



## Praying Through the Window and for the Persecuted Church

In October and November we focus on unreached and persecuted Christians of the world. While we pray for them throughout the year, we concentrate on these specifically as a reminder that people still suffer for their faith or have not heard of God's plan of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection.

### 10/40 Window

Throughout October, we turn our attention to the 10/40 Window, the area of the world located between 10 degrees and 40 degrees north of the equator, which includes Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia.



- Nearly 4 billion people live here, including 90 percent of the world's poorest people.
- The seats of Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Animism, Atheism, and Sikhism are headquartered in the 10/40 Window.
- In many of the 67 countries represented in the 10/40 Window, witnessing to the Christian Gospel means death.
- Two-thirds of the world's population (4 billion) live in the 10/40 Window.
- 95 percent of the people are unevangelized.
- 43 of the 50 worst countries in the world for persecution of Christians are here.
- An average of 5 cents out of every US \$100 spent on missions goes to this area of the world.
- Illiteracy is widespread.
- Terrorist organizations and child prostitution run rampant in many of these nations.
- Horrific abuse of women and children remains unchecked.
- Children as young as 18 months old are trained to be Jihad soldiers.
- It is estimated that 1.6 billion people have not heard the Gospel one time.<sup>1</sup>

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President and CEO of Window International Network

1 Statistics from Window International Network <[www.win1040.org](http://www.win1040.org)>

## **Seven Requests for the 10/40 Window**

Following are seven requests—one for each day of the week—for the 10/40 Window.

- Pray for those within the 10/40 Window who have never heard the Gospel, that someone will explain God’s plan of salvation to them in a clear manner.
- Pray for the safety and the discipling of Christians there, that they will grow spiritually strong and in turn disciple others.
- Pray for ministries that provide relief for the poverty-stricken people in the 10/40 Window, that their service will result in a harvest of souls for the Kingdom.
- Pray for the children, teenagers, and young adults of the 10/40 Window, that their futures will be filled with the hope that Christ provides.
- Pray that literacy within the 10/40 Window will increase and that Christian resources will be translated into the languages of this vast area.
- Pray that terrorist organizations, cycles of abuse, prostitution, and human trafficking will be interrupted.
- Pray that global Christians will give generously so the people of the 10/40 Window will come to know of God’s love, Christ’s sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit’s comfort.



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## **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is a global day of intercession for persecuted Christians worldwide. Its primary focus is the work of intercessory prayer and citizen action on behalf of persecuted communities of the Christian faith. We also encourage prayer for the souls of the oppressors, the nations that promote persecution, and those who ignore it....The most we can do is the least we can do—pray.

The IDOP is commemorated on the second Sunday of November annually, so this year it was held on November 8, 2009. If your church missed this special day of prayer, you can always schedule your own (personal and/or church’s) day of prayer for the persecuted church.

The goals of the IDOP and Prayer for the Persecuted Church are to:

- Increase awareness of the persecuted Church worldwide.
- Lead in prayer on behalf of the persecuted Church.
- Promote ongoing and appropriate action on behalf of the persecuted Church.<sup>2</sup>

Free IDOP kits are available from Open Doors U.S.A. To reserve a kit, please call Open Doors at 888-5-BIBLE-5 (524-2535), e-mail [usa@opendoors.org](mailto:usa@opendoors.org) (specify “Free IDOP Kit” in subject line and include your mailing address), or click on the link entitled “2009 IDOP Free Prayer Kits.”

## **Requests for IDOP**

The following are actual requests for persecuted Christians from all over the world. Use them during your corporate prayer time on November 8.

- PRAISE—PAKISTAN—Minorities Minister Shahbaz Bhatti has vowed to try to stop the persecution of Christians and other minorities, reports *Christian Today*.

2 Information on IDOP from [www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org)

He acknowledged that Christians were being attacked, imprisoned, and killed under the pretext of committing blasphemy and that the blasphemy charges being brought against Christians were false. Bhatti asked Christians to pray for believers in Pakistan and spare one minute a day to pray for him as he works for religious freedom in the country. (*Assist News Service*)

- INDIA— A pastor and an evangelist were arrested October 10, 2009, after a group of Hindu radicals complained to local police about “forceful conversion activities.” According to the Web site of the Global Council of Indian Christians ([www.persecution.in](http://www.persecution.in)), a group of Hindu radicals barged into the house of a female believer where the pastor and evangelist had gone for a visit and prayer at her request. The radicals questioned both men, detained them at the village temple, and then turned the men over to police. The Global Council of Indian Christians has requested for prayer for the protection and speedy release of these ministers. (*Assist News Service*)
- LAOS—In September, officials arrested an elder at Boukham Church, demanding that he renounce Christianity or face expulsion from the village. They threatened to kill him if his arrest was made public. Later, officials expelled another Christian after he refused to renounce Christianity. Meanwhile, Lao officials have denied schooling to 10 children of Christians and cut off access to water at village wells. (*Open Doors USA*)
- COLOMBIA—On Sept. 21, Pastor Manuel Camacho from north-east of Guaviare was shot and killed. He had received threats because of his preaching and evangelizing in the town and surrounding area and was concerned about the safety of his two children. In some guerrilla-controlled areas, the church is accepted, but in other regions the guerrillas continue to attack pastors and Christians and shut down churches. (*Open Doors USA*)
- SOMALIA—In early October, Compass Direct News has revealed that Islamic militants in Somalia killed a woman who led an underground Christian movement in the war-torn country. The woman was killed when it was discovered that she had six Bibles. Please pray for the woman’s family as they grieve her sudden death. (*Assist News Service*)
- CHILDREN OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH—This is the emphasis for this year’s IDOP. Pray for the next generation of believers around the world, that they will grow strong spiritually.

For more informations, see:

- Windows International Network: [www.win1040.com](http://www.win1040.com)
- 1040Window.org: [www.1040window.org](http://www.1040window.org)
- Open Doors USA: [www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org)
- Persecution.org: [www.persecution.org](http://www.persecution.org)
- Voice of the Martyrs: [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)



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## Funding the Mission

The Church of the Nazarene has adopted a new philosophy for funding the mission globally. The Board of General Superintendents and General Board recommended these principles in response to requests from pastors, lay leaders, and district superintendents.

Beginning with the assembly year that starts after October 1, 2009, every local church globally is challenged to give at least 5.5 percent of current income to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). In the U.S.A., churches give another 2 percent to pensions, 2.5 percent to their regional university or college, as well as funding their district ministries.

The mission—to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

- The passion for the mission is driven by evangelism.
- The power for the mission is through the Holy Spirit.
- The resources for the mission are funded through your generosity.

Our global church is connectional. Since the early 1920's, Nazarene churches have pooled resources (budgets) to accomplish more. These shares for others support worldwide mission outreach, including missionaries, the Global Ministry Center, educational institutions, pension plans, and district ministries. Local churches around the world combine resources to fund global mission. WEF is the key investment in mission and the financial heart line for global mission.

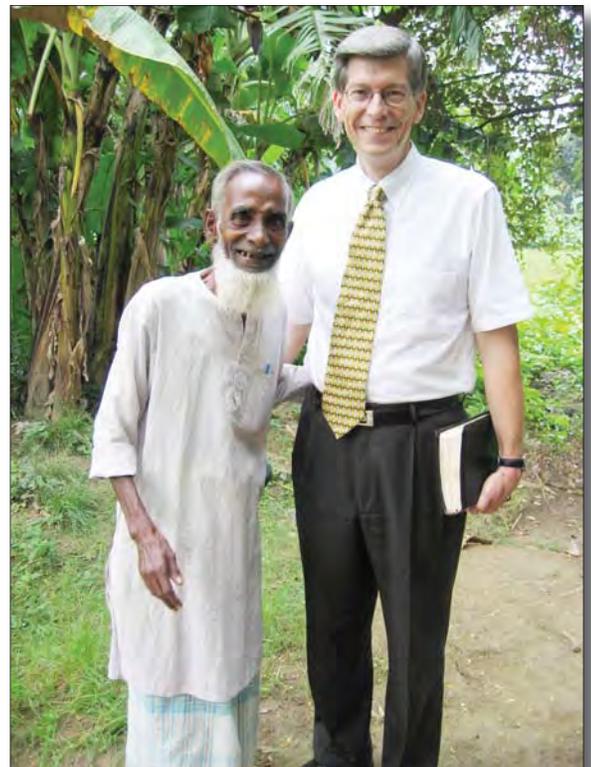
### WEF Based on Current Church Income

The new giving plan for WEF is based on current church income. "Church income" is any donation received by a church that qualifies as a charitable contribution. This includes tithe, regular offerings, Easter and Thanksgiving offerings, Sunday School and Nazarene Youth International offerings, Approved Mission Specials (those qualified as Ten Percent Giving), Alabaster, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, Work & Witness offerings, deputation offerings, revival offerings, love offerings, building fund offerings, capital campaigns, etc.

### How to Calculate New Mission Giving

Each church will report WEF and all Approved Mission Specials (also known as Ten Percent Specials) as church income. However, each church will subtract these funds from total church income before calculating the percentages for WEF (and in the U.S.A., pension and education funds). A simple example follows:

Imagine the total tithes and offerings in your church next Sunday is \$1,000



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and that \$75 of that total was given for WEF and \$25 for Approved Mission Specials, resulting in \$100 for global mission giving. Subtract \$100 of mission giving from \$1,000 total offerings. The difference is \$900, which you multiply by 5.5 percent to determine your WEF giving goal; the result is \$49.50. Your church designated \$100 total for global mission, so you send \$100 to Global Treasury Services, specifying \$75 for WEF and \$25 for various Mission Specials.

If your church continues to give at this level throughout the year, your church will have given more than 10 percent for global mission.

### Who Sets the Percentages?

The *Manual* indicates that the Board of General Superintendents, along with the General Board, is authorized and empowered to apportion the WEF to the district assemblies (see *Manual* Par. 317.12 and Par 334.8). The success of the new funding plan for global mission depends on all districts globally utilizing the WEF percentage (5.5% of current income) equitably, without modification. Districts should participate willingly in this plan without modification and all share equitably in the funding of the global mission (see *Manual* Par. 38.2 and Par 130).

### Where and When to Send WEF and Mission Specials

Each church should send the WEF and Mission Specials directly to Global Treasury Services rather than through the district (see *Manual* Par. 136.2 and Par. 413.17 and NMI Constitution Article VII, Section 1.A.1). When each church sends WEF and Mission Specials directly, that church retains a direct relationship with Global Treasury Services.

Most churches would experience a cash flow crisis if every member held his or her tithe until the end of the year. For churches to delay sending contributions for global mission would have devastating consequences on every mission field. When each church sends WEF and Mission Specials monthly, that church enhances recordkeeping, reporting, and budgeting for global mission. The *Manual* instructs churches to submit regularly (Par. 130) and monthly (Par. 38.2).

### New Plan Is Simple and Fair

The old formula, with many changes and deductions, had the reputation of being confusing and unfair. The deductions reminded leaders in some nations of itemized tax forms. In a taxation system, a taxpayer desires to pay as little as possible. Church members committed to make Christlike disciples in the nations are motivated to give as much as possible.

The new plan, based on a percentage of current year giving, resembles tithe. To fund the mission, our current leaders developed this new plan that is simple, fair, and equitable around the world.

<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Total Tithes/Offerings (includes \$75 WEF and \$25 Mission Specials)</b>
<b><u>-100</u></b>	<b>Subtract Mission Giving</b>
<b>\$900</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
<b><u>x 5.5%</u></b>	<b>For WEF Giving</b>
<b>\$49.50</b>	<b>WEF Goal</b>

**Send \$100 to Global Treasury Services because \$100 was designated for mission.**

## Transform Giving Terminology

We will avoid the use of terms for mission giving such as “taking” offerings, “paying,” “overpaying,” “paid in full,” “budgets,” “allocations,” “formulas,” “awards,” and other similar terms. Some of these terms sounded like taxation. We will return to terms that are more biblical: “giving,” “receiving,” “sharing,” “sacrificing,” and “honoring.” We will encourage missional faithfulness and passion by the terms we choose and use.

We intend to retain use of the term “World Evangelism Fund.” We remember that the acronym “WEF” only works in English. We prefer that each recognition level include “World Evangelism”, i.e., World Evangelism Church of Excellence.

## Recognitions for Mission Giving

Neither churches nor pastors seek the praise of people; however, we do value wholesome recognition and a genuine “thank you.” In the new giving plan, the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board have asked local churches to give at least 5.5% of total local church income to WEF. Churches that reach or give beyond that goal will be recognized as follows:

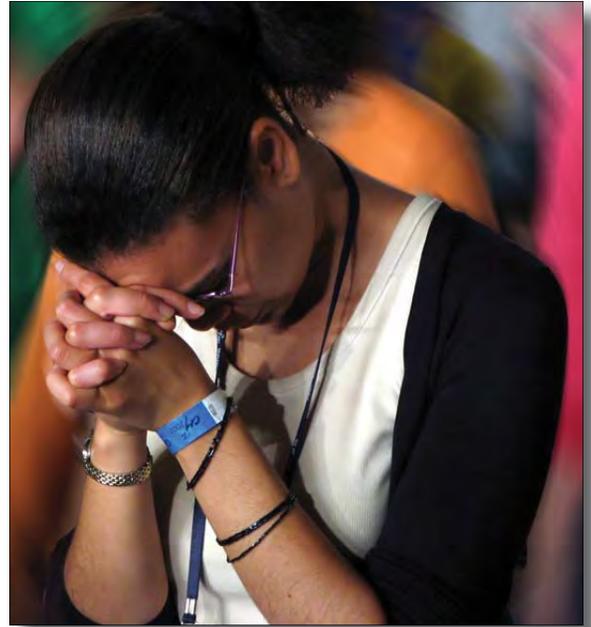
- **World Evangelism Church:** churches that give at least 5.5 percent of their current income to WEF. These churches have met the base goal for world-wide giving and are the lifeblood of our global mission.
- **World Evangelism Church of Excellence:** churches that give at least 5.7 percent (or \$1,500, whichever is less) to WEF help to invest in new world areas and new works in the U.S.A. and Canada. This giving parallels former “WEF overpayment.”

Additionally, local churches will be recognized for reaching giving goals beyond WEF:

- **Mission Ten Percent Church:** churches that give 10 percent or more of current income to WEF and Approved Mission Specials and that reach giving goals for Pensions and Benefits, educational institutions, and district support. This parallels the former Honor Roll award.
- **Mission 15, 20, 25, 30:** churches that achieve extravagant levels of giving will receive recognition for every five percent increment beyond Mission Ten Percent honor.

## Tracking Local Church Progress

An online reporting tool has been developed to assist churches with calculation and recordkeeping. Pastors and church treasurers will be able to report income weekly or monthly. Information will be available immediately, including total contributions to date and percentages for WEF, Pensions and Benefits, and education. This tool will also provide up-to-date information on local church progress toward Ten Percent Giving goals.





## Thankful Giving for World Evangelism Fund

### Giving Thermometer

Set up a large display area or use the main bulletin board at your church to advertise the upcoming Thanksgiving Offering. Below the words, “Thanksgiving Offering” and the date(s) your church will receive the offering, place a large thermometer chart (made from heavy construction paper or other suitable material). Sections representing sums of money raised should be marked to the side of the thermometer, and your church’s giving goal posted at the top. Below the thermometer post the words, “Give thanks with a grateful heart” or “God loves a cheerful giver.”



### ‘Thank You’ Notes

A few weeks prior to the offering, encourage members to submit cards with thoughts, quotations, and/or Bible verses that centre on giving thanks. All should be involved—children, youths, and adults. Encourage each person to submit as many cards as possible with a different reason for thankfulness on each one, placing his/her name on each card. On the back of one of the cards, the individual should indicate the amount he/she plans to give for the Thanksgiving Offering with the words, “My thanks to God means \$\_\_\_\_\_.”

As the offering is received over the weeks, it should be tallied and the gauge of the thermometer (mentioned above) will reflect the increase so that all may see the progress made. (If your church will receive the offering on one day, the pledges for the offering can be marked on the thermometer.)

Throughout the period of collection, several of these verses/quotes should be displayed at strategic points throughout the church so people will be constantly reminded of cultivating an attitude of thankfulness.

On the day of the final offering, decorate the entrance of the church with anything depicting “harvest.” As people arrive, they should be engaged in the singing of hymns/choruses reflecting thanks. Recognize the individual who submitted the most thoughts/quotes. A brief explanation should be given on the purpose of the offering, using PowerPoint. The message for the day should also be geared towards the importance of giving to missions with a heart of thanksgiving.

At the end of the service, an announcement should be given, stating the level of the Thanksgiving thermometer. If the church is short of its goal, an appeal for additional giving may be made.



Jennifer Brown  
Global NMI President



October

# Mission Priority One

## 10 Reasons Why I Should Participate in Missions

**1 I am a world Christian.** I care about what happens in my home and neighborhood, as well as the world. I want to know how the Church of the Nazarene responds and how I can respond personally.

**2 Caring for others is scriptural.** Throughout the Bible, God reminds me that He cares for all peoples.

**3 There is something for everyone!** All age groups are involved—from children to senior adults.

**4 I have an influence.** I want my life to model commitment to Christ and the church.

**5 I am part of a larger community**—not only my local church, but the international Church. Praying for, giving for, learning about, and discipling others regarding missions strengthens those bonds.

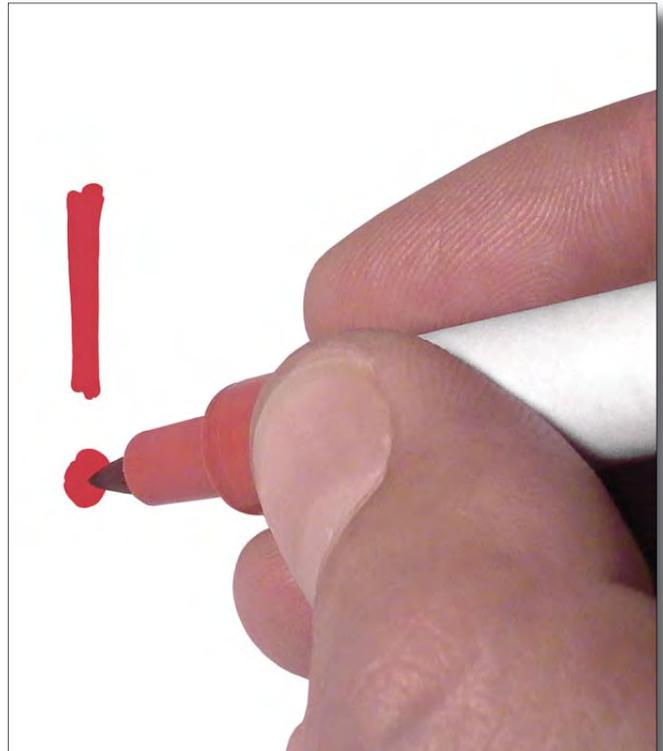
**6 The whole world needs to know** of God's love, Jesus' sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit's comfort. The least I can do is spend a few hours to learn how to help.

**7 My focus should be outward,** rather than inward. As I care about and pray for those God loves, my capacity for loving them grows.

**8 God wants me to give generously.** Helping others accomplish God's call on their lives allows me to be a part of their stories.

**9 The children and youth of my church should be involved in the mission of God,** and I have a responsibility to help them become Great Commission Christians.

**10 I love God, His Church, and those who have not made a commitment to Christ,** and I want to make a difference in my world!



Martha Bean, adapted  
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# Mission Priority One Provides a Well-Rounded Mission Experience

Mission Priority One (MPO) is more than “just another award.” It is an organized plan by which a church can verify that it’s people have a well-rounded mission experience. It is based on the four objectives of Nazarene Missions International (NMI):

- **Praying**—Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ.
- **Discipling**—Mentoring and involving all people, including children and youth, to make Christlike disciples in the nations.
- **Giving**—Devoting ourselves and our resources, including the World Evangelism Fund, to extend Christ’s kingdom.
- **Educating**—Informing people of the world’s needs and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.

Each of the objectives are dependent on the others. A church that is made aware of what the Church of the Nazarene is doing in a world area or within global issues will pray more effectively and give with a heart of mission passion. Children and youth will also participate more readily in the mission of God and be more aware of His call on their lives when adults take the time to help them understand what it means to be a Christlike disciple in the nations.

Mission Priority One is really very simple. Ask yourself the following:

- **Did we pray for missions this year?** That could be corporately, in prayer groups, or within Sunday School classes.
- **Did we involve all ages in mission opportunities**, either in age-group events or within the whole church body?
- **Did we give to World Evangelism Fund**, reaching our church’s goal?
- **Did we learn about missions** by
  - ☑ Reading/listening to NMI missions books?
  - ☑ Participating in mission service projects and/or hands-on activities?
  - ☑ Scheduling a mission speaker at the church and/or providing interaction with a mission speaker in other venues?
  - ☑ Using multimedia mission resources and/or utilizing mission publications and communications?

If you answered yes to all of these, your church is making mission a priority and has the potential for well-rounded missionally. Mission Priority One is not a set of hoops to jump through. It is a strategy to help your congregation have a full mission experience.

Gail Sawrie  
Editor



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# November World Evangelism Fund

## I Am Thankful...

The “thanksgiving” quotes below apply to all ages. They may be used in a number of ways:

**Option 1:** Insert a few funny ones and a serious one each week in the worship folder and church bulletin.

**Option 2:** If your church has a drama ministry, have several people present them as a reader’s theatre.

**Option 3:** Copy the quotes onto slips of paper, and distribute them to people as they come in the door. Tell them they can look at the paper but ask that they not tell others what their paper says. Explain that, when directed, they will stand up and read the number of the quote, then the quote itself. The next person should immediately read the next quote, “popcorn-testimony-style.” (If there are too many quotes, you may leave out any of #1-20, or you may give people multiple quotes.)

The following is formatted with Option 3 in mind.

**Narrator:** The following is produced by the Gratitude Council of (Name of Church).

**#1**—I’m thankful that I realized that math is an important thing.

**#2**—I am thankful that I’m not the lady I passed on the street today who kept whispering to herself “I’m so stressed, I’m so stressed” over, and over.

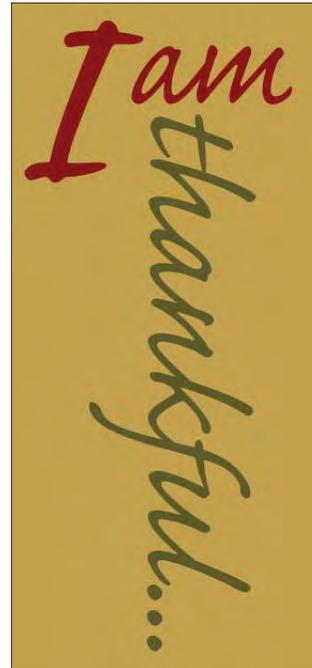
**#3**—I’m thankful for being tall and not bald.

**#4**—I am thankful for my sisters because they help me a lot; and I like that. They play with me a lot; and I like that, too. But sometimes they are mean; and I don’t like that.

**#5**—I’m thankful for my normal-sized nostrils. You don’t really think about it ‘til you see someone with nostrils that could house a small family. Then you are like, “Thanks...thanks for my nostrils.”

**#6**—I am thankful for the times when the batteries die in noisy toys and they mysteriously disappear.

**#7**—I am thankful that I don’t mind a juice box every now and again.



- #8—I am thankful for the trees because they have apples.
- #9—I am thankful that I still have my atlas from my 18th birthday. It has a few less pages now, thanks to my kids.
- #10—I'm thankful that I'm clearly not a handy person and should hire most things out.
- #11—Dental floss. I am thankful for dental floss.
- #12—I'm thankful for being able to appreciate the weird things that people do. Today, I saw two teenage boys dressed up in gorilla suits. It made me strangely happy.
- #13— I am thankful for hair color in a box.
- #14—I'm thankful for laceless shoes. A couple of years ago, I gave up wearing shoes with laces. Besides running shoes, it's all slip-ons for me now. Since making the move, my life is much simpler, I have an easier time at airport, and I don't imagine switching back anytime soon.
- #15—I am thankful for whoever invented ice cream.
- #16—I'm thankful for my pink laptop and my comfy bed and the extension cord that allows me to enjoy both at the same time.
- #17—I'm thankful I can spell "endorphins." And "desperately." And "super-califragilisticexpialidocious."
- #18—I am thankful for indoor plumbing.
- #19—The thing that I really am thankful for is video games. But there is nothing that is better than my family.
- #20—I am thankful for the Thanksgiving turkey hotline.
- #21—I am thankful the Church of the Nazarene ministers in 155 world areas and supports more than 790 missionaries (including volunteers and tentmakers) with more than 190 missionary kids.
- #22—I'm thankful that there are 11,300 churches in world mission areas with a total of 1.2 million members in those areas.
- #23—I am thankful that we support 40 Bible colleges and seminaries, 11 universities, and 30 education extension centers in world mission areas.
- #24—I'm thankful that we have medical clinics and hospitals around the world, literature projects in 62 languages, and provide infrastructure for numerous mission ministries through the Church of the Nazarene.
- #25—I'm thankful for a church that has the mission: to make Christlike disciples in the nations.
- #26—I am thankful that we do all this through the World Evangelism Fund.

**Narrator:** If someone asked what you were thankful for, what would you say? Remembering the blessings God has given throughout the year, the Thanksgiving Offering for the World Evangelism Fund provides an opportunity for us to give back to God.

This has been a presentation by the Gratitude Council of (Name of Church).



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## Letting the Holy Spirit Lead

Last week at my district convention, we needed at least \$30,000 to just be at the 90% payment of our World Evangelism Fund (we have always been at least 90%). So at the rally service the night before, I felt led to close the service with a communion service. The Holy Spirit anointed our efforts, and it was truly wonderful.

At the convention on Wednesday, I closed my report with a “healing service.” I shared how God had healed me from my accident in Africa and how I felt that we needed to be healed—not just physically, but emotionally and mentally—to have our attitudes healed from not being sacrificial givers. I was surprised at how many people came forward to be anointed and prayed for. One woman said that her husband had committed suicide about a year ago, and this was the first time that she had been able to cry and to feel the Holy Spirit since then.

Later on we received an offering for the World Evangelism Fund, and we raised over \$31,600! Isn't God wonderful? I had almost settled not to be 90% of the World Evangelism Fund, because I thought, with the economy in West Virginia, it would make sense not to expect more. When I saw from the pastors' reports that, as a district, we raised more money this past year. Also, I noticed that more money was spent locally than the year before—but less money was spent on missions—I told the convention that it was unacceptable. So with the leading of the Holy Spirit, we raised the money needed to be 90%.

I praise God for His faithfulness!

Patty Williams

West Virginia South District President



## Ministry Report From a Restricted Area

- 1. NMI Fellowship**—Every Wednesday evening is set aside for the local NMIs to gather for fellowship and prayer. Some of the local NMIs also have house fellowship and prayer on Thursdays or other nights.
- 2. Monthly Fasting Prayer Program**—Fasting Prayer programs are conducted every second Saturday of each month in ministry areas. NMI members gather in one church each month. Here we bring offerings including our share of rice, which is sold and the money is utilized for evangelism.
- 3. Evangelism**—The NMI has sponsored an evangelist who visits the churches—preaching, evangelizing, visiting and encouraging church members. It has not been easy to raise funds for this, but it is our prayer and goal to continue sponsoring a child evangelist from this year.
- 4. Fund Raising**—The NMI is one of the fund-raising arms of the Church.

### *AT THE LOCAL LEVEL:*

**a) Handful of Rice:** Each local NMI utilizes this as the best means of rais-

ing funds. Families set aside a handful of rice each time they cook food at home. Some donate a handful for the whole family, but most donate a handful for each member of the household. The rice is collected from each house every Sunday and sold.

**b) Fasting and Bringing One's Share of Rice:** On Sunday mornings, many of the local churches members fast. But they do not only fast; they also take their share of rice to the church and pray. This is sold by the NMI and the funds used for evangelism.

**c) Offerings:** Offerings are also collected during the fellowships.

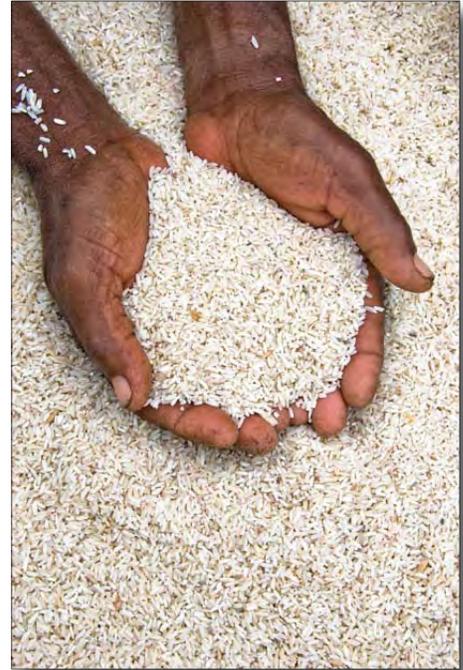
**d) Missionary Box:** Each house has a missionary box, in which they set aside offerings every now and then. The local NMI committee members collect these usually every month.

**AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL:**

**e) Budgets:** The district NMI prepares a budget for each local church, which is submitted at the district office.

**f) Faith Promise:** The District NMI Committee visited the local churches along with the evangelist to mobilize local church members to hold faith promise.

**5. Seminars/Camps/Revival Meetings**—Besides other ministries, the NMI also takes part in conducting revival meetings, seminars in the different areas, as well as in some of the more needy local churches in integration with other ministries of the Church within the district.



## Fifth Sunday Giving

What would happen if each NMI member from every region in the world gave U.S. \$1.00 (or the equivalent in their currency) to World Evangelism Fund on the months that have five Sundays? I am going to encourage my own local church to consider this possibility as NMI President.

Glynda Wesley  
Missionary

## Promoting World Evangelism Fund in the Local Church

1. Inform your people of how World Evangelism Fund (WEF) money is used.
2. Publicize your goal!
3. Set up monthly contributions for WEF or establish faith promise giving.
4. Take special offerings for World Evangelism Fund.
5. Make special plans and set goals for Thanksgiving and Easter offerings. (Half the amount of your total WEF goal for each of these offerings.)
6. Let your children and youth know of the need, and encourage them to participate—even if the amount is small. You are teaching them.
7. Give a monthly report to let the church know where you stand.

8. Pastor and NMI president should work together to plan effectively at the beginning of the church year.
9. Use church newsletters and bulletins to acquaint people with current needs.
10. It has been proven that God will help meet the local needs of the church that loves and cares for others (missions).
11. Plan to overpay World Evangelism Fund and/or help another church meet theirs. God will bless.
12. Jesus spoke of denying oneself. May God help us to learn again what it really means to sacrifice and give until it “hurts.”

Los Angeles District



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theirs. God will bless.*

## Thanksgiving Resources Available

**From the Nazarene Media Library ([www.nazarenemedialibrary.org](http://www.nazarenemedialibrary.org))**

- **World Evangelism Fund Videos**—Variety of lengths and languages. Free downloads. Note the dates items were added to the media library to download the most recent resources.
- **Thanksgiving/Harvest Offering Resources**—Videos with coordinating bulletin inserts in PDF format. Free downloads. Note the dates items were added to the media library to download the most recent resources.

**From Nazarene Publishing House ([www.nph.com](http://www.nph.com); call—1-800-877-0700)**

- **Stewardship: Hope Offering Envelopes/Posters**—Order Number—SDM-100 (package of 100); price—free; these envelopes are designed for use in receiving Easter Offering, Thanksgiving Offering, and Faith Promise offerings. The same design will be in used through 2009, so you can save any leftover envelopes for next year. Posters are included with order. **Order now!**

**From the NMI Web Site ([www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org))**

- **Thanksgiving Bulletin Inserts**—Same as those on Media Library; however, no video. From NMI home page, click on Giving bar, then under World Evangelism Fund category, click on the Thanksgiving Offering link.
- **Thanksgiving Graphics**—Available free for download on the Thanksgiving Offering page. May be used with PowerPoint presentations or as graphics in newsletters and bulletins. The graphic below is one of the graphics available on the NMI site.





## International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

### Prayer Guide for Families and Children

Since the church began, there have been some who want to stop the Gospel from spreading. They will harm and sometimes even kill Christians. This treatment of Christians is called religious persecution.

In many places around the world, religious persecution still happens. In some countries, the governments have made it against the law to be a Christian. In these places, Christians may suffer for sharing the Gospel or preaching in public. Churches must meet secretly.

How do we help the persecuted church throughout the world? The best way is to pray for them. On November 8, churches all over the world participated in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. This annual day of prayer is a great day to pray with your family and your church for Christians who are persecuted around the world. If you, your family, or your church missed this special time of prayer, you can always plan your own time of prayer for the persecuted church and encourage your friends and church to join you in prayer.

Here is a prayer guide to use with your family or children's mission education class to help you pray for persecuted Christians all year long. You can use it to pray throughout the week.

**Sunday**—Pray for pastors of persecuted churches.

**Monday**—Pray for church members who are persecuted.

**Tuesday**—Pray for Christian children who may be persecuted for their faith.

**Wednesday**—Pray for Missionaries who help those who are persecuted or may be persecuted themselves.

**Thursday**—Pray for those in your own country who help the persecuted.

**Friday**—Pray for those persecuting Christians, that they may eventually come to Christ.

**Saturday**—Pray for all persecuted Christians around the world.



# Learning to Care Develops Church Leaders

Recently Abhay was leading a worship service one Sunday morning in our church. As I saw him standing there reading from the Bible, my thoughts went back to a Sunday morning service some 20+ years ago.

Jubilation and excitement reigned supreme that day. Sunday School children were to lead the morning worship service. During the service—with great joy and eyes shining—they presented an envelope to our church treasurer. It contained cash to buy a guitar for Sunday School children of a small church in Argentina. They had heard of the need and wanted to help. How hard some of the children had worked to raise money for the guitar. They cleaned homes, tended chickens, watered buffaloes, run small errands, and what not.

Abhay was one of the children, about 6 or 7 years old then. He pulled weeds in my garden and watered my rose bushes. All this because he wanted to help his brothers and sisters in Christ, who also loved Jesus. Soon he gave his heart and life to Jesus. Today he is theologically trained and serving our Lord as a missionary.

Others from that Sunday School group, now adults with young families, are also active in their local churches. Some have developed into very strong Christian leaders, leading others from darkness into light. Praise the Lord!

Sudha Meshramkar  
India

## Hot Dogs for Mission!

Keith MacBryde, 12, and Ethan McLennan, 11, of Hickory Grove Church of the Nazarene in Double Springs, Alabama, wanted to do a missions project. With the help of their Sunday School teacher Bobbi Smith, they decided to start with selling hot dogs on the Wednesdays when the local NMI meets. Bobbi who does the NMI mission lesson each month was excited to assist them with their project. “So far,” she reports, “they have collected over \$138.00.”

Keith and Ethan handle the entire project by themselves—cooking the hot dogs, serving them, providing condiments and drinks, and counting the money. They are now assisted by two new Sunday School members Jordan, 10, and Jeremiah, 8, who are the grandsons of Pastor Steve Sain.

The Hot Dogs for Missions fundraiser is a part of the Alabama North District children’s missions project. The children on the district are raising funds for sidewalks and other items for Melanesia Nazarene Bible College.

Geneva Silvernail  
Rector, Melanesia Nazarene Bible College





# Youth/Fuel Week

## Begin Making Plans Now

Circle February 7-14, 2010 on your calendars. Those are the dates for this year's Youth/Fuel Week. Youth/Fuel Week is a week-long emphasis on youth that takes place annually on the full week that precedes Ash Wednesday.

This year, I would love to see this become a week of partnership between Nazarene Youth International (NYI) and Nazarene Missions International (NMI). Why not work with your local youth group and get them mobilized and out into the community? Think of the difference we can make for Christ if every church spent an entire week in partnership with their youth groups, serving in their neighborhoods.

Think of ways you can help make this happen:

- Is there a park or school playground nearby in need of repair or a fresh coat of paint?
- Is there a rescue mission that could use some volunteers?
- Can you gather coats, hats, and gloves for the less-fortunate in the cold weather that is fast-approaching?
- Can you "adopt" families from the community and buy them groceries?

These are just a few ideas of how NMI can work with the local youth group. Youth want to make a difference in their world. Will you help make that happen?

Jon Livengood  
GenNEXT Coordinator



## Youth Around the World

"The youth are the backbone of our church who take major responsibility in the church. Since the church is well-to-do financially and most of the young people are working, they have decided to support a pastor in need from another district."

From an NMI leader in a  
Gospel-resistant area





## Be a Fan of *Engage* Magazine on Facebook

*Engage* magazine now has a “fan” page on Facebook! If you have a Facebook account, search for “*Engage* magazine.” When you become a fan, you’ll get the latest mission headlines in your newsfeed each time we post a story. You can also quickly tell other mission-passionate people about *Engage* by posting an announcement in your Facebook status update. Questions? Contact Gina Pottenger: gpot-tenger@nazarene.org; 913-577-2975.

## How Are You Promoting the Sub-themes?

Is your church or district using the four annual sub-themes to promote the quadrennial theme, “To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations”? If so, NMI—and other churches and districts—would like to know what you are doing.

The four sub-themes are:

- Year One: To Make Christlike Disciples in Our Jerusalem (family and local church)
- Year Two: To Make Christlike Disciples in Our Judea (neighborhood, city, and county)
- Year Three: To Make Christlike Disciples in Our Samaria (cross-culturally, state/province, and nation)
- Year Four: To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations (globally)

Send any theme presentations or faith promise plans utilizing the sub-themes to [gsawrie@nazarene.org](mailto:gsawrie@nazarene.org).

## *Living Missions*\*—It’s In the Box!

- Arriving in March 2010—all new *Living Missions* Box
- Educating and engaging adults in local churches for global mission
- Each year—six lessons, six videos, six audio podcasts, three or four causes, and a *Living Missions* web site with additional resources
- Resources will be compatible to interact simply and seamlessly

For a long time, NMI provided adult mission education in an annual packet of 10-12 lessons. The new *Living Missions* box will focus on a strategic, engaging theme each six months. The first box will be delivered during district

NMI conventions in 2010. Subscribe for one year and receive another resource mailing in September.

The expanded resources will provide more than enough material to educate a local church monthly. Many local churches prefer to use videos and podcasts. Some prefer to download resources from the Web. Many younger leaders will be excited to connect electronically and to distribute resources throughout their local church rapidly.

The first theme for *Living Missions* will be “Forgotten People” and will include lessons/resources on human trafficking, educating young people, and ministering to forgotten people groups of the world. The causes will provide tangible ways your church can get involved in ministry related to the lesson topics. Watch for more information soon!

\**Living Missions* is the final title for the new NMI adult mission education resource we have been telling you about for several months. *Simply Mission* was a working title and while we liked it, *Living Missions* is more descriptive of the resource—our call as Christians to go and make disciples.

## On the NMI Web Site

- New downloadables available for International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) on IDOP Promotional page—bulletin inserts (Color and BW), banner ad for bulletin, and PowerPoint slide.
- New World Evangelism Fund (WEF) promotional PowerPoint slides on the Downloads page and on the WEF promotional page.

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