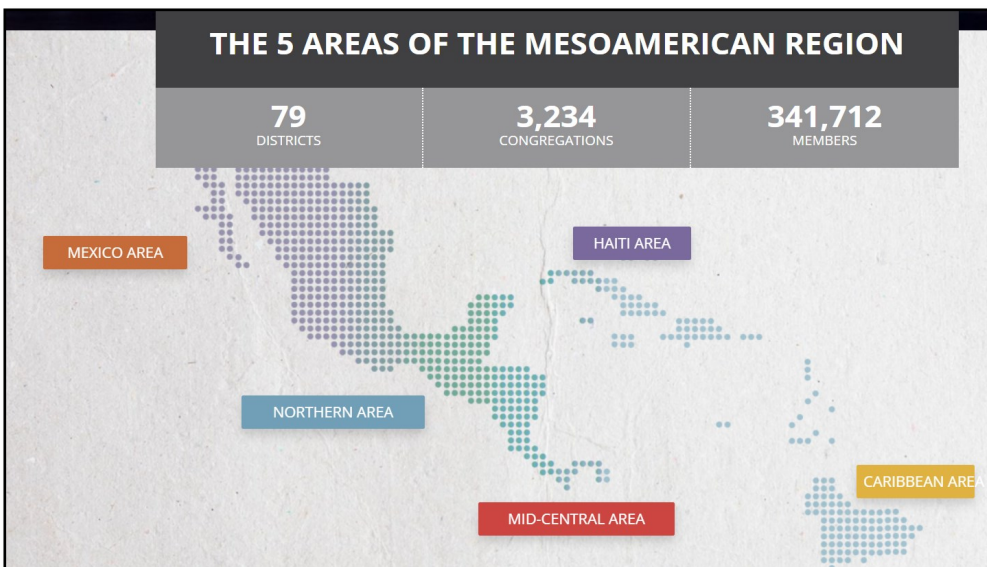
The Mesoamerica region is made up of 33 countries and includes the geographic area that spans from Mexico, Central America, the entire Caribbean, as well as Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana (from South America).

United in Christ to Serve
Mesoamerica Region

Our faith goals

- 1 Million NAZARENES
- 700 Thousand in Worship Attendance
- 700 Thousand in Sunday School Attendance
- 15 Million dollars WEF

For the year **2030**
Mesoamerica Region



Mesoamerica's website is: <https://www.mesonaz.org/>
Or click here.



September 2023

Monthly Emphasis:
Alabaster

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Peter Owens' Birthday	8	9
10	11 Sherry Schmidt's Birthday	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Barber's Anniversary	28	29	30

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the Africa Region:

Africa Regional Director: Daniel Gomis

The Africa Region Church of the Nazarene is one of six regions in the church of the Nazarene global denomination. Africa is the second largest continent in the world and is home to over 30% of the Global Church of the Nazarene membership.

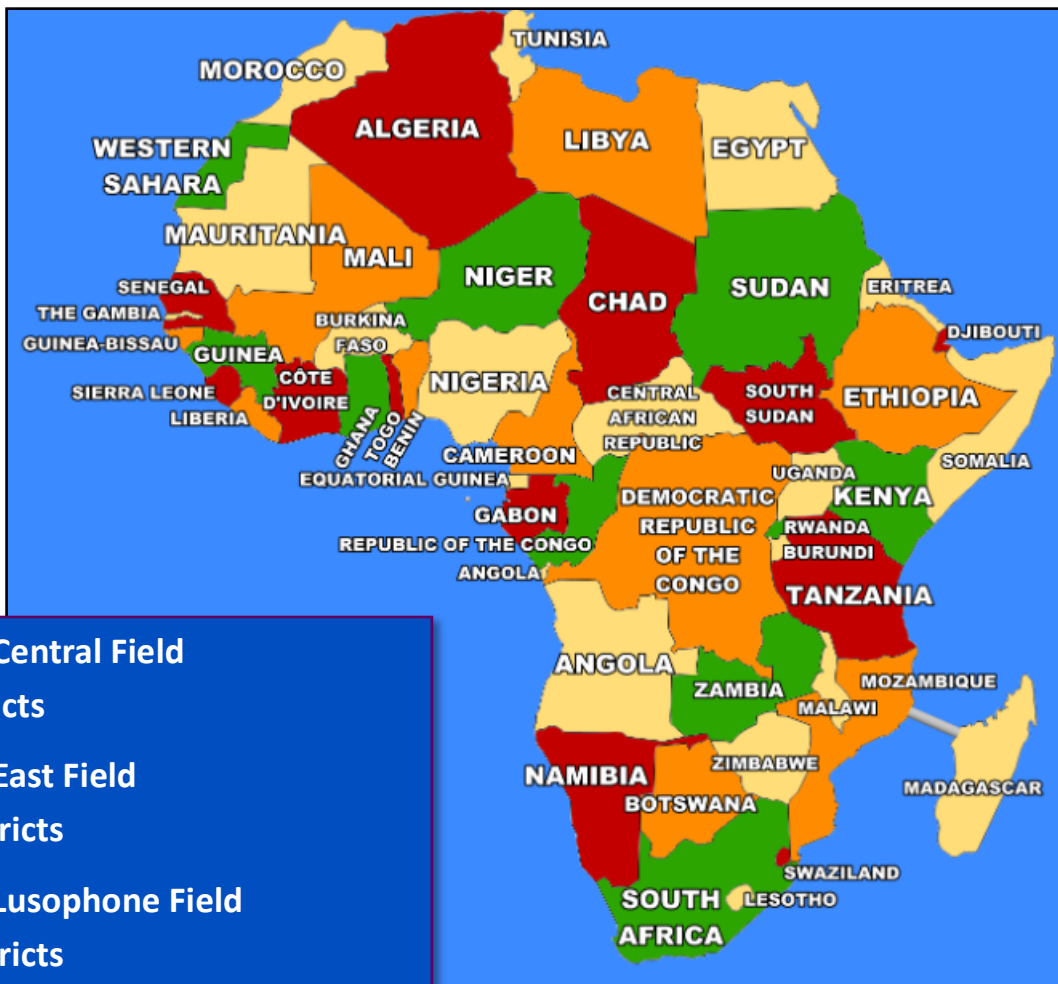
Team Unity: Pray for continued unity between co-workers, leaders and those they serve so that God may receive all the glory.

"We work together to serve God." 1 Corinthians 3:9

Finance: Pray the missionaries' financial needs will be met and they will continue to be good stewards of these resources.

"Turn all your worries over to him. He cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7

Africa Region



- Africa Central Field
9 Districts
- Africa East Field
35 Districts
- Africa Lusophone Field
44 Districts
- Africa South Field
25 Districts
- Africa Southeast Field
12 Districts
- Africa West Anglophone Field
10 Districts
- Africa West Francophone Field
9 Districts



Africa's website is: <https://africanazarene.org/>
Or click [here](#).



October 2023

Monthly Emphasis:
Jesus Film / Mission Priority One

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Missions Matter! Workshop Lansing South 9am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Lynn Schmidt's Birthday	27	28
29	30	31 Send Christmas Offering to missionaries				

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the USA/Canada Region:

USA/Canada Regional Director: Stan Reeder

The region is comprised of over 5,000 interconnected local churches,
organized into 78 districts.

**Gracious speech: Pray for God to provide the missionaries and family with
grace to know how to respond in every situation.**

*“Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know
how you should answer each person.” Colossians 4:6*

**Protection when Traveling: Pray for God’s protection over the
missionary family as they travel.**

*“May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.” Psalm 20:1*

USA / Canada Region

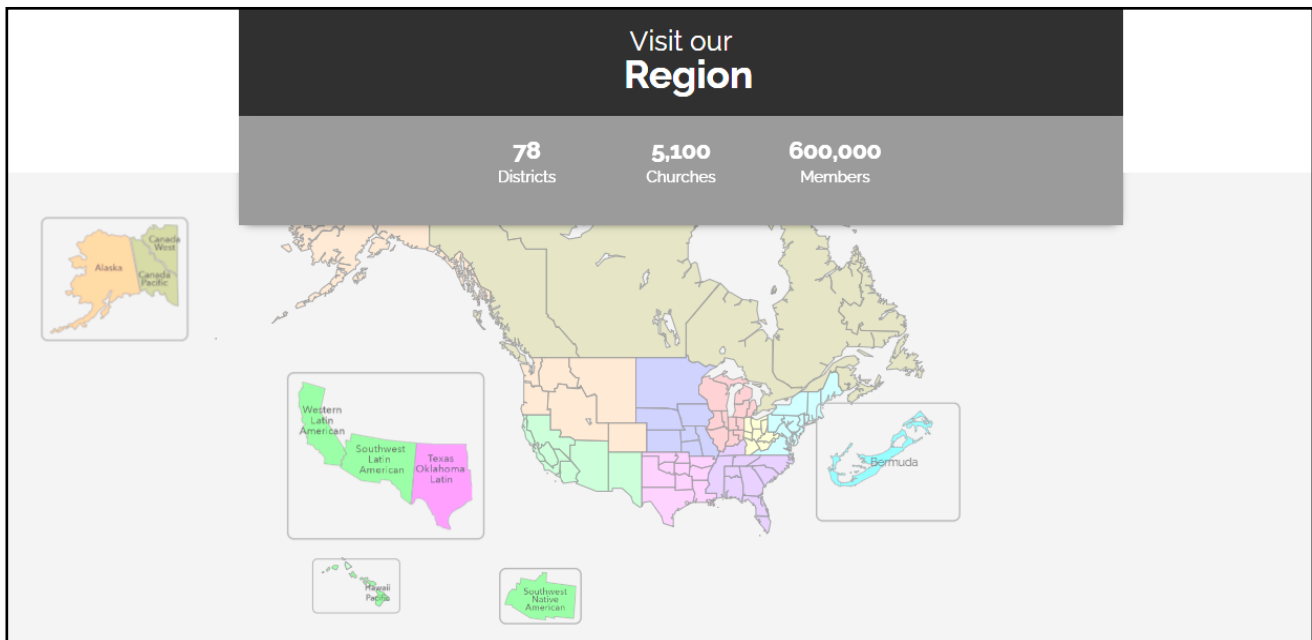
<https://www.usacanadaregion.org>



The region is implementing the results of a year-long Call to Pray, Call to Speak, Call to Act.

From Mission to Vision to Mobilization

“God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it.” John Wesley



USA/Canada's website is: <https://www.usacanadaregion.org/>
Or click [here](#).



November 2023

Monthly Emphasis:

Thanks Offering

WEF

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the Eurasia Region:

Eurasia Regional Director: Jim Ritchie

Eurasia stretches from the UK and West Mediterranean through Northern Europe, Central Europe, the Middle East, Eurasia North and into India and South Asia. With the COTN in 45 nations and world areas.

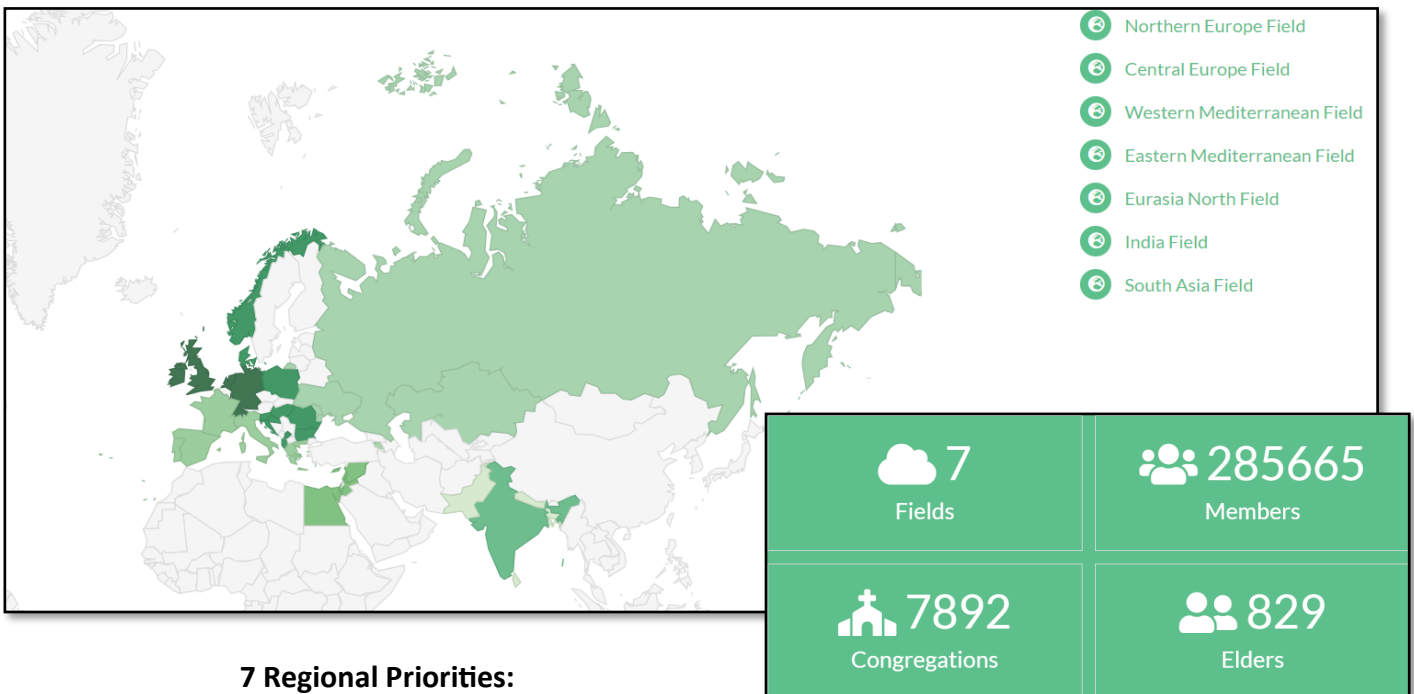
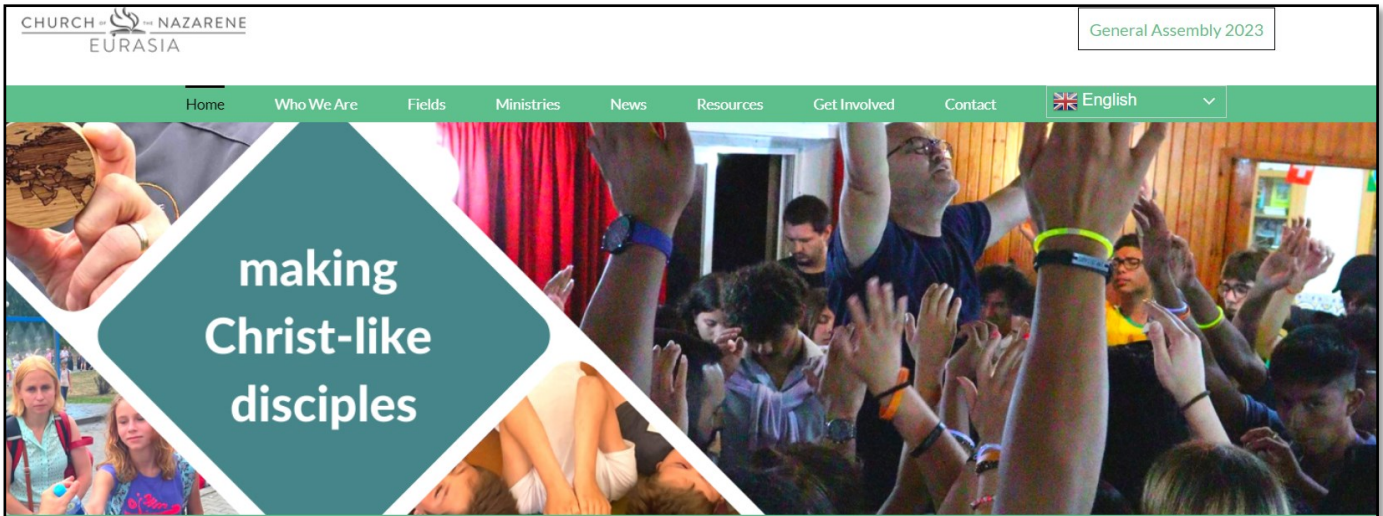
Attentiveness: Pray the missionaries will be focused and attentive to the Word of God.

“We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.” Hebrew 2:1

Compassion: Pray the missionaries and children will have compassion in all situations.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12

Eurasia Region



7 Regional Priorities:

In every area of mission and ministry there is MORE:

- ⇒ MORE Mission
- ⇒ MORE Discipleship
- ⇒ MORE compassion
- ⇒ MORE Education
- ⇒ MORE Next Generational Leadership
- ⇒ MORE Local Leadership and Sustainability
- ⇒ MORE Global Connections



Eurasia's website is: <https://www.eurasiaregion.org/>
Or click [here](#).



December 2023

Monthly Emphasis:
Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Steve Barber's Birthday	25 Celebration of the birth of Jesus	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the South America Region:

South America Regional Director: TBD (Christian Sarmiento was elected GS.)
South America is separated into four regions, North Andean, South Andean, Sub-Region Brazil and South Cone, which are divided in districts.

**Persistence: Pray for endurance, stamina, and pacing
to insure long-term, fruitful ministry.**

“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,” Hebrews 12:1

**Boast in the Lord: Pray that the missionary and their family will be
quick to give God the credit and praise.**

“So the one who boasts must boast in the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 10:17

South America Region

KNOW OUR REGION

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AREAS

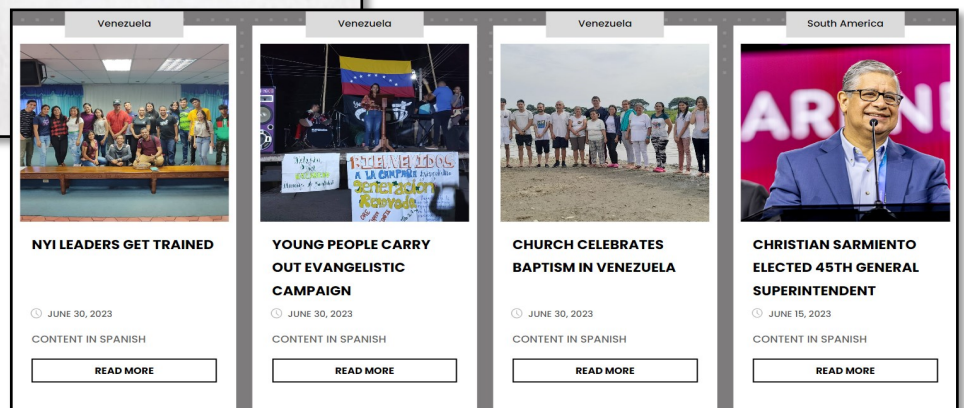
2,480
CHURCHES

403
MISSIONS

312,956
MEMBERS



Our purpose in South America is the multiplication of **servants-disciples-leaders** of the Lord Jesus Christ, committed to being similar to Him and developing the local church in an integral way to establish the kingdom of God in their community, thus facilitating the fulfillment of the **Great Commission** in the nations.



South America's website is: <https://www.samnaz.org>
Or click [here](#).



January 2024

Monthly Emphasis:

Work and Witness/
Volunteer Ministries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Nate Owens' Birthday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the Asia-Pacific Region:

Asia-Pacific Regional Director: Mark Louw

The Asia-Pacific region is comprised of 6 fields, each having many districts within a field. This past year, Asia-Pacific had the fastest growing membership of all the regions.

**Daily prayer: Pray they will maintain their devotion to Christ
and that their children will be Christ followers.**

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the preaching ministry." Acts 6:4

**Spiritual Warfare Victory: Pray for the missionaries and their children as they
encounter spiritual warfare in every aspect of their lives.**

*"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
Resist him, standing firm in the faith." 1 Peter 5:8b-9b*

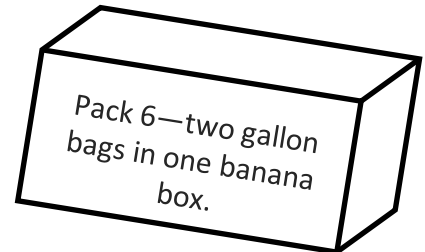
Crisis Care Kits / School Pal Paks

Gather NEW items in quantities listed below.

*See the website regarding **specific information and instructions**.



- 1 medium-size bottle of shampoo (12-18 oz.), please tape flip-tops closed
- 2 bars of soap (bath-size or larger)
- 1 medium toothpaste (4.0-6.4 oz.)
- 3 toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- 1 box of Band-Aids (30 or more)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 sturdy hair comb
- 2 hand towels
- 4 pocket-size packages of facial tissue
- 1 Beanie Baby-size stuffed toy



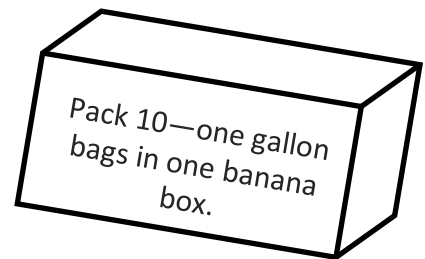
**Send \$12 per banana box to Global Treasury Services.
We will also be collecting the filled boxes at Convention.**

Gather NEW items in quantities listed below.

*See the website regarding **specific information and instructions**.



- 1 package of #2 pencils (quantity—10-12 pencils)
- 1 package of black pens (quantity—10-12 pens)
- 2 pink erasers, 2-3" long
- 2 rulers (6" or 12", with metric measurements)
- 1 package of colored pencils (quantity—12-15)
- 1 pair of blunt-nosed scissors
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 2 composition notebooks (such as Mead brand), no larger than 9¾" x 7½".
(No spiral-bound notebooks will be accepted.)



**Send \$10 per banana box to Global Treasury Services.
We will be collecting the filled boxes at Convention.**



Go to: fawngrovecompassioncenter.org

Click on "Gifts in Kind" tab at the top.

Next choose "Crisis Care Kits" or "School Pal Paks".



February 2024

Monthly Emphasis:
Alabaster

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Send cards/emails of inspiration and care to your missionaries	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the Mesoamerica Region:

Mesoamerica Regional Director: Carlos Sáenz

The Mesoamerica region is comprised of 5 fields,
each having many districts within each field.

**Creativity: Pray for the missionaries' minds to find creative solutions
to challenges & obstacles.**

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

**Accountability: Pray that the missionary and their family will be quick to recognize
the leading of the Spirit and serve in a manner pleasing to the Lord.**

"So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God." Romans 14:12

75th Anniversary of Alabaster

The Church of the Nazarene was experiencing a crunch in mission funding. At the 1949 General NMI Council meeting, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Venum was asked to come up with an idea that would raise additional money for land purchases and building construction needs on Nazarene mission fields. During the return trip, on the train, to her home, Venum said the Lord gave her the details for the Alabaster offering.

The offering promotion was based on the story of the woman pouring perfume on Jesus from a container carved out of soft alabaster stone. Building on that Biblical story, Mrs. Venum decided to ask Nazarene women to put off buying new perfume for themselves or postpone getting a new dress and to give the money to missions in the same way the woman gave her bottle of perfume to Jesus. Mrs. Venum promoted her offering idea with the slogan:

"Give up a want to meet a need."

We understand that a church consists of people of God and not a building, though a building conveys an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

Alabaster is usually received in February and September though the date is up to the local church. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.

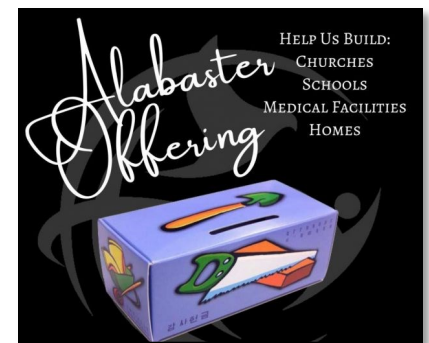
Challenge all ages to regularly contribute and use a box / container as a prayer reminder. Publicize Alabaster offering dates/times in at least a month in advance. Remember to send in your funds soon after receiving the offering(s) so monies can be dispersed to the various needs.

Have this year be the largest Alabaster Offering your church has ever given!

Send to:

Global Treasury Services
Church of the Nazarene
PO Box 843116

Kansas City MO 64184-3116



To visit the website, click on: [Alabaster](#)



March 2024

Monthly Emphasis:
World Week of Prayer
WEF

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Forest Owens' Birthday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sylvia Potter's Birthday	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter Sunday						

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the Africa Region:

Africa Regional Director: Daniel Gomis

With its great diversity and rich culture the church continues to thrive today.
There are 144 districts across 44 countries on the continent.

**Time Management: Pray the missionaries will be able to use their time wisely
when there is much to do.**

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**Truthfulness: Pray the missionaries and their children will be aware
of their words and responses at all times and speak the truth.**

*“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor,
for we are all members of one body.” Ephesians 4:25*

World Week of Prayer (Select a Week for Concentrated Prayer)

Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Africa

Monday: Asia-Pacific

Tuesday: Eurasia

Wednesday: Mesoamerica

Thursday: South America

Friday: USA/Canada

Saturday: Where the church isn't; Creative Access Areas; 10/40 window



Here are a few ways to promote prayer in your church and encourage people to be prayer intercessors.

- Provide regular prayer requests to the church through more than one way.
- Have children color bookmarks (preprinted with the requests) and distribute.
- Assemble a baggie of colored candies (M & M's/Skittles) with one color representing a world area to cover in prayer and a specific need.
- Subscribe to NMI Central, an email which is sent every Wednesday from the Global NMI office for current praises and prayer requests.
- Form a prayer network.
- Emphasis prayer and fasting.
- What other ways can you think to promote and include prayer in daily life of your church?

Pray for your missionaries throughout the year.

*Many are often facing troubled times in the
places in which they serve.*

*They seek to be peacemakers
and agents of transformation.*

They need your intercession!



April 2024

Monthly Emphasis:

Easter Offering

WEF

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the USA/Canada Region:

USA/Canada Regional Director: Stan Reeder

The region enters the second year of Call To Prayer from Easter to Pentecost.

“Oh, the unifying effects of praying together.”

Peacemaker: Pray for the missionaries to be peacemakers and not allow bitterness and anger to invade their thoughts and actions.

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.” Ephesians 4:31

Team Prayers: Pray that YOU will be a faithful, consistent “team prayer” for the missionaries and their children.

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Missionary Health Care (Memorial Roll and DSA)



The cost of providing insurance for Nazarene missionaries is quite high. In fact, the cost for health insurance alone for a year is approximately \$1.9 million, and the costs are continuing to rise.

Through giving to Memorial Roll, DSA, Gifts from the Heart (cash donation in a person's name) and Missionary Health Care plate offerings, YOU helped offset approximately 23% of those insurance costs. THANK YOU! The remaining 77% is provided by World Evangelism Funds.

When Missionary Health Care giving increases, monies from the WEF are freed up to be used in other places. (Did you know: Missionary Health Care qualifies as 10% giving credit.)

Memorial Roll, established in 1919, is a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. Church or individuals may place as many names on the Memorial Roll as they desire, and the memorialized need not be members of the church. Cost is \$75 each and ordering online is the preferred method.



The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is a tribute to church people who are living and for their service to the church. The finances received are used for Missionary Health (insurance etc).

Although the DSA is given through NMI, it need not be given in the area of missions.

A church may wish to honor anyone in the church for their efforts though it may only be given by a church or a group within the church.

A DSA may be awarded to a couple as long as only one tribute message is submitted. The certificate fits in an 8" x 10" frame.

Cost is \$125 and ordering online is the preferred method.



To learn more click on:

[Memorial Roll](#) or [Distinguished Service Award](#)



May 2024

Monthly Emphasis:
Distinguish Service Award
Memorial Roll

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Rebecca Barber's Birthday	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 5K Run, Walk, Bike: Indian Lake Camp
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the Eurasia Region:

Eurasia Regional Director: Jim Ritchie

The region covers a huge geographical landscape with a multiplicity of cultures and millions of people.

Children: Pray for the missionaries' children and their spiritual, physical, social and educational development.

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." 3 John 1:2

Open Hearts: Pray for open ears and hearts to hear the gospel and respond.

"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:47b

5K

Dr. John Seaman Memorial 5K Run / Walk / Bike



- May 25, 2024 (Saturday morning).
- Sign in / Start is at Indian Lake Nazarene Campgrounds—ISAC.
- Register in the Spring of 2024 on the minaz.org website.
- Come and cheer on the Runners/Walkers/Bikers!
- Have running, walking or biking celebrated with your whole church.
- Great exercise AND fellowship with others!
- Idea: Find people who will sponsor you to increase the money raised.
- T-shirts available for those pre-registering.
- Money raised will support the District NMI Work and Witness Project.



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June 2024

Monthly Emphasis:
World Mission Broadcast Offering

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Potter's Anniversary Owens' Anniversary	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Hope Owens' Birthday	27	28	29
30						

Prayer Emphasis—Missionaries in the South America Region:

South America Regional Director: TBD

South America has children's lessons and reading books, in Spanish, on their website.

Rest: Pray the missionaries will recognize their need for weekly rest and family time away from responsibilities.

"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a remote place and rest a while.'"

Mark 6:31

Resist temptation: Pray for the missionary and family to be quick to take the escape God provides when temptation sneaks up on them.

"But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

1 Corinthians 10:13

World Mission Broadcast (WMB)

\$4.00 per minute can change the world!!



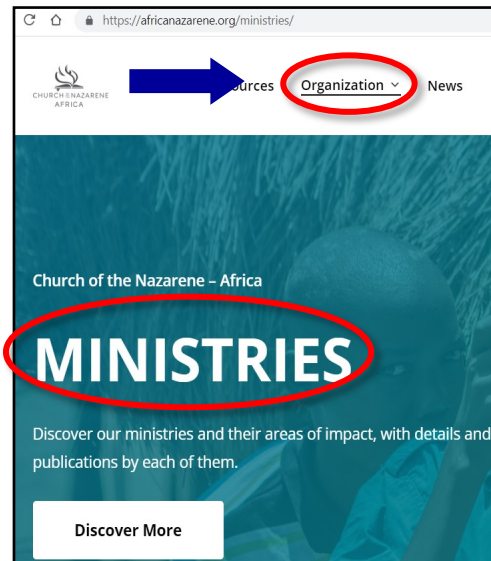
World Mission Broadcast reaches millions around the world by radio, television and the internet sharing the message of Jesus' redeeming love and discipling those who respond. The offering provides funding for program production, airtime and follow materials.

Prayer and financial support are vital to this ministry.

In Africa, the World Mission Broadcast expands its reach by using new media platforms such as Soundcloud to be able to store and extract content at any time.

WMB establishes networks of radio coordinators at field level, who organize training seminars every year. At each seminar, 8-10 people are provided with tailored training, where individuals are taught voice presentation, scripting and technical skills.

Explore WMB:
"africanazarene.org",
then
"organization",
then
"ministries."



For more information go to: <https://nazarene.org/wmb>
or click: [World Mission Broadcast](#)



Child Sponsorship—Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Changing the world for one child at a time



Far too many children only see a future that's dimmed by poverty.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' Child Sponsorship gives children a chance to create a future bright with possibility.

Sponsorship has brought the future into focus for thousands of children living in poverty and there are thousands more still waiting for someone to help them see a hopeful future.

Have you thought about sponsoring a child with your small group or church?

Proceed to the website.
Scroll down to find a child to sponsor:

A screenshot of a web search form titled 'FIND A CHILD TO SPONSOR'. It features three dropdown menus: 'LOCATION', 'ANY AGE', and 'ANY GENDER'. Below these is a link that says 'CLICK HERE FOR MORE OPTIONS' and a blue button labeled 'SEARCH NOW'.

Send funds to:
Global Treasury Services
Church of the Nazarene
PO Box 843116
Kansas City MO 64184-3116



For more information go to: cs.ncm.org



JESUS Film Harvest Partners is a Kingdom-building ministry devoted to world evangelism through the JESUS film and other tools.

Currently, there are 1,109 JESUS Film Teams.

MAKING AN *ETERNAL* DIFFERENCE



For more information go to: www.ifhp.org



Mission Teams



“The grass roots movement of Work & Witness continues to spread as teams are going from many countries and there are many types of trips are needed,” said Nazarene Missions Director Stephen Sickel. “We are catching up to what this grass roots movement has shown us: a path to adapt and encourage more people and build relationships with churches from around the world.”

Work and Witness is expanding to cover many types of teams with a number of projects for prospective missions teams and guides for leaders and team members. More training opportunities and resource will be added to the website in the future.

In addition, Nazarene Missions Teams recently released Light for the Path through The Foundry Publishing. Light for the Path is a devotional guide for both leaders and participants of short-term missions trips that provides guidance before, during, and after a missions trip.



For more information go to: [Mission Teams](#)

Local Compassionate Ministry

Global missions is vital along with local missions. Every hour we see opportunities to live compassionately in our communities through local food pantries, nursing homes, rescue missions, prison ministries, homeless populations, mental health, those who are sick, or without work to name just a few. People adopt, volunteer or provide helping hands to neighbors and the community. Each person is different and however your church does it, compassionate ministry is for ALL ages, children, youth and adults. Seek and provide opportunities to “be the church outside the church” while remembering to cover everything in prayer. We are blessed with so much!

Live compassionately all year long by being the hands and feet of Jesus – both locally and globally.

Matthew 25:35-36

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*



2022 Nazarene Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **164 world areas**.
- In 2021, there were **492 missionaries** originating from **63 world areas**, serving in **91 countries**. Of these missionaries, **336 served as global deployed** and **156 were sponsored deployed**. Last year, there were **50 new missionary deployments**. Within these missionary families, there are **306 missionary kids**.
- The number of Nazarene churches grew to **31,049 churches**, an increase of 0.56 percent, with **2.64 million members**, an increase of 0.90 percent increase from last year.*
- In 2020, there were **489 districts** around the world, with **30,184 credentialed clergy**.*
- **51 educational institutions, including graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 13 liberal arts colleges/universities, 30 undergraduate seminaries/theological/Bible colleges, 2 nurses training colleges, 1 teacher training college, and 1063 education centers (extension)** had a 2021 combined **enrollment of 47,997 students** globally.*
- Persons in need were treated at **community-based clinics and health care centers** all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland).*
- **393 retired missionaries** received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- **NMI membership was 1,001,381**, with 18,916 **organized local NMIs**.
- **JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), raising \$3.67 million**, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for **914 JFHP teams** to share God's love. In 2020–2021, the teams reported **1.6 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **480,222 indicated decisions for Christ** with **310,633 initial discipleship follow-ups**. The teams started **9,717 preaching points** in 2021.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise **US \$37.8 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.**
- Churches globally gave **US \$27.7 million for Approved Mission Specials**.**
- In 2021, **95 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund (53 of which were from regions other than the US/Canada region)**. WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.¹
- **Missionary Health Care** provided **US \$457,915 in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts.**
- Nazarenes gave **US \$292,638 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.**
- Nazarenes gave **US \$3.78 million in deputation** offerings for missionaries.**
- "NMI has all 6 regions participating in Links, contributing **\$183,821**, and creating personalized connections between local churches, districts, and missionaries around the world. Each connection is vital in continuing to share about the impact of missions.

- Nazarenes gave **US \$2.29 million for Alabaster**, to fund construction projects in 2021. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions.** No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- **International Student Scholarship Fund** (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided **79 scholarships** for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
- NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$5.7 million**, for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **11,236 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs.**
- NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$664,502**.

God has blessed the efforts of the Church of the Nazarene during the COVID-19 pandemic, extending grace, bringing hope, and ministering peace to those in need of Him around the world. Thank you for your faithfulness in these uncertain times.

¹ "New work" refers to new world areas, a geographical area, or new entities such as institutions. Pioneer areas or Phase 1 districts are considered new work. When a district reaches Phase 2, it is no longer a "new work."

Countries By Year when the Church of the Nazarene was Organized

There are countries not listed where mission personnel may be deployed and it is not conducive to the open preaching of the gospel. Secured and creative access areas are not included in this listing.

1887 - United States	1967 - Netherlands	1992 - Romania	2012 - Turks and Caicos
1898 - India	1970 - Bermuda	1992 - Russia	2017 - Curacao
1901 - Cabo Verde	1970 - Honduras	1992 - Solomon Islands	2017 - Mongolia
1902 - Canada	1971 - Bahamas	1992 - Ukraine	2017 - Singapore
1902 - Cuba	1971 - Guam	1993 - Albania	2020—Luxembourg
1903 - Mexico	1972 - Ecuador	1993 - Lesotho	
1904 - Guatemala	1972 - St. Lucia	1993- Madagascar	
1905 - Japan	1973 - Antigua	1994 - Bulgaria	
1906 - United Kingdom	1973 - Namibia	1994 - St. Martin	
1909 - Argentina	1973 - Portugal	1995 - Fiji	
1910 - Swaziland	1974 - Dominica	1995 - Palau	
1914 - Peru	1974 - Dominican Republic	1996 - Hungary	
1919 - South Africa	1974 - Hong Kong (SAR)	1996 - Kazakhstan	
1921 - Israel	1975 - Colombia	1996 - Pakistan	
1922 - Mozambique	1975 - St. Vincent	1997 - Burkina Faso	
1926 - Barbados	1976 - Martinique	1997 - Congo Republic	
1926 - Trinidad	1977 - France	1997 - Sao Tome and Principe	
1934 - Belize	1977 - Grenada	1998 - Benin	
1937 - Nicaragua	1977 - Nigeria	1998 - Nepal	
1944 - Puerto Rico	1978 - Switzerland	1998 - Togo	
1944 - U S Virgin Islands	1980 - Paraguay	1999 - Burundi	
1945 - Bolivia	1981 - Spain	1999 - Cameroon	
1946 - Australia	1982 - Venezuela	1999 - Croatia	
1946 - Guyana	1983 - St. Kitts and Nevis	1999 - Gabon	
1946 - Philippines	1984 - Azores	1999 - Poland	
1948 - Italy	1984 - Botswana	2000 - Aruba	
1948 - South Korea	1984 - Kenya	2000 - Chuuk	
1949 - Uruguay	1984 - Suriname	2000 - Pohnpei	
1950 - Haiti	1985 - Cyrus	2000 - Saipan	
1950 - Lebanon	1986 - Egypt	2000 - Sri Lanka	
1952 - New Zealand	1986 - Guadeloupe	2000 - Tonga	
1953 - Panama	1987 - Cote d'Ivoire	2001 - Timor-Leste	
1955 - Papua New Guinea	1987 - Ireland	2001 - Vanuatu	
1956 - Taiwan	1988 - French Guiana	2002 - Armenia	
1957 - Malawi	1988 - Senegal	2002 - Equatorial Guinea	
1958 - American Samoa	1988 - Uganda	2002 - Greece	
1958 - Brazil	1989 - Thailand	2002 - Madeira Islands	
1958 - Germany	1990 - Democratic Republic of the Congo	2003 - Reunion	
1960 - Denmark	1990 - Ghana	2004 - Guinea-Bissau	
1961 - Zambia	1990 - Liberia	2004 - Sierra Leone	
1962 - Chile	1990 - Rwanda	2005 - Kosovo	
1963 - Zimbabwe	1990 - Tanzania	2009 - Guinea Conakry	
1964 - Costa Rica	1992 - Angola	2009 - Moldova	
1964 - El Salvador	1992 - Bangladesh	2009 - Niger	
1964 - Samoa	1992 - Cambodia	2009 - Norway	
1966 - Jamaica		2012 - South Sudan	





Important Websites to Access and Bookmark

[Answer the Call](https://www.nazarene.org/send-me)—<https://www.nazarene.org/send-me>

[Global Mission](https://www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/global-missions)—<https://www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/global-missions>

[Missionary Profiles](https://missionary.nazarene.org/)—<https://missionary.nazarene.org/>

[NMI Central](https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central)—<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central>

[Nazarene Communications Network](http://www.nazarene.org/news) - www.nazarene.org/news

[Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](http://www.ncm.org)—www.ncm.org

[Church of the Nazarene website](http://www.nazarene.org) - www.nazarene.org

[Nazarene Leader Resources](https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-leader-resources)—<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-leader-resources>

[Nazarene Mission International](https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/who-we-are)—<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/who-we-are>

[Nazarene Stories DVD](http://www.nazarene.org/stories)—www.nazarene.org/stories

[The Foundry Publishing](http://www.thefoundrypublishing.com)—www.thefoundrypublishing.com

[Mission Teams](http://www.nazarene.org/workandwitness)—www.nazarene.org/workandwitness

1 Peter 3:8

*“ To sum up, all of you be harmonious,
sympathetic, loving, compassionate, and humble;
not returning evil for evil or insult for insult,
but giving a blessing instead;
for you were called for the very purpose
that you would inherit a blessing.”*

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