



Discipling Future Missions Leaders

by Eunice Brubaker

Note: The NMI objective for discipling is “involving and mentoring future missions leaders, especially youth and children, to make Christlike disciples for God’s mission in the nations.” Former Global NMI President Eunice Brubaker offers insight on how to achieve this worthy goal.

Purpose

- To mentor/disciple young people, specifically those sensing God’s call to vocational ministry, that they might understand and accept their essential, life-long role in the mission of God in the world and to obey that call.
- To develop missionally-minded young people who are committed to participate in God’s mission at home and abroad through godly examples, and to provide opportunities for them to actively participate in God’s mission now.

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Who can be a NMI discipling mentor?

A godly adult who is personally committed to active participation in God’s mission both locally and globally. The mentor doesn’t have to be an expert or former missionary. The mentor should:

- be committed to Christ and participating in God’s mission locally and abroad;
- love young leaders and want to see them grow in faith and become active members of Christ’s church;
- be willing to give of his/her time and energy to see these young people grow and develop.

What do I do?

Develop an intentional relationship with a child, teen, or young adult who a.) is feeling a call to ministry/cross-cultural missions and/or b.) wants to be a global Christian, even if not formally on the mission field. Particular attention should be given to those who demonstrate a proclivity for ministry/missions and who demonstrate a serious commitment to their faith.



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How do I do it?

Come alongside a young person, invest time into her/his life, and get to know them beyond a superficial level. Commit to regular times together for accountability and/or Bible study. Challenge the young person to move beyond “consumer” religion and into a life-long commitment to sacrifice and service. Some questions that might be helpful include:

- What are you reading in the Word?
- What is God teaching you through what you are reading?
- What are you finding to be your weaknesses? Strengths?
- How can I pray for you?

What does discipling future missions leaders look like?

The last thing the church needs is another program or “ministry position” to fill. Discipling future missions leaders need not develop into a “too-big-to-handle” program that works from the top down. Rather, discipling leaders should begin at the local church level and develop through intentional, interpersonal relationships.

Instead of creating bulky structure, we prefer to offer ideas intended to “prime the pump” on the local and district level. Each church and district should consider their own context and adapt accordingly, but hopefully a few ideas might jump-start the process.

- Gather a group of people at church who have a heart to pray for the young people in your church. Pray specifically that God will raise up Christian pastors and missionaries.
- Discover and invite! Identify those young people in your church who sense a call to ministry and/or a missional lifestyle. Invite them over for a Coke to talk about life, the future, etc. Remember to lead by asking questions. Listen.
- Find simple, practical ways these disciples-in-the-making can be a part of ministry at the local church level. Walk with them throughout the experience.
- Save a few meaningful devotionals and inspiring stories that you can share when appropriate. The goal is not to teach them everything you know, but rather to encourage them as their relationships with the Lord develop. Their journeys will be different than yours.
- Develop a “mission-minded group”—perhaps on Facebook—where they can share stories with each other and get to know other mission-minded young people.
- Encourage these young people in creative ways, i.e. text messages, Facebook notes, even an old-fashioned note in the mail. Remind each of them that they are not alone on their journey.
- On the district level, consider hosting a retreat for these mission-minded young people. This can be a time of sharing, teaching, encouragement, even an opportunity to serve in an area of need. Young people can get to know others who feel a similar calling on their life. This isn’t intended to be a “big-numbers-invite-everyone-you-know” event. Design this retreat specifically for more spiritually mature/aware young people.



- Extend your relationship with these young people beyond graduation from high school or college. Keep that contact, and rejoice in all that God is doing in their lives. You are making an eternal investment in these young people's lives.
- Consider developing Twitter communication to connect about special needs around your city for MMGs (Mission-Minded Groupies), so together they can serve with special projects or compassionate ministry needs.
- Remember to share the names of the young people being disciplined with your district leadership, so they can pray with you and develop a simple database of those who sense God's call to vocational ministry.



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God Honours Faithfulness

Fellow mission partners,

I trust you have a blessed Easter holiday! What a wonderful time to reflect on the history-long plan of redemption for you and me; the ultimate sacrifice; the curse of sin broken and the sting of death removed.

I draw your attention, however, to the fact that God honors faithfulness. The latter is more than just a nice concept—you must be faithful to someone or something. Actually, it's in making and keeping commitments to others that we demonstrate our faithfulness to God. When the Marys went to the tomb that first morning the last thing they expected to find was an empty tomb. They came duty-bound, ready to prepare the body for burial. That day they came not to receive, they came to give. There is no nobler human aspiration.

May we be reminded this Easter that service prompted by duty is the hallmark of true discipleship. That is why God calls us to go—making Christlike disciples in the nations—to love, to give to those who will never thank us, to forgive...expecting nothing in return.

As God watched the two women climbing the mountains, He had a surprise in store for them. The Bible says that the angel who went to the tomb and rolled the stone away said “come see the place where the body was.....” (Matthew 28:6). The One who conquered death and hell can certainly remove a rock. He moved the stone away so the women could look in and rejoice. Why? Because God honors faithfulness.

Fellow mission partners, if your road has been long and dreary and you feel like giving up, do not become discouraged. Don't quit! God still rolls the stone away! Be thou faithful to the end (Revelation 2:10b).

Be faithful

- In your commitment;
- In your service to God and to others;
- In your participation in the Easter Offering to support the World Evangelism Fund;
- In your prayers for the leadership of our church at the local, district, regional, and global levels.

Pressing on.



Jennifer Brown,
Global NMI President



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Around the World With Children's Bible Quizzing

Do you have a Children's Bible Quizzing program at your church? Quizzing is a great way to learn the Scripture with your friends. Kids all over the world compete by answering questions about the Bible and by reciting memory verses. But did you know that so far, the Children's Bible Quizzing books have only been available in English?

All of that is changing!

Remember the 2008 Kids Reaching Kids Mission Offering Project? That year, we collected over \$300,000 to translate the Children's Bible Quizzing program into four other languages. Those languages are French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Korean. Thanks to the help of kids like you, we have started the translation process. In fact, the books for 1 and 2 Samuel have already been released in French, Spanish, and Portuguese.



How do we translate all of those books?

It takes a long time, and a lot of people to bring Children's Bible Quizzing into other languages. First of all, we need to write the lessons in English.

"But wait a minute," you might say. "I thought those books were already in English!"

Well, that's true. However, it's not very easy to translate. It uses a lot of words and phrases that only make sense in the United States and Canada. So we put the lessons into "Global English." When a lesson is in Global English, it is much easier to understand for people outside the United States and Canada.

When we finish writing the lessons in Global English, we send them to translators for the different languages.

We then work to make sure the lessons look good when they are printed. We call this process "formatting."

When all of that is finished, the book goes to the printer; and we start to work on some more quizzing lessons.

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to translate the Children's Bible Quizzing books. Thank you for your contributions to this project. We are excited that God is using all of us to bring Bible Quizzing to children around the world.

Nate Owens
Children's Ministries International





Create Your Own Underground Broadcast

June marks the end of the school year; and, for the students in your church, June offers the first taste of summer freedom. No more homework, band practice, and of course, no more classes. Keep your students engaged with activities that involve them in mission!

June is World Mission Broadcast (WMB) month. WMB is the perfect mission partner to connect with teenagers. Think about it. WMB uses technology to find creative ways to tell the world about God's love. It's right up the alley of your iPod-listening, chronically-texting teen!

Some world areas are resistant to the Gospel, and Christian messages are not permitted to be broadcast on radio or television. Christians in these areas are sometimes referred to as "the underground church." WMB is constantly finding new and creative ways to reach these areas.

Give your youth an opportunity to experience the ministry of WMB and engage the underground church. Have your youth group create their own underground broadcast.

1. Pick a scripture passage and write out a brief teaching on the passage that might encourage Christians in the underground church. Or write out a basic explanation of salvation through faith in Christ.
2. Identify any words in your teaching that are overtly Christian (i.e. Jesus, God, church, Holy Spirit, etc.)
3. Create a code to replace each of these words. (i.e. "church" becomes "house," etc.)
4. Have the students record the broadcast, either on a regular video camera, a phone video camera, or an audio recording through a phone or laptop.
5. Encourage the students to share the recording with family and friends to see if they can decipher the code and understand that teaching.



My students love an opportunity to be creative and see themselves on camera. Try this activity with your students. It's sure to be full of laughter and hands-on learning.

Shawna Songer Gaines
Chicago, Illinois

The Great Commission Circle

I grew up as a missionary kid in Swaziland. Because my parents were missionaries, it sometimes seems as though my life is being lived out in the middle of the Great Commission.

Over the years I have sat through countless mission services and mission lessons across the United States. As an adult I have preached Faith Promise messages across the eastern U.S., served on our district NMI council, taught dozens of mission lessons, and written lessons, skits, themes, and four books for NMI.

Yet one of the sweetest “Mission Moments” occurred on a recent journey back “home” to Swaziland in December 2010. As I sat and worshipped in the same Nazarene church I attended as a child, the pastor invited someone special to come up to the front—their NMI president.

I was then treated to a wonderful mission lesson in my childhood language of SiSwati. The NMI president encouraged audience participation, had assigned different people to read Scripture, and spoke animatedly on what it meant to be a missionary. She shared stories about missionaries who had come from other countries to serve on the vast continent of Africa. She exhorted young people and not-so-young people to search their hearts and to pray and ask God if He was calling them to go cross-culturally to share the Good News.

She was driven and passionate, and it was obvious that she believed in the cause of the Great Commission. (She reminded me of a lot of some great NMI presidents I know here in the U.S.)

As I listened to this lesson on the calling of a missionary and heard her heart’s cry for God to raise up missionaries from their church to share the Gospel with the two billion people in the world who do not yet know, I experienced one of those rare “aha” moments. It was a moment of clarity, a moment when all the pieces of my mission-minded life fell into place.

This was it, I realized! This, right here in this service, was the Gospel come full-circle. That those who have been told and taught and disciplined have now come to fully own the Gospel—for it is when you genuinely own it, that you long to give it away. This was why my parents left all to travel to Africa in 1964. So that they could tell others, who in turn told others, who in turn created an atmosphere of sacrificial love that is now sending their own to go and tell others.

Ellen Gailey Decker
Dover, Pennsylvania



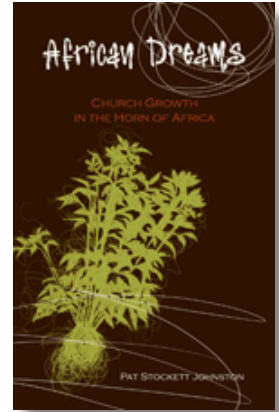
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NMI Mission Books for Adults/Youth

African Dreams

by Pat Stockett Johnston

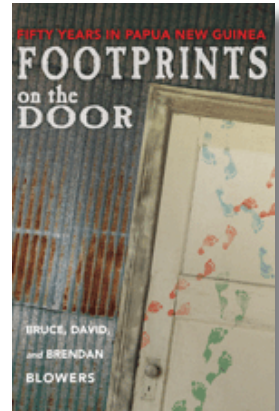
African Dreams chronicles the tremendous growth taking place in the Horn of Africa. The author includes the stories of missionary Howie Shute and Ermias Choliye, the first national district superintendent for the Horn of Africa. God used dreams for both men to reveal His purpose for their lives in Africa. Their dreams also wove together to produce the Horn of Africa church-multiplication explosion. Pat Stockett Johnston touches on the persecution that has shadowed the work in Horn of Africa and outlines the particular church-multiplication strategies used by believers.



Footprints**

Bruce Blowers, David Blowers, and Brendan Blowers

As missionaries in Papua New Guinea for 38 years, Bruce and Ruth Blowers—for lack of a nearby Hallmark store—often inked their children’s footprints on 3 x 5 cards and sent them to family members and supporters in the United States. This practice inspired them to ink the kids’ footprints on the back of the bathroom door in their primitive, wood-framed house. When the authors returned to Papua New Guinea for the Church of the Nazarene’s 50th anniversary celebration, they were delighted to find the same footprints on the old bathroom door. Those footprints became a meaningful symbol of their journey in Papua New Guinea. The book is divided into three parts, each written from the perspective of one of the Blowers men.



Nothing Stands in Our Way**

Brian Utter

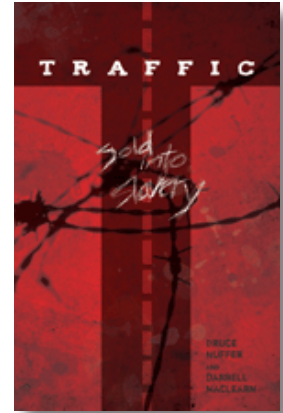
Brian Utter shares stories from around the world about how the efforts of World Mission Broadcast help bring people to Jesus. Readers will visit a prison in South America where a radio signal from a city much farther away miraculously reaches its inmates. They’ll learn about Daniel who is the radio director for Papua New Guinea and Romain in Peru whose media ministry was brought about through the Church of the Nazarene. After becoming a Christian, Ayman, a former pop star in Lebanon, now uses his voice on a World Mission Broadcast program called Journey of Hope. Other featured countries include Ecuador, India, Tonga, and the Philippines.



Traffic**

Bruce Nuffer and Darrell McLearn

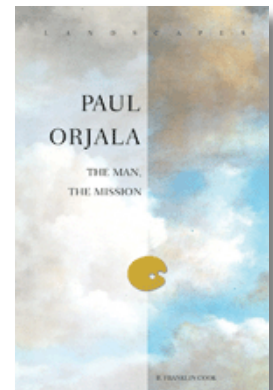
Traffic is a graphic, heart-wrenching story of a Central American girl who is sold into the human trafficking business by her uncle. It is based on real circumstances, though the girl herself is fictional. Readers follow her painful journey from Central America into the United States where the horrors of human trafficking in this nation are revealed. Interwoven into this story is the presence of Darrell McLearn, a Nazarene pastor and anti-trafficking project manager for Concerned Women for America in Texas. As his eyes are opened to this modern-day slave trade, he finds himself desperately seeking a way to rescue the innocent victims.



Paul Orjala

R. Franklin Cook

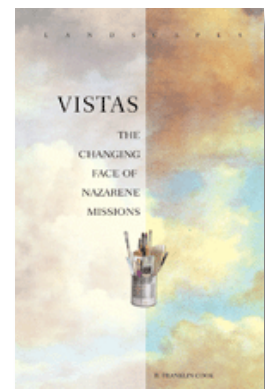
Paul Orjala was a versatile, multi-talented man. He radiated energy and took steps three at a time. Paul utilized his talents to multiply churches and reach those who were deemed unreachable. He trained thousands of leaders, from students in Nazarene schools to the locals on the mission field. Paul Orjala is built on the life and philosophy of this remarkable man. With his inquisitive mind and energetic spirit, Paul studied, wrote, and lectured in a way that gave form and substance to a mission philosophy that shaped the mission field for the entire Nazarene denomination.



Vistas

Compiled by R. Franklin Cook

For the Church of the Nazarene, creating a climate for the Holiness message is our primary purpose. It is in that climate and against the landscape of shattering global events that we work. It is here and now that disciples are made, nurtured, and incorporated into the indigenous Body of Christ. Vistas is the attempt by several writers to give a taste of what's happening on the mission field. Written in their own words and based on their own experiences, their reflections are designed to bring the philosophy of missions up to the moment and into the future. Here they offer you an understanding—a vista—of the landscape of missions.



**Youth books

NMI Mission Books for Children

All-Reader Books

Blind Sided

Tami Brumbaugh

Nine-year-old Mei wondered why her eyes hurt and her vision was blurry. After a near bicycle accident, a doctor's visit revealed an unexpected diagnosis of glaucoma. Mei received a laser treatment at Heart to Heart's visiting Mobile Eye Clinic, but another surgery was needed to prevent Mei from going blind. A surprise trip to the United States not only brought healing to Mei's eyes, but to her heart as well.



A Crocodile, a Cloth, and a Clean Water Well

Elaine Cunningham

Eleven-year-old Ayana and her mother lived in a small African village that had no well. Every day Ayana walked the dangerous path to the river and filled their bucket with contaminated water. One day she met Pastor Girma and his family. They not only helped to provide a clean water well in her village to satisfy physical thirst, but through a Bible Story Cloth, introduced the villagers to Jesus who satisfied their spiritual thirst.



The Night of the Storm

Judi Wiegman

When a tornado struck the small town of Cactus, the lives of 10-year-old Mario and his family were forever changed. In the midst of confusion, they experienced the love of Jesus shown to them by Nazarenes from other parts of the Texas Panhandle. Nazarene churches not only sent Crisis Care Kits and other necessities to help the people recover, they made plans to start a Nazarene church in Cactus.

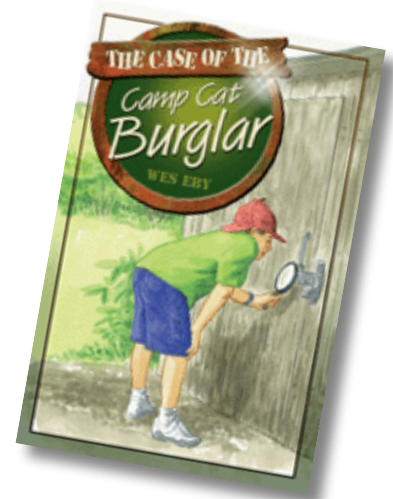


Advanced Books

The Case of the Camp Cat Burglar

Wes Eby

Chuck Jenkins, an 11-year-old boy nicknamed “Sherlock,” went with his dad on a Work & Witness trip to Dominica. Soon after arriving, the team learned that their supplies had been stolen from the campground where they were to build a cabin. Since Chuck loved solving mysteries, he was given the job of nabbing the cat burglar. Looking for clues was only part of Chuck’s mission adventure. His detective work and witness made a difference in the lives of those on the island.



Project Proclaimer

Cheryl Crouch

Keenan Brown was not your typical 11-year-old boy. His six-foot height and unruly curly red hair made him shy away from everyone, including his rival, Bully Bo. Keenan only dreamed of making a difference in the world through his alter ego—Agent Awesome—until one Sunday, he learned about Project Proclaimer. With the help of his best friend and sidekick, Serna, Keenan faced his fears and raised enough money to buy several Proclaimers, inspiring many other children to do the same.



Spiders, Frogs, and Bears

Lynda Boardman

Eleven-year-old Lilly traveled with her dad on a work and education mission trip to Belize in November 2008. Her first night’s sleep was interrupted by a buggy-eyed, hopping creature, one of many unfamiliar sights and sounds she experienced. Lilly became totally involved in the lifestyle of Belizean children. She returned home with a new awareness of her role in sharing the light of Jesus around the world.



Living Mission Comments

The NMI Office is receiving comments on this year's changes to Living Mission, the adult mission education curriculum.

Bless you! I have been doing mission lessons at our church for three years now, and I love the new curriculum. Our congregation seems to, as well! Thanks for the great package of material, and thanks for helping me find a way to download the resources. They are great, so I want to be able to use as many of them as I can!

I can't say enough about how great I think the new materials are. The stories and facts humble us and convict us as we learn, and move us to action, which is what mission is all about. God is moving in this, and I am blessed to be part of that movement in my own small way.

*Amy Christopher
McConnellstown, Pennsylvania*

I just read the changes for the new Living Mission lessons. They sound great! Thank you for listening. I am anxious to see and use the new materials.

*Ruth Day
Joliet, Illinois*

Thanks for the improvements. I'm encouraging our churches to use this material.

*Sharon Kessler
Mid-Atlantic District NMI President*

I received your e-mail this morning. Although I'm not computer smart, our pastor is; and we look forward to adapting this new material for our small congregation. We are a small and older congregation, but our hearts are large toward missions.

The second Sunday of each month is Mission Sunday. In the morning service, we have Mission Moments during which we emphasize each month's mission. That evening we have the mission lesson, which people seem to enjoy and appreciate.

*Arleen Gillaspie
Winston, Oregon*

I was really anxious to show presidents the new materials!...I deeply appreciate the huge labor of love that this material represents! Thank you for thinking creatively and caring so deeply about those of us who use the material and encourage others to use it!

*Teresa Hodge
East Tennessee District NMI President*



May Missionary Health Care

Doctor! Doctor!

A Missionary Health Care Drama Sketch

Cast:

Doctor—if possible, speaks with a funny accent and carries a clip board that he constantly references; should be dressed with a lab coat, stethoscope, quirky glasses, and wild professor wig*

Patient—the whinier, the better; wrapped up with bandages, especially shoulder; uses a crutch

Set:

Two chairs—set facing each other, yet both turned at a diagonal toward down-stage center.

(Patient enters, walking with crutch, sits in one chair. Doctor enters and looks at Patient.)

Doctor: Oh dear, what happened to you?

Patient: *(moans)* I was going up the volcano to a Nazarene Bible study, when I tripped over a boulder and fell.

Doctor: *(answer doesn't seem to bother him; looks at chart)* How can I help you?

Patient: *(impatient and anxious)* My ankle, my arm, and my head all hurt! I need immediate care!

Doctor: *(still looking at chart)* Do you have insurance?

Patient: *(whines)* Can't you get me the care I need, and then we can talk about insurance?

Doctor: *(looks up; strictly by the book)* No, first I need to know how my services will be paid.

Patient: *(grimaces, but trying to be patient)* I'm a missionary for the Church of the Nazarene. Missionary Health Care pays for my health insurance.

Doctor: *(interested; familiar with the Church of the Nazarene)* Oh, you go to the church of the Nazarene! Wonderful people, Nazarenes!

Patient: *(distressed; lots of whining)* Yes, could you please hurry? I'm in lots of pain.

Doctor: *(clueless; pats Patient's wrapped shoulder. Patient grimaces.)* Just be patient, *(sir/ma'am)*. You are so blessed! With the cost of insurance these days, you are very fortunate to have such good health care. The Church of the Nazarene provides medical care for retired and active missionaries all over the world.



Patient: (*whining even more*) Please, can you hurry up?

Doctor: (*cheerily*) Why certainly! (*points toward back of sanctuary*) My office is on the third floor. Go down this hall and up the stairs; the elevator isn't working. My office is the last door on the right. You can make an appointment with my assistant. We'll get you fixed right up. Have a good day! (*starts to walk away, talking to self*) Wonderful people, Nazarenes! (*exits*)

Patient: (*panicked at the thought; whiniest yet*) No-o-o!

Yvette Bourne (adapted)

Milford, Delaware

* Doctor's wig (see "wigs" and "mad scientist costume") and glasses (see "novelty sunglasses") can be purchased through Oriental Trading Company (www.orientaltrading.com).

Do You Know What Time It Is?

- **The Best Time...**to raise \$50 for a Memorial Roll certificate is as soon as possible after someone passes away.
- **A Good Time...**to present a Memorial Roll certificate to the family is during a special memorial service some time around Memorial Day. This makes a fine time of outreach to their extended family.
- **An Excellent Time...**to invest \$100 in a Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for one of God's faithful servants, to plan a special presentation time, and invite lots of special guests is if your church has an annual celebration, such as an anniversary or holidays when family members of the honoree will be in town (Christmas, Thanksgiving, birthday of that person, etc.). Some churches make the end of their church year a time of celebration of what the church has accomplished. What better time to honor those who have helped in those accomplishments?
- **Any Time...**is the time for the Gifts from the Heart emphasis. Your church can send in memory of someone or honor people for special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because." There is no set amount to donate, and anyone can participate any time.
- **The Scheduled Time...**for the Missionary Health Care emphasis is May, but don't wait until that time to do something about the important task of caring for our missionaries. You may choose a convenient time in your church to receive an offering for Missionary Health Care and make it an "everyone-participates" time!



- **All the Time...**is when Nazarene missionary families need our concern and prayers for their health, as well as our contributions for their medical expenses. If we all participate in Memorial Roll, DSAs, and other Missionary Health Care offerings, this coming church year can be a wonderful time for Missionary Health Care giving at (*church name*)!

Delilah Johnson
Seymour, Missouri

Note: Use this piece as a whole in your church newsletter, bulletin, or e-newsletter, or submit each item as a weekly blurb for six weeks in those publications. You could also ask that they be posted in a prominent place on your church's Web site.

Thank You for Your Generosity

Beth and I want to express our appreciation for the generous Christmas bonus as well as for the publications which you send to us.

Also, in the aging process, I have experienced an increasing hearing deficit which was often a challenge for family and friends in communication. Thanks to the missionary medical program, I have been fitted with hearing aids at minimal cost to me.

We

are grateful that the Church so generously cares for our medical needs.

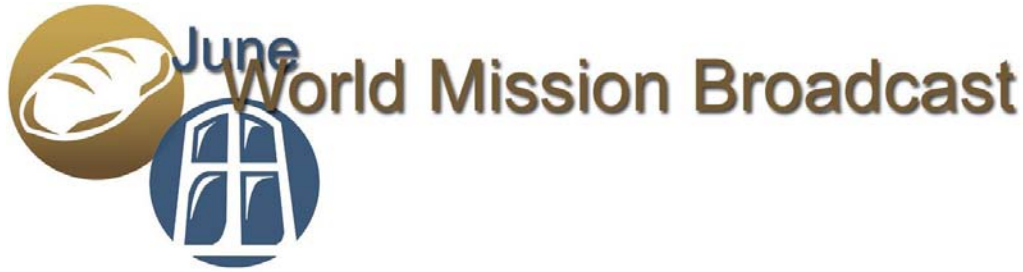
We are thankful for the whole missions program of the Church of the Nazarene—it's a great program!

Bob Merki

*Retired missionary to South Africa,
Swaziland, and Papua New Guinea*

Note: The Christmas "bonus" and the denomination's publications of which Bob writes is a result of your giving to the Missionary Christmas Fund. Your giving to Missionary Health Care helps pay for active and retired missionaries' medical insurance, preventing those World Evangelism Fund (WEF) money from having to pay the entire premium for all of these previous servants. The more money received for Missionary Health Care, the less WEF funds must be used.





Beyond Borders and Barriers

World Mission Broadcast is on the air in 72 countries, 36 languages—five were added in 2010—with 140 programs. This word search lists the languages. After finding all of the languages, place the first 21 unused letters in the blanks below to reveal a hidden message.

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Participate in the World Mission Broadcast Offering

Gail L. Sawrie
NMI Editor

* Two in the list “Shangaan” and “Tsonga” are listed together.

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- MALAGASY
- MISKITO
- PIDGIN
- PORTUGUESE
- QUICHUA
- SHANGAAN
- SOMALI
- SOUTH SOTHO
- SPANISH
- SWAHILI
- TAGALOG
- TETUM
- THAI
- TSONGA
- UKRAINIAN
- WICHI
- ZULU



Easter Resources from Stewardship and NMI

Items to help you promote the Easter Offering are available online for download free of charge.

Resources from Stewardship include the following:

- Easter—Inserts, PowerPoint slide art, poster, and clip art
- World Evangelism Fund—Inserts and clip art
- Children's offering box that can be copied and assembled

Materials may be downloaded from:

- [Nazarene Media Library](#)—Stewardship items
- [Stewardship Promotional Page](#)—Stewardship items
- [NMI Easter Promotional Page](#)—includes new Easter graphics

Mesoamerica Region Formed

On February 28, 2011, the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, approved unanimously the consolidation of the Caribbean and Mexico/Central America regions into one, the Mesoamerica Region. Dr. Carlos Sáenz was named regional director.

The regional office will be in Panama and is set to begin operation there in June 2011. In the meantime, the offices in Costa Rica and Miami, will still be in operation.

Dr. Sáenz says, "Thank you for your prayers and support during this time."

Selected Giving Receipts for February 2011

For your information, the Selected Receipts Report for February 2011 is attached at the end of this issue. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

School Pal-Paks Needed

The Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc., Office (NCMI) has informed us that there is a need for School Pal-Paks (SPPs). NCMI Gifts in Kind Director Bethany Wright says, "Each region has asked for them, but we don't get enough in to send to each region. If you have a place and time to request, could you send out a request for SPPs?"

School Pal-Paks provide students in Nazarene primary schools with the supplies they need to facilitate learning, such as pencils, scissors, etc. For more information, as well as a contents list and mailing instructions, see the SPP page on the NMI Web site: www.nazarenemissions.org/10217/story.aspx.

Can You Help?

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) would like to receive 10 copies of the 2009-10 NMI mission book *Why this Road? The Carolyn Myatt Story* by Betty Howard. Becky Morsch, a missionary to Papua New Guinea (PNG), would like to give them to the people from PNG who are mentioned in the book.

Personnel from NCM have checked with Nazarene Publishing House, but because the book is out of print, they do not have any extras.

If you have extras of this book in your church, would you contact Julie Hefner in NCM (phone: 800-310-6362; e-mail: jhefner@nazarene.org)? She can give you details about where to send the books and will monitor the number received. **Please do not send any books before contacting Julie.**

Funding the Mission Site

It has come to the attention of Stewardship Ministries that the Funding The Mission Web site (www.fundingthemission.com) will not function with Internet Explorer (IE) 8.0 or older versions of IE, so they had the site disabled for those versions. They suggest trying Firefox or Chrome or getting a newer version of IE.

Regarding Assistance to Japan

There have been many requests of people wanting to go to Japan and help in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami. Please note the following:

From Dave Hane, missionary to the Asia-Pacific Region:

We have a very active and organized NCM committee in Japan. Even though the magnitude of this disaster is staggering, they are used to dealing with disasters in a structured and orderly manner.

(<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/edwest/100079703/why-is-there-no-looting-in-japan>)

There has also been such a tremendous outpouring of response from nations around the world. Our Nazarene Compassionate Ministries committee feels there may be ways that the Church can assist in the weeks ahead but for now, one of the most important things that Nazarenes around the world can do is to pray for the Church in Japan as they minister to those who are hurting.

From Asia-Pacific Regional Director Verne Ward:

- Rescue and recovery are underway by professionals, police, army forces and fireman. Volunteers cannot enter due to life line broken, road and railway damaged, and shortage of gasoline. Bullet train damaged too.
- Nazarene Japan will fix damages, excuse volunteer recovery team, work together with other Christian associations.
- We appreciate prayer, donation and support from NCM. After we make survey and establish activity plan, please start to transfer funding and donation in April.
- Verne Ward and Larry Bollinger emphasized the global prayer of Nazarene community for Japan.

Japan Nazarene Compassionate Ministries will pass those encouragement to Nazarene churches in Japan.

The Church in Japan is thinking more in long-term response, so the global church should be praying for our long-term response to a nation that is less than two percent Christian of any kind. The immediate needs are being met by the state. Long-term will be met by the Church.

From Jennifer Moore in Global Mission:

Also, the U.S. State Department has stated, "U.S. citizens should defer all travel to the evacuation zone around Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami and tourism and non-essential travel to the rest of Japan at this time." (see link for further information: www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5398.html).

The most important and effective activity people can participate in right now is prayer! Please, please pray!

Get the Latest Information from One Heart—Many Hands

A great way for Nazarenes to learn about One Heart—Many Hands (OHMH) service opportunities is to subscribe to the OHMH e-newsletter. The brief, monthly e-mail provides information volunteers need to prepare for OHMH mission trips and serves as a tool to recruit other Nazarenes to join your team. To subscribe to the e-newsletter, go to [HERE](#) this site:

This summer (July 31–August 5, 2011), OHMH volunteers will return to Columbus, Ohio, to make critical repairs on the homes of low-income, elderly, handicapped, and single-parent families. Working with inner-city Nazarene ministries, this is a great opportunity for adult and teen teams to get hands-on experience, serving people whose life situations are probably very different from their own. There is still time to sign up. To learn more, see the one-page announcement in this issue of Mission Connection or visit the OHMH Web site.

Need Back Issues of Mission Connection?

Have you been saving the e-mail version of the Mission Connection back issues to your computer, but can't access an article when you click on its link? Don't click on the story link; click on the PDF link in the e-mail. It will take you to the whole issue in the Mission Connection Archives.

Save the monthly Mission Connection e-mails or the PDFs of the magazine to your computer. It saves paper and, by using the tip above, lessens search time.

The magazine's Archive (www.nazarenemissions.org/10071/story.aspx) is a great place to explore if you need some ideas. There are PDF versions of the magazine all the way back to 2003, long before the magazine went electronic. Pulling out those "golden oldies" can often give you a new perspective.

Celebrating a Milestone

Global NMI Council member Donnamie Ali and her husband, David, were both ordained on March 11, 2011, at the Trinidad and Tobago District Assembly by General Superintendent Eugenio Duarte. Congratulations, Donnamie and David! May God bless you both in your ministry.



Now

is the time to order Memorial Roll certificates and Distinguished Service Awards if you plan to present them in May.

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



One Heart—Many Hands Plans Summer Project in Columbus

COLUMBUS—Volunteers may bring their tool belts and paint brushes to Columbus, Ohio, this summer to participate in the One Heart—Many Hands (OHMH) home-repair mission project. OHMH staffers are already identifying potential job sites in the Franklinton neighborhood, gathering materials, and building partnerships with local officials.

“The easiest way to say it is that One Heart—Many Hands is an organization that connects people with opportunities to help others in need,” said OHMH President George Sisler. “We’re excited to be returning to Columbus this summer and working with local ministries, businesses, and city officials who share our commitment to improve the living conditions of low-income, elderly, handicapped, and single-parent families.”

OHMH staffers, working with locally-based Lower Lights Ministries, the Lower Lights Christian Health Center, and the Columbus Mayor’s development office, have identified dozens of critical-need projects in Franklinton owner-occupied homes. From July 31 through August 5, 2011, OHMH volunteers will join local volunteers making bathrooms and kitchens handicapped-accessible, repairing roofs, and completing other home-based projects. There is no cost to the recipients of these services.

Through June 30, One Heart—Many Hands will continue to sign-up teams. Volunteers of every skill level are needed. Any group interested in participating should e-mail the OHMH staff (office@oneheart-manyhands.com) or go to the OHMH Web site (OneHeartManyHands.com).

With plans to establish a long-term presence in Columbus, OHMH is returning to the city this summer after completing more than 35 similar home repair projects in the Franklinton neighborhood in 2010.

In 2009, One Heart—Many Hands organized a large-scale, week-long service project in Orlando, Florida, to coincide with the Church of the Nazarene’s General Assembly and Conventions. The project involved more than 100 home-base projects and more than 2,000 volunteers from around the world. The OHMH effort continues today in Orlando’s most economically challenged neighborhoods, with a permanent “One Hands” office now organizing volunteers and projects throughout the year.

Since 1993, more than 10,000 OHMH volunteers have completed more than 500 home-based projects in Indianapolis, San Antonio, Chiapas (Mexico), and other large urban areas

One Heart – Many Hands is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation founded in 1993 by Kansas City physician Gary Morsch to meet the needs of people through organized, volunteer-supported service projects.

George Sisler
One Heart—Many Hands



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	Current YTD	Previous YTD	Variance YTD	% Var YTD	Previous Fiscal Year Annual
World Evangelism Fund	15,726,577	18,480,263	(2,753,686)	-14.90%	44,123,911
WEF Plus	1,300,723	0	1,300,723	0.00%	4,008
Mission Specials	9,153,537	11,450,077	(2,296,540)	-20.06%	25,100,994
Sub-Total	26,180,837	29,930,340	(3,749,503)	-12.53%	69,228,913
Mission Special Detail					
Alabaster	1,186,734	1,260,050	(73,316)	-5.82%	2,781,658
Compassionate Min - USA/Canada	198,330	260,518	(62,189)	-23.87%	491,254
Compassionate Ministries - GM	1,324,080	4,625,031	(3,300,951)	-71.37%	7,144,672
Child Sponsorship	1,467,646	1,214,864	252,783	20.81%	3,048,810
Deputation	729,933	587,908	142,024	24.16%	1,816,655
Jesus Film	1,343,572	985,508	358,065	36.33%	2,369,327
LINKS	118,437	117,005	1,433	1.22%	231,335
Missionary Christmas Fund	37,344	32,716	4,628	14.14%	61,015
Missionary Health Care - Offerings	38,755	33,642	5,113	15.20%	204,573
Missionary Health Care-Memorial Roll	45,201	44,775	426	0.95%	211,838
Missionary Health Care - DSA	29,870	19,286	10,584	54.88%	90,352
Work & Witness	634,969	569,110	65,859	11.57%	1,722,868
World Mission Broadcast	124,292	117,450	6,841	5.82%	437,233
Vacation Bible School	53,772	55,982	(2,210)	-3.95%	331,826
Other (i.e. Field,Partnerships, etc.)	1,820,602	1,526,231	294,372	19.29%	4,157,578

Current YTD Goal	YTD Dollar Variance	% Variance
17,455,124	(1,728,547)	-9.90%