



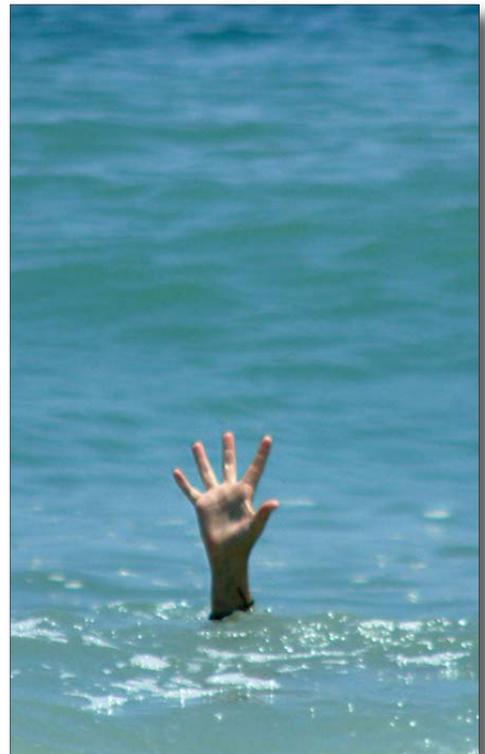
# Help!

## *I've Been Elected President. What Do I Do?*

by Gail L. Sawrie

We have received several calls like this in recent weeks. Leaders—even veterans—are overwhelmed with the magnitude of the task at hand. If you are a new leader following someone who has done a tremendous job seemingly without effort, it only adds to the stress. Following are suggestions that hopefully will reduce your stress and make your responsibility more enjoyable.

- **Believe in what you are doing.** Great mission leaders have a passion to help reach the world. If you believe in what you are doing, chances are those around you will sense the urgency and join you.
- **Delegate, delegate, delegate.** Many leaders have a tendency to try to do everything on their own, which leads to burnout. It also gives the impression that such leaders do not need—or want—help. The leader wonders why no one volunteers, but does not ask for assistance. People in the church believe they could never do what the leader does, especially if that person accomplishes a lot. (Mind you, they also don't see the leader have a “meltdown” at home.)
- **Break large jobs down into smaller, more manageable tasks.** Ask people to help you, and give specific instructions (if necessary), expectations, and deadlines. If some tasks are especially involved, ask one or two people to help and accomplish the task together.
- **Allow your helpers to accomplish tasks in their own way.** Even if they stumble, it will help them learn. How many of us learned to walk without falling? You may learn there are other, more efficient methods from someone viewing a task with a fresh perspective.
- **Keep things simple.** “It is always the simple that produces the marvelous,” said writer Amelia E. Barr. The main tasks for NMI is to accomplish the four objectives—praying for missions, discipling the children and youth of the church in mission passion, paying World Evangelism Fund in full, and educating the congregation about global mission. Anything else is not required,



but is helpful. Start with these four basics; and after accomplishing them, branch out from there.

- **Participate in the upcoming NMI “Town Hall” Conference Call.** Monday, March 16, 2009 - 8:00–9:00 p.m.,” Central Standard Time

NMI will host a “town hall” format conference call for local NMI presidents focusing on questions related to people’s role as NMI presidents. The call, scheduled for 8:00–9:00 p.m. (CST) March 16, will be an exchange of questions and ideas by all parties and facilitated by the NMI Office.

#### *How to Participate*

Call 978-964-0049 at the appointed time (8:00 p.m., Central Standard Time), and enter the code 594291# when prompted. The call-in number is a global number; anyone in the world can call in. (Those calling from outside the United States and Canada will need to use the prefix “011”.)

We encourage you to join in the discussions. Currently we are limited to 75 lines during a conference call; however, people may hang up before the hour is over so calling at a later time during the hour is advised. Participants should state their name, district, state, or country upon entering the call. Each participant will incur long-distance charges based on individual calling plans (cell or home phones).

The conference call will be recorded on an MP3 file and will be placed on the Nazarene Media Library. Notification will be sent out when the file is posted there.

At this point, the conference calls will only be in English; however, we hope to schedule times in the future when other language groups may join in.

We plan to holding several of these each year, and they will likely evolve to be more topic-driven in the future. For more information contact the NMI office at [nmi@nazarene.org](mailto:nmi@nazarene.org) or 913-577-2970.

- **Check out the Among the Nations Blog.** Do you have a question about NMI? Go to [www.nazareneblogs.org/amongthenations](http://www.nazareneblogs.org/amongthenations), and check out the Among the Nations Blog. Access is available free-of-charge; you need only create an account with a username and password. Among the Nations allows readers to submit comments, questions, and adaptations of the ideas found in the magazine. Think of it as an interactive part of *Mission Connection*.

*Gail L. Sawrie serves as NMI editor and is the office editor for Mission Connection magazine and the blogger for Among the Nations.*



***To be simple is to  
be great.***

***Ralph Waldo  
Emerson***





## Discipling GenNext

by Eunice Brubaker

His name is Tommy; he is 24. My husband, Ken, and I felt led to disciple him. Tommy started attending our church when he was in high school. During that time, he joined Ken in a Work & Witness trip to Trinidad. God “got ahold of his heart” with a passion for missions. Unfortunately, after high school, Tommy strayed away from God and the church.

Two years ago, the church was taking another Work & Witness team to Honduras. Although Tommy was away from the Lord, Ken contacted him to see if he wanted to go. He went. God did a miracle in Tommy’s life—brought him back into relationship with Christ and strengthened the mission call. At the request of the missionary, Tommy returned to Honduras with two more teams over the next six months. He then planned to study Spanish in Costa Rica.

Four weeks from his departure to Costa Rica, I read the Prayer Mobilization Line request for Nazarene International Linguistics Institute (NILI) in Quito, Ecuador. I immediately called Tommy to my office to watch a video about NILI. With tears running down his face, Tommy said, “I am supposed to go there.” Within a month, Tommy was off to study at NILI.

After four months, Tommy returned home for summer break and shared his testimony at the Kansas City District NMI Convention, saying he had promised God that, once he got his construction company going, he would take early retirement and do mission work. God clearly asked Tommy, “Why wait until retirement? Why not give me the prime years of your life?” Tommy responded “Good question, God. I am willing to go now.” After the service, he was approached by the World Mission director about going to Guatemala.

Tommy now serves as a regional missionary in Guatemala as Work & Witness coordinator.

Each week, Ken and I e-mail Tommy these questions:

- What Scripture are you reading this week?
- What new truths is God showing you?
- What weaknesses have been revealed?
- How can we pray for you?

Her name is Delinda - she is 29 years old. Ken and I feel led to disciple her...and the discipling continues.



Eunice Brubaker  
Global NMI President



# March World Evangelism Fund

## ‘God Is So Good to Us’

We were in the Papua New Guinea highlands, far into the mountains. The district covers many miles, and the district superintendent often has to walk for days to visit churches on his district.

The district is divided into “circuits,” with several churches and pastors on each district. They report to the assembly, on this district, through the “circuit pastors.”

The circuit pastor, after having given a good report about the growth of the churches on his circuit, said, “God has been very good to us. He is blessing us with many blessings. Our gardens are growing and are filled with vegetables. We have plenty to feed our families. God is so good to us.

“Our pigs are growing and healthy, too. We are blessed, and have plenty to feed our families. God has been very good to us.

“Our coffee trees are producing abundant amounts of coffee beans. The trees are full, and we are blessed. God is so good to us.

“Of course,” he said, “We have no cash. Our crops are good and our pigs are good, but we have no cash. In order to get cash, we must take our coffee to the market, but that is two days walk away from us, so, we have no cash. But we really don’t need cash. God has been good to us. We have plenty to eat.

“But, we have heard that there is a global economic crisis, and that it is affecting the Church of the Nazarene. And so, we carried our coffee to market (large heavy bags of coffee beans, carried over the mountains for two days). And now, we have cash, so that we can pay our World Evangelism Fund, so that the Church can continue to carry out our mission around the world.”

I wept when I heard his report. I could hardly contain myself and have been telling the story everywhere I can since then.

I hope this story can help us realize how deeply our people are committed to helping us carry out the mission: To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations.



***And now, we have cash, so that we can pay our World Evangelism Fund, so that the Church can continue to carry out our mission around the world.***

***Circuit Pastor  
Papua New Guinea***

Jesse Middendorf  
General Superintendent

## Paying World Evangelism Fund Is Not Rocket Science

Several years ago as a new district NMI president, I accepted the responsibility and privilege to give 100 percent of the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) goal. I discovered that for our district to accomplish this merely required that every morning worship attender give the cost of a cup of coffee each week toward WEF. In my first report to the convention, I challenged our district try this for the 2005-06 church year. The result? For three years, we have given 100 percent of our WEF before the convention.

During the 2007-08 church year, 39 of 41 churches gave 100 percent of their WEF. Many overpaid. The district NMI council helped one of those 39 churches, a smaller congregation, give 100 percent for WEF. For this coming year, our challenge as a district council is to encourage the two remaining churches to reach 100 percent.

For 2008-09, I am telling our district NMI convention delegates that if each morning worship attender gives a cup of coffee each week to missions (\$1.71), we will again arrive at the 2009 district NMI convention with WEF paid in full. Giving to fulfill our “co-mission” with Christ is easily within our grasp.

Bill Nielson  
Pastor and District NMI President  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

***Tell the story about the Papua New Guineans selling their coffee, then challenge your people to give the cost of a cup of coffee a week to World Evangelism Fund.***

## Easter Offering Is Fun

We get an Easter basket, plastic Easter eggs, and “grass” from a dollar store. We place a slip of paper inside each egg with a message reminding the congregation of the Easter Offering and the date. A small piece of candy is also enclosed. The grass and eggs are placed in the basket. The basket is passed among the people (really fun for the youth) during the Mission Moment.

Tracy Hargrove  
Salem, New Jersey



Easter Offering resources are available for download on the Media Library. If you have not already done so, go to [www.nazarene-medialibrary.org](http://www.nazarene-medialibrary.org) and create an account by clicking on the “Login/Sign-up” link in the upper-right section of the page. Type “Easter Offering Resources” in the search window and download the file.

Online contributions can be made at <http://web.nazarene.org> to both World Evangelism Fund and designated projects, or look for the logo (at left) on the Stewardship or NMI sites.

# June 24-28, 2009 Global Mission Conference General NMI Convention



## What to Expect, and What Not to Expect

Have you heard the rumors? Global Mission Conference/General NMI Convention 2009 will be a bit different than in the past. But there will be a lot of the deep traditions we all love, plus some new exciting features. Don't be caught off guard. Read more about what to expect... and what not to expect.

### What to expect...

- **Friends From All Nations**—Isn't this the best thing about Convention?
- **Global Tracks**—Sign up for one of five Global Tracks and dig into an issue you are passionate about. Learn more at [www.globalmissionconference.org](http://www.globalmissionconference.org)
- **Regional Features**—All seven world regions have the same mission, yet they work in wildly different context. Learn about their unique strategies, stories, and communities.
- **Symphony of Prayer**—Leaders from Argentina, Papua New Guinea, and the Horn of Africa will gather us in prayer, as we lift our voices in a powerful prayer chorus.
- **March of the Nations**—Don't miss the Wednesday and Sunday night services! There will be a few new flags added to the March this year. Praise the Lord!
- **Workshops**—These teach us how to engage our local churches and districts in praying, discipling, giving, and educating for the sake of the global church.
- **Business Sessions**—It is so much fun just to be together, but we do have to get some work done.
- **Corporate Worship Sessions**—NYI and SDMI are our friends and partners in the Gospel, so each day of the convention we will all join together for worship.



### What not to expect...

- **NMI Evening Service**—The evening services will not be department specific.
- **Prayer Breakfast**—What an awesome tradition! However, NMI will put all our energy into a symphony of prayer, save money by cutting out breakfast, " part.
- **NMI-Specific Theme Presentation**—NMI is proud to join with the entire Church of the Nazarene in embracing one theme: To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations.
- **Tons of Workshops**—There *will* be workshops. And they will be great! There will also be Global Tracks. To accommodate both, there won't be as many workshops as in the past. But don't worry, there will be plenty to learn and lots of interaction!
- **Lots of Giveaways**—How many Nazarene lanyards do you need? Let's make 2009 about Spirit-led revival... gimmick-light.
- **Boredom**—You aren't planning to lay by the pool, are you? The schedule is packed with awesome speakers, musical groups, workshops, Global Tracks, and prayer time. There won't be much downtime, but it will be worth every minute.

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## Buddy Plan Giving

Most delegates outside the U.S.A./Canada must cover a large portion of their costs for airfare, lodging, and food from personal funds. The Buddy Plan assists these NMI delegates with additional support. Depending on the amount given, we also hope to assist some non-delegate emerging leaders from nations outside U.S.A./Canada who participate in the NMI convention. They will receive no allowance from their district.

Thank you to those churches who have participated. If your church has not yet given, please consider doing so soon.

## Buddy Plan Giving by District

|                          |                 |  |                  |  |                  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Canada</b>            | <b>3,498.70</b> | <b>USA North Central</b>   | <b>11,181.87</b> | <b>USA Southeast</b>                                       | <b>5,492.37</b>  |
| Canada Atlantic          |                 | Dakota   | 1,080.00         | Alabama North  | 500.00           |
| Canada Central           | 1,156.20        | Iowa   | 1,410.00         | Alabama South  | 150.00           |
| Canada Pacific           | 987.50          | Joplin   | 5,629.58         | Central Florida  | 50.00            |
| Canada Quebec            | 81.00           | Kansas   |                  | East Tennessee   |                  |
| Canada West              | 1,274.00        | Kansas City  | 1,061.99         | Georgia  |                  |
| Canadian Executive Board |                 | Minnesota  | 1,000.30         | Kentucky   | 1,025.00         |
|                          |                 | Missouri   | 1,000.00         | Mississippi  |                  |
| <b>USA Central</b>       | <b>8,945.16</b> | Nebraska   |                  | North Carolina   |                  |
| Chicago Central          |                 |  |                  | North Florida  |                  |
| Eastern Michigan         | 400.00          | <b>USA Northwest</b>   | <b>2,000.00</b>  | South Carolina   |                  |
| Illinois                 |                 | Alaska   | 500.00           | Southern Florida   | 985.00           |
| Indianapolis             | 1,994.98        | Colorado   |                  | Tennessee  | 2,307.37         |
| Michigan                 |                 | Intermountain  | 1,500.00         |  |                  |
| Northeastern Indiana     | 1,500.00        | Northwest  |                  | <b>USA Southwest</b>                                       | <b>13,229.34</b> |
| Northern Michigan        | 1,430.37        | Oregon Pacific   |                  | Anaheim  | 500.00           |
| Northwest Indiana        |                 | Rocky Mountain   |                  | Arizona  | 3,931.25         |
| Northwestern Illinois    | 2,006.81        | Washington Pacific   |                  | Central California   | 460.80           |
| Southwest Indiana        | 1,113.00        |  |                  | Hawaii Pacific   | 862.14           |
| Wisconsin                | 500.00          | <b>USA South Central</b>   | <b>14,465.81</b> | Los Angeles  |                  |
|                          |                 | Dallas   | 4,450.00         | New Mexico   | 682.04           |
| <b>USA East Central</b>  | <b>7,899.20</b> | Louisiana  | 76.00            | Northern California  | 5,793.11         |
| Central Ohio             | 2,573.00        | North Arkansas   | 2,250.00         | Sacramento   | 750.00           |
| East Ohio                | 1,449.00        | Northeast Oklahoma   | 1,500.00         | Southern California  |                  |
| Eastern Kentucky         | 1,000.00        | Northwest Oklahoma   | 2,506.81         | Southwest Latin American                                   |                  |
| North Central Ohio       |                 | South Arkansas   |                  | Southwest Native American                                  |                  |
| Northwestern Ohio        |                 | South Texas  | 1,800.00         | Western Latin America                                      | 250.00           |
| Southwestern Ohio        | 2,159.15        | Southeast Oklahoma   | 1,008.00         |  |                  |
| West Virginia North      | 718.05          | Southwest Oklahoma   | 875.00           | Report reflects giving from July 1, 2005–January 31, 2009. |                  |
| West Virginia South      |                 | Texas-Oklahoma Latin   |                  |  |                  |
|                          |                 | West Texas   |                  |  |                  |
| <b>USA Eastern</b>       | <b>5,965.60</b> |  |                  |  |                  |
| Maine                    | 315.00          | <p>Thank you to those churches who have participated. If your church has not yet given, please consider doing so soon.</p> |                  |  |                  |
| Metro New York           | 679.00          |  |                  |  |                  |
| Mid-Atlantic             | 280.00          |  |                  |  |                  |
| New England              | 1,337.79        |  |                  |  |                  |
| Philadelphia             | 1,684.45        |  |                  |  |                  |
| Pittsburgh               |                 |  |                  |  |                  |
| Upstate New York         | 347.00          |  |                  |  |                  |
| Virginia                 | 1,322.36        |  |                  |  |                  |

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## Celebrating 100 Years with 311 “GOL” Soccer Balls

Paper soccer balls, each representing a \$10 donation, decorate the windows of Gallatin First Church of the Nazarene in Gallatin, Tennessee. The children of the church are learning what it means to love Jesus and love others. Twenty children raised \$3,110.62 for purchasing soccer balls for global distribution to reach children and youth for Jesus.

These aren't just any soccer balls as the children can explain. The multicolored balls are used to share the gospel: black represents sin, red is the pure blood of Christ, gold represents the holiness of God, white is a pure heart before God, and green is growing in God's way. Children's Pastor Greg Nash said, "One second grader explained how and why the soccer balls are needed by sharing the meaning of each color when asking for a donation."

Pastor Nash said, "The focus of the project was to let the kids know that, at their age, they can make a difference." The kick-off included a contest for the child raising the most money and for the child getting the most individuals to participate. A main emphasis was to let others outside the church know about the project. By the end of the contest, one child said, "It's not about winning. I did my best. I have to get these balls in the hands of people to tell [others] about Jesus."

These young "world-changers" celebrated their success by praying over the paper soccer balls, each representing a \$10 donation, and displaying them on the church windows. The children know the balls will have a global impact on lives changed for Jesus.

JESUS Film Harvest Partner's, Children's Ministries International, Nazarene Youth International, and the World Mission Department are joining forces to make the soccer balls a global outreach program. Soccer camps using the "GOL" evangelism balls will be held around the world. In conjunction with the camps, *JESUS* film teams will show the film and work to establish new mission churches in each location.

You can be part of this project by praying for the coordinators of the soccer



camps or make a donation to the project by writing "JFHP AHE 1023" in the memo line of your check and mail to JESUS Film, 15055 W. 116th Street, Olathe, KS 66062. Online giving is also available at [www.JFHP.org](http://www.JFHP.org).

Greg Nash  
Gallatin, Tennessee

Diane Robbins  
JESUS Film Harvest Partners

**Editor's Note:** The following items were used by the Gallatin Church for this successful project. Click the link to download them; or if you receive this in hard copy, they may only be downloaded from the NMI Web site.

- **GOL Donation Sheet**—Each child received one to have people sign up for their donations.
- **GOL Donor Flyer**—Half-sheet informational sheet explaining how the soccer ball is used and about the children's project; given to each donor.
- **GOL Information Sheet**—Detailed explanation of the project for children's leaders; outlines the project, anticipated outcomes, how to make it work for each group, and ideas for success.
- **GOL Parents Info**—Basic explanation of the project distributed to the parents, asking for their help.
- **GOL Soccer Ball Colors**—What the colors on the soccer ball mean, with scriptures used when witnessing with the soccer balls; given to each child.
- **GOL Soccer Ball Stickers**—Placed on the containers in which the money was placed.
- **GOL Soccer Ball Cutouts**—These had the names of donors added (see photo below); the children then prayed over the cutouts, and they were displayed in the church windows.



## Global Tracks\* Information

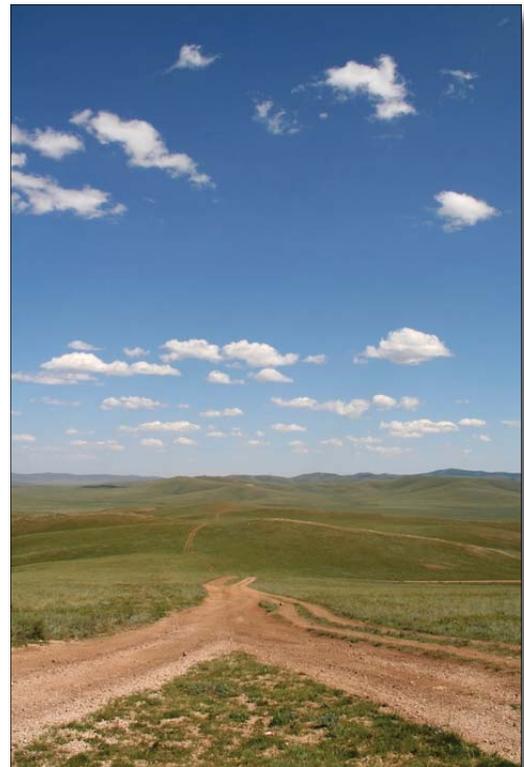
The Global Mission Conference will have five Global Tracks to generate discussion about issues that affect the mission of the church and about which youth and young adults are passionate. Upon registration, each participant will select a Track in which to participate.

The Tracks will begin with online conversations prior to the conference. More information about online forums will be announced on the Global Mission Conference Web site ([www.globalmissionconference.org](http://www.globalmissionconference.org), then click on the “About” tab and select Global Tracks).

At the conference, each Track will meet to learn more and discuss their topic more in-depth. Post-conference online dialogue will be available for Global Track participants.

Global Track topics include the following:

1. New voices in conversation: How are we embracing next generations of mission leaders and missional churches in a post-colonial world?
  - a. Living into *Missio Dei* (mission of God)
  - b. Engaging new generations of leaders, including missionaries/volunteers
  - c. Developing holiness missional churches and Book-of-Acts movements
2. Who is my neighbor: How are we incarnating the Gospel in a world of diverse cultures, religions, and traditions?
  - a. Understanding and interacting with world religions
  - b. Enacting models of evangelism and disciple making
  - c. Collaborating with NCM and JESUS Film Harvest Partners
3. Global prayer: How are we moving each local church to become a house of prayer for all nations?
  - a. Practicing prayer toward authentic renewal
  - b. Generating mission advance through spiritual transformation
  - c. Revisioning next generations with passion for prayer
4. Gospel and global epidemics: How are we responding to crises that impact worldwide population?
  - a. Economy, poverty, and hunger
  - b. HIV/AIDS
  - c. Environment and energy
5. Peace and reconciliation: How are we living out God’s call to be peacemakers in a world of unrest?
  - a. Violence
  - b. Racism
  - c. Immigration



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toward Christ and  
global mission**

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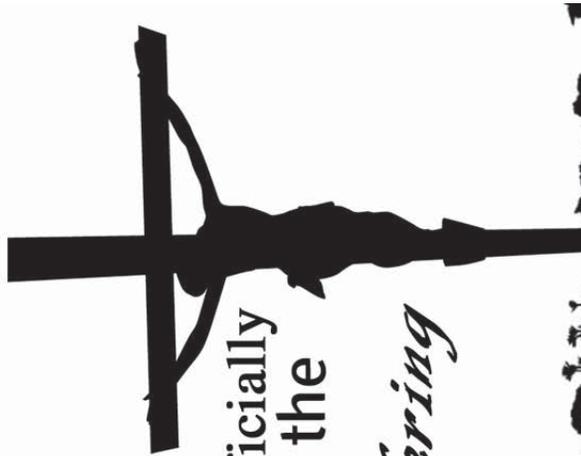
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## Mailing Address Change for Checks

All money being sent to Global Treasury Services should be mailed to the following address:

Global Treasury Services  
PO Box 843116  
Kansas City, MO 64184-3116

Other correspondence for Global Treasury Services should be sent to the Global Ministry Center address in Lenexa.

## Entering Four New World Areas

In February, the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene unanimously approved the denomination entering four more countries—Guinea Conakry, Moldova, Niger, and Norway. With these additions, the Church of the Nazarene is officially active in 155 world areas.

## Additions and Updates to the NMI Web Site

- A page with links to all regional Web sites and any field Web sites, is located at <http://www.nazarenemissions.org/10251/story.aspx>, or look for “Regional and Field Websites” link on the NMI Resources page (upper-right corner of the NMI home page).
- New annual local NMI forms are now on the NMI Web site. Go to <http://www.nazarenemissionsinternational.org/10148/story.aspx>, or click on the “Local Presidents” link (upper-right hand section on the NMI home page). When that page comes up, click on the “Forms” link. District NMI forms are on the District Presidents page.
- Unofficial LINKS page has been updated with all new information for 2009-10.
- Added to the Get Involved section—Extreme Nazarene, Mission: Encounter.

# Now

is the time to order Memorial Roll certificates and Distinguished Service Awards if you plan to present them in May.

Don't forget the  
**'Town Hall' Conference Call**  
**March 16 at 8 p.m., CDT**  
**Dial 978-964-0049,**  
**then enter 594291# when prompted.**  
**Please state your name and district, country,**  
**or state upon entering the conversation.**

- New WEF PowerPoint slide uploaded on both the WEF promotion page and in the downloads section

## Breaking World Mission Broadcast News

World Mission Broadcast's (WMB) 2009 promotion packets will be sent to every church in the U.S.A. and Canada in mid-March. The ministry's theme this year is “Beyond Borders and Barriers.” Watch for the packet that will provide resources to help raise awareness of WMB and receive the annual offering. \*\*\*

Also on the WMB front, missionary Brian Utter has relocated to the U.S.A. where he gives leadership to global broadcast strategy for the Church of the Nazarene. Brian and his team in South America developed/implemented a successful broadcast strategy for the region, and he has amazing ideas for and experiences of sharing Christ and discipling media ministry. If you would like to have Brian share about the impact of WMB with your church or district, please contact him at [wmb@nazarene.org](mailto:wmb@nazarene.org).

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