



## New Model for Mission Education: Simply Mission

by Rachel McPherson

Nazarene Mission International, in coordination with the Nazarene Publishing House and The House publishing studio, is in the midst of an ambitious project to create a fresh resource for Nazarene mission education. After months of research, NMI is moving forward with a new mission education called *Simply Mission*.<sup>1</sup>

The three-fold goal of *Simply Mission* is to

- create a resource that will better equip the local NMI president,
- engage a younger demographic of Nazarenes,
- and bring mission stories to local churches more effectively.

The original concept for the program, created by The House, was further developed by NMI to become a resource available to each Nazarene church.

### Improving How Mission Education Is Communicated

While many of the existing mission education resources will remain the same—the mission book program will remain untouched—NMI is looking to improve the way mission education is communicated to the local church.

Although plans are still being refined, the core concept for the new mission program is to deliver information in a more timely manner that is consistent with the ease of information access in the 21st century. Rather than deliver a single annual mission kit to each participating church, *Simply Mission* will be released more frequently, at least twice annually. Included in the new kit will be a NMI leader's planner outlining the mission calendar for the period; educational tools and lesson options; videos and other media; and relevant promotional pieces for use in the local church.

"Our goal is to make mission education more user-friendly for the NMI leader and for the church as a whole," said Bruce Nuffer of The House team. "We spoke



<sup>1</sup> At the time of publication, the title was undecided, so we will use the working title *Simply Mission*. We will announce the finalized title when it is determined.

to many NMI presidents who didn't know where to start. The Simply Mission kit is designed to make the leader's responsibilities easier and clearer. Everything you need for mission education is now found in one place, with a rich library of additional resources online for those who choose to use them."

## Cause Campaigns

Along with the *Simply Mission* kit, NMI and The House are also developing new periodic items called Cause Campaigns. Each campaign will feature a specific mission cause and include personal stories of those positively affected by Nazarene giving. Liz Perry of The House believes the Cause Campaigns will be effective in reaching a new generation of Nazarenes.

"We are finding that people are more hesitant to give to an entire organization, but instead want to give to a specific child or to help build a specific church. These Cause Campaigns feature individual stories to attach a face with the need."

The Cause Campaigns will also better inform the church of what the Nazarene denomination is doing around the world. "NMI is involved in so many profound causes, but people aren't aware of the incredible work they do around the world. The Cause Campaign is simply a medium—a megaphone of sorts—to get the word out," said Perry.

NMI is excited about this new project and is continuing to work to create relevant, dynamic resources for the Nazarene denomination.

In January 2009, the Nazarene Publishing House launched The House, a publishing studio for the changing church. The House will focus on producing a new generation of resources—authentic, relevant, and life-changing. The House team is comprised of a small, passionate, and knowledgeable staff who work in a renovated home in midtown Kansas City.

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## Our Apologies

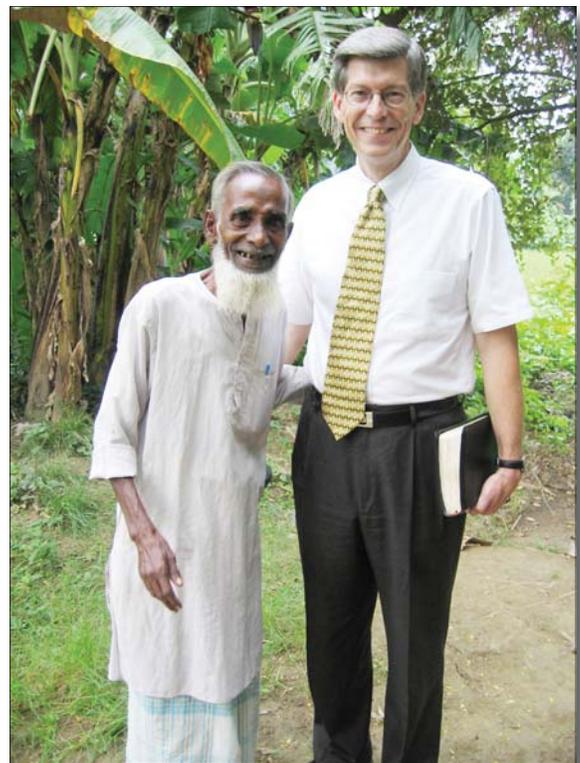
**Due to preparation for the Global Mission Conference, the May and June issues of *Mission Connection* have been combined. The release is still extremely late. We are striving to move toward a release date of a month prior to the issue, so NMI leaders will have ample time to use the ideas from the issue in your churches.**



## World Evangelism Fund: New Plan Simplified

In February 2009 the Board of General Superintendents recommended—and the General Board approved—a new plan for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). We are collaborating to develop and to explain the simplified plan.

- Funding the mission of the Church of the Nazarene is driven by passion for evangelism and disciple-making out of a heart of generosity. Our people desire to give as much as possible, especially for world evangelism and global mission.
- Pastors, lay leaders, and district superintendents requested a new WEF plan that is simple, fair, and equitable around the world. General superintendents, the U.S.A. national board, and the General Board responded to the need expressed by many leaders.
- The General Board approved WEF giving at 5.5% of current income—no deductions—for every church globally. In the U.S.A., giving for Pensions and Benefits will be 2.0% of current income. Also in the U.S.A., giving for education will be 2.5% of current income.
- Current church income will include designated giving, Alabaster, Easter offerings, revival offerings, and any other donation that qualifies as a charitable contribution. Again, the new plan will reduce the amount most churches need to give to achieve the new 5.5% goal.
- The new WEF plan will begin at the 2010 district assemblies. This timing will allow leaders in churches, districts, regions, and the Global Ministry Center to make reductions in spending across the next 12 months so the new plan will work around the world.
- The new WEF giving plan will provide about 16% less from U.S.A. churches. Increased giving by every church around the world will offset some of this decrease, but will develop gradually. World Mission is reprioritizing fund distribution for greater field impact.



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- World Mission has adjusted expenditures to decrease the impact of fund reductions on missionaries and field ministries. World Mission reduced expenses for personnel and operations at the field and regional levels, and at the Global Ministry Center, to decrease impact on missionaries.
- In the current plan, WEF is calculated on total spending, less deductions, times 15%. In the new plan, the amount a church gives for WEF and mission specials is included in the calculation of 5.5% giving.
- In most cases, the new plan will reduce the amount a church needs to give to achieve the new 5.5% goal. We will continue to encourage and to recognize giving beyond WEF, as well as Ten Percent Giving. We are pondering new names such as WEF Plus and Mission 10. Ideas?
- Local pastors, boards, and NMI leaders can still project goals for WEF giving such as faith promise. We will continue to provide simple tools for budgeting, planning, and achieving giving goals for world evangelism and global mission.
- Local churches should send WEF and other offerings for global mission directly to the general treasurer regularly. Record keeping and reporting are enhanced by a direct relationship between local church and general church. We are missional and connectional.



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



## Orlando: Global Praise, Worship, Challenge, Encouragement...and Business

by Philip Weatherill

Orlando will be inspirational. Thousands of Nazarenes from around the globe will gather for celebration and global mission vision.

An essential part of our time together will be to consider proposed changes to our NMI Constitution. Changes to our Constitution should facilitate our conduct of the four NMI objectives and therefore encourage us in achieving the Great Commission. Such changes should inspire us all in our efforts to reach the world.

The proposed constitutional changes were e-mailed to district presidents in May. Delegates, please carefully and prayerfully consider the wording and come to Orlando ready to participate. As a preview, some of these proposed constitutional changes will:

- Change the word “general” to become “global.” This change would reflect the specificity and worldwide application of NMI.
- Modify how local and district NMI councils are structured, moving away from job-orientated councils to councils focused around the four NMI objectives. Council members will still promote the various programmes within NMI. The proposed change reflects the purpose and passion of global mission, rather than the programme in itself.
- Consider the possibility of those who have served for eight years on the General NMI Council being able to serve again after an appropriate break of service. These resolutions recognize benefit in limiting the time a person can serve on the General NMI Council. But they also make it possible to involve again those who commence service at a younger age.
- Allow the General NMI Council to determine the practical arrangements for the General NMI Convention. The Global NYI has already implemented change to host the NYI Convention at other international sites via video conference. After discussing this in depth, the General NMI Council is not proposing a specific change at this time. The proposed constitutional change will allow flexibility in the future whilst not committing to the nature of any change at this time. This flexibility would allow for NMI to learn of, but also to be ready to benefit from, technological changes that may occur in the next few years.
- State succinctly the purpose of NMI as represented in the four objectives of praying, discipling, educating, and giving.
- Remove the word “auxiliary” from our Constitution. This proposed change is to reflect the integral role of NMI in the church and its cross-functional activities with many ministries of the Church.
- Other proposals seek to clarify the election of delegates to the General NMI Convention, to calculate membership, and to remove text describing offerings that would be better placed in the *NMI Handbook*.



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We anticipate an inspirational time in Orlando. Perhaps the people of Orlando will comment positively that there has never been a Convention of this nature in Orlando before. The business that needs to be done should not detract from the praise, worship, challenge, and encouragement. Change should enable us all to fulfill the Great Commission more efficiently and remove any restrictions to our implementation of the Great Commission.

*Dr. Philip Weatherill is the general NMI vice president and General NMI Council representative for the Eurasia Region.*

## 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.

## Buddy Plan Giving by District

<b>Canada</b>	<b>3,498.70</b>	<b>USA North Central</b>	<b>14,438.87</b>	<b>USA Southeast</b>	<b>14,221.09</b>
Canada Atlantic		Dakota	1,080.00	Alabama North	975.00
Canada Central	1,156.20	Iowa	1,560.00	Alabama South	600.00
Canada Pacific	987.50	Joplin	5,629.58	Central Florida	1,650.00
Canada Quebec	81.00	Kansas	2,500.00	East Tennessee	3,432.06
Canada West	1,274.00	Kansas City	1,061.99	Georgia	1,500.00
Canadian Executive Board		Minnesota	1,000.30	Kentucky	1,075.00
		Missouri	1,000.00	Mississippi	441.98
<b>USA Central</b>	<b>13,836.98</b>	Nebraska	607.00	North Carolina	
Chicago Central	456.82			North Florida	
Eastern Michigan	400.00	<b>USA Northwest</b>	<b>9,439.67</b>	South Carolina	1,254.68
Illinois	1,000.00	Alaska	500.00	Southern Florida	985.00
Indianapolis	2,929.98	Colorado	1,388.05	Tennessee	2,307.37
Michigan	2,500.00	Intermountain	1,500.00		
Northeastern Indiana	1,500.00	Northwest	3,000.00	<b>USA Southwest</b>	<b>14,066.99</b>
Northern Michigan	1,430.37	Oregon Pacific	1,000.00	Anaheim	500.00
Northwest Indiana		Rocky Mountain	500.00	Arizona	3,931.25
Northwestern Illinois	2,006.81	Washington Pacific	1,551.62	Central California	815.45
Southwest Indiana	1,113.00			Hawaii Pacific	862.14
Wisconsin	500.00	<b>USA South Central</b>	<b>22,938.33</b>	Los Angeles	100.00
		Dallas	4,450.00	New Mexico	682.04
<b>USA East Central</b>	<b>10,970.15</b>	Louisiana	1,111.00	Northern California	5,793.11
Central Ohio	2,624.05	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	133.00
North Central Ohio	1,919.90	South Arkansas	5,318.00	Southwest Native American	
Northwestern Ohio	1,000.00	South Texas	1,800.00	Western Latin America	500.00
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–June 11, 2009.	
West Virginia South	100.00	Texas-Oklahoma Latin	150.00		
		West Texas	1,969.52		
<b>USA Eastern</b>	<b>8,926.95</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thank you to those districts, churches, and individuals who participated.</p>			
Maine	315.00				
Metro New York	679.00				
Mid-Atlantic	380.00				
New England	1,337.79				
Philadelphia	1,684.45				
Pittsburgh	2,000.00				
Upstate New York	693.35				

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# May Missionary Health Care

## Missionary Health Care Is for Everyone!

Who are the typical donors and recipients for Missionary Health Care offerings in your church? In many churches, Memorial Rolls (MRs), Distinguished Service Awards (DSAs), and Missionary Health Care giving is limited to faith promise or a passing of the plate. While these are wonderful and ensure participation by the church, there are some other options that might give your congregation a well-rounded appreciation for this ministry and for the people of all ages in your church.

### Some Suggestions

- Sunday School classes, other small groups, or individuals may give Memorial Roll certificates.
- Distinguished Service Awards must be given by groups, but that doesn't limit the presentation to be from the whole church. A Sunday School class may present a DSA to its teacher.
- Some churches have used the Memorial Roll as a means of outreach, presenting certificates for individuals who do not attend their church.
- Get the youth and children involved (see item below).



To guarantee effective giving, education is key. Everyone in the church should understand that the Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award are part of Missionary Health Care and that the money received will help provide much-needed medical care for missionaries.

### Children and Youth and Missionary Health Care?

- All age groups can give. Have the youth and/or children raise the funds to give a DSA to a person who is especially meaningful to them. Planning the presentation, inviting family members of the honoree, and explaining the purpose of Missionary Health Care can be done by young people.
- When someone dear to children and youth passes away, why not ask the young people if they would like to place that person's name on the Memorial

Roll. It allows time to reminisce and helps youth and children know that grief is shared by the whole church.

- Have the youth and/or children present “Gifts from the Heart” to a number of people throughout the church for whatever reason they choose and whatever amount the individual wants to give. They can be in charge of an entire service where they honor their recipients. For those who prefer not to speak in front of groups, a teen or child could like to write something that another individual can read, or she or he may record their thoughts in advance.



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### **How to Receive Certificates on Time and in Proper Form**

- **Plan ahead (when possible)...way ahead!** Orders from January–June 2009 numbered approximately 2,900 Memorial Rolls and around more than 500 Distinguished Service Awards. Orders start increasing in March and reach a frenzied peak in May. Emergencies happen. However, for those items that are not urgent, the earlier you order, the less stress for all.
- **Order online when you can.** Ordering online—with a credit card—takes **3-11 business days**. If you order by mail and pay by check, we ask you allow **4-6 weeks** for delivery. Also keep in mind that more than just the NMI Office is involved in the processing of your certificates.
- **Double-check all spelling.** Verify the honoree’s name, even if it is someone you have known for years.
- **Include all necessary documents if ordering by mail.** These include the completed order form for the certificate(s) you need, a completed remittance form\*, and a check totaling the amount for all certificates ordered.
- **Mail to the proper address.** While the Global Ministry Center is in Lenexa, Kansas, all funds sent to Global Treasury Services should be sent to:

Global Treasury Services  
Church of the Nazarene  
P.O. Box 843116  
Kansas City, MO 64184-3116

- **Have your order overnighted.** When you find yourself really pushing a deadline, you may have to pay extra to have your order overnighted. We can do that; however, verify the order can be received at the location where you having it delivered on the day of delivery. For instance, will the location be open, and is weekend delivery a possibility in your area?
- **Contact Jon Livengood if you need additional assistance.** His e-mail is [jlivengood@nazarene.org](mailto:jlivengood@nazarene.org), and his direct number is 913-577-2981.

\* Church remittance forms—with your church’s identification number filled in—are available from your church treasurer. Or you download remittance forms, both for church- and individual-giving, online at [www.nazarene.org](http://www.nazarene.org). Click on the Stewardship tab, then on the “Giving & District Reports” link at the left. When that page comes up, a link labeled “Remittance Forms” will be on the left.

## Distinguished Service Award Guidelines/Suggestions

- When preparing the “tribute message,” please use only the space allowed—60 character spaces per line (including punctuation and spacing between words); 4 lines available. Words cannot be split between lines.
- Avoid listing all of the honoree’s accomplishments. Include highlights on the certificate, then detail the recipient’s accomplishments during presentation.
- The best tribute messages tell why the individual is appreciated—the personality characteristics behind the honoree’s actions.
- Type (or print clearly) the honoree’s name on the order form. This helps the NMI Office avoid mistakes when interpreting unclear handwriting.
- A DSA may be awarded to a couple (two names on one certificate) as long as only one tribute message is submitted.
- Avoid abbreviations (example, Ch. Bd. for church board).
- Avoid typing words in all capital letters (unless it is an acronym), as this is difficult to read.
- Please remember—a DSA is to be presented to someone who is living. To honor someone who is deceased, please order a Memorial Roll certificate.

### DSA Permanent Text

Permanent text is programmed to be included in all DSAs. Often, churches include such information in their reason for presentation when it is not necessary. The following quote shows the permanent text (*italics denote information that changes from one DSA to another*).



*“Name Church of the Nazarene takes pleasure in presenting this certificate to John and Jane Doe”*

### Reasons for Presentation

Prepositional phrases work best for the reason for presentation, as it follows the permanent text listed above. Some good examples are:

- For your years of faithful service in our church.
- In grateful appreciation for your dedication, sacrifice, and service.
- With thankfulness for years of love, care, and dedicated leadership.
- For three decades of service, advancing the kingdom of God around the world.
- For 15 years of visionary leadership as NMI president.

# June World Mission Broadcast

## Power in a Minute

The following requires three readers to present the stories with emotion. While memorization is not required, familiarity with the text is imperative for flow and optimum results. Readers should not rush through the text, and when readers change in the middle of a sentence, there should be no pause unless directed. Additional pauses may be added for effect, but try to keep them at a minimum to prevent the readers from sounding “singsongy.”

It might add power if the sound-effect of seconds ticking were played during the entire reading. Keep it soft, just barely audible, until the readers are finished, then slightly increase the volume and let it continue for about 15-20 seconds.

**Reader 1:** Life can change in a minute.

**Reader 2:** (*Slight pause*) On the morning of April 16, 1995, at 9:02 a.m.,...

**Reader 3:** countless lives were changed forever for people in Oklahoma City.

**Reader 2:** (*Slight pause*) September 11, 2001, at 9:03 a.m.,...

**Reader 3:** life changed as a second airplane struck the South Tower.

**Reader 2:** We all watched, realizing this was not a terrible accident.

**Reader 1:** All this happened in a minute. (*Slight pause*)

For many people around the world, a minute is all it takes to change them forever—for better or worse.

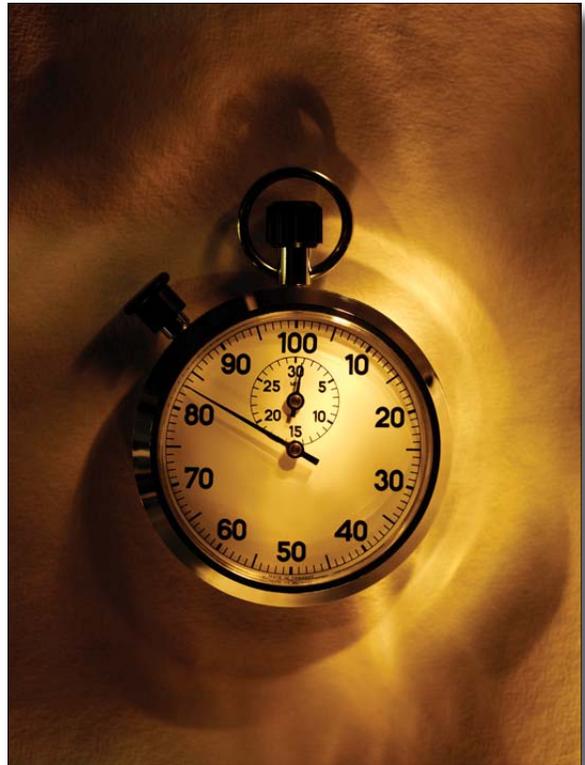
**Reader 2:** World Mission Broadcast is in the minute business.

**Reader 3:** Countering the hopelessness many experience every minute, we use over 1.9 million minutes every year...

**Reader 1:** to reach beyond borders and over barriers,...

**Reader 2:** transmitting hope to 74 countries in 31 languages.

**Reader 3:** (*Slight pause*) “I’ve seen firsthand what can happen in a minute,” writes missionary Brian Utter. “A few years ago, I participated in a prison ministry in Florencia Varela, Argentina. One of the radio stations, which broadcast our Spanish programs, began working with the prison after an inmate



contacted them. The interesting thing is that there is no scientific explanation for how the signal reached this prison. It lies an additional 50 miles beyond the station's reach. The inmate had the radio positioned in such a way that he picked up the signal for just one minute...

**Reader 1:** *(Slight pause)*...and that is all it took. Today, that inmate is working with the radio station and more than half of the prison is now following Christ.

**Reader 3:** "I saw the dramatic difference between a cell block following Christ and those who didn't," Brian says. "Cell blocks that now are clean and have Scripture painted down the hallways, while other cell blocks are strewn with trash and human waste, and inmates shout profanities.

**Reader 2:** "An engineer has investigated and there is no human answer to why, only in that spot, the inmates can listen to that frequency.

**Reader 1:** "There is no human answer to why the vegetable garden in the prison is growing in red soil, even though a horticulturalist said it should not be possible."

**Reader 2:** Broadcast media and technologies are causing unprecedented things to happen...

**Reader 1:** as we reach people in places we never before thought possible.

**Reader 2:** These powerful God-tools are helping us penetrate places closed off to the Gospel...

**Reader 1:** and share the light of Jesus in those dark corners.

**Reader 2:** Your partnership with World Mission Broadcast makes those minutes happen—

**Reader 3:** *(Slight pause)* Minutes that change lives.

**Reader 1:** The average cost to produce, distribute, and transmit one minute of a program is just \$4.

**Reader 2:** How many life-changing minutes could you,...

**Reader 1:** your friends,...

**Reader 2:** or your group sponsor?

**Reader 1:** There's power in a minute.

**Reader 3:** Help change a life.

**Reader 2:** Participate in the World Mission Broadcast offering on (date of your church's offering).



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Brian Utter

World Mission Broadcast

Adapted for reader's theater

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To emphasize the message of this reading, display a variety of clocks and watches in a prominent place in your church with a sign nearby that reads, "There's power in a minute. Help change a life. Participate in the World Mission Broadcast offering on (date of your church's offering)."

# News and Announcements



## Resolutions Posted Online

The resolutions that will be voted on by the General NMI Convention are posted on the NMI Web site. Go to [www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org), then click on “NMI Resources” in the upper right-hand portion of the page. When that page comes up, scroll down to the section labeled “Resolutions.”

## Exciting News!

People may now subscribe to the electronic *Mission Connection* on the Subscription page of [www.nazarene.org](http://www.nazarene.org). Click on “Subscription Center” at very bottom right of page, fill in the required info, select *Mission Connection Magazine*, and click the “Save” button.

## New Educating Video

NMI gets back to the basics of our global mission and passion: Praying, Discipling, Educating, and Giving. Download the new Educating video from the Media Library at [www.nazarenemedialibrary.org](http://www.nazarenemedialibrary.org). Type “NMI Educating” in the search box at the bottom of the page.

Four videos will be released prior to General NMI Convention/Global Mission Conference that paint a vivid picture of each of these objectives. You may have seen the first two, released several months ago: Giving and Praying. Keep telling the stories of lives transformed in God’s global mission!

## Engage Magazine Launches

*Engage* magazine, an Internet-based publication about Nazarenes involved in mission, launched May 28 at [www.engagemagazine.com](http://www.engagemagazine.com). Readers are invited to help shape the magazine with their own stories, photos, and testimonies of how they are engaging in Christ’s mission.

## Updated Fast Facts

An updated version of the annual Fast Facts produced by NMI is now available on the NMI Web site. Go to [www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org), then click on the “NMI Resources” in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. A link to the Fast Facts will be in the column at the left.

Many church leaders find these statistics helpful when

promoting mission giving. Those statistics that are supported directly or indirectly by World Evangelism Fund are marked. Printable versions are available in color and black and white and in two sizes—letter-sized and A4.

## How We Calculate the Number of Missionaries

The number of missionaries serving in the Church of the Nazarene is calculated as follows:

- All missionaries on a General Board contract through the Global Mission Department
- All missionaries on a regional contract
- Volunteer personnel who have a contract in any year for more than 90 days
- All tentmakers who are serving on the field
- Regional directors and spouses

This calculation is based off of these individuals who are serving on the field and have some type of support from the World Evangelism Fund. While many of our volunteer personnel are able to raise some ministry support, we recognize that the base that is provided by World Evangelism Fund is vital to their success in ministry. This base consists of administrative support and care provided by the Global Ministry Center, regional offices, and missionaries on the field.

If you have any questions related to this information, please feel free to contact Glynda Wesley at [gwesley@nazarene.org](mailto:gwesley@nazarene.org) in the Global Mission office.

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#### Our Mission

To mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating.