



Developing an Extraordinary Mission Team—Part Six

Jesus: The World's Best Team Leader

We can learn to lead a lot by studying leaders. Eventually we have to lead to learn more.

Through four Old Testament examples (Moses, Joshua, Ezra, and Nehemiah), we recalled principles of collaboration and teamwork. We remembered how these biblical principles formed the leadership style of Jesus. No other leader in all of history has been more productive than Jesus in developing an extraordinary team.

Jesus

The all-wise God-Man learned a lot about people like you and me by leading them. Jesus 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 a priority motivation of the NMI leadership team. We who lead cannot share all of these goals or strategies with the nations, nor would they understand us. We need to model Jesus for the nations, to raise up Spirit-filled churches and leaders, to invite persons in all nations back to Christ. We believe that God has brought us 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 who lead NMI in local churches, districts, regions, and globally are totally committed to do the same. We imitate Christ.

Most of all, Jesus gave them himself. He called them to be with Him. He laid down His life. We are doing the same. We don't do this alone. We are together in God's global mission. We sincerely 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! What an opportunity!



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

“We sincerely encourage you to lead through teams.”



Fellow Global Mission Partners,

The year 2011 is fast approaching its end. In another few days, we will celebrate Christmas. There is no time of year that exudes excitement like Christmas. All the activities of Christmas point to an exciting moment. The bright colours speak of life and excitement. People are generally upbeat. I am reminded of the wise men in scriptures: "...and they brought to Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). What can you give this Christmas?

In the true spirit of Christmas, let us not forget to give generously to the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Offering this month. The lives of millions globally depend on what and how we give this Christmas. Show someone you care.

As we exchange gifts, let us remember that they are only promises until we take them in faith. They become our personal possessions when we take hold of them in the spirit they were given.

My family and I started the year with a new addition—Sara Jade Karise. Shortly afterwards, there were medical challenges with my daughter-in-law; but through it all, we have learnt to trust in God. And with your prayerful support, God has turned things around...to God be the glory, honour, and praise! Thank you for your prayers!

Thank you for your ministry and partnership in missions. You have been a wonderful blessing. It is my prayer that you will continue to promote and support the cause of missions in the new year. May your ministry continue to bear fruit because of your faithfulness. May you be able to boldly declare like Caleb, "give me my mountain" (Joshua 14:12), and Jabez, "enlarge my territories" (1 Chronicles 4:10).

God's promises are sure. His promises are ours for the taking—peace, joy, and victory over Satan, wrapped in love and placed at our disposal. Take God's gift; let His promises be filled in our lives this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

From my family to yours, have a blessed Christmas and a bright and Spirit-filled New Year.



Pressing on,



Jennifer Brown
Global NMI President

Partnering with NCM

In these days of unprecedented hardship and poverty around the world, it is vital to know that your compassionate response reaches those in need—and that the love of Jesus will touch them while their physical needs are met! Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) is the answer!

How can your congregation partner with NCM?

- Familiarize yourself with the NCM Projects page on the NCM Web site (www.ncm.org/projects)
 - NCM Projects educate people about NCM's work throughout the world. Groups and individuals may participate in NCM projects.
- Ask your pastor for time during a morning worship service to give a short NCM presentation.
 - Include (if possible) a preview of the NCM Web site via direct Internet link or a picture of in a PowerPoint presentation.
 - Distribute information about several projects and focus on these when discussing the Projects page of the Web site.
 - Set up a computer with an Internet connection in the foyer and have the Projects page on the screen so that people can view it.
- Give a short presentation about NCM Child Sponsorship.
 - Child Sponsorship will send profiles of children available for sponsoring and other free promotional materials. Call 800-310-6362 to order what you would like.
 - If you have set up the computer linked to the NCM Web site, click on the Act link, then the Child Development link. From there, people can sponsor a child online.
 - The NCM Christmas Project is the Un-sponsored Children's project (www.ncm.org/christmas)—provide information, as well as a live Internet connection that will allow attendees to donate immediately.
- Give an NCM Gift Card. The card allows the recipient to select a project from the NCM Web site (www.ncm.org/giftcard) in which to participate.
 - Obtain several NCM Gift Cards, and display them during the Christmas holidays. Include information about how the card may be redeemed, and allow people to purchase them and give as gifts.
- Participate in the NCM 30 Hour Famine (www.ncm.org/act/30hourfamine).
 - Funds raised by Nazarene congregations will help children and families in the World Vision and NCM-sponsored Mutendere Area Development Project in the Mzimba District of Malawi.

Desire—
to help those in need in your nation and other nations around the world

Quandary—
what agency to trust

Solution—Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM)



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Volunteer How-to Top 10

Do you have people in your church who may be interested in participating in Volunteer Ministries in missions? The following list might be beneficial to them.

- 1.** **Develop** a servant's heart by volunteering locally (Sunday School, rescue missions, hospital, community garden, visiting in retirement homes, etc.).
- 2.** **Search** out volunteer ministries online at www.missioncorps.org and explore their site. You will find answers to your questions.
- 3.** **Prepare** yourself physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially, so you can give of yourself wholeheartedly.
- 4.** **Take** a foreign language class. Any language training is beneficial.
- 5.** **Study** that which you enjoy doing the most (working on computers, mechanics, flying, economics, business, sports, music, etc.), and try to improve your skill to its highest level.
- 6.** **Talk** to as many people as possible, and read as much as you can in your area of interest.
- 7.** **Go** with your church on a Work & Witness trip or any other short-term mission trip.
- 8.** **Register and attend** the Cross-Cultural Orientation (CCO) that is held at your nearest Nazarene college campus. The list of upcoming CCOs is below and is updated throughout the year in *Mission Connection* (usually on the News and Announcements page).
- 9.** **Develop** good habits of spending time with God so you will be spiritually strengthened while learning the language and culture.
- 10.** **Pray** without ceasing, asking God's direction, and believe He will help you accomplish what He has put in your heart to do.



Carolita Fraley
Northwest U.S.A. Regional
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Gumball Machine Sparks Creativity

The gumball machine stood empty in the corner of our family room for several years. One afternoon, my husband, Ken, had a brilliant idea! He took that old machine, did some repairs, and suggested we take it to the church for the kids.

At the time, I was working on missions, and the idea that the quarters could go for missions popped into my head. Our church's children were already giving to missions by using the Global Mission Offering for Children—Quarter Collector*, so this would be an additional way to give.

I went shopping looking for just the right treat to place inside the glass bowl. I chose Hershey Kisses because 1 Thessalonians 5:26 says, "Greet all God's people with a holy kiss."

The gumball machine now sits in our greeting area ready to be of service. One never knows what God might use to further His kingdom in even the smallest of ways.

Cheri Hodge
Frankclay, Missouri

* The Global Mission Offering for Children—Quarter Collector is available for purchase from Nazarene Publishing House (toll-free—1-800-877-0700; www.nph.com). The order number is O-320, and the price is \$8.99 for a package of 10. The folder has slots to hold \$10 worth of quarters, and there is space on the back for the child's name.



Missions Scavenger Hunt

In a quest to make missions relevant for kids in our church, I came up with the idea to hold a missions scavenger hunt with questions from the bios of Nazarene missionaries in the by going to the Missionary Profiles page on the Global Mission Web site (<http://app.nazarene.org/MissionaryProfiles>) and accessing biographical information there. I will also get information about world areas from the Global Information Network on the NMI Web site.*

I will use questions such as:

- Who are our missionaries in Chile?
- How many missionaries do we have in Paraguay?
- Name three European world areas that have no Nazarene missionaries.
- In what world area does Cheri Kommel work?

I thought of offering NMI missions books for children as prizes for all who complete the scavenger hunt.

Sandy Sanders
Hanover Church of the Nazarene
Mechanicsville, VA

* Due to transferring the NMI Web site from one server to another, the Global Information Network was unavailable when this issue of Mission Connection was sent. We hope to have it operational soon.

‘Making Others’ Misery Our Own...’

Following are some ways, your congregation can participate in Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) during the month of December.

- **December 4—World AIDS Day**—Help your church develop compassion for those suffering from HIV/AIDS and their caregivers. While time is short to commemorate this day in your church for this year, learning about those suffering around the world and helping alleviate their struggles takes place year round. Visit the World AIDS Day page on the NCM Web site (www.ncm.org/worldaidsday) for resources and ideas.
- **NCM Gift Card**—The NCM Gift Card is an alternative way to give that extends hope to people in need. It offers friends and family the opportunity to support compassionate ministries around the world through over 100 projects and causes. With this unique and practical gift you have the power to change lives \$25, \$50, and \$100 at a time. Change the way you think about giving... give the gift of hope. To secure a gift card, visit www.ncm.org/giftcard.
- **Child Sponsorship**—Become a sponsor today! It’s easy! For \$25 a month, just 82 cents a day, you have the opportunity to feed, clothe, and educate a child in need. While building a loving and encouraging relationship, your monthly participation gives a child a chance at a better future. Choose a child to sponsor using the search form to the left, or let us match you with a child with the greatest need. To sponsor a child, visit <http://cs.ncm.org>.
- **NCM Projects**—NCM Projects are a great way for people to learn about NCM’s work throughout the world. We invite congregations, Sunday school classes, and individuals to connect with specific projects of the church. Share the connection with the NCM Gift Card that can be redeemed toward any NCM project, anywhere in the world. We hope that through this connection we may see God’s building of the kingdom. To view the NCM Projects page on the NCM Web site, visit www.ncm.org/projects.

“By compassion we make others’ misery our own...”

Sir Thomas Browne
English Author
(1605-1682)

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With information from the NCM Web site (www.ncm.org)

'We Have Never Seen Anything Like It!'



Recently, we sent the Indianapolis Westside [Church of the Nazarene] Medical Team home after they had seen and treated 1,865 people in 6 clinics. However, that is not the most exciting part! The 16-member team composed of 7 bilingual people led over 200 people to Christ in very easy non-threatening ways! They were able to pray with almost every person they treated, and the results were astounding! People left the clinics with tears in their eyes as their burdens were lifted! We have never seen anything like it!

Serving with Joy,

Bob and Evelyn Shea

Tom and Amy Hanes

Work & Witness Coordinators, Honduras



Upcoming Cross-Cultural Orientations

The Cross-Cultural Orientation (CCO) is a dynamic weekend event designed to assess, train, and orient those who are interested in cross-cultural ministry with the Church of the Nazarene. It is a requirement for anyone who would like to serve for more than 90 days. Please visit www.missioncorps.org to view the CCO schedule and register.

- December 2-4, 2011** MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas
- January 20-22, 2012** Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho
- March 16-18, 2012** Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee
- March 30-April 1, 2012** Mt. Vernon Nazarene University in Mt. Vernon, Ohio
- April 20-22, 2012** Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts

Hope Owens
Global Mission Mobilization



When You Think of Love, Think of Alabaster

February is a perfect time for the Alabaster Offering. Valentine's Day and Alabaster go hand-in-hand. In 2011, the Alabaster Offering was received at Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene on the day before Valentine's Day.

Local NMI President Jo Ann Blevins asked for the help of the church's children in receiving the offering and purchased enough plastic hard hats for the children and NMI Council (who assisted the children) to wear, as well as using them instead of offering plates.



As the hard hats filled, the children dumped the money—much of it change—into a wheelbarrow. It was noisy, but it was fun!

Following is the announcement that accompanied the offering. Many people (some of them long-time Nazarenes) said they learned new information or were reminded of facts about Alabaster that they had forgotten.

Good morning. Can anyone tell me what tomorrow is? Yep, Valentine's Day. (That's a reminder to all of you who may have forgotten.) When we think of Valentines, we think of...no, not chocolate...well, yes, chocolate, but mainly we SHOULD think about the emotion behind Valentine's Day...love.



Love is also the emotion behind the Alabaster Offering. The premise of the offering is from Matthew 26, where the woman anointed Jesus with perfume. She gave up something that she didn't need to express her love for Jesus. She made a spectacle of herself and was criticized for it; however, she did it because of love.

On this day before Valentine's Day, think of love and giving. We don't want you to give up what you need to live, but think of how many unessential things you buy or own for which the money could be used for His work.

With the help of some assistants, we are going to receive the offering using some rather unusual "offering plates." These

are to remind you of what your gift to Alabaster supports.

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work & Witness projects. The entire offering goes toward the purchase of land and the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.

More than 8,300 projects are the results of people's giving to Alabaster since its inception in 1949. In 2009, there were 258 Alabaster projects, an average of approximately 5 projects every week.

I know that people care more about what happens in those buildings. So, I have a quick Alabaster story to tell you.

Can anyone tell me what happened January 12, 2010? That's right—the earthquake in Haiti. Nazarene churches were damaged and some collapsed completely during the earthquake that rocked Port-au-Prince. The Tabarre Church of the Nazarene sustained only about 5 percent damage and has used the structure for continued ministry to its community in the wake of the disaster.



More than one million dollars was allocated through Alabaster toward rebuilding in Haiti in 2010; however, that will only begin the rebuilding efforts. And Haiti is just one world area out of 156. It seems overwhelming, but think of giving to Alabaster as a way you can help build the church without even leaving the Kansas City area.

On this day before Valentine's Day, think of love. What better way to show your love for your Lord than giving to Alabaster.

It had been some time since an Alabaster plate offering was received, and approximately US\$2,700 was given in the February offering. The Council plans to receive other such creative offerings in the future.



Gail L. Sawrie
NMI Editor

Pastor Dresses Up for WEF

Note: The Faith Community Church of the Nazarene in Woodstock, Ontario, added a little incentive to their Thanksgiving Offering last fall. The pastor, Paul McKay, is a pretty good sport and agreed to the plan. Perhaps your pastor, a member of the pastoral staff, or someone on the NMI Council will be willing to do something similar for the Easter Offering. Since people often like to have new clothes for Easter, it would be a perfect World Evangelism Fund (WEF) promotion.

Last year my daughters came home with fundraiser for their school—if the students and parents raised a delegated amount of money per classroom, the students would get to bring in clothes for their teacher to wear on a certain day.

I applied this idea to our church's collection for WEF. For every \$50 increment raised, the congregation would get to bring in a certain article of clothing for Pastor Paul to wear on the first Sunday in November.

\$50	Hat
\$100	Vest
\$150	Shirt
\$200	Pants
\$250	Boots/Shoes
\$300	Tie
\$350	Socks
\$400	Suit Coat
\$450	Shorts instead of pants
\$500	Send the pictures to the DS
\$550	Belt
\$600	Gloves/Mittens
\$650	Jewelry
\$700	Scarf
\$1,000	Blond Wig



I made a presentation every Sunday about WEF and the benefits of supporting our missionaries, and we collected an offering every Sunday in October, rather than just Thanksgiving Sunday. Our first goal was \$300 because we are a small church, but have big hearts. Everyone was so excited, not only because we were raising money for a good cause, but also because it was going to be fun!

The first Sunday we collected over \$300! So I raised the goal—if we reached \$500, I'd send pictures to our district superintendent (DS), Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick. On October 30, we had reached approximately \$430. I announced the total at that point, and the pledges poured in. "We want the DS to see this" and "I want to see Pastor Paul in a blond wig" were some of the comments I received.

Even on the Sunday that Pastor Paul was to model our crazy ensemble, we were still receiving more and more funds! As I walked into Pastor Paul's office, our treasurer ran up to me and said, "Guess what! We go the \$1,000!" One member had given \$500 that morning! Praise God!

Our little church raised \$1,150 for WEF. I know that may seem small for some churches, but it was more than the total yearly missions offering from our church in the previous year.

As I promised my congregation, I am sending pictures of Pastor Paul McKay, wearing our choice of clothing in support of Nazarene missionaries and volunteers around the world. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to get a blond wig before the service. Thank you to everyone who contributes to World Evangelical Fund, especially to my church, who showed me that anything is possible when you have faith and put it in God's hands.

P.S. Pastor Paul, thanks for not relieving me of my position! And, yes, you do make anything look good!

Melanie Chambers
Faith Community Church of the Nazarene
Woodstock, Ontario





NMI Web Site—and Others—Still in State of Flux

All Web sites associated with the Global Ministry Center, including NMI's site and *Engage* magazine, began transitioning from one server to another in early November. While some of the NMI site is as it should be, some components, such as the Global Information Network and other pages, may not be fully operational for some time.

Be aware that if you have bookmarked specific NMI Web pages in the past, those links will may not work. The pages are generally available by accessing them through the NMI home page (www.nazarenemissions.org). And it could be that links will change again in the coming weeks.

The [Nazarene.org](http://www.Nazarene.org) site is available, and an abridged version of the Nazarene Media Library has been moved to <http://medialibrary.nazarene.org> (with some of the more important resources for all GMC ministries).

At the bottom of the www.nazarene.org home page is a section called "Our Family of Websites." If you cannot access the NMI site as normal, go to www.nazarene.org and click on "Nazarene Missions International" in this section.

If, for some reason, you cannot access a resource from the NMI Web site, contact nmi@nazarene.org, and we will be happy to assist you.

We appreciate your patience as these changes unfold.

Deputation Offerings Basics from a District NMI President

We received the following from Central Florida District NMI President Wes Eby and believed local churches could learn and be inspired by deputation giving on the district.

1. Lakeland Eastside (Florida) Church is being reactivated and is still struggling with low attendance, mostly senior adults. Recently they scheduled a deputation service with Paul and Sharon Martin from Sierra Leone on a Tuesday evening. The church used this service as their midweek activity. There were 17 people in attendance, which included the missionary guests. The deputation offering was a little more than \$1,000.
2. Winter Haven First (Florida) Church has established a policy that a missionary on deputation will receive a minimum of \$750 for one service. The pastor takes the offering after the missionary speaks, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to people's hearts and wallets. If \$500 is in the offering, the missionary receives \$750, and we take the balance from Faith Promise. But if the offering is \$1,000, the missionary

receives the full amount of \$1,000. Some deputation offerings have exceeded \$2,000, and rarely is the minimum of \$750 received.

The spirit, passion, and collaboration of the president make all the difference. The age of the leader—whether older or younger—is not the issue. Some of our most effective leaders are older: they have deep passion, years of significance, and they are intentionally discipling younger leaders.

Mission Immersion 2012

Youth Opportunity to Serve:

Mission Immersion 2012—10-22 July 2012—Taking place on the campus of Africa Nazarene University—Nairobi, Kenya

This event is for high school students who have a definite call to serve God in a culture other than their own someday.

PROMO Video:

<http://medialibrary.nazarene.org/media/mission-immersion-2012>

More than 35 students from USA/Canada have applied so far. There are more slots available. Please encourage *Students with a Mission Call* to apply for this opportunity at www.Nazarene.org/Missionimmersion2012.

Encourage the Storytellers!

Engage magazine is working with communications personnel on the India Field to develop a writer training curriculum that we plan to pilot in India and South Asia early next year, with the intent of making it available to mission workers globally. Our objective is to assist Kingdom workers in more effectively telling the compelling stories of redemption, reconciliation, and transformation that God is enacting around the world.

We want to share with these writers how God uses their stories to move people in your local church. Someone may have found a deeper faith and trust in God when they heard how God proved himself to someone else in another country. Through mission stories, others may have heard the call of God to become involved in missions, or found the courage to obey a call they have resisted. Your church may have found the passion to prayer more fervently, give more sacrificially to the mission than ever before, or send a mission team because a mission story was shared with the congregation.

These mission stories may have been shared through Engagemagazine.com, *Living Mission* or other adult mission education, an NMI missions book, a visiting missionary speaker, or a Work & Witness team who came back and reported to the congregation about their mission experiences.

If you know that the Spirit has worked through a mission story to deeply impact an individual or your church as a whole, we would like to pass those stories back to the storytellers to encourage them.

Please contact Gina Pottenger at gpottenger@nazarene.org with your experience or call Liz Hollenberg at 913-577-2974.

Joy! Joy! Joy!

The numbers are official—60,454,469 evangelistic contacts! JESUS Film Harvest Partner (JFHP) teams have reported more than 60 million evangelistic contacts in the last 13 years resulting in 10,878,434 new believers in Christ. This is a great way to celebrate the birth of Christ!!!!

The sun was setting as the people, 332 in total, gathered in the village. They sat on the dirt unsure of the significance of the event about to occur in their lives. The team member stood to address the crowd providing a brief introduction. He was not from the village but knew the language and customs so well he “fit in.” At the end of 120 minutes, a third of people received spiritual truth and knowledge. For 108 people, their lives changed forever.

This is a depiction of the first report received by a JFHP team. Nigeria Team #1 was composed of Nigerian nationals and showed the film for the first time, helping 108 people become followers of Christ. Similar scenes have played out around the world over the last 13 years, as JFHP teams have shared God’s love with the lost.

The first reported showing resulted in 332 evangelistic contacts. Since that time, we celebrate a new milestone with 60 million evangelistic contacts occurring as reported by Bangladesh Team #30. Thousands of miles and years later from Nigeria to a Bangladesh village, the 60 millionth evangelistic contact was reported. This team is one of 374 registered in more than 50 countries.

For JFHP, this represents a significant impact on the 100 million evangelistic contacts set as an original goal in 1998. To view monthly progress updates, visit www.jfhp.org/progress/index.cfm.

New Church Prayer Force Letter

Dear Colleague in Ministry,

You are receiving this communication because you or someone you know is a person of faith and prayer. This is a simple request for you to become part of a “USA/Canada New Church Prayer Force” with three specific requests vital to our mission to make Christlike disciples.

Before I share those three prayer requests, please allow me to share a personal testimony.

I was a part of Church Planting training. Fifty of us from twenty districts and all nine educational regions gathered in east Texas to participate and learn. The Holy Spirit did an amazing work during that five-day session. We sensed we were standing on holy ground. Our faith was increasing, our vision expanding... We were praying for the answer to the question, “What will you do with what you are learning?” One district said they could see the possibility of doubling in 10 years by adding 90 new churches. Another said they could double by adding 70 new churches in 10 years. The 11 New Church Task Force members who attended the event said there is a possibility of increasing from 5,000 to 10,000 churches by the year 2030 on the region. After some of the presentations, there were tears, clapping, prayers, even shouts of “AMEN”! Not the usual fare for a “training event!” It was more like an old-fashioned revival than a workshop. All this sounds like “crazy talk” based upon our recent past. Yet, without collaboration, one after another made faith statements focused on making Christlike disciples through the beginning of new works, mission outposts, new ministries, multi-sites, organic churches, traditional churches, etc.

I returned from Texas, back to the real world, convinced that God wants to do something miraculous in our great denomination and prayer is the key.

Here are the three simple, specific requests. Pray that God will give us...

- 1. The same passion and fervor that characterized the early Nazarenes.** Born in a holiness revival, they believed God had raised them up with a mission to spread scriptural holiness across the land to all persons, rich and poor. They doubled the number of churches four times in the first 50 years, going from 288 churches to 4,696! Today, 2011, we have 5,000 churches in U.S.A. and Canada. We have been remarkably stable for 53 years. Many new churches have been birthed to take the place of churches that have ended their life cycles. But does God want to do something exponentially greater among us? Do we have enough “passion” to become a “movement” again, as we were in our early days?
- 2. Ten thousand total churches in the USA/Canada Region by the year 2030 with 144 new churches in 2012.** We had 72 new churches reported in 2011. If we had 10,000 churches, I believe we would increase the number of Christlike disciples in the USA/Canada Region to one million.
- 3. Ten thousand newly trained church planters/missionaries in the USA/Canada Region by 2030 and that the first 200 of those would be in 2012.**

Is it possible? God has done it before. Oh, God, do it again!

These are exciting and challenging days. I have sensed a fresh moving of God's spirit in my life, pushing me out past my comfort zone. How about you?

We are not expecting thousands of members in the **Prayer Force**, but rather a few people of faith that know how to pray and will commit to do so. If you will commit to pray 90 seconds a day for these three specific requests, would you send an e-mail to me at bwiesman@nazarene.org with "New Church Prayer Force" in the subject line, say "Yes," and begin praying? We will send periodic updates.

God bless you and your ministry for our Lord.

Dr. Bill Wiesman
Director of Evangelism Ministries and New Church Development
USA/Canada Church of the Nazarene

Christmas Catalogs Available!

The following have Christmas gift catalogs to assist in your gift-giving during this blessed time of the year.

JESUS Film Harvest Partners

Visit their Web site (www.jfhp.org)
and click on the catalog link on their home page

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Available in the December NCM Magazine
and by calling 800-310-6362

By giving items from these catalogs, you benefit people around the world.

'Funding the Mission' Report for September 2011

For your information, the October 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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To mobilize the church in mission through praying,
discipling, giving, and educating.



Due to the holidays, this issue of *Mission Connection* is a combined one (December 2011 and January 2012).

Look for your next issue
by February 1, 2012.

May you have a Christ-filled
Christmas and a blessed
New Year.

Funding the Mission October 31, 2011

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	Current YTD	Previous YTD	Variance YTD	% Var YTD	Previous Fiscal Year Annual
World Evangelism Fund	2,535,921	2,407,682	128,239	5.33%	38,464,179
Mission Specials	2,306,168	1,915,164	391,004	20.42%	24,804,195
Sub-Total	4,842,089	4,322,846	519,243	12.01%	63,268,373
Mission Special Detail					
Alabaster	479,539	492,494	(12,955)	-2.63%	2,732,620
Compassionate Min - USA/Canada	40,930	50,415	(9,485)	-18.81%	1,021,519
Compassionate Ministries - GM	588,110	197,517	390,593	197.75%	3,656,181
Child Sponsorship	307,089	254,383	52,706	20.72%	3,330,712
Deputation	170,431	195,407	(24,976)	-12.78%	2,118,184
Jesus Film	204,426	215,528	(11,102)	-5.15%	3,265,749
LINKS	23,501	22,641	860	3.80%	245,094
Missionary Christmas Fund	5,123	10,651	(5,528)	-51.91%	64,588
Missionary Health Care - Offerings	6,838	6,703	135	2.01%	120,889
Missionary Health Care-Memorial Roll	7,722	8,188	(467)	-5.70%	205,832
Missionary Health Care - DSA	7,944	6,705	1,239	18.47%	101,105
Work & Witness	118,606	159,962	(41,356)	-25.85%	1,635,822
Global Mission Broadcast	25,735	24,678	1,057	4.29%	428,946
Vacation Bible School	14,181	25,394	(11,213)	-44.15%	294,592
Other (i.e. Field,Partnerships, etc.)	305,995	244,498	61,496	25.15%	5,582,360

YTD WEF Goal	YTD Dollar Variance	% Variance
2,545,049	(9,128)	-0.36%