



Nazarenes React to Haiti Crisis

When a 7.0 earthquake slammed Haiti on January 12, 2010, many district leaders for Nazarene Missions International (NMI) and other Nazarene ministries were meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Glued to television newscasts during the early evening break, the leaders' first action upon meeting an hour later was to go to prayer and to ask if they could give right then.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries personnel onsite went to work, writing press releases and planning how funds would be processed and what were the most immediate needs.

Central Florida District NMI President Tawanda Mills was on her cell phone constantly, working with contacts she and the district have developed for just such emergencies. She contacted a cruise line that travels to and from Haiti, and the line offered to take Crisis Care Kits in the next ship going that direction. She contacted other organizations, asking for any video footage that might be helpful in getting the word out until Nazarene videographers could arrive.

Departments in Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) worked with Nazarene Publishing House to write age-appropriate Sunday School lessons that responded directly to the Haiti disaster. The lessons were made available electronically for the following Sunday.

Meanwhile in churches around the world, church leaders went to work immediately. Time was of the essence, and Nazarenes are not ones to hesitate.

In the weeks since the quake, reports have poured into the global NMI office as to what churches and individuals have done to help their Haitian brothers and sisters. Here are some of the first ones to roll in.



Photo by Lee Rudeen

'Seed Money'

Bloomington First Church of the Nazarene distributed \$5,000 to its members, in increments of \$5 to \$100, with the instructions to use the finances as "seed money" and, in turn, bring in more money.

Pastor Scott Sherwood, preaching from the parable of the talents, said he felt uncomfortable asking his people to go out and make an increase, when the people of Haiti were suffering so much. After praying, he decided that, given the situation, it was the best time to make as much as they could.

That day, church members were brimming with ideas as they came out of the service:

- A woman who loves to cook thought she might invite her neighbors for a meal and encourage them to make a donation for Haiti.
- Some people thought of hosting a bake sale.
- Others were going to use the money to purchase stamps and envelopes, then send letters to others, asking them to participate in Haiti relief.

On January 31, church members were to report back, telling what they did with the money and bringing in the results.

Children's Response

Mississippi District President Mary Friedeman wrote the following, "When I got home Wednesday night [after the District Leadership Conference], the first thing my 11-year-old son said to me (after a 'hello' hug) was, "We need to make some Crisis Care Kits, and how can we earn money for Haiti?"

"Our district Work & Witness coordinator had led the kids' prayer circle at prayer meeting earlier that evening and they had prayed for Haiti, but the kids really wanted to put feet to their prayers.

"A fifth-grade girl in my children's Bible quizzing group contacted me later about having a bake sale...So my 13 quizzers put that on, just asking for donations rather than pricing the items. Many of these children are 'mission call' kids who have filled out the JAM forms at our Kids Mission Jamboree. We have quite a few at our church. They made over \$600 for Haiti disaster relief and are so thrilled (as are we)!"

Nazarenes in Australia Got Involved

Betty Thomson from Mackay, Queensland, wrote "Our pastor of our little church here in Mackay Queensland, put out a call over the news media and has been inundated with help for the Care Kits....Our prayers are for the people over there. We can't comprehend the devastation. We are in the midst of heavy rain and a couple of cyclones at the moment, but nothing like over there." Love and prayers as always Aub and Betty Thomson

Then We Heard from Brazil

Pastor Ricardo Bueno, the NMI secretary in Brazil, wrote, saying the Brazilians were developing a campaign on behalf of Nazarene churches in Haiti. They will be receiving an offering on February 7.



Photo by Lee Rudeen

Some Blogged

In my last post I told you how much I enjoy feeding the birds—especially in the frigid weather we’ve had...and that likewise, I think our Heavenly Father delights in “feeding” His children. The Bible speaks of God’s care for the birds. One way He provides for them, I believe, is by putting a love for His little creatures into the hearts of some of us...who, like myself, enjoy putting out feed and water for them—even on the coldest and rainiest of days. **He uses us to take care of his creations.**

Today I’ve noticed a variety of “takers”: cardinals, sparrows, juncos, warblers, titmice, nuthatches, chickadees, blue jays, and even one red-bellied woodpecker. It seemed that the harder it rained, the more they came! And, the location of their “table” doesn’t seem to matter, I’ve found.

A wet picnic table works just fine!



My kitchen window ledge is the perfect place!
Perfect for a close-up like this one, too!



Hanging feeders seem to be very popular—and often crowded—places to dine!

Even an upside-down bucket makes a nice table for two!



Do you see another truth? You got it, I'm sure! *We can "dine" with Jesus anywhere...under any circumstances...as long as we invite Him!*

So...on this soggiest of January days, I've enjoyed bird-watching from my warm kitchen... while a cozy fire burned in the fireplace.

Meanwhile...

Meanwhile in Haiti...

Meanwhile in Haiti...precious people are hungry...and thirsty...and homeless...and suffering...and hopeless...and dying.

And I know in my heart that God wants to use you and me to feed them...and clothe them...and bring healing and hope. He wants us to be His hands, His feet, His eyes and ears, His voice. **He wants to use us to take care of them!**

I pray that He will give us a love for the Haitian people—and a desire to be Christ to them—that will result in an overwhelming outpouring of giving...and most of all, of prayer.



Glenda Thaxton

Louisiana District NCM Coordinator

<http://listentomyheartssing.blogspot.com>

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New Way to Give

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) is partnering with the Haiti Project to ship urgently needed supplies to the earthquake crisis in Haiti. The custom store, at Amazon.com, only includes the specific items requested by NCM and the relief effort on the ground in Haiti. To visit the NCM store, click here.

To see these specific requests, please view the document at the Caribbean Church of the Nazarene web site.

So items will reach Miami quickly, please ship your orders to:

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
"Church of the Nazarene—Haiti Earthquake Relief"
Obad Santiesteban
310 E. 5th St. Miami, FL 33010

Other details about cash gifts processes and relief involvement opportunities are readily available at the NCM Haiti Earthquake site:

www.ncm.org/haitiearthquake

What to Do Now

- Pray for pastors, their families, their congregations and their role in the relief efforts in Haiti.
- Put a name and face with the tragedy in Haiti. By going to here www.picasaweb.google.com/continent.of.islands/Haiti#5349152266908824786, you can print out pictures of every Nazarene pastor serving in Haiti.
- Pray for the people in the communities affected.
- Pray for those who have lost family members, especially the children who have lost parents.
- Pray for the wounded who are still seeking medical care, and pray for the Nazarene doctors and nurses who are working to provide that care in partnership with Heart to Heart International.
- Pray for those who have lost their homes and are sleeping on the streets.
- Pray for those who are running out of water on these 90-degree days.
- Pray for those who don't have food to eat. Beth Luthye, regional NCM coordinator in the Caribbean, shares that a gentleman she met at Bel Air Church of the Nazarene put it well when he said that this experience has strengthened the faith of their people because they have to pray and rely on God, "...but people still have to eat."

Pray
without ceasing

- Meet immediate needs by donating through the Haiti Earthquake page on the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Web site. This is the best way to meet the specific needs of the church in Haiti as they work to provide immediate relief assistance, as well as the longer-term rebuilding efforts.
- Ship Crisis Care Kits according to the instructions on the NMI Web site <www.nazarenemissions.org/10218/story.aspx>.
- Purchase items from Amazon.com, using the information above.
- Remember that the need in Haiti will continue for months and years to come. Follow the progress at Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Nazarene Communication Network, and the Caribbean Regional Web Site.

Adapted from the Caribbean Regional Office

Alabaster—Messy, but Unmistakable Imagery

“While he (Jesus) was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head... Wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” Mark 14:3b-11, NIV.

The Ebensburg Lakeside Church of the Nazarene in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, has created a unique way to make the biblical “Alabaster Story” come to life. According to Pastor J. Bret Metcalfe, the daughter-in-law of one of the church members works with pottery. While talking with the parents of the church one day, they came up with a great idea for the upcoming Alabaster Offering. They suggested having clay jars made so that, when the time for the Alabaster Offering came, the people could break the pots. Just as Mary broke her Alabaster jar to anoint Jesus, they could break their offering containers for Him.

Alabaster Sunday morning was very exciting when the kids were invited to come forward and take turns breaking the Alabaster jars into an offering box. There was quite a mess to sort through with money and pottery, but the imagery was unmistakable.



Sandy Sisler
Eastern USA Regional
Global Council Representative



March

World Evangelism Fund

World Evangelism Fund Breaking News

Cast:

Local NMI President—introduces/concludes sketch

News Anchor

Reporter 1

Reporter 2

Setting:

The News Anchor sits at a desk with a microphone and with the world map according to regions prominently displayed nearby. Reporters 1 and 2 have microphones and are stationed elsewhere in the sanctuary.

NMI President: We have just received breaking news from Nazarene Missions International. We are broadcasting live from the mission newsroom of the Church of the Nazarene.

News Anchor: Near the turn of the 20th century, a fledgling organization known as the Church of the Nazarene established a mission program resulting in thousands of people developing vibrant relationships with God. Since its inception, the Church of the Nazarene has started work in more than 155 world areas. Reporting approximately 790 missionaries from 40 world areas, more than 190 missionary kids, and providing pensions for more than 320 retired missionaries, the denomination is dedicated to the task of giving the Gospel to millions.



World News

Reporter 1: Believing that people are more likely to be open to the Gospel message when their physical needs are met, thousands of people are treated at 64 medical clinics and hospitals and at a myriad of compassionate ministry centers globally.

Reporter 2: Years ago Nazarene leaders saw the need for educational institutions around the world. In 2008, 40 Bible and theological colleges and 11 universities in world mission areas reported a total enrollment of more than 30,500 students! More than 14,500 extension students received their education at 30 education extension centers that year. At these schools, men and women are trained to be witnesses of the power of the Gospel to their own people and to lead other Nazarenes around the world.

Reporter 1: In a church like ours that spans the globe, we understand that Nazarenes speak many languages. In 2008, 231 literature projects were completed in 56 languages. More than 700 projects are currently underway, representing 62 languages. Some of these projects will take a minimum of 3 years to complete.

Reporter 2: Did you know that more than 430 districts have been established around the world with more than 24,000 clergy?

News Anchor: Someone has said, "Money talks." That statement is correct! It speaks of consecration, concern, and cooperation. The Church of the Nazarene has accomplished all of what has just been reported because of sacrificial giving by people just like you from around the world.

The World Evangelism Fund, of which the Easter Offering is a part, allows us to testify to each other locally and globally that we are consecrated, we are concerned, and we are cooperative. We are dedicated to helping people learn of God's love, Jesus' sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit's fulfillment. Participating in the Easter Offering is your opportunity to keep the lifeline of our mission program flowing.

Reporter 2: The (*name of your church*) Church of the Nazarene wants to help keep the wheels of God's mission rolling by giving (*your World Evangelism Fund goal + [aim high]*) in the Easter Offering. We may count the results of the Easter Offering in monetary units, but how can we count the results in souls won to Christ? Those results will be seen when we all gather around God's throne.

News Anchor: We want to echo Paul's words from Acts 20:35 when he said, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"



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NMI President: The Easter Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Please be prayerful about your participation and give freely. “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously” (2 Corinthians 9:6). If 200 of us gave \$25 each, we would meet our goal of \$5,000. (*Break your church’s goal down into smaller attainable goals for each family unit or even each member for the church.*)

Allow the children to do chores around the house so they can give to the World Evangelism Fund. Make giving fun so your children will want to be a part of the Lord’s work around the world. We are never too young to help fund God’s mission!

Easter is a time of celebration—the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord. Make the Easter Offering a family event this year and get everyone in each household involved.

Delilah Johnson
Seymour, Missouri



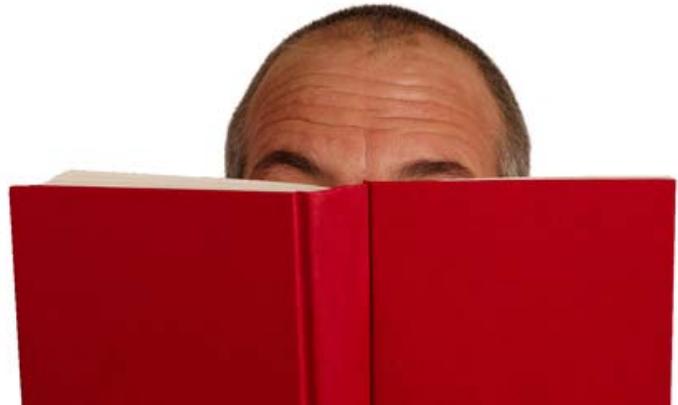
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Mystery Reader

Take pictures of various church leaders (maybe even local “celebrities,” such as the mayor of your city) reading the adult mission books. Include youth and children as well. Photograph people in different settings, always with their faces hidden and the books highly visible. For instance, show the pastor mowing the yard with a reading book in one hand and a hat covering his face or the youth pastor reading a book by flashlight in a movie theater. It is important to have their faces hidden to make the guessing more difficult.

Insert the photos into a PowerPoint presentation, or display them on a bulletin board or tabletop display. Depending on the number of photos you use, you might want to number the photos and provide a sheet with the appropriate numbers and blanks for people fill in, as they see the photos.

When presenting the books, show the PowerPoint or have a person standing by the bulletin board or display. The first person to guess all the right people wins a prize! Explain that mission books help all of us understand what God is doing around the world through the Church of the Nazarene, and have council members ready to distribute books to those in attendance.



Debra Voelker
Washington Pacific District

2010-11 NMI Missions Books for Adults and Youth

African Voices

compiled by Mark and Nancy Pitts

After living almost 25 years in the northwestern United States, Mark and Nancy Pitts heard God's call to serve Him in Africa. But this book isn't about their story; it's about the many stories they have heard as they shared meals together with African students, university faculty, pastors, district superintendents, school leaders, and many others.

Become acquainted with some of the current and future Nazarene leaders from Africa. They are people full of passion and integrity, courage and persistence. And they are your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Contagious Compassion: The Life and Ministry of Tom Nees*

Neil B. Wiseman

After many years of successful ministry in various locations around the United States, Tom Nees—pastor, father, and third-generation Nazarene—began grappling with how the Church could better help those plagued by despair and hungry for hope. In response, Tom obeyed God's call to the city where he embarked on a ministry of compassion at the Community of Hope in Washington, D.C.

Read about Tom and the many people whose lives he touched. Then ponder anew how compassion truly is the action side of holiness.



Extreme Argentina

Pat Stockett Johnston

Several people who journeyed to Argentina as part of the Extreme Nazarene project told their inspiring stories. From helping to build the Bruno Radi Convention Center to ministry in a women's prison, park puppet shows, plaza evangelism, and film showings, each participant returned home a changed person.

The journey doesn't stop there, however. Perhaps God is calling you to join the next Extreme Nazarene project as He seeks willing souls to draw lost people to Him.

***First a Flicker, Then a Blaze:
Nazarene Missions in India***

Richard Gammill

Across the centuries many have sought to extinguish the torch of Christian faith the Apostle Thomas brought to India, but the brightness of its flame remains undimmed in many Nazarenes who valiantly serve their Master.

Open the pages to their stories . . . stories of faith, of courage, and of conviction. Then thank God for the more than one hundred years of ministry the Church of the Nazarene has seen in this vast and mysterious land—the land of India.

***Cold Winds, Warm Hearts:
The Church of the Nazarene in Bulgaria****

Teanna Sunberg

During the years of Communism in Bulgaria, the winds of opposition blew strong against those who followed Christ. Stories abound of people who sacrificed family, jobs, and even their lives for the sake of the Gospel. But today hope dawns anew in this once bleak land.

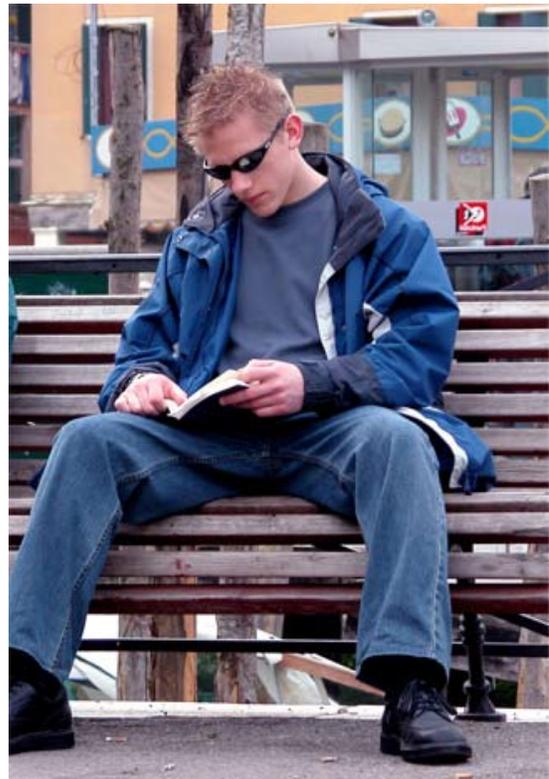
Author and missionary Teanna Sunberg will take you on an exciting and spellbinding journey of the growth of the Church of the Nazarene in Bulgaria. Your heart will be warmed as you discover how God honored those who remained faithful to Him even in the midst of severe opposition.

***The Tower of Babel Was a Bad Idea:
The Joy and Agony of Second-language Learning****

Amy Crofford

The process of learning another language is long and hard, and missionaries often become discouraged. After an exceptionally difficult day at language school, one new missionary quipped: “Whoever thought of the Tower of Babel should have been shot on the spot!”

Between the pages of this book lie heartfelt and humble stories of people who have obeyed the call of God to journey to a new land and minister in a new language. May their words—and their obedience—inspire and encourage your heart.



Note: Since *Mission Connection* magazine is sent electronically, the reading chart for the adult/youth books and the bookmarks are packaged with the adult missions books.

2010-11 NMI Missions Books for Children

All-Reader Books

Ethan, a Soccer Player for Jesus

Elaine Cunningham

Eleven-year-old Ethan loved to play soccer and tell others about Jesus. He was excited when he saw a missionary use an evangelistic soccer ball to share the Gospel. Ethan suggested that his family take some EvangeBalls on a Costa Rica mission trip. Despite the soccer balls getting lost, his bus getting stuck in the mud, and a sprained ankle, Ethan shared the gospel story with kids who came to play soccer.

Bite of the Cobra

Tami Brumbaugh

Ten-year-old Rahul was bitten by a cobra. After receiving special herbs from a mantrik (similar to a magician) and antivenom in a hospital in Mumbai, his legs remained paralyzed. While begging on a street corner, Rahul heard about Jesus. Despite threats from Hindu neighbors, Rahul and his family attended a JESUS Film showing. They not only found spiritual healing, Rahul was physically healed.

A Mango and a Mud Church

Jill Williamson

When ten-year-old Eddie visited a nearby Venezuelan village with his father—a missionary doctor—Eddie met Yuris, a local bully. Yuris claimed there was a curse on the village to keep missionaries away. But when a LoveWorks team from Point Loma Nazarene University arrived, they built a mud church in the village. Eddie gave Yuris an EvangeCube; and in return, Yuris gave Eddie a mango.



Advanced Books

Cobán Treasure Hunt

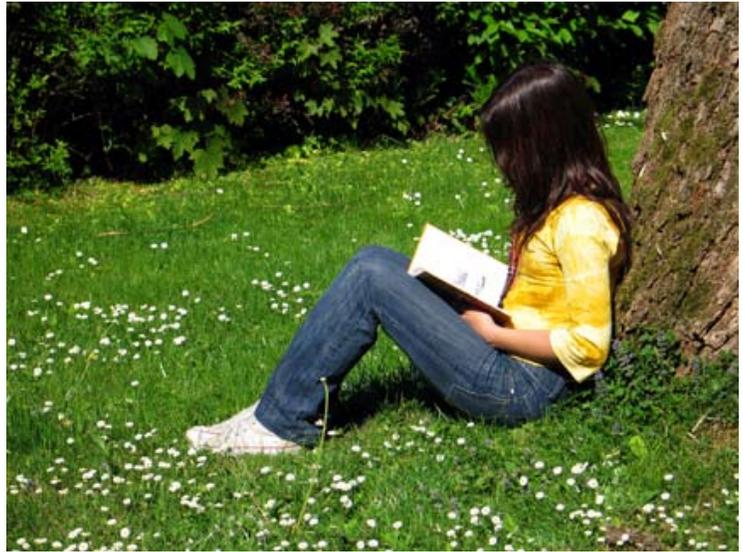
Wes Eby

Missionary Jason Caine took his family on a month-long trip to Cobán, Guatemala. While Rev. Caine taught classes at the Bible school, his wife took their two children, Candy and Timmy, treasure hunting. Clues took them to a cemetery, city market, soccer field, and the Bible school in search of precious treasures—the most precious one being Alabaster.

Trouble in East Timor

Cheryl Crouch

Sidney and LaTeesha had a plan to become part of the “in-crowd” at their school. Halfway around the world in East Timor, a young boy struggled for a better life and the opportunity to play basketball. The two worlds merged when LaTeesha heard a missionary speaker and was confronted with the need. LaTeesha discovered a way to help and changed the plan.



The Mystery of the Ancient Anchor

Matt Price

Amina joined Lucas and Miguel and their missionary parents on a trip through France and Switzerland. When the three friends visited a historical inn, they learned that it was about to be torn down because of a missing artifact, a glass lamp fixture with an engraved coat of arms containing an anchor. While trying to solve the mystery, Amina learned about Christian faith; and all three discovered the ancient origins of the Christian faith in Europe.

2010-2011 Mission Education Curricula

Adult Curriculum

Living Mission

Living Mission informs, inspires, and involves persons in local churches for God's global mission. The new adult curriculum offers a multitude of resources that will help educate your church about relevant mission issues, providing tangible involvement opportunities.

The annual resource is delivered in two segments during the year, allowing for more up-to-date information. Each mailing includes a mission leader's planner, three lessons, three discussion-starter videos, several podcasts, printed materials, PowerPoint presentations, and CAUSE campaigns (opportunities for involvement), all neatly packaged in one box. A *Living Mission* Web site further enhances the resource and offers additional resources throughout the year; purchase of the curriculum allows access to the Web site.

Youth Curriculum

Reflection: Constructing an Incarnational Reality

Reflection: Constructing an Incarnational Reality explores the theme of God's Incarnation and how that should affect how we live and minister to those around us. Students will not only learn how others have lived an incarnational life, but they will be challenged to live incarnationally themselves.

Children's Curriculum

Kidz Passport to Missions

Mexico, Central America, and South America Regions

The 2010-2011 *Kidz Passport to Missions* curriculum features the Mexico, Central America, and South America Regions. These regions claim some of the most impressive natural and man-made wonders of the world. In this land of wonders, there are multitudes of people who need the wonder of God. Lessons focus on the missionaries and laypersons who respond to God's call "To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations."

A CD includes 24 activity sheets to supplement lessons and PowerPoint slides of the artwork for each of the Children's mission books listed above.

Living Mission: Adult Mission Education

Living Mission informs, inspires, and involves persons in local churches for God's global mission.

This is the purpose statement of NMI's adult mission education resource called *Living Mission*. *Living Mission* offers a multitude of resources that will help you educate people about relevant issues and provide tangible ways they can be involved.

The annual resource, available for purchase through Nazarene Publishing House, includes a mission leader's planner, lessons, discussion starter DVDs, podcasts, printed materials, PowerPoint, and CAUSE campaigns, all neatly packaged in one box. A *Living Mission* Web site further enhances the resource and offers additional resources throughout the year.

Living Mission began as an effort to simplify NMI's mission education resources and provide everything a mission leader needs right at their fingertips - the result is the *Living Mission* box.

How Do I Use *Living Mission*?

Simply put:

- Open the *Living Mission* box.
- Read the planner.
- Follow the instructions.

It really is that simple! Everything you need to conduct compelling mission lessons is included in the *Living Mission* box.

Living Mission is designed so you can lead lessons with media components or without. You can choose to do a 10-minute lesson, a 20-minute lesson, or longer lessons. You pick and choose what works best for you and your congregation.

Involvement Through CAUSES

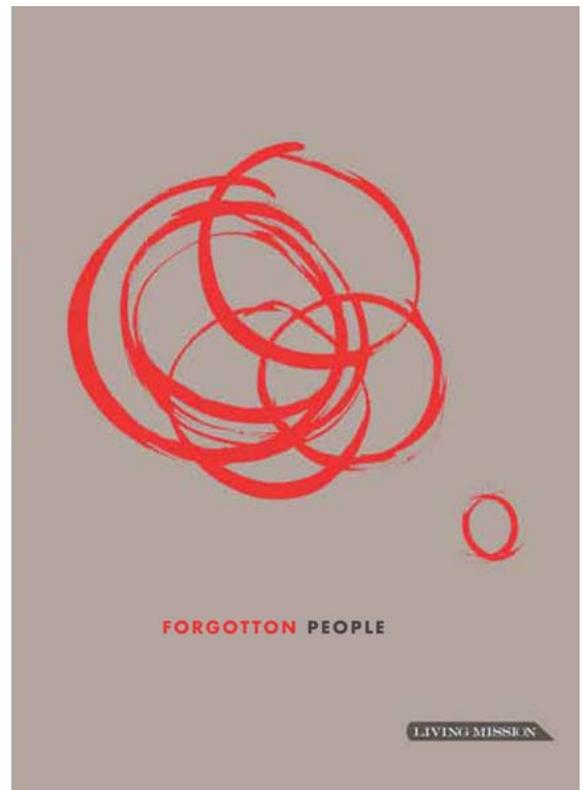
Probably one of the most exciting components of *Living Mission* is the CAUSE campaign. The CAUSES provide involvement for people, allowing them to live out the passion stirred due to what they learned in a *Living Mission* lesson.

CAUSES include opportunities to go, give, pray, and learn more. The CAUSES offer a chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus to a people group and/or need somewhere in the world.

In short, *Living Mission* provides you, the mission leader, with an easy-to-use resource that will inform, inspire, and involve your church in God's work, locally and globally.

Ann Baldwin

Living Mission Coordinator





The Hope Project

Help Street Kids Through the 2010 Mission Offering Project!

Millions of kids throughout the world find themselves surviving or living on the streets. Many of them struggle each day for the basic needs of life—food, clothing, and shelter. Through the Kids Reaching Kids 2009-2010 Mission Offering, The Hope Project, your kids will have the opportunity to show street children that they are not forgotten by God.

As children give their nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars for The Hope Project, children on the streets will receive many of the basic holistic needs of life. In addition, many of them will hear for the first time how Jesus Christ can make a difference in their lives. They will experience the depths of Jesus' love.

The Hope Project will provide funds for street children of the Church of the Nazarene. Children from the Africa, Asia-Pacific, Caribbean, Eurasia, Mexico and Central America, South America, and USA/Canada regions will benefit from The Hope Project.

Working with the regional coordinators for Connecting a New Generation (CANG), The Hope Project will help to fund holistic efforts for children around the globe. In addition, the funds will help the CANG regional coordinators train and equip new workers to reach the children on the streets.

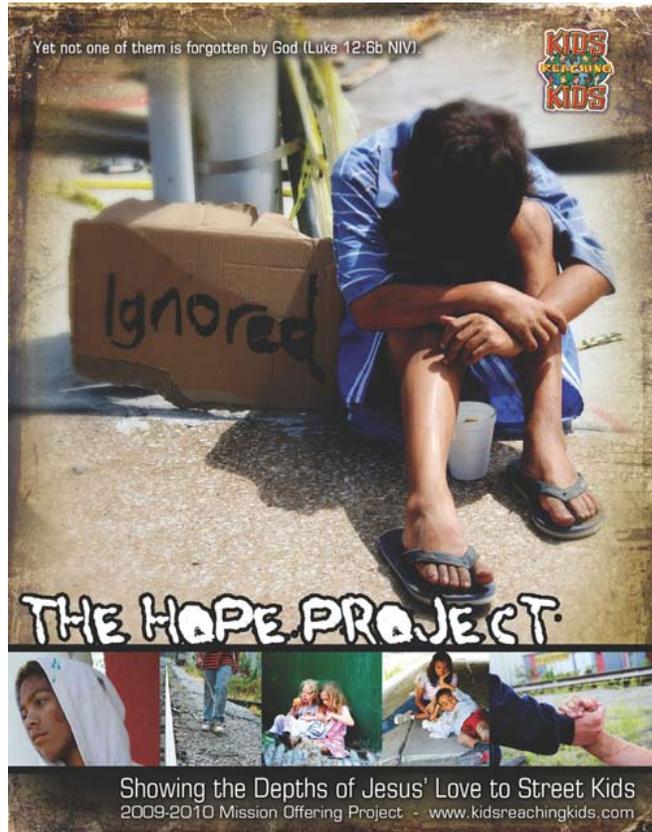
For more information and to request a promotional packet, visit www.kidsreachingkids.com.

Send funds for The Hope Project to:

United States of America

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

Make check payable to "General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene"



Canada

National Board – Church of the Nazarene, Mission Offering Project
20 Regan Road, Suite 9
Brampton, ON L7A 1C3

Make check payable to Church of the Nazarene, Canada

For regions other than USA/Canada, please contact your regional office for instructions.

In the memo section of your check, write “2010 Mission Offering Project.” Please contact your local NMI president for additional instructions (instructions change from one area to another).

“But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish (Psalm 9:18, NIV).

Dan Harris
Kids Reaching Kids Coordinator





Africa and South America Partner for Broadcast's 32nd Language

Dje da zu? When read correctly, it says, "What's Next?" in the Fang language. Fang is from the Bantú family and is spoken among the Fang peoples that inhabit several central African countries. Approximately 1 million Africans speak Fang.

Equatorial Guinea is also the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa. Six years ago, missionary Mario Martinez, a pastor from Paraguay, opened the work Bata, Equatorial Guinea, the second largest city in the country.



Daniel Mifumo Ncuna Esono and his wife, Mercedes Susana Nchama Ela, were some of the first converts in Equatorial Guinea. Daniel grew in his relationship and was called into ministry; and he and Mercedes moved to the South America Region to study theology at the Southern Cone Nazarene Theological Seminary in Pilar, Argentina.

In Pilar, Daniel became fascinated with the communications ministry at the nearby regional communications center. Since Equatorial Guinea has no daily newspaper and only three FM radio stations, Daniel wants to return to Equatorial Guinea to pastor and to plant the first Christian radio station.

The World Mission Broadcast South America team recently began recording the first radio program in the Fang language. The program, *Dje da zu?*, is the Fang translation of the Spanish regional young adult radio program *¿Qué Sigue?* (What's Next?). A partnership between

the Africa and South America regions was forged, with Africa providing the human resources and South America supplying the technical resources and training.

Throughout 2010, the South America WMB team will record a year's worth of the *Dje da zu?* programs with Daniel. He will take the programs to Equatorial Guinea when he completes his studies this December.

Myriam Pozzi

World Mission Broadcast South America

Global Day of Prayer London Set for May

The leaders of the Global Day of Prayer London (GDOP London) are calling for 1 million Christians to pray the Lord's Prayer at noon every day in the lead up to next year's event at the famous Wembley Stadium in the west of London.

Ahead of Wembley, the huge sports stadium that can accommodate 90,000 people, preparations are well underway for this year's event at West Ham Stadium on May 30, 2010, and now GDOP London Convener Jonathan Oloyede is asking people to start setting their alarm clocks and mobile phones at noon every day.

The GDOP London leadership has invited churches wherever they are in the country or the capital, to choose a day to pray 24 hours, to pray for their communities, for their capital, and for their country.

"Getting a church to pray one day for 24 hours is not that difficult," says Oloyede. "All you need to do is find 24 people who can choose one hour to pray. Most churches have more than 24 adults! Our Web site (<www.gdoplondon.com>) has resources which provide help on how to do this."

To launch this year's GDOP London vision, Christian leaders from across London and the nation are invited to a special evening event at West Ham stadium on February 11, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

- ASSIST News Service

Large Soccer Balls Available for Purchase

At the recent District Leadership Conference, several NMI presidents asked about purchasing the large display soccer ball for use at their conventions.

These are available for \$100 from Engeria Products at www.energiaproducts.org/products.asp?MSecID=109 or call Mike Morris at 417-549-0902.

Many NYI presidents also expressed interest in the large soccer ball. It is recommended that the two organizations coordinate efforts to purchase one for district use.

Sending Crisis Care Kits

When Disaster Strikes

Some districts ask churches to take their Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) to the district NMI convention, renting a truck to ship them to the warehouse location. This is great! However, churches need to know where to ship CCKs when emergencies occur during the year.

For preparation and mailing instructions, go the Nazarene Missions International Web site (www.nazarenemissions.org). Click on the "Get Involved" link on the right column of the home page, then on the "Crisis Care Kits" link under Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

Note: Instructions for the U.S.A. and for Canada are included on the CCK page. The inventories and instructions are different, so pay close attention to the list you need. For those living outside the USA/Canada Region, please contact your regional NMI coordinator for instructions, if available.

Our Apologies

In the article "A Quick Breakdown of Funding the Mission" published in the January 2010 *Mission Connection*, the number used for determining a church's World Evangelism Fund contribution was incorrectly listed. The correct number is 0.055. While we corrected the item online as soon as we learned of it, we do want to apologize for the error.

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