



## More with Less

by Daniel D. Ketchum

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

*Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV*

Christians committed to biblical stewardship through missional churches are learning how to give **more** while they earn less, spend less, and live on less. They give **more with less**.

These faithful ones know that God is ABLE: Almighty, Bountiful, Limitless, and Eternal. He is able to do more. Immeasurably more. More than all we ask or imagine. Even more than amazing mission innovators like you who model massive imaginations! Everywhere and in every age, God enables more.

His power is working now. He Himself is working within us. No wonder we give Him glory! We honor Him in the church. We exalt Him in Christ Jesus. In fact, we rise to revere Him in all generations.

God can transform this global difficulty into a Kingdom opportunity. He can enable us to give more WEF, even with less income. More with less: it's godly, biblical, and timely.

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## Why We Sustain the World Evangelism Fund

The World Evangelism Fund (WEF) is the essential foundation for all giving in Global Mission. In local churches around the world, pastors, church boards, and NMI leaders network prayerfully and strategically to fulfill WEF giving goals.

Missional pastors model, “When our church gives WEF in full, we have the privilege to invest in global mission strategy and goals. Then beyond WEF, our church can designate additional giving to many mission needs and specific passions.” Pastors are searching for ways to invest *more* in global mission, not less. They know WEF works.

Each church motivated to provide financial and human resources beyond WEF should complete WEF giving as a prerequisite. Without WEF providing baseline infrastructure, no other ministry provided by designated or mission special giving will remain viable (including Alabaster, LINKS, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Work & Witness, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, partnerships, etc.).

WEF provides leadership for 7 regions, 36 fields, 155 world areas, and more than 400 districts and national ministries. For missionary families, WEF provides equipping, salary, housing, utilities, medical insurance, moving, and travel to/from the field.

No other church supports global mission more effectively than the Church of the Nazarene. No other funding plan invests more productively in life transformation than WEF giving. WEF is the most helpful way to invest in the Great Commission and Book-of-Acts holiness mission movements. It is a key in global strategy to evangelize and disciple people with the love of Christ and the Gospel.

Only *with* WEF can we evangelize and disciple millions of people each year, equip thousands of leaders each year, and organize hundreds of churches each year. We cannot accomplish these purposes *without* WEF. Global WEF giving multiplies through collective sacrifice, international generosity, and accountable distribution.

The global mission of the Church of the Nazarene is a massive venture. To accomplish the Great Commission—spreading Christ, the Gospel, and holiness around the world—requires money.

In “faith-based” ministries, missionaries spend valuable time raising financial support. They conduct services, receive pledges of support, and then pray the amount raised will cover living expenses. Sometimes when the money runs out, missionaries are forced to return home.



The World Evangelism Fund was created to allow all Nazarene missionaries to work effectively and to encourage all churches to support outreach efficiently. The World Evangelism Fund invests directly to accomplish the mission of the Church of the Nazarene: to make Christlike disciples in the nations. WEF is the foundation for our entire mission infrastructure, including churches and districts around the world and ministries in the Global Ministry Center.

## **How WEF Works**

Full-time missionaries (excluding volunteers) in the Church of the Nazarene receive monthly compensation based on a modest standard amount plus a cost-of-living adjustment.

The World Evangelism Fund comes from the generosity of Nazarenes around the world. We challenge each church globally to contribute 5.5 percent of its current income. Many churches see the effectiveness of global mission and give well beyond that minimum.

To make Christlike disciples in the nations, WEF provides ministries of all nations and age groups in Global Mission, including the USA/Canada Region, Nazarene Missions International, Nazarene Youth International, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International, clergy development, education, and administration.

A major portion of administrative and support costs is for infrastructure essential to global ministries. Costs to deliver ministries such as global technology, global communication, and global travel increase annually.



## **Benefits of WEF**

Missionaries receive regular compensation, enabling them to concentrate on their calling and to help raise awareness for the entire mission. They write letters and offer deputation services to inform people about their field of service. However, these activities do not demand a large portion of their time on the mission field.

Passion for giving is inspired by global mission, evangelism, and disciple-making. We raise WEF on the backs of missionaries, international leaders, and movements.

Each church, regardless of size, has an opportunity to participate in global mission. Just as individuals are blessed by God when they commit their resources for His kingdom, so churches are blessed when they give to help reach lost people around the world.

Daniel D. Ketchum, Ph.D.  
Global NMI Director



## New LINKS...Now What?

You just received your new LINKS assignment, now what?

Before you get creative, do your homework. Carefully read through all of the information you received about your LINKS family, as well as the document titled "Where Do I Get a Missionary's Address?" dated February 2010. If you don't have this document, request a copy from your district NMI president. It gives important contact information for the safety of our missionaries.

Once you have done your homework, it is time to introduce the LINKS family to your church. Make it a big deal! If you aren't excited about your LINKS missionaries, your church won't be either.

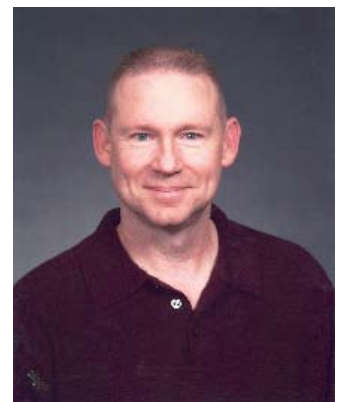
Consider having an adoption Sunday. Prepare by asking people to fill in as the members of your LINKS family. If you don't think you are creative enough to write a short script, ask someone on your council or someone else in your church to write it, using the information about the members of the LINKS family. You can find examples by searching the Internet for "adoption ceremony," adapting a ceremony for a child's adoption for your missionary family. (There are additional ideas for introducing your LINKS missionaries and tips for an adoption ceremony/party in this issue of *Mission Connection*.)

Be specific about the time you need LINKS representatives at the church and how you want them to dress. Practice the entire ceremony to iron out any details that might detract from your presentation. If you have time, you can even do a short interview in the service before you officially adopt them.

After you have adopted your LINKS family, take time to pray for them. Have people come and place their hands on your "family" as you pray. If your church is too large for that, have your council or specific people asked in advance to pray for the LINKS missionaries.

Develop "adoption" cards with relevant information and a picture of the LINKS missionaries to distribute to everyone. Encourage your congregation to put these up on their refrigerators or bulletin boards as reminders to pray for the LINKS family every time they see this card.

Over the next two years, remember your LINKS family often, especially during holidays and special events like birthdays and anniversaries, allowing a least a month for items to be sent via post. If you are a little late for those celebrations, send something anyway. Who doesn't like celebrating Christmas in July?



Gerry Myers  
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# LINKS Missionary Prayer Guide

My LINKS missionaries are \_\_\_\_\_.

They have children at home.      Yes      No  

They are retired.                      Yes      No  

Their family looks like this:

They serve in \_\_\_\_\_  
(city/country)

They speak \_\_\_\_\_  
(language)

Their main responsibilities are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

They need special prayer for these things:

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Jenni Montebanco  
Children's Mission Education Coordinator



**“The prayer of a godly person is powerful.  
It makes things happen” (James 5:16b, NIRV).**



## Partnering Technology and LINKS

North Florida District NMI President Susan Day likes to use technology. She once used Skype\* in a district NMI convention to talk with the district's LINKS missionaries. She describes the event and provides some tips for those who are unfamiliar with the technology. Susan wrote it with a district in mind; her comments have been adapted for the local church.

The Skype broadcast was run through our sound booth at the church. One of the really neat things is that you can pray for/with the missionaries (especially your LINKS) and hear their feedback, as well as giving them a chance to give "live" greetings to your church.

As to the technical side of things, one major issue was setting the time accurately in both time zones so that the broadcast would fit into your schedule and assure that the missionaries were available on their end. You don't really want the missionary to have to wait up until 3 a.m.! You should be flexible with your time, giving a timeframe during which both parties could talk. It helps to have a missionary that is tech savvy and responds to e-mails and phone calls quickly so you can rely on the person knowing how to follow through on his/her end. The missionary should also have Skype and preferably have a Web camera. (You can make a phone call via Skype, but seeing **and** hearing the person via computer is more effective.)

A broadcast such as this would also be a **prime** way to involve some younger people. They can very easily pick up the "tech" side of it. They could even network through NYI to help the church do the Skype adventure in a mission emphasis during the church year. (This activity would help your church fulfill the multimedia mission education requirement for Mission Priority One.)

I rely very heavily on technology. When Daniel and Carol Ketchum were our LINKS missionaries (before Skype), we called them in Italy and talked with them. I use video clips, numerous PowerPoint presentations, and music during "lag time." Nina Gunter once told me that whenever you have someone at the podium, you should always have something on the screen for the people to see.



I hope that this helps. It does take forethought to use the Skype. We contacted the missionaries well in advance (perhaps two months) and set everything up. Then we did a test run during the week prior to the event.

Of course, you should always have a Plan B because on things do not always go according to schedule and the “unexpected” does come up!

Susan Day

North Florida District NMI President

\* Skype is a free software that allows people to have free video conversations, if both parties have the software installed. To access Skype, you need a computer, an internet connection (broadband is best), and a webcam to make video calls. To download the software, go to [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com).

## Mission Corps LINKed Globally

“LINKS is truly a blessing and really makes me feel like a real missionary,” said Jennifer Staudt. Jennifer, serving in Ecuador, went on to say that, while she has only been LINKed two months with her district, it has been a rainstorm of blessing.

Bob and Evelyn Shea, serving in Honduras praise God that they can “feel” they are being lifted in prayer. For years Bob prayed and promoted prayer for LINKS missionaries as a district NMI president.

After only being LINKed for two weeks, Audrey Buckwalter writes, “When we returned to Mexico, we received birthday cards, anniversary cards, e-mails, and money gifts. A number of local missionary presidents and LINKS secretaries have written or made connection on Facebook. We have even done a Skype webcam interview with the church in Hershey, Pennsylvania.”

After serving on her own since 1997, Roberta Bustin said she was thrilled to have a district praying for her and her ministries in Romania.

So what’s so different about these missionaries? They are long-term Mission Corps missionaries. They are serving under agreement with Global Mission, but they don’t receive salaries; they raise their own funds.

With the blessing of the Global NMI Council, 10 Mission Corps “units” were placed on LINKS this year. (A unit is a single, couple, or family.) All have served a minimum of a year with a call and passion to serve as missionaries as long as God directs.

Alissa Monterroso believes that being on LINKS is a legitimate step of the church in accepting Mission Corps as “official” missionaries. Giovanni and Alissa Monterroso serve in Guatemala.



Linda Phelps

NMI LINKS Coordinator

# Introducing the New LINKS Assignment

Once every two years your church receives at least one new family. They may not be members of your church; in fact, they are most likely members elsewhere. But they become part of your church and develop relationships that may last for years. How much a part of your church they will become largely depends on you and other leaders in the church.

These new “family members” are your LINKS missionaries.\* New LINKS assignments are distributed every two years, and this is the year it takes place. Some in your church may already be familiar with the missionaries with whom your church is LINKed; however, there are probably new people or some youth and children who are not acquainted with them.

Now is the time to celebrate the LINKS family’s adoption into your church family. You can find ideas for adoption parties/celebrations online or in books at the library. A creative person in your church may also have some great ideas. As you plan, keep asking “Will the person who knows nothing about LINKS and about this missionary have a proper understanding after this event?”

Following are a few ideas to get started. Use any or all of them, adapting them for your church, or create your own.



- Review the information about your LINKS family received from your district, then contact your LINKS family as soon as possible to ask additional questions.
- Create a display/bulletin board with pictures of the LINKS missionary family. Have a section for each person in the family (and maybe their pets). Try to find items that represent each person (his/her hobbies, favorite foods, world area where that person was born [if a country other than your own], and where they live/serve now).
- Invite church members/families to purchase a small item for a member of the family or for the whole family. Such items could be a small game that the family could play, a family friendly movie, or items listed in the information received from the district. Keep the items small and light, so shipping doesn’t cost too much, and be sure it is something the LINKS family will be able to use where they live. If your missionary cannot receive packages, send money to Global Treasury Services for your LINKS and inform the missionary of the monetary gift and what event it represents.
- Make LINKS refrigerator magnets by attaching a magnet to copies of a photo of your missionary (if you do not have a creative access missionary). If there is no photo, a silhouette of the person(s) or a map of the area where they are serving may be substituted (again, if they are not creative access). Distribute to your congregation.

- Host an adoption party, allowing people from your church who are the same ages as the family members to represent each person. Video the party for the LINKS missionaries, and be sure to give the family members a rousing welcome.
- For an adoption ceremony, adapt the dedication or baptism ritual from the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene* with your church and new LINKS missionaries in mind. Have the pastor, pastoral staff, local NMI council, and entire congregation state how they will support the LINKS missionary family. Close with a meaningful prayer.

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NMI Editor

\* The words “family,” “missionary,” and “missionaries” may be used interchangeably, depending on your LINKS assignment.



## The Brick and Mortar of Alabaster

(Set up a display in the room where you will have your presentation. It should have a piece of lumber, a brick, a concrete block, and an empty Alabaster box to show the items needed to build an Alabaster church. Attach a piece of paper to each item with the its cost [mentioned later in this article].)

Have you ever thought about what a building is truly made of? In Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, "brick" is defined as "a handy-sized unit of building or paving material typically being rectangular...and of moist clay hardened by heat." Mortar is "a plastic building material (as a mixture of cement, lime, or gypsum plaster with sand and water) that hardens and is used in masonry or plastering."

With several new people in our church, it is always helpful to explain Alabaster and what it means to the Church of the Nazarene.

### **Background**

In 1948, Rev. Elizabeth Venum, Global Council member, was asked to pray about a challenging project for NMI. Rev. Venum knew if God wanted the project to take place, He would provide the plan. God gave her His plan of giving "love" gifts. It was modeled after the sacrifice of the woman who anointed Jesus' head with expensive perfume poured from an alabaster jar, as told in Matthew 26:6-13.

At the 1949 Global NMI Council meeting, Mrs. Venum explained the Alabaster plan. The Council unanimously adopted the plan, and the Board of General Superintendents approved that Alabaster funds to be used exclusively for buildings and properties in cross-cultural ministries. The first offering was received in 1949.

More than 60 years later, Alabaster is still strong, having provided more than 8,300 projects since 1949. Faithful Nazarenes around the world have given more than \$92 million dollars for this much-needed ministry during these 60-plus years.

### **What is Alabaster?**

Our Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. It gives a sense of permanence, the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Eighty percent of the money is used in world mission areas, and twenty percent goes to multicultural congregations in the USA/Canada Region. Alabaster funds sometimes help provide land for Work & Witness projects.

One hundred percent of the offering goes toward the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.



## ***How Are Alabaster Offerings Received?***

The Alabaster Offering gets to the mission field via several avenues. The most widely used is the Alabaster Box, such as this (hold up Alabaster box). Individuals are challenged to regularly contribute the cost of items they desire, but do not need. For instance, this past weekend I wanted a McDonald's sweet tea. It wasn't something I needed, so I put a \$1.00 in my Alabaster box, knowing that money would benefit others. This box also serves as a reminder to pray for those people who will worship, live, learn, and receive medical care in Alabaster buildings.

Who needs an Alabaster box? If you do not have an Alabaster box for your family, please raise your hands and we will get one to you. (Distribute Alabaster boxes. If you have children's Alabaster boxes, encourage the children to raise their hands for their own boxes, as well.)

In February and September, Alabaster Offerings are received. The way an offering is received is as varied as the world areas in which the Church of the Nazarene has a presence; however, it is always accompanied with a spirit of rejoicing. All ages are encouraged to participate; this is an offering for the Lord and His kingdom in which all of us can participate.



## ***Out of Darkness Into the Light***

During the ninth district assembly in 2005, the Ethiopia Central District dedicated a new five-story building in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The building was a joint effort of Alabaster funds, Work & Witness, and the support of local churches. The first floor is a worship center, the second floor serves as the district office, the third floor houses educational ministries, the fourth floor accommodates the field offices, and the fifth floor is a conference center for the Horn of Africa Field.

In his dedication speech, missionary Howie Shute described how the training center in the Horn of Africa first came into existence. No one knew how money would be raised for a single-story building; however, God impressed on leaders that they were to build a multi-story training center. The contractor explained that he needed to know how many stories the building would have before the foundation could be dug. Howie Shute said, "Dig it for five floors. But you must clearly understand, when the money runs out, the building stops!" By God's grace, the money didn't run out until the building was completed.

The land on which this facility was built was once home to an abortion clinic. In the place where lives were once taken, now—through Jesus Christ—lives are reborn, transformed by God's grace. Thanks in part to your Alabaster Offering, where darkness once prevailed, now there is light.

## ***Alabaster Project Summary***

*(Before your Alabaster promotion, make copies of the annual Alabaster Project Summary ([www.nazarenemissions.org/10081/story.aspx](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/10081/story.aspx)). Distribute the sheet after the "Out of Darkness" story.)*

## **Now What?**

Our church can start building an Alabaster church right now. What will that require?

- It takes brick and mortar.
- It takes dedicated individuals who feel a need to get involved.
- It takes high energy to get the work done.
- It takes motivation and perseverance.
- It takes a heart for the family of God.
- It takes one soul deciding to build the Lord's kingdom brick by brick by brick, and that soul must witness to others in such a way that they too want to get involved.

We can do this! Each of us can help build an Alabaster church this month by participating in the Alabaster Offering. It requires no hidden talents, no massive amounts of money. One only needs a heart for God and love and the mindset of saying, "I can do this. I am only one person, but I can do this. **I will do this!**"

For those of you who have been faithfully filling Alabaster boxes, I commend and thank you. For those of you who just received your Alabaster box and are getting a late start for the offering, I have a challenge and a huge surprise for you.

Tonight, I have hired the very best contractor to help us with an Alabaster building project. (He/She) is world-renowned and is only used by the most creative builders in the world. Not many people can afford (his/her) talents, but, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, (he/she) has offered to do our project for us, free! So, tonight, I introduce to you this very special contractor. (Name of person), come on up and show us how we can build an Alabaster church on our own on Alabaster Sunday.

(The "contractor" should be someone chosen in advance and who has become familiar with the rest of the material, because that person will take over the presentation at this point. He/she should be dressed in hard-hat, boots, tool belt, hammer, saw, etc. There should be a dry-erase board up front, so the contractor can draw the building as he/she explains the costs.)



## **Contractor's Text**

I made a special trip across the country to be with you tonight in (your town and state). I understand you would like to build your own Alabaster church. Well, let's get started. Let's break down the building process or the brick and mortar and lumber of our building.

*(Draws the foundation, the frame, and the bricks as he/she describes the need.)*

To assure we have a solid foundation, we will start with concrete. Then, we need to frame our building with lumber. Last, we will lay brick on our building to help firm up the foundation.

We need 50 people who will purchase a foot of concrete for \$2.25 each, 50 people who will purchase a foot of lumber for \$3.00 each, and 50 people who will purchase a brick for \$1.50 each. Just through building *this* Alabaster church by (date

*for your church's offering*), when we will receive the Alabaster Offering, we will raise \$337.50. A person can purchase a brick, a foot of concrete, and a foot of lumber, and it would only cost \$6.75 to help build the Alabaster church. *(The costs or numbers of the concrete, lumber, and bricks can be adjusted to fit your church's Alabaster goal.)*

Now that we have our building laid out in a rough draft, I have some subcontractors who will help me with the next stage.

*(Have six people come to the front. Give each of them 25 of either the paper bricks, lumber, or concrete trucks to distribute. As people respond, the "subcontractors" will give one [or more] of the papers, as the people request. The more energy the "subcontractors exhibit [how quickly they move around], the more your audience will stay involved.)*

The subcontractors are here to help assure all supplies have been "purchased."

Who believes they can commit to give \$2.25 to represent a foot of concrete for their Alabaster Offering? Please raise your hands, if you are willing to participate. The concrete subcontractors will come to you and hand you a paper concrete truck as a reminder of your commitment.

Which of you feels you can commit to give \$3.00 to represent a foot of lumber for the Alabaster Offering. Please raise your hands if you can give. The lumber subcontractors will hand you a picture of a piece of lumber as a reminder of your commitment this Sunday. Remember, if you are able, you can purchase a brick, a foot of concrete and a foot of lumber; it will only cost \$6.75. Or you can purchase 2 or more of the same item.

Who will commit to give \$1.50 to represent a brick for their Alabaster Offering. Please raise your hands, and the subcontractors will give you a picture of a brick as a reminder.

On (*date*), the day of the church's Alabaster Offering, bring your pieces of paper and your offering. We will have a time of prayer for the people around the world who will benefit from our Alabaster giving, laying the pieces of paper and our offerings on the altar.

Please remember that every time you put money in your Alabaster box, don't think of it as mere currency, think of it as a soul for the Lord's kingdom. Adequate buildings are indispensable to our global missionary advance. By participating in the Alabaster Offering, we build for eternity, realizing that in the same degree we build for them, we build for Him! Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.

**Alabaster is not giving until it hurts; it is giving until it feels good!**

Delilah Johnson  
Seymour, Missouri

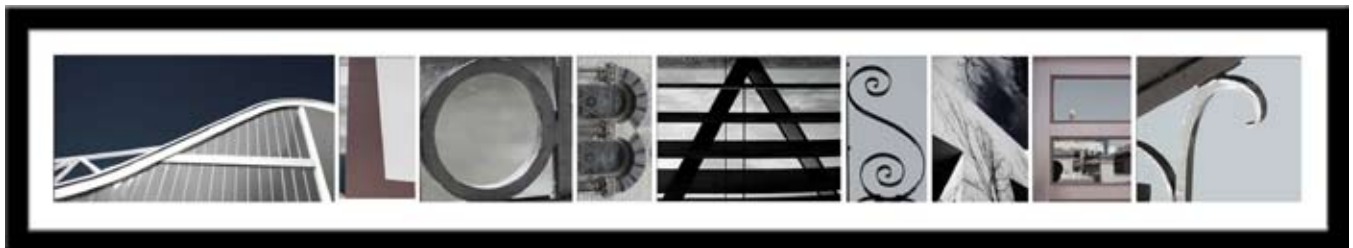


# Alabaster Architectural Alphabet

Last year a group from my church went on a scavenger hunt. With cameras in hand, we went looking for letters—letters found in architecture. It was kind of fun looking at buildings a little differently. We did find every letter; created by the structures themselves, in decorative moldings, and in the tiny details.

Sometimes we had to twist our bodies in strange ways to get the picture we wanted. At one point a whole family stopped and stared at me as I took a close up picture of a door handle, it was the perfect D. The fun of finding letters in obscure places and laughing about how we got the picture helped to build relationships. It was a fun afternoon for everyone involved.

That got me thinking. Alabaster funds provide buildings, so why not go on an Alabaster Architectural Alphabet Scavenger Hunt. You will want to find every letter, but pay close attention to the letters in Alabaster.



You could use image-editing software to edit and combine them or print the individual pictures and mount them on poster board. Put them in frames if you have them. Display them around your foyer. See who finds the most creative letters. Maybe have a contest that is judged by church members.

However you display the letters, it will have a great way to promote Alabaster. Be sure you explain what Alabaster is, what the money is used for, and when the Alabaster Offering will be received. Above all else, have fun!

Darryl Bennett  
NMI Team



# October Mission Priority One

## Making Missions a Priority

**Praying.**

**Discipling.**

**Giving.**

**Educating.**

Four simple words. However, in those four words are packed the future of global evangelization. They are the objectives of NMI and the guidelines we use to keep missions a priority within the Church of the Nazarene.

**Praying**—starting at the most basic. Pray for missions in the Church of the Nazarene. Pray for the missionaries, indigenous leaders, and their families, churches, districts, and countries. Passion for winning the lost around the world is nurtured, as well as the awareness of the continued need of “workers in the harvest.”

With that foundation, we move to **Discipling**. Looking to the future through the eyes of the next generation. By involving new Nazarenes, youth, and children in missions, we open their minds and hearts to the potential call of God to serve cross culturally or to support missions in the churches they attend.

**Giving** for missions is the outpouring of a heart given to God and the desire for people all over the world to know of God’s love, Christ’s sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit’s comfort. Yes, money is needed to keep the Church of the Nazarene operational in 155 world areas; however, we could consciously decide to give from a heart of love, rather than a sense of duty.

If we are praying, discipling, and giving, the next stage is **Educating**. Learning what God is doing in the world as a result of our participation fuels further passion for those same objectives. And as we participate more, we want to learn more.

Each objective is dependent on the others. And all of them are dependent on us. We must pray, disciple, give, and educate if we wish to make Missions Priority One.



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on the others.**

Gail L. Sawrie  
NMI Editor



## Celebrate 10 Million by Telling 10 Million

Join with JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) to celebrate the harvest of 10 million souls! Jesus Film Harvest Partner teams around the world recently reported more than 10 million decisions for Christ in the last 12 years. These decisions are the result of face-to-face encounters with team members using a variety of tools with the JESUS Film being the primary means to share God's love.

If you have ever given to Faith Promise or paid your World Evangelism Fund budget, you have helped reach the lost with God's love. The infrastructure of the Church of the Nazarene around the world provides the foundation for JESUS Film teams to literally reach millions of people. God is using the Church and the JESUS Film in powerful ways. Based on statistics from last year, the equivalent of one person is coming to Christ every 45 seconds!

To celebrate this milestone, we want to tell 10 million people about this bountiful harvest. Celebrate with us by forwarding this to your contacts, include it on your Facebook page, add it to your Twitter account, blog it, and share it with your church! Do it to God's glory. To learn more about JESUS Film Harvest Partners, go to [www.JFHP.org](http://www.JFHP.org).



Diane Robbins  
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## Selected Giving Receipts for June 2010

The Selected Receipts Report for June 2010 is available for your information by clicking [HERE](#). Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

## NMI Constitution in Translations of the *Manual*

The NMI Constitution is now translated into French, Portuguese, and Spanish (within the *2009-2013 Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*) and is available for download from the General Secretary's site ([www.nazarene.org/ministries/gensec/Manual/display.aspx](http://www.nazarene.org/ministries/gensec/Manual/display.aspx)). Scroll down through the various language versions to select the required language. At this time, the three languages listed above are the only ones with completely translated *2009-2013 Manuals*. The NMI section begins with Paragraph 811.

## Mics for Missions

Recently the U.S.A. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) prohibited the use of wireless microphones operating in the 700 MHz band (698-806 MHz). Churches and organizations were told to cease using these microphones by June 12, 2010, or face heavy fines.

The FCC ban only applies to U.S.A. air space, which means these wireless microphone systems can be used in other countries. As a way of assisting global churches, World Mission Broadcast (WMB) and Nazarene Missions International (NMI) partner to offer "Mics for Missions." This one-year initiative will facilitate the donation of usable wireless microphone systems from the U.S.A. to be used in churches around the world.

A Web site has been set up at [www.micsformissions.org](http://www.micsformissions.org) where churches can complete a donation form for equipment, as well as print a mailing label. WMB will facilitate the cleaning and servicing of the equipment, as well as connecting the equipment to a need outside the U.S.A. Donors may designate their gift to a specific area if they know of a need, but the cleaning and servicing will still be done by WMB.

Even though the majority of deliveries to the field will take place through mission teams, donations are also being accepted through the Web site to help cover shipping costs where personal delivery is not an option.

Please pass this opportunity on to your church leadership soon...before the old mics are thrown away.

For more information, contact Brian Utter in World Mission Broadcast, [wmb@nazarene.org](mailto:wmb@nazarene.org) or 913-577-2923

## NMI Book Review on Engage Magazine

Retired missionary Charleen DiSante recently wrote a review of *The Tower of Babel Was a Bad Idea*, one of the 2010-2011 NMI missions books. It is posted on the Engage magazine Web site: <http://engagemagazine.com/Magazine-Content/Stories/junio-2010/Review-of-The-Tower-of-Babel-was-a-Bad-Idea.aspx>. This would be a great resource to promote the books in your church. Use a brief portion of the review for a verbal announcement, e-mail the link to the entire review to people in the congregation, and post the link on your church's Web site or social networking site.

Gina Pottenger  
Engage Magazine

## E-mail Addresses Requested

In a recent e-mail to district NMI presidents, Global NMI Director Daniel Ketchum requested that district NMI presidents supply the NMI team with an e-mail address for each local NMI president. We will use the e-mail addresses immediately (and several times through the next few months) to communicate directly with each local president. This will help the NMI team on the global and district levels to stay more closely connected with local leadership while saving essential budget and precious time.

If any local NMI president does not currently have e-mail access, that leader can provide the e-mail address of someone who gets online frequently, who will print messages and give them to the NMI leader within a couple of days.

In some cases, local presidents can access e-mail through the church office, public library, school, government office, or Internet café. Perhaps a student in the community who does not attend church could help. Imagine the possibilities! Remember that even dial-up Internet access is available wherever there is a telephone. High-speed Internet connections are preferable, but are not essential.

Local presidents, please be prepared with an e-mail address when your district NMI president contacts you. We want to be in contact with you, while saving precious World Evangelism Fund money.

## We Appreciate Your Letters

**Editor's Note:** Iowa District NMI President Sharon Meek forwarded the following letter from one of her local presidents, Amy Meade. Amy's enthusiasm is infectious and she has some great ideas for organizing NMI in her church, so we wanted to share her letter.

I have ordered all my materials and have reviewed them thoroughly already. I have read all the missionary books. They are amazing this year! There are four that are my favorites, and I don't think I could decide among them which one I liked the most. I can't wait until our first mission meeting to start showing them off to our members!

The new mission education materials look great, but I am younger than most presidents. I imagine that some might struggle to find what they want to use. Perhaps we could hook some of the younger ones with the older ones to get them going? I'd be willing to do what I can. It would be a shame for them to struggle and miss out on some of the great stuff!

I also want to thank you for the great CD of materials that you handed out in the packets. It was so thorough and easy to use. I have been able to prepare an entire year's worth of announcements, lessons, flyers, bulletin boards, etc., already. This is a blessing for me since I'll be having my baby in early October and will need to have all the plans ready to go for my council! I am going to buy a binder tonight and monthly dividers to get it all printed off and assembled. If you think this might be of any use to anyone else, I'd be glad to make another and send it to you as an example. I haven't been doing this long. Having it all on one CD with all the months outlined and plenty of choices of materials for each emphasis was very helpful.

We love the new funding program! We have a simple spreadsheet set up for our use that is working fabulously. We will take care of the online part as well, but this is working great for us for budgeting and planning. It is very different from the old way, but we are excited about how it will work.

Amy Meade  
Ames, Iowa

## **IDOP Kit Available Soon**

The Open Doors kit for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) will be released a few months prior to IDOP Sunday (second Sunday in November). In the kit, you will find compelling resources to help facilitate IDOP in a church or small group setting. To sign for the Open Doors e-newsletter and to be notified when the kit becomes available, go to [www.opendoorsusa.org/content/view/949](http://www.opendoorsusa.org/content/view/949).

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