



## One Resource Cannot 'Do It All'

by Gail L. Sawrie

*It was six men of Indostan  
To learning much inclined,  
Who went to see the Elephant  
(Though all of them were blind),  
That each by observation  
Might satisfy his mind.*

Thus begins the poem "The Blind Men and the Elephant" by John Godfrey Saxed. The poem was based on a fable told in India centuries ago, a fable repeated in many cultures over time.

If you are unacquainted with the poem or need a refresher, the short version is: six men who could not see each touched a different part of an elephant—its side, tusk, trunk, knee, ear, and tail. With only that limited perspective, each man determined what an elephant was "like"—a wall, spear, snake, tree, fan, and rope, respectively.

The poem (minus the moral) ends with the following stanza:

*And so these men of Indostan  
Disputed loud and long,  
Each in his own opinion  
Exceeding stiff and strong,  
Though each was partly in the right,  
And all were in the wrong!*

While NMI leaders throughout history have not cited this poem as its basis, it is the premise in the final stanza that has spawned multiple mission education resources. We want those learning about missions to have a full picture of missions—its effectiveness, challenges, and victories. To participate in only one or two mission education options leave our constituents lacking in the missions "big picture."

Recently, our office heard from New England District NMI President Phil Smith, "We appreciate the *Living Mission* study, but many are asking to hear more from the missionaries on the field. They again want to hear more of what is happening and also want to know their needs, both prayer and material. Here in New England, our people love our missionaries and they also want to help pray and love those who they serve. I know this is getting back to the basics, but maybe this is what we need."



Phil echoes what many people have said for a number of years. In fact, it is what prompted the change of the mission education requirements for Mission Priority One in 2005 (see the companion article “Mission Education—Resource Overview” for those requirements). We heard people saying, “People learn in a variety of ways. We should offer more options. For instance, Work & Witness is a learning experience. That should be counted as mission education.” Those leaders were right, we learn in a variety of ways and we learn in a variety of settings...all of them with a distinctive purpose.

### **Unique Resources—Unique Purposes**

We thought a brief overview of the many resources available to help your church truly “see” missions would be beneficial. Many times we become familiar with one or two favorites and do not utilize others, sometimes missing some true gems in the batch.

Review the companion article for the variety of ways all of us learn, including a reminder of the mission education requirement for Mission Priority One.

### **We Can Learn How to Help Even More**

“I think many people want *Living Mission* to be a one-stop shop for everything; when in reality, it is designed specifically to help deal with issues and topics that missionaries are dealing with every day,” says Bryan Rich, who helps in the development of the *Living Mission* videos. “With *Living Mission*, we want to help change the mindset of how people look at missions. It is not just about what the missionaries are doing out there, but learning how to live a missional life every day. If we can learn about these topics and issues, then we can learn how to help the missionaries even more. We need to learn about the core of the issue, how did Jesus respond to these issues and how can we be more like Jesus. It is not about ‘us’ and ‘them,’ it is about all of us serving the world together.”

Bryan grew up as a missionary kid, the son of Dwight and Carolyn Rich, Nazarene missionaries to Ecuador. He would travel with his parents as they spoke about what was taking place “on the field.” He noticed, “People would listen and they would give, and that was great. But many times the people we spoke to didn’t really understand what we were going through.

“I think the support for missions will go up the more people understand and reach out to be servants as God has called all of us to be.”

Ann Baldwin, who serves as *Living Mission* production coordinator and the “voice” of Prayer Mobilization Line, says, “There are many tools in the NMI ‘tool box,’ and we encourage people to become active users of all of them in order to stay informed and lead their congregations in taking the good news of Christ to their community and the world.”

So dig into that tool box and use as many of the resources as you can. It will provide your people—and you—with a more complete picture of what Nazarene missions is, and they will be able to see it clearly.

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**Note:** The supporting article, “Mission Education—Resource Overview,” is an excellent piece to either save to your desktop or print and place where it can be easily reached for future reference.

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# Mission Education—Resource Overview

People sometimes misunderstand the purpose behind Mission Priority One. They think of it as “just another award to put in the drawer.” It is better to think of it as a reminder for keeping the four objectives foremost in your church's mind.

The mission education point of Mission Priority One is the following:

The church participated\* in each of the four education categories that follow:

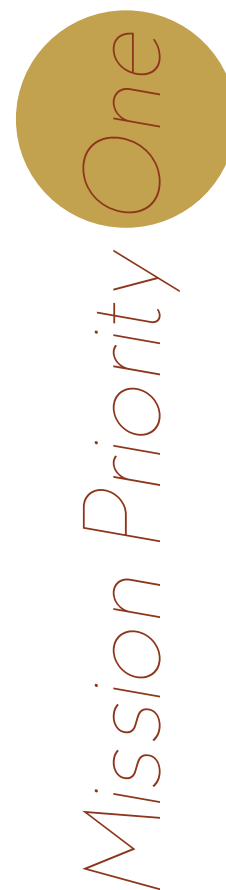
- a. NMI missions books/tapes/CDs
- b. Missions service projects and/or hands-on missions activities.
- c. Missions speakers
- d. Multimedia missions resources and/or missions publications/communications

\* “Participate” is defined as involvement in one or more activities in each category.

Each of these may be accomplished by the following:

- Make **NMI missions books/tapes/CDs** available to the congregation. Report the number of books read or heard.
- Participate in **mission service projects** (such as Work & Witness, Youth in Mission, Youthserve, NCM centers, community projects, etc.) and/or **hands-on missions activities** (Crisis Care Kits, School Pal-Paks, relief shipments, missionary care packages, etc.). For more information, go to the NMI Web site
- ([www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org)).
- Schedule one or more services with a **mission speaker** (local, zone/area, district, and/or regional events; faith promise) and/or provide interaction with a missions speaker (district teen/children's camps, missions events, district NMI convention, missions workshops, etc.).
- Use **multimedia mission resources** (such as Global Mission DVD, Nazarene Media Library, missions Web sites, videos, Nazarene Communications Network News, etc.), and/or utilize **missions publications and communications** (such as, adult mission education, youth mission education, children's mission education, and/or International Mission Education Journal, Mission Connection, Global Glimpses, Engage magazine, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries magazine, Holiness Today, missionaries' newsletters, regional newsletters, etc.).

Please understand that by your church participating in one or two ministries under each point you will have fulfilled the mission education point of Mission Priority One.



## **Living Mission**

The new adult mission education curriculum focuses on the broader issues of our day—often the very issues that missionaries face daily. *Living Mission* lessons and CAUSES provide an opportunity for a pastor and NMI leaders to disciple their people toward active involvement in mission.

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*How Living Mission can be used*—congregational and small group settings for mission education presentations; synopses of the information may be used for “Mission Moments.”

*The benefits*—issue-driven; media-rich to attract young adults who may be unfamiliar with missions; *Living Mission AME Classic* for those who cannot or prefer not to use media; people learn as a community, discussing the issues; opportunities for involvement through the CAUSES; Web site that provides updated material throughout the year.

## **Youth Resource**

This resource helps youth to develop a lifestyle of mission awareness and service. Mission causes encourage youth in local churches to connect with specific hands-on projects around the world.

*How Living Mission can be used*—in a youth group setting

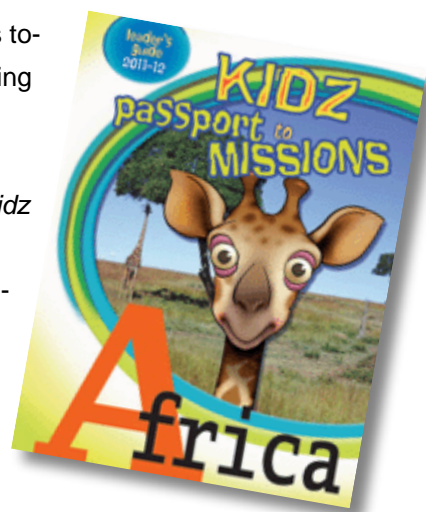
*The benefits*—age-appropriate material and activities that will draw students toward learning about and supporting missions through prayer, giving, and going

## **Kidz Passport to Missions**

Children learn about global missions through 12 lessons each year in *Kidz Passport to Missions*. This is a five-year regional curriculum designed for grades 1-6, providing a snapshot view of missionaries and nationals in countries where the Church of the Nazarene has ministry.

*How Kidz Passport to Missions can be used*—in a children’s mission group setting; Children’s Church; Wednesday evening.

*The benefits*—age-appropriate material and activities that will draw children toward learning about and supporting missions through prayer, giving, and going.



## **International Mission Education Journal (IMEJ)**

This resource, based on adult and children’s resources, is available in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Thai, and English. It is designed for congregations outside the United States and Canada Region and for non-English-speaking congregations in the United States and Canada Region. The *IMEJ* in languages other than English can be accessed free on the NMI Web site ([www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org)) and through district and regional leaders.

*How IMEJ can be used*—adult section—youth, small group, and congregational setting; “Mission Moments”; children’s section—children’s mission group setting; Children’s Church; Wednesday evening.

*The benefits*—age-appropriate material and activities that will draw children toward learning about and supporting missions through prayer, giving, and going.

### **NMI Mission Books**

The books are foundational, having been a part of the mission education program since 1926. There are sets of books for adults, youth, and children. These provide in-depth views of the Church of the Nazarene globally, sometimes focusing on missionaries and other times zeroing in on indigenous leaders in the denomination.

*How NMI Missions Books can be used*—individually, reading at your own pace; some churches have used them as a book study for a particular topic.

*The benefits*—gives a detailed picture, in comparison to the “umbrella-focus” of Living Mission; this is where people learn about missionaries’ background.



### **Engage Magazine**

*Engage* magazine ([www.engagemagazine.com](http://www.engagemagazine.com)) is a mission publication of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene and serves as a global gathering place for Nazarenes to celebrate and share with each other how God is involving them in His mission for the world. For subscribers to its electronic newsletter, Engage will send the newsletter with the latest headlines and links to stories via e-mail no more than twice a month. To sign up, visit the Church of the Nazarene’s [subscription](#) page.

*How Engage magazine it can be used*—individual, small group, and congregational settings; many articles include questions regarding the topic of the article that could be used as mission education lessons when extras are needed; synopses of the information may be used for “Mission Moments.”

*The benefits*—up-to-date information that can stand alone educationally or that could update information acquired from other resources; gives details in the life of a missionary and in the various world areas; provides inspiration in first-hand accounts.

### **Global Mission DVD**

The *Global Mission DVD* features segments about the lives and work of missionaries as, well as stories of lives transformed by Christ through the work of the Church of the Nazarene. Every church in the U.S.A. and Canada should receive the resource free of charge to the attention of the pastor and the NMI president. All segments are also available for viewing and download on the Nazarene Media Library ([www.nazarenemedialibrary.org](http://www.nazarenemedialibrary.org)).

*How Global Mission DVD can be used*—individual, small group, and congregational settings, if the technology is available. Short segments may be used for “Mission Moments,” and longer ones may be used as sermon illustrations or to enhance a mission education presentation.

*The benefits*—segments allow people to literally “see” missions happening; audiovisual component adds to the learning experience.

### **Prayer Mobilization Line**

The Prayer Mobilization Line (PML) is a twice-weekly publication focusing on the prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and its missionaries. Anyone can subscribe to receive the free PML via e-mail on the Church of the Nazarene’s [subscription](#) page. Printable versions of the current and archived issues of PML are also available on the NMI Web site ([www.nazarenemissions.org/10026/story.aspx](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/10026/story.aspx)). To access the PML via telephone, call 913-577-2990.

The mission books and *Living Mission* are written months (and sometime years) ahead of publication and distribution, so while the stories are important, they may not reflect the most current needs of the missionary or ministry.

*How PML can be used*—individual, small group, and congregational settings. Provide praises and requests for newsletters, bulletins, Sunday School classes, worship, mission services, etc.

*The benefits*—requests and praises help people understand the victories and challenges of the global Church of the Nazarene; give up-to-date information about missionaries, ministries, and world areas in which the Church of the Nazarene has a presence.

**News Flash:** We now have a PML Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/NMIPrayer](http://www.facebook.com/NMIPrayer)) where the church can gather online to pray for each other. Sometimes urgent needs come up between the days when PML is published. We hope the PML Facebook page will allow urgent requests of missionaries, Nazarene ministries, and the church in general to be posted immediately so the church can pray effectively.

### **Mission Connection**

*Mission Connection* is the monthly NMI periodical that is an idea exchange for NMI leaders for promoting missions (and especially NMI emphases). To sign up, visit the Church of the Nazarene’s [subscription](#) page.

*How Mission Connection can be used*—to promote missions within your church in a variety of formats (drama sketches, e-newsletter blurbs, bulletin inserts, displays, etc.) for a variety of settings (congregational, small group, etc.).

*The benefits*—provides information on NMI ministries on a regular basis.



## **Nazarene Media Library**

The Nazarene Media Library ([www.nazarenemedialibrary.org](http://www.nazarenemedialibrary.org)) is a great place to find resources—audio, documents, images, and videos. Enter a topic into the search window and see what is available. The advanced search allows users to name the type of resource desired or a specific region. There are also multilingual items. You do not have to join to view the videos or listen to the audio files; however, to download them, you will need to be a member (no cost).

*How Nazarene Media Library can be used*—individual, small group, and congregational settings, if the technology is available. Short segments may be used for “Mission Moments,” and longer ones may be used as sermon illustrations or to enhance a mission education presentation. Plus, the print pieces may be used in newsletters or to promote special events or offerings.

*The benefits*—a variety of resources in one place.



## **NMI Web Site**

The NMI Web site ([www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org)) is a great place to look for all things that are Nazarene missions in nature. Information about any of the NMI emphases are throughout the Web site. For those associated with one of our four objectives—praying, discipling (especially for children and youth), giving, and educating, they will be under those tabs toward the top or on the banners on the home page.

*How the NMI Web site can be used*—individual information, small group and congregational mission presentations; leadership development; promotional ideas.

*The benefits*—a variety of resources in one place.

## **Mission Speakers**

There is nothing more powerful than a report from one who has been there. “NMI recommends that every church schedule a missionary speaker each year. Districts should schedule one or more missionary tours each year, according to the size and needs of the district” (2009-2013 *NMI Handbook and Constitution*). Having a missionary speak in your church or having several small churches combine efforts to host a missionary is ideal; however, other speakers who speak on missions, such as a retired missionary, a Work & Witness team member, or the district NMI president, will also suffice.

*How mission speakers can be used*—small group, congregational, combined, and district services; picnics or receptions in which the speaker talks briefly about missions are also fun and creative ways to get a mission speaker in front of your people; have mission speakers for all age levels.

*The benefits*—a first-hand account directly from the mission field.



## Developing an Extraordinary Mission Team—Part One

### *Learning to Lead by Leading*

You and I can learn much about leading by studying leaders, but eventually we have to actually lead to learn more. Jesus, the all-wise Son of the living God, learned a lot about people like you and me by leading them. He prayed, called disciples, and poured His life into them. When He taught the crowds with parables, they were with Him. But when He was alone with His disciples, He explained everything (Mark 4:34).

This is part of the motivation of the NMI leadership team in which you participate. We who lead cannot pursue all goals or strategies with the nations, nor would they understand us. We need to model Jesus for the nations, to raise Spirit-filled churches and leaders, to invite persons in all nations back to Christ. We believe that God has brought us in NMI together for such a time as this.

When Jesus sent out the Twelve, He gave them specific instructions (Matthew 10), relational methods, faithful promises, personal prayer, and His Holy Spirit in person (John 17). We are doing the same. Most of all, Jesus gave them himself. He called them to be with Him. He laid down His life. Each of us is learning to do the same.

We don't expect you to do this alone; we are in this with you. And we encourage you to lead through teams. We desire thoroughly Christlike leaders who will, through teams of disciples, reproduce Jesus' vision, mission, methods, mindset, and lifestyle all around the world. What a challenge!

Laurie Beth Jones, founder of a business development firm, based her book titled *Jesus: CEO* on three premises:

1. One Person trained twelve human beings who went on to so influence the world that time itself is now recorded as being before or after His existence (BC or AD).
2. This Person worked with a team that was totally human and not divine, a staff that in spite of illiteracy, questionable backgrounds, fractious feelings, and momentary cowardice went on to accomplish the tasks He trained them to do. They did this for one main reason: to be with Him again.
3. He intended His leadership style to be replicated by any and all of us.



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through teams.”

Jones devotes much of her book to the strength of Jesus' relationships with His team. Some of her chapter titles are as follows: "He Wanted to Take Everyone to the Top," "He Empowered Women," "He Treated His Team as Equals," "He Spent Lots of Time with Them," "He Set an Example for Them," "He Gave Them Authority."

Perhaps your team and our team can engage in a discussion of the principles we learn from Jesus regarding teams and teamwork: ***What biblical references to Jesus or examples from the life of Christ show us (1) how to describe teams, (2) how to develop teams, and (3) how to devote ourselves as leaders who intend to form extraordinary teams?***

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**Note:** This is the first of a series of three articles on "Developing an Extraordinary Mission Team" by Daniel Ketchum. Look for the remaining segments in the July and August issues of Mission Connection.

# Leadership Demands Education

Almost everybody—at least in our part of the globe—is convinced that leadership is important in a congregation and that leadership demands education.

Because that fact is obvious, it is sometimes hard to promote the importance of Nazarene schools around the world. For schools like the nursing school in Washim, India, it is no problem to catch attention, but for schools close to home—like the Bible college in Büsingen—it is more difficult.

During the year, we promote the college several times. Just distributing a brochure or leaflet is not enough. So we did it otherwise.

1. In our church on the first Sunday of every month, we feature a “soap box.” From the soap box, a person can promote an important issue or event, and that person has the attention of the audience. We used the soap box to give information about the college.
2. Later we organized a debate with one person speaking in favor of Nazarene schools and one who spoke against. Of course, we hope the one in favor of Nazarene schools would win, because we believe in education.
3. When it came to an offering for the schools, we didn’t prepare a promotional speech, but we had students on the platform just waving and smiling to the audience. The congregation had a big laugh, but it worked out very well.



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## Mission Discipleship

“Go and make disciples” were Jesus’ parting words to us as He sent His friends to join His mission in drawing all people to Him. We understand His words as a mandate for College Church believers to form deep friendships through which we help each other grow in Christlikeness. In the spiritual practice of discipling, we walk side-by-side along the faith journey, teaching, encouraging, and loving one another; and in so doing, God’s presence multiplies exponentially. Think of it as a chain reaction of learning, growing, and loving in order to transform our world.

College Church NMI is committed to discipling new generations in their faith journey. Discipling, of course, includes teaching and developing young leaders about Christ’s global mission and nurturing their passion for mission. We do this through one-on-one mentoring, providing opportunities for leadership, and inviting developing leaders to participate in mission work here and now, no matter their age.

Watch this page and subsequent menus for specific information and resources to help you disciple people as individuals or in your Sunday School class.

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Check out the way one church states their commitment to make mission disciples.

Has your NMI or church stated a similar commitment?

This summer, consider letting your church know that NMI is committed to making mission disciples.

## 2011 School Prayer Calendar

Last year, we produced a school prayer calendar for the month of July. This year, we received a request for an updated calendar, reflecting changes made throughout the year. Use the prayer calendar to encourage your people to pray for all of the global schools of higher education, their leader, faculty, staff, and students. Use the calendar in corporate worship, during prayer in Sunday School, and for individuals' prayer times.

Date	Name of School	World Area	Presidents	Additional Request
<b>July 1</b>	Africa Nazarene University	Kenya	Leah Marangu	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminario Teológico Nazareno de Guatemala	Guatemala	Edgar Menendez	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 2</b>	Nazarene Bible College of East Africa	Kenya	Catherine Mukoko	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminaire Theologique Nazareen d' Haiti	Haiti	Lucien Jean-Baptiste	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 3</b>	Nazarene Theological College	Republic of South Africa	Mshangu Maluleka	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminario Nazareno Dominicano	Dominican Republic	Rene Acosta	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 4</b>	Nazarene Theological College of Central Africa	Malawi	David Mosher	Faculty, staff, and students
	Brazil Nazarene College	Brazil	Geraldo Nunes	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 5</b>	Nazarene Theological Institute, ITN/NTI	West Africa	Greg Crofford	Faculty, staff, and students
	Instituto Bíblico Nazareno	Peru	Marcial Rivera Oblitas	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 6</b>	Seminário Nazareno em Cabo Verde	Cape Verde	Gastão Lopes Correira	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminario Bíblico Nazareno	Chile	Jorge Julca	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 7</b>	Seminário Nazareno em Mozambique	Mozambique	Margarida Langa	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminario Teológico Nazareno	Peru	Evelio Vázquez Malca	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 8</b>	Southern Africa Nazarene University	Swaziland	Winnie Nhlengethwa	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminario Nazareno del Area Central	Bolivia	Macedonio Daza	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 9</b>	Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary	Philippines	Floyd Cunningham	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminario Teológico Nazareno del Cono Sur	Argentina	Jorge Julca	Faculty, staff, and students

<b>July 10</b>	Indonesia Nazarene Theological College	Indonesia	Johannis Siahaya	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminário Teológico do Brasil	Brazil	Geraldo Nunes	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 11</b>	Japan Nazarene Theological Seminary	Japan	Makoto Sakamoto	Faculty, staff, and students
	Seminario Teológico Nazareno Sudamericano	Ecuador	Freddy Guerrero	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 12</b>	Korea Nazarene University	Korea	Im, Seung-an	Faculty, staff, and students
	Ambrose University College (Canadian)	Canada	Riley Coulter	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 13</b>	Melanesia Nazarene Bible College	Papua New Guinea	Clement Kaupa	Faculty, staff, and students
	Eastern Nazarene College	United States	Corlis McGee	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 14</b>	Melanesia Nazarene Teachers College	Papua New Guinea	Clement Kaupa	Faculty, staff, and students
	MidAmerica Nazarene University	United States	James H. Diehl (Interim)	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 15</b>	Nazarene College of Nursing	Papua New Guinea	Wallace White Kintok	Faculty, staff, and students
	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	United States	Daniel J. Martin	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 16</b>	Nazarene Theological College	Australia	Bruce Alder	Faculty, staff, and students
	Nazarene Bible College	United States	Harold B. Graves Jr.	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 17</b>	Philippine Nazarene College	Philippines	Bonifacio M. Plantilla	Faculty, staff, and students
	Nazarene Theological Seminary	United States	—	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 18</b>	South Pacific Nazarene Theological College	Fiji Islands	Peniperite Fakaua	Faculty, staff, and students
	Northwest Nazarene University	United States	David Alexander	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 19</b>	Southeast Asia Nazarene Bible College	Thailand	Kent Pelton	Faculty, staff, and students
	Olivet Nazarene University	United States	John Bowling	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 20</b>	Taiwan Nazarene Theological College	Taiwan	—	Faculty, staff, and students
	Point Loma Nazarene University	United States	Bob Brower	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 21</b>	Visayan Nazarene Bible College	Philippines	—	Faculty, staff, and students
	Southern Nazarene University	United States	Loren Gresham	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 22</b>	Eastern Mediterranean Nazarene Bible College	Lebanon	John Haines	Faculty, staff, and students
	Trevecca Nazarene University	United States	Dan Boone	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 23</b>	European Nazarene College	Switzerland	Klaus Arnold	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 24</b>	Nazarene Nurses Training College	India	—	Faculty, staff, and students

<b>July 25</b>	Nazarene Theological College—Manchester	England	David McCulloch	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 26</b>	South Asia Nazarene Bible College	India	Simon Jothi	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 27</b>	Instituto Biblico Nazareno	Guatemala	David Ac	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 28</b>	Seminario Nazareno de las Americas	Costa Rica	Ruben Fernandez	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 29</b>	Caribbean Nazarene College	Trinidad	Scofield Eversley	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 30</b>	Seminario Teológico Nazareno Cubano	Cuba	—	Faculty, staff, and students
<b>July 31</b>	Seminario Nazareno Mexicano, A.C.	Mexico	Obdulia Martinez Villanueva	Faculty, staff, and students

**Editor's Note:** For those who are visual learners, display a world map with the world areas flagged and the names of the schools listed. Have copies of the prayer calendar available for people to take home.

## 2010 NMI International Student Scholarship Fund Recipients

The following students received scholarships from the 2010 NMI International Student Scholarship Fund (ISSF). The ISSF assists students in need who attend campus-based Nazarene theological schools in world mission regions, so their education can be completed as debt-free as possible. The ISSF was established as the NMI 80th anniversary project, and people continue to give.

Please pray for these students, their families, and their ministries.

**Note:** This list reflects scholarships awarded prior to the merger of the Caribbean and Mexico/Central America regions into the Mesoamerica Region.

### **Africa Region**

*Seminario Nazareno em Mozambique*  
 Americo Mateue  
 Joao Artur  
 Arlindo Raul  
 Marcos Sebastiao  
 Chiconela  
*Nazarene Theological College, South Africa*  
 Komane Phineas  
 Kgwale  
 Tebogo Joseph  
 Mapolgole  
*Nazarene Theological College—Manchester*  
 Joseph Kiso

### **Asia-Pacific Region**

*Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary*  
 Kyung Hee Kim  
*Indonesia Nazarene Theological Seminary*  
 Billy Kapoyos  
 Putro Eko  
 Christianto Elisa  
 Natanael Harinoto  
 Simanungkali Marisi  
 Maryam Deda  
 Paulus Darto  
 Sumira Yunita  
 Friskal Koho  
 Haris Yongga  
 Iwant Regent  
 Mega Hutasoit  
 Melkias Walelayo  
 Reymond Lapento  
 Stefi Dumopa

Saputra Yunus  
*Korea Nazarene University*  
 Yo Seup Shin  
 Ju Eun Yun  
*Luzon Nazarene Bible College*  
 Mheldy Anne Benito  
 Francival Bo  
 Tytus Carting  
 Rhod Dela Cruz  
 Eugenio Espolon  
 Lyndon Jake Gambe  
 Gemma Guimbong  
 Morris Marcellana  
 Gerald Mateo  
 Ryan Nuqui  
 Ronnie Redoquerio  
 Edd Angelo Santos  
 Roma Yu

**Asia-Pacific Region (Cont)***Visayan Nazarene Bible College*

Danrose Maquiling

*Melanesia Nazarene Bible College*

Amos Kawale

Cecilia Kondwal

Jeffery Kambas

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For more detailed information on how you can participate in this vital ministry, please go to the NMI Web site <[www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org)>, click on Educating on the home page, then under the Bible Schools and Seminaries heading, click on the Promotional Ideas link.



## Keeping LINKS Present in Missionary Care

In trying to simplify the many emphasis of NMI It seemed logical to group offerings that directly affect our missionaries under one umbrella—Missionary Care. So instead of asking for a Missionary Christmas Fund Offering, Missionary Health Care Offering, and money for a church's LINKS missionary, NMI gives the option of one offering for the church—the Missionary Care Offering.

It is our hope that churches and/or districts will understand that they have the freedom to choose how they present offerings (together or separately) and that NMI does not want to be restrictive or controlling.

The challenge is that while churches may take fewer offerings, the needs of each of the separate emphases have not lessened.

We have received questions about how to make LINKS personal when we group the monetary portion in with other offerings. I believe that each church needs to brainstorm and pray about how to present LINKS.

Since our goal is to give freedom in accomplishing goals, keeping it simple may be best for your church. Point out that everyone can participate. Help your church recognize the importance of supporting the missionaries, those who have given their lives to tell the Good News and win the world for Christ.

Survey your congregation, asking them:


- Do you know who the church's LINKS missionary is and a bit about his or her family?
- Do you pray for LINKS missionaries in church and at home?
- Do you ever write your LINKS missionary, either individually or corporately?

To follow up:

- Provide information about your LINKS missionaries to your church.
- Give them periodic updates from the LINKS missionary's newsletters and e-mails
- Take the time when the church is together to write a quick note to the missionaries, sending the notes in one package.
- Pray for your LINKS missionaries by name in corporate worship.

More than anything, missionaries want to know that they are not forgotten and that they are prayed for. Always let them know how your church is praying for them, asking for requests and answers to prayer.

Linda Phelps and Gail Sawrie  
NMI Office

  
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# LINKS from an MK's Perspective

I have to say that I love being a MK and wouldn't have changed my life for anything. I was born in South Africa and despite the fact that I've adapted to life in the U.S.A., I really identify myself as African.

One of the big things for LINKS was the willingness of the churches to be in contact with us. Kids from the churches would write us letters, and we always received packages at Christmas and for our birthdays. I loved Legos as a kid, and our LINKS districts always sent me Legos; I always thought that was the coolest thing. We never got much for Christmas or birthdays, so that made it really special to me.

I always appreciated LINKS and now that I am older even more so. I think it is important to have that connection between the churches here in the U.S.A. and the missionaries overseas.

The best part of all was being able to meet the people who sent us packages when we were on home assignment. I always loved going on deputation with my parents.

David W. J. Restrict  
Missionary Kid

Note: David, an application specialist at Eastern Nazarene College, is the son of David and Rhoda Restrict, missionaries to Mozambique.





## Pounds for Alabaster

In preparation for the Alabaster Offering on February 27, 2011, Trevecca Community Church of the Nazarene (TCC) in Nashville, Tennessee, posted the following announcement:

What do February, pennies, and hospitals have in common? ALABASTER! Yes, in February the Church of the Nazarene receives Alabaster offerings to build churches, schools, and hospitals around the world.

This Sunday, TCC will participate in an offering "pounding." TCC will have a friendly contest between the men and women of TCC to see how many "pounds" we can raise for Alabaster.

Bring your money to the café area where two scales will be set to weigh the change given for this special offering. If you would like to write a check, please make it to TCC with "Alabaster" in the memo field.



Trevecca Community Church of the Nazarene  
Nashville, Tennessee

# NMI Bids Farewell to Linda Phelps



LINKS Coordinator Linda Phelps will retire from Nazarene Missions International (NMI) on June 30, 2011. Many of you will find this disappointing, as Linda is your “go-to” person when you have NMI questions. You are not alone.

Following are thoughts from some of the NMI team:

Linda, Jesus Christ shines through you. The Holy Spirit in and through you influences our team daily. We admire your relationship with the Father, your dependence on the Word, your engagement in prayer, and your character, temperament, and personality. Your passion for people in missions is contagious, your energetic work ethic is exemplary, and your willingness to serve for inadequate compensation has been a huge blessing to the King and us in NMI. Thank you for 22 years at Headquarters and the GMC, 11 of which you have invested in NMI globally. Your voluntary retirement, prompted by your personal desire that someone else who needs income could succeed you, is honorable and excellent. Thank you for the privilege to partner with you during these special years. We love you and Tim and will miss you on our team. Grace and peace in Christ.

Daniel Ketchum

Linda’s bright presence is what I think of most. As she enters a room or engages you in conversation, you can’t help but be swept up in the vortex of her caring and love for Jesus. A vibrant smile and can-do attitude is what you see as she zooms around the room getting things done. The global NMI office will never be the same and the void she leaves will be present for years to come.

Rob North

When I think of Linda and the time I’ve had the privilege to work with her, the thing that stands out is how she would drop whatever she was doing—no matter how pressing—and pray when

asked. There have been times she has prayed for me and afterwards I was left with this undeniable assurance that the Lord had been present, hearing the prayers and comforting me as only He can. The lady has a gift!

Ann Baldwin

I joined the NMI staff as a 22-year-old year straight out of college, and I would have been lost if not for Linda Phelps. Her knowledge, graciousness, patience, affirmation, guidance, and prayers have been priceless to me and to the whole team. She taught me that mission is not just a job; it is a calling, a passion, a gift from God. She showed me what it is to bring holiness into the work place. Linda never asked “what is best for me?” She really didn’t even ask what is best for our office or NMI, but always, “what is best for God’s kingdom? What is at God’s heart?” She leaves a deep mark on the entire Global NMI Family. We love you, lady!

Shawna Songer Gaines

When I joined the NMI team almost five years ago, I found Linda to be one of the few people who really did know everything. I also found her to be one of the most genuine, Christlike people anyone could hope to meet. Linda encouraged me in my roles as coworker, brother in Christ, husband, and father.

I love to hear Linda pray. She doesn’t just whisper short sentence prayers, but she invests herself in praying. I know anything she prays for is thoroughly covered. Linda, you will be missed immensely.

Darryl Bennett

Linda brought so much passion and so many amazing qualities to missions. The first word to describe her that comes to mind is “dedication.” Early in the morning, late in the evening,

weekends—whatever it took to ensure that missionaries were cared for and churches had the tools they needed to support mission workers in practical ways—Linda was there to make sure it got done. Answering countless phone calls, Linda was often the voice for NMI to district and local presidents in search of effective resources to promote missions. Her long-range view and extensive experience was a treasure trove of crucial information and perspective for the rest of us more recent workers in missions. Linda is a treasure!

Gina Pottenger

It is not uncommon for Linda Phelps to go beyond a constituent's request. Her experience with NMI on the local, district, and global levels has helped her know questions to ask in order to fill needs that a church may not even realize they have. She has made hundreds (maybe thousands) of phone calls to district and local leaders to help them achieve Mission Priority One, when she was sure they probably did. (She was usually right.) She has worked tirelessly to make the LINKS ministry vital, both to the missionaries and to the local churches/districts. And anyone around her experiences splashes of God's grace and her love. Linda is truly a blessing.

Gail Sawrie

Linda has worked at Nazarene Headquarters/Global Ministry Center for more than 22 years. Half of the time was spent in what is now Global Nazarene Publications (formerly Publications International and World Mission Literature), and the other half in NMI.

Linda says what has blessed her most from her time at NMI is "working with some of God's greatest people here and around the world and the awesome NMI team."

In the years ahead, Linda says her desire for NMI is "that every global region will have the support structure to help their districts and local congregations to reach their region for Christ. My prayer is that global NMI may resource and encourage all the district leaders to keep their passion for the lost and give them tools to help every church and person live the Great Commission."

Upon her retirement, Linda and her husband, Tim, will be embarking on a 30-day trip around the United States to see their children. Then she feels God is calling her to a prayer

ministry. While she doesn't know the details or what that will look like yet, she believes that now is the time to "Be still, and know that I am God."

When asked how people could pray for her as she steps into the next chapter of her life, Linda asked that people pray that she would be obedient and faithful in her calling.

### **A Note from Linda Phelps**

What a privilege I have had to correspond and assist some of God's best people...mission people. People with hearts that beat with compassion and who work hard at helping to creatively motivate Nazarenes to pray, educate, disciple, and give. Thank you for your acceptance, friendship, prayers, and encouragement through these eleven years in NMI. A favorite phrase from a song, "It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus,... One look at His dear face all sorrow will erase, so bravely run the race, till we see Christ.

The global NMI office will miss Linda Phelps and pray God's blessings for her and Tim in the future. Feel free to shoot her a note at [lindalphelps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindalphelps@sbcglobal.net).





## How Can We Improve NMI?

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) needs your help. Several years ago, NMI sent an online survey to NMI leaders. Now, we invite you to participate in a similar survey.

Last February, the General Board created a Task Force to study how to improve ministries provided by Global Ministry Center teams. Last month, the Task Force asked many leaders to complete a survey about the role of NYI, SDMI, and NMI.

Upon approval from Dr. Warrick and Dr. Bustle, NMI leaders created a survey specific to NMI ministries. Even if you already responded to the Task Force survey, we invite you to participate in the NMI online survey by clicking on the following link:

<http://secure2.nazarene.org/survey5/rws5.pl?FORM=nmi2011>

The basic survey will take about ten minutes for pastors and about twenty minutes for NMI leaders. If you have additional time, we welcome written comments in a few places.

We encourage each district NMI president to forward this e-mail invitation to each district council member, local president, and local council member on your district.

All responses will be anonymous, so we encourage candidness and transparency. Each survey will be read and results evaluated so that we can plan the future of NMI.

We are translating and will send the survey in Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Korean. We regret that we cannot provide more languages.

If your survey response is interrupted, you will be able to pause and return to the survey. We need your response no later than July 7 so that we can analyze and summarize results for the Task Force.

Daniel Ketchum, Director  
Nazarene Missions International

## ¿Cómo puedo mejorar a la MNI?

Misiones Nazarenas Internacionales (MNI) necesita su ayuda. Hace algunos años, MNI envió una encuesta por internet a líderes de MNI. Ahora, le invitamos a usted a participar en una encuesta similar.

El pasado febrero, la Junta General creó un Grupo de Trabajo para estudiar el cómo mejorar los ministerios provistos por los equipos del Centro de Ministerio Global. El mes pasado, el Grupo de Trabajo pidió a muchos líderes que llenaran la encuesta acerca del papel de la JNI, MIEDD, y MNI.

Bajo la aprobación del Dr. Warrick y el Dr. Bustle, los líderes de MNI crearon una encuesta específica para los ministerios de MNI. Aun si usted ya respondió a la encuesta del Grupo de Trabajo, le invitamos a participar en la encuesta de MNI por internet haciendo clic en el siguiente enlace:

<http://secure2.nazarene.org/survey5/rws5.pl?FORM=nmi2011s>

La encuesta básica tomará cerca de diez minutos para los pastores y cerca de veinte minutos para los líderes de MNI. Si usted tiene algún tiempo adicional, apreciaríamos los comentarios escritos en algunos espacios.

Animamos a cada presidente de MNI de distrito a reenviar esta invitación por correo electrónico a cada miembro de concilio distrital, presidente local, y cada miembro de concilio local en su distrito.

Todas las respuestas serán anónimas, por lo tanto animamos franqueza y transparencia. Cada encuesta será leída y los resultados evaluados y así podamos planificar el futuro de MNI.

Estamos traduciendo y enviaremos la encuesta en español, portugués, francés, y coreano. Lamentamos que no podamos proveer más idiomas.

Si la respuesta a su encuesta se ve interrumpida, usted podrá hacer una pausa y regresar a la encuesta. Necesitamos su respuesta no más tarde del 7 de julio para que podamos analizar y resumir los resultados para el Equipo de Trabajo.

Daniel Ketchum, Director  
Misiones Nazarenas Internacionales

## Como podemos melhorar a MNI?

Missões Nazarenas Internacionais (MNI) precisam de sua ajuda. Há vários anos, a MNI enviou um questionário on-line para líderes da MNI. Agora lhe convidamos para participar de um questionário parecido.

Em fevereiro desse ano, a Junta Geral criou uma Força de Tarefa para estudar como melhorar os ministérios oferecidos pelas equipes do Centro Global de Ministério. No mês passado, a Força de Tarefa pediu para que muitos líderes completassem um questionário sobre o papel da JNI, MEDD e MNI.

Com a aprovação do Dr. Warrick e do Dr. Bustle, líderes da MNI criaram um questionário específico para os ministérios da MNI. Mesmo que você já tenha respondido ao questionário da Força de Tarefa, nós lhe convidamos a participar no questionário on-line da MNI clicando no link a seguir:

<http://secure2.nazarene.org/survey5/rws5.pl?FORM=nmi2011p>

O questionário básico leva aproximadamente dez minutos para pastores e vinte minutos para líderes da MNI. Se você tiver tempo extra, ficaremos felizes com comentários por escrito em alguns lugares.

Queremos motivar cada presidente distrital de MNI para encaminhar esse e-mail convite para cada membro distrital do conselho, presidente local e membro local de conselhos no seu distrito.

Todas as respostas serão anônimas, então, queremos encorajar sua franqueza e transparência. Cada questionário será lido e os resultados serão avaliados para que possamos planejar o futuro da MNI.

Estamos traduzindo e enviaremos um questionário em espanhol, português, francês e coreano. Lamentamos não poder enviar em outras línguas.

Se as respostas do seu questionário forem interrompidas, você poderá fazer uma pausa e voltar para o questionário depois. Precisamos de sua resposta até 7 de julho, para que possamos analisar e resumir os resultados para a Força de Tarefa.

Daniel Ketchum, Diretor  
Missões Nazarenas Internacionais

## Honoring 100-Percent Districts

District assemblies continue on the USA/Canada Region in 2011 and reports arriving at the Church of the Nazarene's Global Ministry Center show more sacrificial generosity among Nazarenes.

The Board of General Superintendents reports goals are being reached in giving to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), with several districts topping the 100-percent giving mark. **Recent** 100-Percent Districts include:

- Alaska, 100+ percent (Paul Hartley, district superintendent)\*
- Northeast Oklahoma, 112 percent (H. David McKellips, district superintendent)
- Northeastern Indiana, 100+ percent (David G. Roland, district superintendent)
- Northwestern Ohio, 114 percent (D. Geoffrey Kunselman, district superintendent)
- Rocky Mountain, 109 percent (Larry Coen, district superintendent)
- South Arkansas, 104 percent (Russell W. Branstetter, district superintendent)

Districts who **previously** reported 100 percent giving or more to the World Evangelism Fund in 2011 include:

- Alabama South, 106 percent (Mark D. Berry, district superintendent)
- Central Florida, 101 percent (Larry Dennis, district superintendent)
- Eastern Michigan, 100 percent (Stephen T. Anthony, district superintendent)
- Georgia, 102 percent (Roy E. Rogers, district superintendent)
- Hawaii Pacific, 108 percent (Robert C. Killen, district superintendent)
- Intermountain, 104 percent (Stephen Borger, district superintendent)
- Louisiana, 100 percent (Greg Mason, district superintendent)
- Mid-Atlantic, 100+ percent (Kenneth L. Mills, district superintendent)
- North Florida, 100+ percent (Orville Jenkins Jr., district superintendent)
- Northern Michigan, 106 percent (Wayne H. Brown, district superintendent)
- Northwest, 100+ percent (Randall J. Craker, district superintendent)

- Northwestern Illinois, 115 percent (Crawford Howe, district superintendent)
- Oklahoma, 102 percent (Terry Rowland, district superintendent)
- Philadelphia, 101 percent (Newell Smith, district superintendent)
- Sacramento, 100+ percent (Steve Scott, district superintendent)
- South Texas, 100+ percent (Duane Srader, district superintendent)
- Southern California, 100+ percent (John Denney, district superintendent)
- Southern Florida, 100 percent (David F. Nixon, district superintendent)
- Southwest Oklahoma, 115 percent (Jim Cooper, district superintendent)
- Upstate New York, 100 percent (William T. Carr, district superintendent)
- West Texas, 108 percent (Charles E. Jones, district superintendent)

The World Evangelism Fund is the heart line of mission giving in the Church of the Nazarene. For more information, see [www.fundingthemission.org](http://www.fundingthemission.org).

We are pleased to honor these districts and their leaders. Thank you for your efforts.

\* **61 years in a row of overpayment**

### Crisis Care Kits and Recent Disasters

We have received numerous calls from people, asking if they could send Crisis Care Kits directly to the locations. We thank you for wanting to get deliver them as quickly as possible. In some cases, that is helpful. In others situations, it is best to send the CCKs to the warehouse. When we learned the process that takes place, we thought it might be helpful for our constituents.

When an area experiences a disaster, personnel must often travel to that location and set plans in place for facing the aftermath. By sending the CCKs to the warehouses, requests may be sent, according to response plans, and they can be shipped quickly (generally more quickly than a church could gather and assemble the CCKs).

Since thousands of Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) were sent directly from the warehouses, those need to be replaced in preparation for the next event. We encourage churches to follow the CCK instructions listed on the NMI Web

site ([www.nazarenemissions.org/10218/story.aspx](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/10218/story.aspx)). The same instructions are on the NCM Web page from the first paragraph; however, the NMI site has the instructions in PDF format, should you want to print them and distribute them to your congregation.

Two warehouses are equipped to receive CCKs—one for several states in the western U.S.A. and one for the remainder of the country (two addresses for the one warehouse, depending on how they are shipped). According to the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Web site ([www.ncm.org/ustornadoes/cck](http://www.ncm.org/ustornadoes/cck)), “Nearly 20,000 Crisis Care Kits and School Pal-Paks have already been distributed to people affected by the tornadoes.”

Thank you for your generous participation in this valued ministry. Your efforts will make a difference immediately and could affect someone spiritually for eternity.

### NMI and Funding the Mission Web Site

- NMI and Stewardship Ministries partner to encourage *every* Nazarene church and district to utilize the tools and resources available at the Funding the Mission (FTM) Web site: [www.fundingthemission.org](http://www.fundingthemission.org).
- Nazarene churches globally can benefit from features, articles, and Planning Calculator available on the FTM Web site. However, at this time, only U.S.A. church and district users can login and utilize a comprehensive online tool, called the *Funding the Mission application*, to remit funds, track giving, report income, and view progress toward giving goals.
- For U.S.A. churches and districts, the *FTM application* will simplify remitting, reporting, and tracking local church donations to the World Evangelism Fund, Mission Specials, and other Nazarene ministries.
- The *FTM application* is designed to operate using the local church's *Reported Year-to-Date (YTD) Income*. Each church should report YTD income on a regular basis, so the *FTM application* can calculate and display accurate giving goals.

## Goal—10,000 Subscriptions!

Recently, we sent an e-mail to local and district NMI leaders encouraging them to subscribe to *Mission Connection* and *Engage* magazines. The electronic publications are free, and anyone may subscribe.

We just received the following subscription statistics.

- If *Mission Connection* were to go out today, it would go to 3311 e-mail inboxes.
- If *Engage* were to go out today, it would go to 1635 e-mail inboxes.

We believe that a goal of 10,000 subscriptions for each is realistic, since there are approximately 5,000 English-speaking churches.

Encourage your pastor, your council, and other mission-passionate people in your congregation to subscribe. If you know of people who would like to read the publications but do not have access to a computer, help them find a person in your congregation who would be willing to print appropriate stories for those people. To subscribe to these free publications, go to [www.nazarene.org/subscriber.aspx](http://www.nazarene.org/subscriber.aspx) and filling in the proper boxes.

We want your people to be informed about what God is doing around the world through the Church of the Nazarene. Subscriptions to these valuable publications will go far in providing learning opportunities for Nazarenes.

## Leading Effectively

Here are some helpful suggestions for council meetings:

1. Speak every idea as if it is great; articulate confidently.
2. Critique every idea as if it can be improved; think critically.
3. Avoid personal criticism and don't take it personally; respect.
4. Speak the truth even if it is ugly; always speak the truth in love.
5. Depart in harmony; embrace decisions and solutions as a team.
6. All of us are better than any one of us; collaborate and partner.
7. Do all of this for God's glory in the name of Jesus giving thanks.

## 'Books in Mission' Ministry Discontinued

"Books In Mission" has been a blessing across many years to Nazarene pastors, districts, and schools as they developed libraries globally. In recent years, postage costs have skyrocketed and customs fees have increased, causing this ministry to be extremely expensive. In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, especially in the current economic context, Global Mission has determined to close the "Books In Mission" ministry.

Thank you to all who have faithfully promoted and sent books and funds for this international church initiative throughout the years. We pray that the books that Global Mission has sent will continue to bring readers closer to God, and that the Lord will bless all the donors that have given generously. As this ministry ends, we trust that God will provide new opportunities for people to access literature internationally.

**Note:** The "Books in Mission" ministry is not to be confused with the "Books for Pastors" NMI project of several years ago. That is still very much in effect and will continue.

## November 13—Save the Date!

This summer Open Doors is preparing churches for one of the greatest efforts in our country to unite the body of Christ.

**On Sunday, November 13, 2011, International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, believers will unite in prayer for Christians who share our faith but not our freedom.**

Churches, small groups, and families will be given access to a free ONE WITH THEM online experience. It will include videos, touching and sometimes shocking testimonies, extraordinary facts about believers around the world, and guidelines for dynamic group interaction.

This ONE WITH THEM online experience will intensify your walk with God, draw you closer to your friends and family, and connect you with the struggling but courageous worldwide body of Christ.

Tell your pastors, friends, and family to update their calendars for Sunday, November 13.

Dr. Carl A. Moeller  
President/CEO Open Doors USA

## World Mission Broadcast Africa Goes Global

Africa Radio Programs will be on Internet streaming for the first time! World Mission Broadcast will use Internet streaming to deliver Africa Radio programs to listeners. As of June 1, 2011, seven new programs will be available for online streaming or for download to be used in the local church NMI meetings. The programs will be hosted on [www.wooma.net](http://www.wooma.net) and will be grouped under "World Mission Broadcast Africa."

We have two programs per program-group each month; and as we add new programs, the old programs will be archived. This way, anyone can listen to new programs or can look up and listen to a past session. Several new programs for this project are currently under development.

With this new method of program delivery, we aim to reach people around the globe who may have emigrated, or who live outside of their home country and don't have access to the message of holiness in their own language.

*Out of Africa Newsletter*

## Helping Churches that Speak Languages Other than English

A member of the NMI Germany District Board, Anne Magin, translated a recent *Engage* magazine article into German so that it could be shared with many people on the district who may not read in English. The article was designed into a special news release document for distribution. (See image on the right)

You may want to do something similar, if many members or leaders read in a language other than English. Remember that you are always welcome to translate or adapt *Engage* articles and stories for presentation and distribution in your local church or district. Be sure to let people know they can read more articles by visiting [www.engagemagazine.com](http://www.engagemagazine.com), or subscribing to the e-mail newsletter at the Web site.

We are always interested to see how *Engage* stories are used. If you wish, send us a copy or story of how you used the material: [engagemagazine@nazarene.org](mailto:engagemagazine@nazarene.org).

Gina Grate Pottenger  
Editor, *Engage Magazine*

**Note:** Great idea, Anne! This idea is also applicable for *Mission Connection*, *International Mission Education Journal*, or *Living Mission*. These periodicals are for your congregation's use.

## 'Funding the Mission' Report for May 2011

For your information, the May 2011 "Funding the Mission" report is attached at the end of this issue. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving..

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#### Our Mission

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

Simon Jothi: Eine Geschichte über Gottes Treue  
von Gina Pottenger (Eurasia Region Communications)

*Wie viele Väter auf der ganzen Welt liest auch Jothi seinen Kindern gerne Geschichten vor. Es sind Geschichten von Gottes gnädigem Wirken in seinem Leben. Er schreibt sie auf, dass seine Familie niemals vergisst wie gut Gott ist.*

Jothi wurde im vergangenen Jahr zum Direktor des Südasiatischen Bibel College (SANBC) gewählt, das mehr als 2.000 Studenten in 85 Bildungszentren verteilt auf 5 Nationen dient. Zuvor war Jothi Dekan und Beamter gewesen und wird seinen Dienst als Dekan fortführen. Jothi, der als Waisenkind in Indien aufgewachsen ist, sagt, dass sein Leben keinen Zweifel an Gottes sichtbarem Wirken lässt. Als er sechs Jahre alt war unterlagen beide seine Eltern dem Kampf gegen Krebs. Ihre Verwandten durchsuchten das Haus und nahmen alle wertvollen Gegenstände an sich. „Ich und meine Schwestern waren hilflos. Wir hatten keine Möglichkeit uns zu wehren. Besonders diese Begebenheit, kann ich nicht vergessen. Sie hat sich in meine Erinnerung eingebrannt.“ Die nächsten 13 Jahre verbrachte er auf einem

christlichen Internat für Jungen, die teilweise auch Waisen waren, aus zerbrochenen Familienverhältnissen kamen oder auf der Straße gelebt hatten. Seine Schwestern wurden auf andere Schulen geschickt. Diesen schmerzlichen Verlust erleidend war Jothi sicher, dass er niemals heiraten geschweige denn eine eigene Familie gründen würde. Er vermied es engere Beziehungen zu haben, isolierte sich lieber und gab sich „schlechten Gewohnheiten hin, wie er sagt.



berufen: Einen Schritt des Glaubens wagen.

Im Alter von 17 Jahren nahm Jothi an einem christlichen Jugendtreffen teil. Die Predigt wurde mit der Aufruf zu einem Christus hingebenden Leben beendet. Jothi war der Erster, der aufstand und nach vorne ging, um Jesus in sein Leben aufzunehmen. Gottes Liebe veränderte ihn von diesem Moment an. Er konnte seine selbstzerstörenden Gewohnheiten ablegen. Es begann ihm Freude zu machen Zeit mit Menschen zu verbringen und er gewann neues Selbstbewusstsein, sogar soweit, dass er auch dazu bereit war öffentlich sein Zeugnis mit Jesus weiterzugeben. Schon bald spürte er Gottes Ruf in den Dienst. „Ich dachte: Was kann ich in Gottes Reich bewirken? Ich habe keine Familie, kein Geld, keine Ausbildung.“ Als er seinen anglikanischen Pastor darauf ansprach, sagte dieser, dass er nicht die notwendige Ausbildung habe, um in den Dienst zu gehen. Daraufhin erinnerte sich Jothi an einen Sonntagsschullehrer und entschloss sich mit diesem zu sprechen. Der Lehrer war ein Bezirkssuperintendent in der Kirche des Nazareners geworden. Er gab Jothi ein Neues Testament und das Manual der Kirche. Jothi las das Manual 4 Mal. „Das was mich faszinierte, war die 2te Gnade Gottes, die ich noch nie zuvor erfahren hatte.“, erzählt er. „Nachdem ich über die Heiligung gelesen hatte, wünschte ich mir 2 Dinge: wachsend reifer in Jesus zu werden sowie Teil einer Gemeinde zu sein, deren Fokus Mission ist... Ich wollte Teil dieser Gemeinschaft werden.“ Der Bezirkssuperintendent sagte zu Jothi, dass er erst zwei Jahre auf dem Missionsfeld dienen solle bevor er eine Bibelschule besuche. Nachdem Jothi diese Zeit gedient hatte, willigte der Bezirk ein ihn in seiner Bibelschulausbildung zu unterstützen, wenn er seinen Teil der Ausgaben übernehme. Das Problem? Alles was er in den Händen hielt waren 50 Cent (US). Er hatte noch nicht einmal Bettsachen.



## Funding the Mission May 31, 2011

Period 2011/008

	Current YTD	Previous YTD	Variance YTD	% Var YTD	Previous Fiscal Year Annual
<b>World Evangelism Fund</b>	26,961,111	31,432,934	(4,471,823)	-14.23%	44,123,911
<b>WEF Plus</b>	1,424,503	338	1,424,165		4,008
<b>Mission Specials</b>	16,287,837	18,601,452	(2,313,615)	-12.44%	25,100,994
<b>Sub-Total</b>	44,673,451	50,034,724	(5,361,273)	-10.72%	69,228,913
<b>Mission Special Detail</b>					
<b>Alabaster</b>	2,388,472	2,483,052	(94,580)	-3.81%	2,781,658
<b>Compassionate Min - USA/Canada</b>	555,078	366,777	188,301	51.34%	491,254
<b>Compassionate Ministries - GM</b>	2,572,779	6,318,955	(3,746,176)	-59.28%	7,144,672
<b>Child Sponsorship</b>	2,315,153	2,012,055	303,097	15.06%	3,048,810
<b>Deputation</b>	1,262,021	1,129,933	132,088	11.69%	1,816,655
<b>Jesus Film</b>	2,353,899	1,572,354	781,545	49.71%	2,369,327
<b>LINKS</b>	165,478	153,801	11,677	7.59%	231,335
<b>Missionary Christmas Fund</b>	46,840	41,559	5,282	12.71%	61,015
<b>Missionary Health Care - Offerings</b>	73,481	150,341	(76,861)	-51.12%	204,573
<b>Missionary Health Care-Memorial Roll</b>	163,429	173,038	(9,610)	-5.55%	211,838
<b>Missionary Health Care - DSA</b>	74,455	62,105	12,350	19.89%	90,352
<b>Work &amp; Witness</b>	1,238,179	1,192,676	45,503	3.82%	1,722,868
<b>World Mission Broadcast</b>	200,276	189,864	10,412	5.48%	437,233
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>	92,282	78,455	13,827	17.62%	331,826
<b>Other (i.e. Field,Partnerships, etc.)</b>	2,786,017	2,676,488	109,529	4.09%	4,157,578

Current YTD Goal	YTD Dollar Variance	% Variance
28,996,713	(2,035,602)	-7.02%