



Challenge 2010

Global Responses to WEF PLUS

I would like to give you an update on WEF PLUS. We received a check from a lady from Eldorado Park Church of the Nazarene, who has a burden for missions. She gave Rand 5,000 (equals USD 680) for WEF PLUS. She was the very first person to give towards this offering.

Recently we had a women's conference in South Africa. Samantha [Chambo, regional NMI coordinator] made a presentation on WEF PLUS, and the ladies gave Rand 6,000 (equals USD 825) for WEF PLUS. Most participants have called us to let us know that they are promoting WEF PLUS in their local churches. They reported that there is great excitement, and people are coming up with creative ideas on how they might raise a huge offering for this in November 2010.

I believe some churches are already receiving an offering each month for WEF PLUS. Most district superintendents and pastors are promoting this offering for November 2010. We are planning a major promotion for WEF PLUS at the District Superintendents Retreat that is scheduled in September 2010.

Thank you so much for leading all of us in this direction. This is an exciting global initiative that has been embraced in Africa. Praise be to God.

Filimao Chambo
Africa Regional Director

Our church does not normally receive a separate Thanksgiving Offering. We cover the NMI budgets with faith promise giving. This year, we will receive a Thanksgiving and WEF PLUS offering and give it in addition to our regular WEF giving.

Arlita Harris
Bethany, Oklahoma



North Florida is onboard! During a conference call with our local presidents in September, we will emphasize how important this offering is and offer ideas of how to challenge the WEF PLUS offering. Our district will offer a new logo for our churches. We will be utilizing the acronym **PLUS: Pastors & Laity Uniting in Sacrifice**.

Susan Lynne Day
North Florida District NMI President

Yesterday, we enjoyed our first faith promise: a new concept for many in our congregation who are new to the Church of the Nazarene. Pastor and I decided to challenge our congregation to promise in faith to meet our WEF goal and for WEF PLUS, we decided to go for 10 percent more than the WEF goal rather than asking each giver to give \$10 extra.

Our total goal was \$10,500, more than two times our last year's WEF budget. Imagine our joy when the cards were totaled: \$14,550 was promised in faith! On the previous Sunday, Pastor Erik [Gernand] shared with the congregation the steps our Board of General Superintendents and Global Ministry Center are taking to reduce expenses and control operating costs. May the Lord be praised!

Sid Gholson
Murfreesboro, Tennessee





Preparation and Teamwork—Challenge 2010

Dear Local NMI President:

John Wooden, legendary leader, coached several very talented athletes. His emphasis was mentoring players of good character and convincing them that the team was far more important than any single participant.

Preparation and teamwork were Coach Wooden's keys to success. In his view, no player ever succeeded alone. Wooden often said, "It takes ten hands to score a basket." While teamwork was the hallmark of his teams, he also taught that each individual should take personal responsibility for success of the team.

The Board of General Superintendents is challenging the global church to give a record-setting Thanksgiving/Harvest offering, the largest in the history of the Church of the Nazarene: \$6 million. This "WEF PLUS" offering will require a total team effort with each and every Nazarene taking individual responsibility to do his or her very best. That is why we will promote this WEF PLUS offering as "Challenge 2010."

Around the world, God has placed before our denomination open doors of opportunity to reach millions with the soul-saving, life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ. A WEF PLUS offering—above and beyond normal WEF giving—is essential to reaping this unprecedented spiritual harvest. This is our "Challenge 2010."

Please note on the next pages WEF PLUS prayer initiatives, a WEF PLUS overview, and a resource list. I have attached to this e-mail letter: WEF PLUS responses and WEF PLUS giving goals for each church by district in the USA/Canada Region.

Thank you for leading the way in meeting this need. We stand heart-to-heart and shoulder-to-shoulder with you. Please let us know how we can help.

WEF PLUS Global Prayer Initiatives

Use the following information for praying for Challenge 2010. Canada Thanksgiving is October 11, and U.S.A. Thanksgiving will be November 25. Use the initiatives for the six Sundays preceding the offering.

1. **Global goal:** \$6 million to sustain missionaries and our global mission
2. **Global prayer:** 6 minutes per week for 6 weeks (one minute per day)
3. **Global fasting:** one meal per week for 6 weeks
4. **Global focus:** 6 prayer points in evangelism, disciple-making, leadership development, church development, missionary call/care, and compassion



5. **Global regions:** praying for one region per week for 6 weeks as follows:
(date for Canada is listed first; date for USA is listed second)
Africa—week of September 5 or October 17
Asia-Pacific—week of September 12 or October 24
Eurasia—week of September 19 or October 31
Mexico/Central America/Caribbean—week of September 26 or November 7
South America—week of October 3 or November 14
USA/Canada—week of October 10 or November 21
6. **Global participation:** each regular attendee giving at least \$10 (adjusted to reflect national parity) beyond regular WEF, faith promise, missions, or Thanksgiving Offering. Some have decided to give one day's earnings for WEF PLUS.

WEF PLUS Challenge 2010 Resources

Challenge 2010 Packet—mailed to each USA/Canada church in September

- *Challenge 2010 Planning Guide*
 - Information about all the resources available for a WEF PLUS offering and week-by-week suggestions for using these resources.
- *Challenge 2010 Videos*
 - A DVD with 6 compelling videos to focus your church on WEF PLUS giving.
- *Challenge 2010 Poster*
- *Challenge 2010 Envelopes*
- *Challenge 2010 Coin Cards for Children*
 - Kids can insert 40 quarters (USA/Canada Region) to equal \$10.00 per child.

The resources of this Promotional Packet will be mailed in September to each church in Canada and the U.S.A. to make these resources available prior to Thanksgiving holidays.



- The videos, the poster, and the planning guide are all available for download at www.nazarene.org/Challenge2010.

Challenge 2010 WEF PLUS web site – Additional Promotional Resources

Additional Challenge 2010 resources will be available online:

www.nazarene.org/Challenge2010

- *Challenge 2010 Inserts for Worship Folders*
- *Challenge 2010 Clip Art*
 - Available in JPEG format in both color and black and white
 - Effective for use in newsletters, worship folders, e-newsletters, Web sites, etc.
- *Challenge 2010 PowerPoint*
 - Effective for use in worship, midweek services, Sunday School classes, and other small group settings

Daniel D. Ketchum
Global NMI Director

Become a Praying Church

The NMI Handbook & Constitution states, “Prayer is essential and strategic for the work of global evangelization. The Great Commission can be fulfilled as God’s people intercede and as churches become houses of prayer for all nations. NMI is at the forefront of encouraging Nazarenes to pray for global mission.”

If your church does not have an organized plan that is being utilized to pray specifically for global mission, pray and meet with your pastor to create or adopt a plan.

How to Start a Prayer Ministry for Missions in Your Church

1. Pray! God desires that we pray; ask Him for direction.
2. Meet with the pastor and seek his/her approval.
3. Ask God to direct you to people who will initiate small prayer groups. (You might be surprised who He chooses.)
4. Begin first with the people mentioned in #3, meeting together weekly to pray.
5. Provide prayer requests from the Prayer Mobilization Line, *Engage* magazine, district prayer coordinator, and personal communication with missionaries and other global entities. (More resources can be found on the NMI Web site www.nazarenemissions.org. Click on “Praying.”)
6. Publish global prayer requests via church media (video and print). (Be sensitive to those items from creative access or secure areas, and do not list them in printed form, on Web sites, or in e-mails. Such requests should only be mentioned verbally.)
7. Involve teens and children by leading them to create prayer groups among their peers.
8. Send urgent requests via e-mail, text messaging, or phone message. (Again, be aware of sensitive areas.)
9. Encourage each person to follow your example, multiplying groups as God leads.
10. Invite everyone to participate in prayer ministry for missions.



Be the host church in your community for a designated prayer time weekly (come and go at their discretion). Organize prayer walks or prayer rides in designated areas. Include children and teens. Be a praying church!

A personal note regarding being a host church in the community: When we pastored in Morgantown, Kentucky, I felt burdened to call the community to prayer.

Our church was three miles from the town and across a river—not a prime location for what I wanted to do. My husband, Bill, was good friends with the pastor of the First United Methodist Church. I asked the pastor if their church would be willing to host the event, and he graciously opened the doors of their church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. I did all of the publicity—newspaper, radio (public service announcement), and letters to all churches.

Although the church was never full, there was a stream of people from a variety of churches (including the one and only nun) who came to pray each week. I provided notepaper/pens to write requests and also supplied a printed list of requests that had been submitted to me. The Lord blessed our prayer time; no “service,” just prayer.

“Prayer is a powerful thing; for God has bound and tied himself thereunto.”

—Martin Luther



Martha Bean
Central U.S.A. Region
Global Council Representative



Why NMI? A Quick Look

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) functions as a support system of the world evangelism enterprise of the Church of the Nazarene. As members, we are committed to praying, to discipling, to giving and to educating. By helping your people participate in the ministries of NMI, you can help your church make Mission Priority One for your church.

In carrying out these responsibilities, we promote these emphases:


Volunteer Ministries—Work & Witness, Mission Corps (formerly Nazarenes in Volunteer Service), Youth in Mission, Youthserve, NYI volunteer internships, ROAM (RVs on a mission), Nazarene Medical Organization, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, One Heart—Many Hands, and Nazarene Disaster Relief provide every member with the challenge to become personally involved in some arena of world mission. Teens and college students should be encouraged to participate. Professionals are needed for short-term service (doctors, nurses, teachers, etc.). Persons with specialized skills (plumbers, electricians, computer programmers, etc.) are needed. Everyone can serve through Work & Witness. Children can even help in some cases. Those who cannot physically go may participate through prayer and sponsorships.

Alabaster—Twice a year (February and September), an offering is received for purchasing property, buildings, and/or building supplies for world mission areas and multicultural churches in the USA/Canada Region. No administrative costs are taken from these offerings. (These costs are covered through the World Evangelism Fund.) Every penny of Alabaster fund is directed solely for providing buildings—80 percent to world mission areas and 20 percent to USA/Canada locations. There is no assigned goal except participation. It is a special way of saying “I love you, Lord,” tangibly.



World Evangelism Fund/Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings/Faith Promise—Although it is not exclusively a “mission budget,” NMI has assumed responsibility for promoting and raising the World Evangelism Fund. (Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings, and the designated portion of Faith Promise giving, are directed toward the World Evangelism Fund.) The newly implemented Funding the Mission plan is based on 5.5 percent of all current income from every Church of the Nazarene worldwide minus mission giving. In addition, every church is asked to receive Thanksgiving and Easter offerings to increase the total giving for world evangelism. Many churches participate in Faith Promise, a systematic plan for mission support (it is not required). **No Church of the Nazarene should neglect to promote Easter and Thanksgiving offerings**, even if the church uses Faith Promise as a consistent basis for supporting the World Evangelism Fund. Some individuals do not participate in Faith Promise, and others will want to give in addition to their Faith Promise commitment.

Mission Education—It has been said, “Praying for what you don’t know is like coming back from where you’ve never been.” We must be adequately informed to respond effectively. Informed people can and will pray more effectively and give more sacrificially. It is the responsibility of Christian to be informed about missions—mission areas, mission opportunities, mission strategies, mission stewardship, and those who serve as missionaries. This can best be accomplished by being an active learner through personal involvement (such as Work & Witness), personal encounters with missionaries (deputation services), regular mission education experiences, reading the NMI mission books or listening to CDs, watching *Global Mission DVDs*, reading *Holiness Today*, subscribing to free e-mail newsletters from missionaries, Global Mission regions, and *Engage* online mission magazine. *Mission Connection* is an online resource created specifically for local NMI leaders, but available to everyone. Resources are available; being informed is a choice!



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Missionary Care—This “umbrella” includes health care for active and retired missionaries; LINKS; and Christmas Fund.

A portion of health care costs are funded through Memorial Rolls (in honor of deceased persons), Distinguished Service Awards (presented to recipients in recognition of outstanding service), Gifts from the Heart (donations made in memory of a deceased person or in honor of someone or for a special occasion), and freewill offerings. Because the cost of missionaries’ health care is greater than the income from this source, the balance must be paid from the World Evangelism Fund. Hence, greater participation in “Missionary Health Care” extends the impact of the World Evangelism Fund dollar.

LINKS connects every church with designated missionaries for two-year cycles. It is a program that provides personal involvement by churches and individuals with selected missionaries. It is the privilege and responsibility of each district through its churches to provide remembrances on special occasions and other times throughout the year. Only one district is assigned to each LINKS missionary; therefore, it is important not to neglect LINKS care.

The Missionary Christmas Fund provides a monetary Christmas gift for all missionaries, as well as *Reflecting God* and “Day by Day” books.

World Mission Broadcast—Communications is an area of missions that has literally exploded with possibilities. Communication centers have been built in each of our world regions. They serve not only as broadcasting centers, but also as learning labs where people are trained to effectively record and produce radio broadcasts in their locality. World Mission Broadcast (WMB) reaches the unreachable! With new technology, this ministry has expanded beyond radio to include television and Internet broadcasts. There are several countries in which Nazarene broadcasts are aired, but where no Nazarene churches have yet been established. World Mission Broadcast does not receive funds from the World Evangelism Fund; it is funded solely by WMB offerings. Every church is asked to participate in the annual WMB Offering.



International Ministries, Bible Schools & Seminaries—This ministry is a “must” as we recognize the value of training pastors and workers in ministry. Theological Education by Extension (TEE) has taken the classroom to the student. In many world areas, pastors are bi-vocational. TEE offers the courses required for ordination. Bible colleges and seminaries are essential in providing classroom education, as well as practical experience. Nazarene educational institutions around the world are training men and women for ministry, as well as teachers, nurses, and vocational and lay leaders.

Membership—Membership in NMI is open to anyone, regardless of church membership or age. NMI members who are also members of the Church of the Nazarene are “active members,” and those who are not church members are “associate members.” Therefore, it is not only possible, but advisable, that every church have more total NMI members than church members. Excellent resources are available for mission education for children and youth, as well as for adults. Every church should encourage participation by children and teens, regardless of the number or whether separate meetings are held. Mission involvement is for all ages!

Mission Priority One—Certain criteria have been established which qualify local churches to be honored with this recognition. Mission Priority One churches have achieved the four basic requirements of Praying, Discipling, Giving, and Educating. By striving to involve all ages to participate in these four objectives, a church makes missions a priority to her people.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries—This ministry’s mission is to make a difference in our world by meeting physical, emotional, relational, intellectual and spiritual needs. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) is recognized internationally and has many faces, many hands. Whether the need is disaster response or an ever-present scene of famine, disease, and nakedness, NCM is there because Nazarenes are involved personally and financially. NCM fights the perils of poverty by teaching hygiene, nutrition, and job skills. It opens doors to ministry of the Word by touching “the least of these.” Child sponsorship and offerings are just two ways churches and individuals may be involved..

Prayer & Fasting—One of the core objectives of NMI is prayer. Missionaries depend on the prayer support of the church “at home.” One missionary said, “The greatest fear I have is that the church will forget to pray for me.” We must not only be pray-ers ourselves, we must teach others to pray. Fasting breaks down barriers and strong-holds that thwart the growth of the Kingdom. Prayer is a continuing emphasis of NMI. Throughout the year, a variety of prayer initiatives are presented via NMI, events such as “Nazarene World Week of Prayer,” Praying Through the 10/40 Window (a rectangular area of the world between 10 degrees south and 40 degrees north of the equator), and the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Be aware of when the next prayer initiative will take place.

Nazarene Missions International is a vital ministry in the church. It should never be considered optional or unnecessary. Instead, NMI should be embraced and put to work, assisting churches in responding to the Great Commission. An increasing amount of information is available online (www.nazarenemissions.org). This provides great opportunity for dissemination of the latest information and updates. Missions is exciting! NMI provides personal connection.

Martha Bean

Indianapolis District NMI President

Mission Priority One— Help Build Missions in Your Church

You'll need:

- **Cement of Praying**—holding everything together
- **Workers for Discipling**—your church's children and youth, as well as adults to equip and affirm them
- **Nails of Giving**—can't build without financial resources
- **Building blocks of Educating**—the stronger the building, the longer it will last

Ruth Hasenauer
New Mexico District

Choosing to Fund Missions

Note: This monologue introduces Challenge 2010 and the dire need for WEF PLUS giving now.

Cast

Missionary in a secure area

Setting

Desk with laptop or clipboard, a few books, telephone

(The missionary is planning his day, making notes on his laptop or clipboard and speaking first to an unseen person—sitting where the audience is, and later on the phone.)

What is my schedule like today? *(Looks at laptop.)* Let's see...this morning I meet with the pastor of the church in a secure area—you know who I mean—to encourage him. Then I will check on our neighbour. Their friends have been shunning them because they are coming to our home for Bible study.

(Phone rings.) Excuse me. *(To person on phone)* Hello....Speaking....Well, hello! Wonderful to hear from you!

Our work? It is terrific. We are holding a Bible study in our home and showed the JESUS Film recently. God is helping us. We are beginning to see some of our neighbours take an interest in the Gospel. Wonderful things are beginning to happen.

(Pause as though listening.) Yes, God is helping us to make a difference in the lives of some of these people. We have to be very careful. We could be jailed, and our friends could be put in danger.

(Sits, listening, hearing bad news, the replies stunned.) Oh, really? No! We can't leave our work here, not now! We are beginning to make progress. One of our pastors has been able to establish a home church; I have been teaching him, giving him direction.



(Listens more.) I understand that the policy is not to send missionaries when they cannot be supported financially. But I don't understand... isn't the World Evangelism Fund supposed to cover this. *(Listens.)* I thought Nazarenes gave generously in the Easter Offering last spring. *(Listens.)* Yes, I remember the giving plan was changed. I guess with the global economy issues all budgets have taken a hit.

(Listens some more.) Well, if people are giving to special offerings like Alabaster, compassionate ministries, and others, don't they realize that the infrastructure for those ministries is covered by World Evangelism Fund? Do they understand that those ministries cannot operate without World Evangelism Fund?

(Listens.) So there is hope? *(Listens more and makes notes on laptop.)* Challenge 2010 is a one-time offering to help us over this hurdle. This offering, given in addition to the traditional World Evangelism Fund offering received at this time of year, will help us bridge this financial gap. *(Listens.)* Nazarenes worldwide are being asked to participate? Oh, yes, my people will respond generously! Just recently, I heard one of our pastors say from the pulpit that, when we choose not to give to missions, we choose to bring missionaries home and close ministries on the field that are operating with money from the World Evangelism Fund.

(Listens.) Of course, I will join you in prayer. I will ask the pastors and congregations here to pray as well.

This is not the time to bring missionaries home. They need to be available to mentor emerging leaders. While these people will eventually become great leaders, they must learn to be Christ like in difficult situations.

(Listens.) Thank you for alerting me to this and for telling me about Challenge 2010. I will make sure all the districts and churches are aware of it. I know they will be thrilled to give the equivalent of \$10.00 in their currency. And thank you for allowing me to continue to serve the Lord and the Church of the Nazarene as a missionary here. We can't give detailed stories with names and locations because of security reasons; however, the church is strong here and wants to participate. Nazarenes here want to see the body grow in other places.

(Listens.) And God bless you as well. We will be praying for Challenge 2010 and encouraging our people to participate. Good-bye.

(Hangs up phone, and addresses the unseen person referred to at the beginning of the sketch.) As you probably gather, we have work to do. Let's start telling others about Challenge 2010. *(Exits.)*

Margaret Rossiter (adapted)
Thorold, Ontario

Where Does the Global Mission Budget Go?

- **Field Operations**
 - Field Office
 - Housing
 - Travel
 - Insurance
 - Taxes
 - Building and Property Maintenance
 - Etc.
 - Institutions
 - Hospitals
 - Clinics
 - Primary/Secondary Schools
 - Seminaries
 - Bible Schools
 - Etc.
 - National Districts
 - District Operations
 - Church Planting
 - Evangelism Projects
 - Etc.
- **Missionary Personnel**
 - Salaries
 - Social Security
 - Benefits
 - Missionary Pensions
 - Medical Insurance
 - Life Insurance
 - Long-term Disability Insurance
 - Income Tax Preparation
 - Foreign Income Tax
 - Housing
 - Utilities
 - Travel
 - Passports and Visas
 - Cost-of-Living Adjustments
 - Freight
 - Language Study
 - Education Allowance for the Missionaries
 - Education for Missionaries' Children
 - Workshops and Training
- **Field Administration**
 - Overseas Travel
 - Contingency Reserve
 - Compassionate Ministries
- **Editorial, Candidate, and Pastoral Ministries**
 - Media Services
 - Literature
 - Publications
 - NMI Promotion
 - Videos and Audiocasts
 - Missionary Candidates
 - Workshop and Missionary Children's Benefits
- **Office Administration**
 - Global Ministry Center Salaries and Benefits
 - Equipment and Supplies
 - Telephone, Postage
 - Etc.



How Are Missions and Missionaries Supported Financially?

- **World Evangelism Fund**
 - Day-to-Day Missions Operations
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 - Buildings and Property
- **Missionary Care**
 - LINKS—cash and gifts
 - Missionary Health Care
 - Missionary Christmas Fund
- **World Mission Broadcast**
 - Radio
 - Television
 - Internet
 - New Media
- **Deputation Funds**
 - Home Assignment Travel
 - Home Assignment Lodging
 - Field Equipment
 - Home Assignment Salary Supplement
 - Additional Pension Contributions
 - Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses—Medical Reimbursement Arrangement Accounts, MRA Accounts
 - Educational Expenses
 - Vehicle Purchase and Operation
- **Other Approved Specials**
 - Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
 - JESUS Film Harvest Partners
 - Work & Witness
 - International Student Scholarship Fund
 - Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry
 - Etc.

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Congratulations, Alaska District!

As of this summer, the Alaska District gave full support to Global Mission through the World Evangelism Fund, making 60 consecutive years of payment in full. Thank you for your generosity.

WEF PLUS Items Shipped to Churches in USA/Canada Region

Churches in the USA/Canada Region should have received the Challenge 2010—WEF PLUS Offering packets. Nazarene Publishing House notified the NMI Office that they have completed the shipping process. The packets were sent via priority mail.

The mailing was actually sent in two packages. The first has a letter from Global NMI Director Daniel Ketchum, two posters, a DVD with all media on it, children's quarter collectors equally 20 percent of Sunday morning worship attendance. The offering envelopes (also a percentage of Sunday morning worship attendance) are being mailed separately to keep the postage cost down.

If your church has not received its packet, first double-check with the church office, then contact the NMI Office at 913-577-2970 or nmi@nazarene.org.

Spanish WEF PLUS PowerPoint Presentation Available

A PowerPoint presentation for FEM PLUS (WEF PLUS) is available on the NMI Web site. The presentation was created by the Mexico/Central America/Caribbean Region and forwarded to the NMI Office for distribution globally. Feel free to download the FEM PLUS presentation from here: [www.nazarenemissions.org/10315/story.aspx].



Crisis Care Kit Ideas

Two Girls, 17 Boxes, 102 Crisis Care Kits, 4 Months

Two 13-year-old girls, Amy Ellis and Rachelle Jones, took on the Crisis Care Kit (CCK) project for the Church of the Nazarene in Philomath, Oregon. They collected, purchased, and packed 102 kits over a 4-month period, filling 17 banana boxes.

Several times during the process, Amy commented on how God was providing: money for materials came in rapidly and great prices for needed items. The Lord even provided transportation to the warehouse in Nampa for the filled boxes, allowing the money budgeted for sending the boxes to instead be used to start more kits.

The girls were very excited when they recently saw a video of Crisis Care Kits being distributed after a disaster in another country. They were already looking forward to doing more CCKs, and the video allowed them to see the final stage of the process.

Our church family all realized how very needed our efforts were when our boxes were delivered to Nampa just as the news of the earthquake in Haiti was received!

Linda Conner
Philomath, Oregon

In Lieu of Shower Gifts, Send Crisis Care Kits

When I was getting married last year and my wedding shower was being planned, I requested no gifts. In lieu of gifts, I asked my church family to donate items for Crisis Care Kits (CCKs). We did this at our monthly missionary meeting, and I shared the history of CCKs.

Tammy Vicenzi
Anna First Church of the Nazarene
Anna, Illinois





Prayer Mobilization

With absolutely no forethought, it had slipped across my lips effortlessly. How far my retrieval system must have traveled into the recesses of my vocabulary to pull that up! The word was *compunction*, and its usage at the dinner table brought laughter from my grown children, both college graduates with degrees in communication and education. I was forced to pull out an old, dusty dictionary, almost archaic itself, to convince them it was a real word.

***Com-punc-tion (noun)*—an uneasiness of mind arising from wrongdoing; a sense of guilt or remorse; a feeling of slight regret or pity.**

For a synonym the dictionary referred to *repentance*.

Buoyed by vindication, I plunged headlong into semantics, but came up sputtering with nothing more than the word contained within.

***Unc-tion (noun)*—a ceremonial anointing with oil, as in consecration or dedication.**

At least, they were somewhat familiar with this one.



How Is Our Prayer Life?

Vocabulary lesson over and the dictionary relegated to gathering more dust. (After all, who uses them anymore?) I was free to contemplate those words in relation to my responsibilities to prayer mobilization for College Church missions. How is our prayer life, yours and mine? Does it have compunction or unction, regret or anointing?

It's Autumn and I'm Energized

The kids are back in school, the college campus is buzzing again, and the mercury has finally budged from its unrelenting 90 degrees. New Year's resolutions hold little interest with me, but give me autumn and I'm ready to restructure, reprioritize, reevaluate. Be it the falling temps, falling leaves, or anticipation of Advent, I'm ready for change. I love the changing seasons, and autumn tops the list. How about you? Are you ready for change?

Moving Toward Thanksgiving

Autumn brings thoughts of moving toward Thanksgiving and Faith Promise commitments. Praying about our commitments is essential. Without it, we have little faith that God can supply not only our needs, but allow us to help Him supply the needs for our missionaries around the world.

Got Weeds?

My lawn is now devoid of weeds (at least the ones that flaunt their ugliness high above the grass height), a direct result of the *compunction* conversation. A little motherly guilt goes a long way. Got weeds? Perhaps it's time in this electronic age where immediate information has stifled our ability to contemplate for any given length of time, to drag some antiquated words off the shelf and breathe new life into them. Is your prayer life in need of restructuring, reprioritizing, or reevaluation? A little compunction could evolve into praying with unction.

Lord, teach us to pray.

Ellen Weinstock
Olathe, Kansas

Prayer Items from Around the Globe

"We cannot tell any success figures of the prayers; but without praying, there are no blessed Work & Witness teams. Sponsored children feel it when there are prayers for them. Missionaries are dependent on our prayers; they underline this over and over."

Dorothea Güting
German District

Praying in Secure or Creative Access Areas

"They are not allowed to meet together in groups as Christians because of legal restrictions, so they cannot have a large meeting or service as such. However small groups, even two or three, will get together and pray and give an offering for missions."

"In our area, there were several homes burned to the ground this year. The home owners were of different faiths, not just Christians. Our NMI group has gone to the victims in these areas and shared with them, one household at a time. They seek to encourage the victims that, even though they have lost so much, they still have God and they still have prayer. Then [the group prays] with them."

"Our NMI group regularly visits homes. They pray with the families and identify their situations. If they identify needs during the visit, [the group tries] to minister to those needs. For example, if someone is sick and they need to go to the hospital, the group raises funds to hire a car to take the person to the hospital."

From Nazarenes in Secure Areas



Praying for the 10/40 Window

As I looked on the Win1040 Web site (www.win1040.org), I noticed that if you scroll to the bottom of the page there are prayer points. Each day there is a different area listed. It is set up to have people praying for the different areas daily.

Involve your teens by having them pray for teens from the area and teen-aged MKs (Missionary Kids, or missionaries' children) in that area, adults for the adults and missionaries, and children pray for children and MKs under the age of 13.

The NMI president or "Praying" council member can use technology, sending a text each day naming the world area for which the church is praying. One person can do this for the whole month, or different people can be responsible for a week at a time. By sharing the responsibilities, it allows more people the opportunity to get involved in missions!

Low Tech? No problem! Ask the church's prayer chain person to send out a daily e-mail or phone call (whichever you use) reminder to those who do not have texting.

Children's idea: have a calendar and write in the areas they need to pray for each day. They can put an "X" to mark off the day when they have prayed for the children in that area. Have them bring the calendar back at the end of each week or month and give them a prize for having it all marked. A candy bar or pack of gum works wonders! (A daily reminder is so helpful. Well, at least it helps me!)

Kathy Caldwell
Crescent City, Illinois

Request Your IDOP Kit

When you come together to pray for persecuted Christians, you discover a deep connection to the body of Christ around the world.

For the 11th year Open Doors is providing churches with a free kit to mobilize prayer for Christians living where faith costs the most. Our 2010 focus is on a serious problem that requires your special care—the need for Christians to be *Free to Believe*.

Order your free International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) kit today and join the largest global prayer event of its kind!

Inside the kit you'll receive:

- 2 x 5 ft. *Free to Believe* Banner
- *Free to Believe* Videos
- Ideas for Church Engagement (online only)
- Extensive Prayer points
- Bulletin Inserts



Join us in prayer Sunday, November 14th, in your church, in your small group, or even in your home.

God has worked wonders in the lives of persecuted believers since last year's day of prayer, but there are over 100 million believers still asking for our prayers.

We hope you will join us for the 2010 International Day of Prayer. We know you'll be blessed.

Sincerely,

Carl Moeller
President/CEO
Open Doors USA

Editor's Note: To order the free 2010 IDOP Kit, visit this Web site:

http://members.opendoorsusa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=IDOP_2010 .

Some kit items are limited. The first 4,000 signups will receive all kit contents. If you place your request on or before October 31, 2010, your material should arrive in time for IDOP. If you place your order after this date, you will need to purchase express shipping to receive your kit by IDOP Sunday. If you have other questions, call 949-752-6600 or 888-5-BIBLE-5 (toll free).

What Others Say About the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

"It was a remarkable time of solidarity with the persecuted church and a challenge for us to pray for boldness."

—Georgene, Oregon

"It was a powerful morning, thank you for your help in making it happen."

—Dean, Alabama

**// It was an
eye-opener
for our
congregation.**

—Anonymous

Time to Get Discipling!

I took my teens to a fantastic event that gave me the shove I needed to get serious about intentional mentor/discipling relationships for my youth. NMI has been talking about discipling and mentoring a lot lately. That's because it's biblical, Christologically faithful, and relevant for younger generations. Plus, who understands the call to "Go and make disciples" better than NMI!

We all know we need to develop intentional discipling relationships, and our teens are great targets for mentees. But there are so many questions:

- How do we get started?
- What if we end up staring blankly at each other over a Starbucks table in awkward silence?
- Is there a format I should use?
- What if I ask a teen if I can mentor her/him and he looks at me like I am from Mars?

Back to the summer event I mentioned earlier. Our teens attended a session all about mentor relationships. To my surprise, the teens were wild about the idea; and many set out to find adults to mentor them. Here are the most helpful things I picked about mentor relationships with teenagers:

1. Let teens know about the importance and benefits of being disciplined or mentored by someone who has been in the faith longer than they have. Especially if they sense a call to the mission field, they need to be disciplined. Encourage them, and let them pick a mentor with the counsel of their youth pastor or parent.
2. The teen should choose a mentor based on the answers to these two questions:
 - a. What Christian characteristics do I need to develop?
 - b. Who do I see demonstrating that characteristic with strength and grace?A teen called to missions might choose one of the five characteristics in the "Developing Tomorrow's Missionaries" page on the NMI Web site (www.nazarenemissions.org/10208/story.aspx)
3. Once the teen has chosen a mentor, asked that person to mentor him/her, and the potential mentor has agreed, let the mentor relationship flow out of those two questions. Keep the conversation specific to the area or characteristic where the teen wants to grow. This prevents you from trying to cover anything, everything, and nothing at all.
4. Set a timeline for the relationship. Start by meeting twice a month for six months. After that, the teen might want to continue with the same mentor or select a different characteristic to work on and, therefore, find a new mentor.



These tips have given my youth group a solid foundation to get discipling. I hope it helps the youth in your church as well!

Shawna Songer Gaines
Youth Pastor
Chicago, Illinois



Electronic NMI Handbook and Constitution Now Available

The 2009-2013 NMI Handbook and Constitution is now available for electronic download from the Nazarene Publishing House Web site (www.nph.com, search for "NMI"). The order number is R-2009E; and the cost is \$4.99.

The format is similar to the hardcopy version of the Handbook; however, in the electronic version, links within the pages of the Handbook make it easy to use and find the information you need. The links also direct you to multiple resources on many mission Web sites.

Contacting Missionaries Via E-mail

Please be aware of security issues when e-mailing missionaries or promoting them to your churches.

Unless you have been given specific instructions from missionaries in a secure or creative access area, do not try to contact them.

Sometimes missionaries' locations change, but not their e-mail addresses. So if you have an e-mail addresses for missionaries that are several years' old, you should contact your district NMI president as to whether they are correct and whether it is still acceptable to contact the missionaries. District NMI presidents have a listing of missionaries who are allowed contact and their contact information.

Living Mission Testimonials

I have different people teaching the lessons, and I like to give the lessons to them at least 1 month ahead of time.

I really like having a theme for the whole year. The first few lessons have gone very well. My church family really seems to like having the video to watch as an introduction to the lesson.

I did the lesson on Human Trafficking, and I have to admit that it was a hard one to do because of the subject matter. We had the teens do the lesson with the adults, but we had all the children out of the room.

Diane Diedrich
Cookeville, Tennessee

I really enjoy the new *Living Mission*! It makes us get out of our "comfort zone." We are so used to hearing about what is happening in other world areas—which is great—but what do we do? Sit back and say, "Wow! That's great!" And then we go home. I believe this makes us (or me) get up and do something, and isn't that what God asks us to do? Keep up the good work!

Kathy Caldwell

Posted on the *Living Mission* Facebook Page

Just wanted to tell you how much we are enjoying the new missions program. I was a little skeptical at first, but it has been a blessing. The church members love it (probably because I am not talking so much). The messages have been very powerful. I am looking forward to the next set.

The *NMI Resource DVD* has [also] been really helpful. All my [council] members have a copy, and it has helped them to develop weekly messages as their projects come up.

Linda Morris

Decherd, Tennessee

Living Mission Rebate Reminder

JESUS Film Harvest Partners and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries partnered with NMI during this 2010 introductory year for the purpose of **changing lives** through Harvest 120 Sponsorships (JFHP) and Child Sponsorships (NCM). The rebate plan is still available.

How to Redeem the *Living Mission* Rebate

1. When persons from your church invest in one new Harvest 120 Sponsorship (\$30 per month) and one new Child Sponsorship (\$25 per month), your church will receive a rebate from Nazarene Publishing House (NPH) for the cost of *Living Mission* (\$59.95). You get it **free!**
2. When persons from your church invest in two new Harvest 120 Sponsorships (\$60 per month) and two new Child Sponsorships (\$50 per month), your church will receive a rebate from NPH for the cost of *Living Mission* **plus** the youth mission education packet and the children's mission education packet. You get all three **free!**
3. Each rebate is associated with your local church. Your local church will receive the rebate on your church's monthly NPH statement.

4. Your church can redeem this rebate on your next order from NPH.
5. Each church will want and need at least one copy of *Living Mission*, as well as youth and children's mission education packets.
6. Large churches could purchase these mission resources for small churches. The large church can then recruit additional sponsorships from their church to receive rebates from NPH for these additional resources.

For more information about Harvest 120 Sponsorships and Child Sponsorships, please see both Web sites for JFHP <<http://JFHP.org/getinvolved/Harvest120.html>> and NCM <<http://NCM.org/cs>>.

Selected Giving Receipts for August 2010

The Selected Receipts Report for August 2010 is available for your information at the end of this issue of Mission Connection. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

Additional Children's Quarter Collectors for WEF PLUS

For the WEF PLUS offering at Thanksgiving time, children's coin folders were sent to each local church in the USA/Canada Region. The quantity sent was 20 percent of Sunday morning worship attendance. If your church needs additional folders, they are available FREE. Order them at the following Web site: <http://web.nazarene.org/site/PageNavigator/Challenge_2010_Resources>. Scroll to the bottom of the Resources page to "Kids Resource," and click on "Order Coin Folders." They are free from this site only; if churches order them from the Nazarene Publishing House Web site, the folders will cost.

Pete the Sheep Teaches Children about Missions

Meet Pete. Pete is a sheep. God wants Pete to learn what it means to love his neighbor.

Pete the Sheep is a new video resource recently released by the Church of the Nazarene and designed as a tool to help teach children about missions. At just 90 seconds in length, it's short enough to use in just about any mission setting. The video comes with a set of discussion questions to encourage kids to think about Jesus' message regarding the two greatest commandments (Matthew 22:36-39). Children's pastors, Sunday School teachers, parents, and others are encouraged to download and use the free resource.

Pete the Sheep was created in partnership with the volunteer efforts of Nazarene missionary kids Lee and J. Kent Rudeen. Lee wrote and directed the short film, while the design and hand animation were done by his brother, J. Kent.

More than 1,200 individual poses and 180 hours of labor went into the creation of *Pete the Sheep*. The short film, found at www.petethesheep.com, was also featured on a recent *Global Mission DVD*.

Work & Witness Videos Available

Three new Work & Witness videos are now available for free download on the Nazarene Media Library. Each is approximately a minute in length and perfect for challenging participation in Work & Witness.

Work & Witness 2010 Greeting 1—Dr. Daniel Ketchum <[Greeting 1](#)>—Early statistical records show that the Church of the Nazarene will likely send out more Work & Witness teams this year than last year. Dr. Ketchum briefly tells the story of Pasadena Church of the Nazarene and its Work & Witness trip to Guatemala.

Work & Witness 2010 Greeting 2—Dr. Daniel Ketchum <[Greeting 2](#)>—Dr. Ketchum describes a Prayer Vision Journey and challenges churches to set aside the tools for a day or so on a Work & Witness trip and to experience a Prayer Vision Journey of their own.

Work & Witness 2010 Greeting 3—Dr. Daniel Ketchum <[Greeting 3](#)>—Reminding viewers of the recent Pakistan flooding, Dr. Ketchum announces that continued relief in the form of Work & Witness teams will occur in two locations where we already have work.

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Our Mission

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

Church and Donor Gifts to WEF and Mission Specials August 31, 2010

Period 2010/011

Selected Receipts	Current YTD	Previous YTD	Variance YTD	% Var YTD	Previous Fiscal Year Annual	Current YTD Goal	YTD Dollar Variance	% Variance
World Evangelism Fund	41,079,940	42,733,707	(1,653,766)	-3.87%	45,906,503	41,437,330	(357,390)	-0.86%
Mission Specials	23,480,052	20,364,952	3,115,101	15.30%	22,005,165			
Sub-Total	64,559,993	63,098,659	1,461,334	2.32%	67,911,669			
<u>Mission Special Detail</u>								
Alabaster	2,659,819	2,765,941	(106,122)	-3.84%	2,862,280			
Compassionate Min - USA/Canada	457,466	524,185	(66,719)	-12.73%	563,741			
Compassionate Ministries - GM	6,925,039	2,765,578	4,159,460	150.40%	2,922,304			
Child Sponsorship	2,783,047	2,885,278	(102,231)	-3.54%	3,184,380			
Deputation	1,689,380	2,146,421	(457,041)	-21.29%	2,324,073			
Jesus Film	2,072,964	2,163,787	(90,824)	-4.20%	2,404,432			
LINKS	203,630	223,453	(19,823)	-8.87%	256,199			
Missionary Christmas Fund	52,120	62,559	(10,438)	-16.69%	72,440			
Missionary Health Care - Offerings	196,738	171,198	25,541	14.92%	177,667			
Missionary Health Care-Memorial Roll	205,443	213,958	(8,515)	-3.98%	223,225			
Missionary Health Care - DSA	82,667	92,988	(10,321)	-11.10%	104,526			
Work & Witness	1,654,589	1,436,351	218,239	15.19%	1,489,473			
Global Mission Broadcast	397,162	419,635	(22,473)	-5.36%	464,008			
Vacation Bible School	247,311	237,396	9,914	4.18%	309,397			
Other (i.e. Field,Partnerships, etc.)	3,852,679	4,256,224	(403,546)	-9.48%	4,647,022			

Posted as Memo

Work & Witness Non-Cash Travel	1,687,872	1,863,792	(175,920)	1,887,056
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