



Fear Is the Anti-mission

by Shawna Songer Gaines

The beginning of the year is an important time to focus on mission in your life and your local church.

A new year brings with it many unknowns. Will my job be secure? Is my retirement fund safe? Are my loved ones going to be faithful to Christ? Will our church encounter obstacles? Is our family going to hold together?

With so much unknown, fear creeps in quickly and unexpectedly. Scripture tells us the Spirit of God is not the Spirit of fear. Fear is the anti-mission. Fear causes us to retreat, turn inward, and focus our energy and efforts on self-preservation rather than God's mission for the lost and broken.

In a time of economic crisis and global uncertainty, there is one question that should bring us no fear or anxiety: "Will the mission continue?" Mission is the very essence of God and will always advance with those who remain faithful to the Lord. The question is rather, "Will the mission flourish through us in this time?" Our response must be an unwavering, "Yes, Lord! We are ready and willing."

Churches flourish when mission flourishes. Nazarene Missions International is a major artery in the life-giving flow of Nazarene mission. Our global community faces a historic juncture. Present sufferings do not compare with our future glory in Christ. The creation waits in eager expectation. We will share God's salvation for a lost and broken world.

In this new year, by God's grace, we will advance into a new dawn on mission frontiers of every tribe, tongue, and nation. We labor in love until that glorious day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. I am blessed and honored to serve with you in the mission of God and the Church of the Nazarene.

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Present in the Moment

It may not look like spring in your home town yet, but spring is coming. And spring tends to be an overwhelming season for teenagers. You can help your teens be present in the moment by seizing mission opportunities.

Life in general is overwhelming for teenagers these days. To top it off, spring is the most hectic season, as school ramps up to summer vacation. With so much weighing on them, teenagers struggle to be fully present in a moment.

You may have noticed this when trying to have a conversation with a teen who is constantly checking a cell phone or looking around the room for friends or glancing off at a TV set or computer screen. It isn't that their minds are blank or out to lunch. Their brains are browsing from one site to the next trying to keep up with all that they've been asked to download.¹

Teenagers have grown up around such a massive amount of media and stimuli that investing deeply in one moment can be difficult. This must have been a challenge for Jesus as well.

Think about Jesus' journey to see Jairus' daughter. Surrounded by a crowd, everyone trying to talk to Him, touch Him, see Him—talk about overwhelming. Yet He stopped when He was touched by a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years! He stopped everything else and fully engaged in that moment with that woman; it was as if no one else was around, no other pressing matters were tugging at Him.

Investing in people who need Jesus, who need justice, who need a friend, clears up the fog created by media saturation and overstimulation. When we are face to face with someone in need, everything else seems to melt away as we see Jesus in this other person.

This spring, remind the youth group of their role in God's mission. Find an opportunity over their Spring Break week that will be full of moments that will last a lifetime. Especially seek cross-cultural experiences that will challenge teens to consider their own culture in a new way. It doesn't have to be long and expensive. Just one day of serving others will shake off loads of complacency.

This spring help your teens seize a moment in mission. With everything else spinning around them, help your youth see clearly God's love for people and to engage in loving people with greater depth and focus.

Shawna Songer Gaines
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Examples of How to Seize a Moment in Mission

1. Challenge your students to spend one day to one week without media—Facebook, TV, iPods, radio (maybe go as far as cell phones, if you dare). Challenge them to invest that time with others.*
2. Take your youth group on an excursion to a culturally diverse neighborhood. Let them leave behind their cell phones and iPods and take in all there is to learn in this different culture.
3. Set up a few one-on-one coffee dates with teens. Dig into their lives and learn what their distractions are. Pray with them that God will help clear away those distractions and focus their hearts on serving others
4. Create a “detox space.” Find a small room in the church. Outside the entrance of the room, place things that symbolize all the distractions that we leave behind when we enter: loud music or a TV set on static mode, newspaper clippings, homework assignment sheets, cell phones going off, magazine covers, and a few flashing lights. When the students enter the room, it should be free of all these things, a quiet space where they are directed to pray for 3-5 missionaries (bios downloaded from www.nazarene-worldmission.org) who often live and serve without these kinds of distractions.

* The World Evangelism Fund Calendar for Lent would be a great way to combine this “seize a moment” with giving to World Evangelism Fund (WEF). Explain to the students how WEF money is used, so they understand the importance of such an action.

¹ This is by no means an entirely negative development. See Nicholas Carr's 2008 article in The Atlantic magazine: [Is Google Making Us Stupid?](http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/entry/is_google_making_us_stupid/30681/) It's a great read!

How a Penny, a Flag, and Some Coins—Along With Prayer—Helped Raise a Record Alabaster Offering

At Hanover Church of the Nazarene in Mechanicsville, Virginia, the Alabaster Offering has been collected in the twice yearly manner seemingly since a few years after the Jamestown settlement!

Several years ago, I volunteered to be the Alabaster coordinator, speaking in adult Sunday School classes, encouraging children to collect money in Alabaster boxes and bringing small flags of countries around the world to add color to Alabaster education.

For one offering, we contacted missionary Cheri Kommel and asked for photographs of churches in Botswana built with Alabaster money. A picture of what Alabaster does in the bulletin brings it to life for the congregation. After showing the photos, we waved a Botswana flag outside as Alabaster funds were received from people in their cars as they left that day.

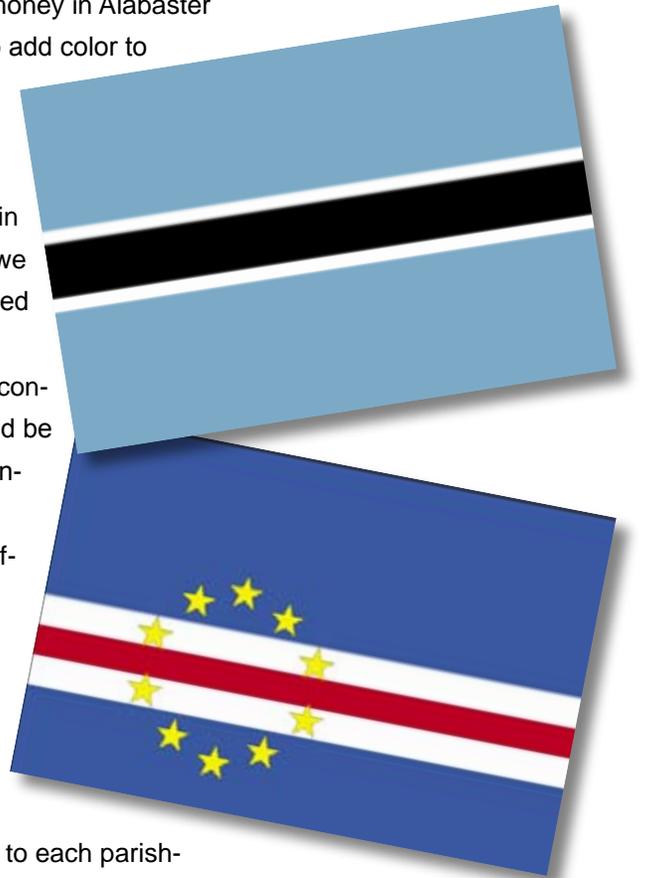
In Fall 2010, I decided to try something different. I told the congregation that the “official” flag for that Alabaster Offering would be the Cape Verdean flag, since one of the newest general superintendents, Eugenio R. Duarte, is from that country.

We also challenged the church to pray for that Alabaster Offering. I believe prayer is critical; we should never do anything without prayer.

Usually people collect Alabaster funds during the month in their Alabaster boxes. Each child receives a box, and many adults have participated twice a year for a long time.

After consulting with Pastor Greg Norwood, I obtained approximately 250 coins from other countries and distributed one to each parishioner. (We used silver-colored coins the size of a nickel or larger.) “Foreign Coin Day” was publicized to the church in the newsletter/bulletin.

On “Foreign Coin Day,” the week before our Alabaster Offering was to take place, the coins were placed on seats in the sanctuary and distributed in children’s church. Pastor Greg announced the coin event and then called me to the front for a game of “Let’s Make a Deal,” asking me if I would trade my Mexican peso for the Elmo purse he held in his hand. When I did, I opened the purse and pulled out United States currency worth more than the Mexican peso was worth! Excitedly telling the congregation that this money would help provide buildings in other nations, I encouraged the people to keep the coins as missions prayer



reminders and to bring in United States change (and paper money, too) for Alabaster the next week.

The next week, when the Alabaster Offering was collected and counted, it totalled \$498!

One of the missions team, a coin collector, offered to look through the change for particularly good coins—such as wheat pennies and old nickels—and buy them for the value in the coin book. As the group looked through the coins, a few coins emerged—nickels from the 1940s and 1950s and a few wheat pennies. Then a member found a worn wheat penny and asked, “What’s this worth?” It turned out to be a 1913 penny in collectible condition worth a dollar! The total of the Alabaster Offering with the offering, plus the rare coin value, bested all records at Hanover Church—\$633 for Alabaster! (All of this from a church that averaged 245 in Sunday morning worship attendance in 2010.)

Pastor Greg felt that the foreign coins were a spur to get people to think about missions and Alabaster. Several of the foreign coins actually ended up in the offering plate to be recycled for future events.

Alabaster was also a spur to set up NMI in the church. An NMI president was elected, and I was asked to be treasurer and “Alabaster coordinator for life.”

I would like to try this idea with foreign paper money in the future and am now deciding what the “official” flag of the February 2011 Alabaster Offering. Maybe a European country this time....

Elwood Earl “Sandy “ Sanders Jr. (adapted)
Hanover Church of the Nazarene
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Just Had to Tell Somebody!

Our Latino congregation (they’ve been meeting almost two years) will hear about Alabaster Offering for the first time this Sunday! I’m taking the large Alabaster Offering receptacle with me, as well as small boxes to distribute. One of the young married women (either one from Costa Rica or one from Honduras) will interpret for me—and then they will see one of the Spanish Alabaster video clips.

I’m SO excited! I’ll visit their service each of the next four Sundays, and I’m thrilled at the prospect of helping them become involved! Just HAD to tell somebody!

Rosanne Bolerjack
Severn Grace Pointe Community
Severn, Maryland



Where Do Alabaster Funds Go?

We received a request for locations of Alabaster projects using the letters of “Alabaster.” We thought it was such a great idea that decided to share it.

Because we have thousands of projects in our list, we limited the locations to projects from 2008-2009 for the most up-to-date projects. (We also used the regions’ spellings when applicable.)

You will notice we used countries’ names when possible, but the Church of the Nazarene is in few countries that begin with the letter “L,” and we apparently didn’t have any Alabaster projects in the last couple of years from those countries. Because of that and also because we wanted people to realize that Alabaster benefits multicultural churches in the U.S.A. and Canada, we substituted a city name for the “L.”

Argentina—Pilar, Argentina—South America Regional Office—missionary houses

Los Angeles—Belvedere building project (Hispanic)—Southwest U.S.A.

Africa Region—Divine Heights—Global Communications studio

Belize—Belize campground

Australia—Australia Nazarene Theological College—classroom complex

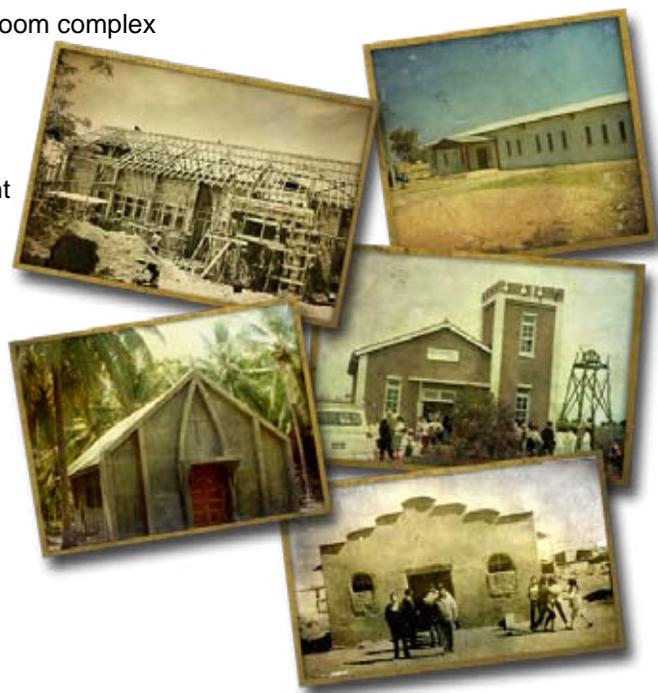
Sri Lanka—Battulu Oya, Sri Lanka—church building

Trinidad—Caribbean Nazarene College—dorm, church plant

El Salvador—Atiquizaya, El Salvador—land and church

Russia—Russia North District—Ulyanovsk church building

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Ethiopian Offering Video Is Inspirational

For an inspirational video to encourage participation in the Easter Offering for World Evangelism Fund, check out the video of an Ethiopian church giving its WEF PLUS Offering.

The video, less than two minutes in length, is available in the MediaLibrary, [HERE](#).

World Evangelism Fund Calendar for Lent

Does your church celebrate Lent and the services surrounding it? If so (and even if not), the season of Lent serves as a wonderful time to prepare people's hearts for Easter. Participating by using the World Evangelism Fund Calendar for Lent should also serve as a time to prepare your church for the Easter Offering.

People often "give up" (or fast) certain foods or activities for Lent, acknowledging that by depriving themselves of these helps them focus more Christ and His sacrifice. The calendar offers suggestions for giving up something for a day. This will be especially good for those who have little experience with a fast.

On March 6, explain to the people the purpose of the Easter Offering for World Evangelism Fund. If possible, show the video of the Ethiopian WEF PLUS Offering described in this issue. Tell people that we also have the opportunity to give in thanks to God for our salvation and that their gifts will help people around the world know about God's love, Christ's sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit's comfort.

Distribute 9"x12" envelopes to people of all ages. Encourage people to place the money in their envelopes as they follow the calendar, and be sure and tell them they can always give more than the amount listed. (Feel free to adapt it to the currency of your world area.) Encourage them to write their thoughts and prayers on the outside of the envelope or, for small children, to draw what they are praying for.

Tell the people that they will return their filled envelopes on April 24, Easter Sunday. Let them know that you look forward to learning what they experienced during Lent and how it helped them celebrate Easter more fully.

March 9—Ash Wednesday—Some churches hold services at which worshippers are marked with ashes in the sign of the cross as a symbol of commitment to Jesus Christ and God. Read about Christ's temptation in Matthew 4:1-11. Donate 10 cents for each year you have been a Christian. If less than a year, donate for each month.

March 10—Give up television today, and donate at least \$1.00



March 11—Spend your lunch hour in prayer. If possible, fast that meal and donate the approximate cost of your lunch.

March 12—Do not read the newspaper or watch the news today. Take a prayer walk in your town, praying for the people there, and then spent some time praying for the lost around the world. Donate 10 cents for each of the times you typically would check the news.

March 13—SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to tithe.

March 14—Give up sweets today, and donate the typical cost of a candy bar.

March 15—Read the Christmas story today to remind yourself of the “beginning of the story.” Think about the wonder of the Advent season and compare it to this season of Lent. Give 5 cents for each Christmas carol you can think of.

March 16—No bread today. Donate the cost of a loaf of bread.

March 17—No reading for entertainment today. Give 10 cents per book you have read this year.

March 18—Fast hot and cold cereal today, and give 25 cents per type of cereal in your house.

March 19—Instead of watching videos tonight, spend the time in the Scripture and donate \$1 if you own a DVD.

March 20—SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to tithe.

March 21—No red meat today; give \$1 to the World Evangelism Fund instead.

March 22—Spend at least one hour reading God's Word and praying today. Give 25 cents for each Bible you own.

March 23—Give up dessert today, and donate the approximate cost of a serving of your favorite type of dessert.

March 24—Read the story of Jesus as boy in the temple. Pray for the children and youth of your church, and donate 10 cents for each person under the age of 18 in your extended family (or in your close friends' immediate family).

March 25—Give up dining out today. Give \$5 for the Easter Offering instead.

March 26—Donate some time to help get your church ready for visitors on Easter. Invite others to join you, and give 50 cents for each hour you volunteer.

March 27—SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to tithe.

March 28—If possible, eat only fruits and vegetables today, and give 10 cents for each type of vegetable in your fridge or on your shelves.

March 29—Don't play video or computer games today. Instead, play a board game with friends and/or family, and give 5 cents to World Evangelism Funds for each game you own.

March 30—Give up snacks today. Give 25 cents for each type of chip in your house.

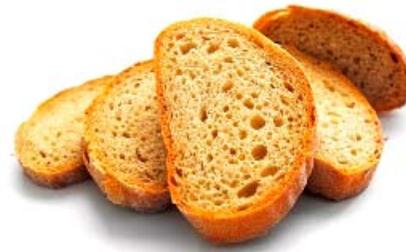
March 31—Read the Sermon on the Mount. After you have finished it, write down the topics of the Beatitudes, and donate 10 cents for each one you remember.

April 1—No cheese today. Give \$1 to the Easter Offering.

April 2—Donate some time to help get your church ready for visitors on Easter. Invite others to join you, and give 50 cents for each hour you volunteer.

April 3—SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to tithe.

April 4—Give up eating chicken today. Donate 50 cents for the number of times you ate chicken last week.



April 5—Read your favorite of Jesus' parables today, thanking God for your godly teachers throughout the years. Give at least 15 cents for each Sunday School teacher you have had.

April 6—No cookies today. Place 25 cents for each type of cookie you have in your house.

April 7—If you garden and it is warm enough, work in the garden today, donating 10 cents for each type of flower, plant, or vegetable in your garden. If it is still too cold, plan your garden and donate the same.

April 8—Give up fish today. Donate 10 cents for each type you like.

April 9—Donate some time to help get your church ready for visitors on Easter. Invite others to join you, and give 50 cents for each hour you volunteer.

April 10—SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to tithe.

April 11—Pass on the butter and margarine. Give 25 cents for average number of times you eat them in a day.

April 12—Read one of the stories about Jesus and a storm at sea. Think about the storms you are facing or have faced, and give \$1 in gratitude for Jesus walking with you through those storms.

April 13—If possible, eat only fruits and vegetables today, and give 10 cents for each type of fruit in your fridge or on your shelves.

April 14— Give up entertainment on the computer today, and donate 50 cents per computer/PDA/smart phone you use daily.

April 15—No sodas today. Donate the cost of the number you would normally drink.

April 16—Donate some time to help get your church ready for visitors on Easter. Invite others to join you, and give 50 cents for each hour you volunteer.

April 17—Palm Sunday—SUNDAYS ARE FREE! Don't forget to tithe.

April 18—Give up ice cream or frozen yogurt today, and donate the cost of an ice cream cone.

April 19—Spend time reading the story of the Triumphal Entry from the Bible, and give 50 cents for each plant you have in your house.

April 20—No caffeine or chocolate today. Give the cost of a cup of coffee to help fulfill the Great Commission.

April 21—Read the story of the Last Supper today. Using your imagination, think about the event from each disciple's perspective. Donate \$1 to help reach the lost around the world.

April 22—Good Friday—If possible, fast at least one meal today. Spend the time reading of Christ's trial and crucifixion. Give \$1 for the World Evangelism Fund.

April 23—From Scripture, reread what transpired in Christ's last week. Think about all Jesus gave up just for you and give any amount out of gratitude for your salvation.

April 24—Easter—Take your Easter Offering to church and celebrate Christ's Resurrection!



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NMI Editor

Missionary Feud

You may use this as a mission education lesson or just a fun review time. In fact, you could even develop your own questions after a *Living Mission* presentation.

Set up the platform to resemble the game show. You can make it as involved or as simple as you like (maybe some applause signs).

See the instructions for the game board on at the end of this article. Have two people to help with the board: one to open the windows as the answers are given and both to refill the answers after each question (one person will pull out the old answers while the other inserts the new ones). The helpers will need to practice the refill process so there is no lag time.

You will need two families or Sunday School classes to participate with five members on each team.

Host: Hello, and welcome to tonight's episode of Missionary Feud. Tonight we have a couple of families that are itchin' to win some great prizes because of their great knowledge of mission information! Let's meet these families now. First we have the (last name) family. Introduce your family, (first name of head of household).

(Family #1 head of household makes introductions.)

Host: Next we have the (last name) family. Introduce your family, (first name of head of household).

(Family #2 head of household makes introductions.)

Host: Let's go over the game rules for this evening. Two contestants—one member of each family—will face off at the podium. I will ask a question with several possible answers. The one to make this sound first (*make an funny squeeking sound and have both teams practice it*), may answer first. If the answer is the #1 answer on the board, that family has the option to pass or play.

If it is not the #1 answer on the board, you will hear this noise. (*Have a person offstage make a horrible honking noise; again, the funnier the better.*) At that point, the other contestant will get a chance to answer the #1 answer. The contestant with the answer that is highest on the list has the option to determine whether their family will play the round or pass it to their opponents.

The team that plays the round then has the opportunity to fill in the other answers. If the answer is correct, it will be uncovered. If not, again, you will hear this

MISSIONARY
FEUD

sound (*horrible honking noise*) that signifies a strike. After three strikes, play is passed to the other team to see if they can come up with a correct answer to win the round. If the incorrect answer is given, the opposing team wins that round.

Families receive one point for each round won. At the end of nine rounds, the family with the most points wins Missionary Feud.

Do both families fully understand the rules? Are we ready to get started? Our first two players will be (*names of heads of households*). Let's play Missionary Feud.

(Audience applauds.)

Host: Question #1—The top 5 answers are on the board. Name the top 5 projects for which Alabaster funds are used.

Answers in order:

1. Land
2. Churches
3. Schools
4. Medical Facilities
5. Homes for Missionaries and National Workers

ALABASTER

(Following rules listed above, the family that chose to play answers the question. The Host responds to correct answers as expected. If incorrect, use the following comments for incorrect answers. These will not be repeated after each question in the script, but are to be used on each question.)

Incorrect Answer Text

Host: *(After each question, gives the number of strikes. After the third strike, Host says the following.)* The (*last name*) family has three strikes. This gives the (*last name*) family a chance to steal. If you can give me a correct answer, you will have a chance to win this round.

(After the winning team is determined. Points are awarded, and the helpers change the answers on the board.)

Play Resumes

Host: Question #2—The top 4 answers on the board. Name 4 ministries that make up Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

Answers in order:

1. Disaster Response
2. Child Sponsorship
3. Health Care
4. AIDS Ministries

NAZARENE
COMPASSIONATE
MINISTRIES

(Families' responses, points awarded, and helpers change answers.)

Host: Question #3—The top 6 answers on the board. Name the 6 NMI mission books for this year.

Answers in order:

1. *African Dreams: Church Growth in the Horn of Africa*
2. *Footprints on the Door: Fifty Years in Papua New Guinea*
3. *Nothing Stands in Our Way: Stories of Nazarene World Broadcast*
4. *Traffic: Sold into Slavery*
5. *Paul Orjala: The Man, the Mission*
6. *Vistas: The Changing Face of Nazarene Missions*

NMI
MISSION
BOOKS

(Families' responses, points awarded, and helpers change answers.)

Host: Question #4—The top 5 answers are on the board. Name the 5 words that LINKS stands for.

Answers in order:

1. Loving
2. Interested
3. Nazarenes
4. Knowing
5. Sharing

L.I.N.K.S.

(Families' responses, points awarded, and helpers change answers.)

Host: Time for a commercial break. We'll be right back.

(See commercial script on the last page of this article.)

Host: Welcome back to Missionary Feud. The *(last name)* family and the *(last name)* family have a very competitive game going this evening. The *(last name)* family leads with a total of ____ points, while the *(last name)* family isn't out of the running yet with a total of ____ points. Are we ready to continue Missionary Feud?

(Audience and contestants cheer and applaud.)

Host: Question #5—The top 4 answers are on the board. Name the top 4 ways you can give to Missionary Health Care.

Answers in order:

1. Distinguished Service Awards
2. Memorial Roll
3. Gifts from the Heart
4. Special Missionary Health Care Offering

MISSIONARY
HEALTH
CARE

(Families' responses, points awarded, and helpers change answers.)

Host: Question #6—The top 3 answers on the board. Name 3 methods of how the World Evangelism Fund is received.

Answers in order:

1. Thanksgiving Offering
2. Easter Offering
3. Faith Promise

WORLD
EVANGELISM
FUND

(Families' responses, points awarded, and helpers change answers.)

Host: Question #7—The top 5 answers are on the board. Name 5 mission volunteer ministries through the Church of the Nazarene.

Answers in order:

1. Work & Witness
2. Mission Corps
3. Youth in Mission
4. YouthServe
5. Nazarene Medical Organization

VOLUNTEER
MINISTRIES

(Families' responses, points awarded, and helpers change answers.)

Host: Question #8—The top 5 answers are on the board. Name 5 occupations that people train for in Nazarene Bible schools and seminaries and in other institutions of higher education.

Answers in order:

1. Pastors
2. Teachers
3. Evangelists
4. Nurses
5. Vocational and Lay Leaders

BIBLE SCHOOLS
AND SEMINARIES

(Families' responses, points awarded, and helpers change answers.)

Host: Final question! Question #9—The top 3 answers are on our board. Name the 3 ways World Mission Broadcast sends holiness programming to its listeners.

Answers in order:

1. Radio
2. Television
3. Internet

WORLD
MISSION
BROADCAST

(Families' responses, and points awarded.)

Host: The final score is: *(last name)* family— ____ points and the *(last name)* family— ____ points. The *(last name)* family wins! (*Winning family cheers and jumps up and down.*)

Thank you for joining us tonight. We hope to see you again. Who knows, it may be your family on the next Missionary Feud!

Delilah Johnson
Seymour, Missouri

Commercial

Have you traveled the world over and wonder what is left to accomplish? Have you racked up so many frequent flyer miles that you could travel to the moon and back? Do you need something new and exciting in your life? Do you only have one nerve left and your boss is standing on it? Can you just not take any more?!?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, do I have the perfect pick-er-upper pill for you!

Work & Witness Pills are the best medicine since the invention of ibuprofen. These pills will give you such a boost in life that you will be more than eager to do mission work. They will give you the energy for demolition work, the knowledge of plumbing and drywall, and the desire to participate in general carpentry. There have also been some side effects of people wanting to paint and maybe even wallpaper. There have even been recorded incidents of people feeling the need to clean up, cook, or even provide childcare. Yes, I said childcare.



These are MIRACLE pills I tell you. This medicine can decrease your risk of life-threatening stress and problems, including lack of sleep. Such risks will continue to decrease the longer you use it.

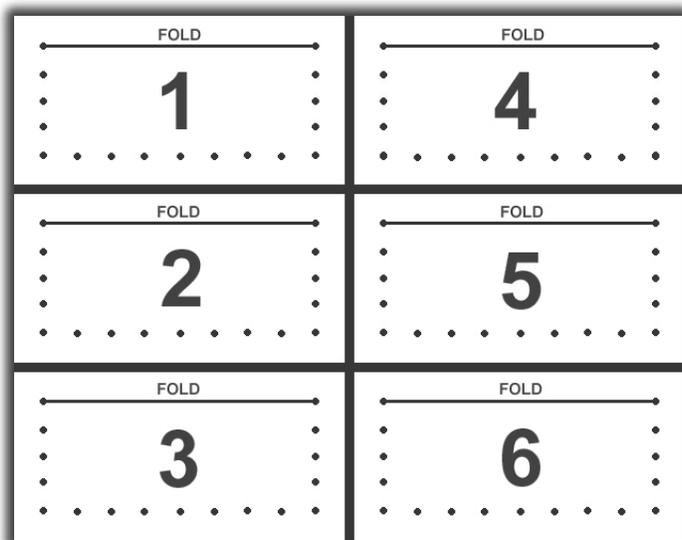
Seek emergency medical help if you have any symptoms of not wanting to be involved in missions or if you have anxiety about not wanting to be involved in building God's church to its fullest. Call your doctor at once if you have any symptoms of lazy, apathetic, languorous, lethargic, listless, sluggish, or generally bad attitudes toward mission work.

The FDA's official notice straight from God's Word is: "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16).

The need is now! Work & Witness Pills—the best medicine around—TRULY!

Instructions: Using a standard piece of poster board, divide into six sections according to the diagram. Draw the bold solid line on with a marker. With a pencil, lightly draw the dotted line and the light solid line. Cut the three sides of each section marked by the dotted line and fold on the light solid line. Number each of the sections according to the diagram.

On separate pieces of poster board or construction paper, write answers on strips that are tall and wide enough to cover each window behind the flap. Tape the answers, according to their numerical order, after each question.





Nazarene World Week Of Prayer

February 27–March 5, 2011

Coordinating with the interdenominational World Day of Prayer, the Nazarene World Week of Prayer (NWWP) is envisioned that this event will re-ignite prayer flames, deepen commitment to prayer and fasting, and precipitate revival.

Prayer Plan:

- Sunday—Africa
- Monday—Asia-Pacific
- Tuesday—Caribbean
- Wednesday—Eurasia
- Thursday—Mexico, Central America
- Friday—South America
- Saturday—United States, Canada

***“Call to Me, and I
will answer you, and
show you great and
mighty things, which
you do not know.”***

—Jeremiah 33:3, NKJV

Prayer requests for each region will be available on the NMI web site (www.nazarenemissions.org/10057/story.aspx) two weeks prior to NWWP.

Requests will also be available on the Prayer Mobilization Line daily (913-577-2990).

What Can You Do?

- Local presidents are encouraged to copy and distribute requests for the week and to challenge their people to pray.
- Have the church open for prayer throughout the week, allowing people to come in and pray for the regions as time allows or at set times.
- Have a special prayer service in which your church prays for each region, either as individuals, groups, or corporately.



Welcome, Sara-Jade Karise Brown!

Congratulations to Global NMI President Jennifer Brown and her husband, Lionel, who became grandparents for the first time on January 19, 2011. Sara-Jade Karise Brown was born to son Darren and daughter-in-law Kimberly Brown at approximately 7:45 p.m. that evening and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Sara-Jade, her parents, her grandparents, and her uncles are reportedly all doing well.



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- www.refleterdieu.com (French)

Remind your people that their giving to World Mission Broadcast helps make a great resource like ReflectingGod.com possible.

Finance Options for Missionary Kids at Nazarene Colleges and Universities

Many Nazarene colleges and universities have grants, discounts, and scholarships for missionary kids. If you are a missionary and would like to know more, please contact Global Mission Mobilization for the opportunities.

Have You Returned the *Global Mission DVD* Survey?

Recently, your church should have received the latest *Global Mission DVD (GMDVD)*—Volume 1, 2011. Inside the case was a survey card. We are seeking your opinion regarding the possibility of taking the *GMDVD* to online delivery only via the Nazarene Media Library (nazarenemedia.org).

We are looking for ways to streamline delivery of ministry tools, while also reducing costs. **The highest priority, however, is that you continue to have access to video stories of what God is doing around the world. We don't want to make any decision that puts that priority at risk.**

So we need your input. We need to know if your church has the ability to access the *GMDVD* stories via online download.

Would you please take a moment to go to this Web site (www.gmdvd.org) and fill out a simple one-question survey? If you prefer, you can also fill out the survey card sent with your church's *GMDVD* and mail it to us.

We are committed to keeping you informed about God's workings among His people. If we can do so while saving the denomination some costs, so much the better.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Convention Ordering Format to Be the Same

We have learned from Nazarene Publishing House (NPH) that ordering NMI materials will be done the same as last year—with volunteers from the district receiving the order forms from the churches, filling the orders, and distributing them.

If you would like to help organize the NPH orders on your district, please contact your district NMI president and ask if you may help in this challenging task.

'Are We There Yet?'

"Are we there yet?" How many times has a parent heard that question when traveling with younger children? A thousand? Well, maybe not that many, but plenty of times.

That same question is probably floating around in many minds regarding local churches being able to schedule a mission speaker online.

There are plans to release the secure, online Missionary Scheduling site to local churches on **districts that have chosen this option**. Districts that did not choose this option will continue to use the district deputation coordinator to schedule a mission speaker for local churches. Presently, all district NMI presidents and deputation coordinators are able to access and schedule mission speakers through this secure site.

In order to release the system to local churches, several logistical processes must be completed. This is a secure site, and that must be maintained. Deputation Ministries must work closely with the Global Ministry Center's Information Technology personnel in accomplishing our goal. When the release to local churches is ready, there will be an announcement of such action.

How do you respond when your child asks, "Are we there yet?"

Often I would say, "You will be one of the first persons to know when we get there."

Wayne LaForce
Deputation Coordinator

Selected Giving Receipts for December 2010

For your information, the Selected Receipts Report for December 2010 is attached at the end of this issue. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

Reminder of Funding the Mission Terminology

Keep in mind that many of the terms surrounding mission giving have changed with the implementation of the Funding the Mission giving plan. A page of those definitions is attached at the end of this issue.

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Our Mission

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

Funding the Mission December 31, 2010

Period 2011/003

	Current YTD	Previous YTD	Variance YTD	% Var YTD	Previous Fiscal Year Annual	Current YTD Goal	YTD Dollar Variance	% Variance
World Evangelism Fund	9,162,577	10,410,052	(1,247,476)	-11.98%	44,123,911	10,277,316	(1,114,739)	-10.85%
WEF Plus	929,577	0	929,577		4,008			
Mission Specials	5,797,381	5,177,342	620,039	11.98%	25,100,994			
Sub-Total	15,889,535	15,587,394	302,140	1.94%	69,228,913			
Mission Special Detail								
Alabaster	1,011,260	1,037,491	(26,231)	-2.53%	2,781,658			
Compassionate Min - USA/Canada	120,481	130,530	(10,049)	-7.70%	491,254			
Compassionate Ministries - GM	771,835	739,920	31,915	4.31%	7,144,672			
Child Sponsorship	947,270	701,023	246,248	35.13%	3,048,810			
Deputation	461,054	434,360	26,694	6.15%	1,816,655			
Jesus Film	852,014	712,182	139,832	19.63%	2,369,327			
LINKS	84,969	90,899	(5,929)	-6.52%	231,335			
Missionary Christmas Fund	30,331	28,479	1,852	6.50%	61,015			
Missionary Health Care - Offerings	20,897	16,644	4,253	25.55%	204,573			
Missionary Health Care-Memorial Roll	20,466	21,880	(1,414)	-6.46%	211,838			
Missionary Health Care - DSA	15,170	17,354	(2,184)	-12.59%	90,352			
Work & Witness	406,731	296,054	110,677	37.38%	1,722,868			
World Mission Broadcast	85,222	68,310	16,913	24.76%	437,233			
Vacation Bible School	41,169	47,886	(6,717)	-14.03%	331,826			
Other (i.e. Field,Partnerships, etc.)	928,511	834,331	94,181	11.29%	4,157,578			



New Plan, New Terminology

The shift from an outdated, expense-based formula to a global percentage for funding our global mission involves a change in mindset for many affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene. In order to ease this shift, we are providing the terms we’re using to describe the Funding the Mission plan in our resources, our Web sites, and our reports. We will encourage missional faithfulness and passion by the terms we choose and use. Also included at the end is a list of words that no longer have an equivalent, and have been rendered outdated by the global percentage.

OLD TERM	NEW TERM(S)	EXAMPLE
Budget	Fund	Rather than General Budget, we will raise the World Evangelism Fund
Formula	Funding plan	the plan for Funding the Mission is a percentage of current-year income
Raised for all purposes	Church income	The global percentages are based on church income, formerly referred to as raised for all purposes on the Annual Pastor’s Report
Paying, taking (an offering)	Supporting, giving	Biblical terms like sacrificing, honoring, tithing are preferable than terms that resemble taxation
Assignment, apportionment.	Allocation	Apportionments have been replaced by the percentage, which re-aligns global support evenly across churches around the world
Overpaying	Giving beyond goals	Churches that give beyond the established base percentage will be recognized (as in the past)
Paid in full.	Full support of Global Mission	We will encourage churches to fully support the Global Mission; awareness and education about our connectional missions will enable this
Awards	Recognitions	Along with renaming the old awards, the term recognition better describes this “job well done”
Accepted budget.	Allocation, percentage.	Budgets have been replaced by the percentages: 5.5% for WEF, 2.0% for P&B and 2.5% for EDU