



Tonya Kucey Resigns to Follow God's Call

The NMI Office recently received word that Rev. Tonya Kucey, the Global NMI Council representative for the Canada Region, was resigning her position on the Council. Tonya, her husband, and two of her three children will be moving to the Mesoamerica Region where they will serve as Mission Corps volunteers.

Global NMI Director Daniel Ketchum had the following to say about their assignment:

Rev. Tonya and Darin Kucey have been praying several years about serving the Lord and the Church on the mission field outside of the USA/Canada Region. I participated in their interview with Dr. Bustle and Global Mission colleagues and have been praying with them these years.

How the call took place is an interesting story, and the Kuceys will need your prayers in the coming weeks and months. Following, in the Kuceys' own words, is how they all arrived at this call.

Kucey Missionary Call and Profile

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' and I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' He said, 'Go....'" Isaiah 6:8-9.

Wow! What a scene—the prophet Isaiah having a private, personal, powerful encounter with the holy and majestic God and immediately experiencing change.

Like Isaiah, we have seen and heard the voice of the Lord saying, ***"Whom shall I send? And who will go with us?"***

Karissa heard the call of God to serve in missions while listening to a song by Downhere called, "Here I Am." She expressed her desire to obey God should He want her to serve Him as a missionary in another country.

Cory heard the call to go at six years of age when he met Evie Gardner, Nazarene missionary on the African Region. As Evie visited

his Sunday School class and invited the children to consider serving God as a missionary, Cory said, **"Here I am. Send me!"** In recent years, he has "test-driven" his call by serving and supporting Work & Witness teams to Sri Lanka and Zambia, as well as serving with Harvest House Ministries while evangelizing in Nova Scotia.

Darin progressively heard the voice of God calling him to the mission field over a period of years. The "wooing" of the Holy Spirit eventually became too powerful to deny, so Darin submitted saying, **"Here am I. Send me!"** His deep desire is to make a difference in the lives of others to the glory of his Lord.

Tonya started sensing God's call to missionary service during her role as a local Nazarene Missions International (NMI) president. Like Darin, the call progressed as she served as the Canada Atlantic District's mission call coordinator and when she was elected to the Global NMI Council in 2007. Intermingled with these roles were several Work & Witness teams, as well as her role as senior pastor of a local congregation.

This time the call to serve as missionaries on the Mesoamerica Region is a family call. Like the song goes, **"If you say...'go'...we will go."**

Our family can't do this alone! We prayerfully covet the prayers, support, and encouragement of others. Paul put it this desire so effectively when he wrote, ***"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."***

Prayer Requests

- Our son, Ryan, who will remain in Canada, attending Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. A praise report is that Ryan is continuing to recover from his near fatal car accident and is doing exceptionally well at University.
- Raising finances. Tonya has resigned her pastorate position. While we are confident that this is God's plan for our family, we are left without 2/3 of our monthly income while the expenses stay the same.
- Friends left behind, as well those we hope to meet in Costa Rica. This burden is especially keen for Cory and Karissa.
- Family and friends who will pray on our behalf.

- Those who live where we will serve and how we can effectively serve.
- Cory was shot in the eye with a pellet gun in early January. Due to an excess build-up of blood, the back of the eye has yet to be fully assessed. Until the doctors are able to see beyond the blood, we will not know the full extent of the damage done to the eye or what the real threat is to his eye sight. We have also been in contact with the household where Cory was shot, and now there are lawyers involved; something that we pray will not add to the burden of the situation.
- Tonya has been invited to speak at a local United Church (similar to a Methodist Church found in the U.S.A.), and we recently had a Skype interview with a Nazarene Church in British Columbia. Please pray that the Lord would bless us and make us a blessing in each of these opportunities to share.

“Lord God, here we are. Send us and send help our way!”

Are you willing to be an answer to our prayers?

FAQ

1. **Where will you live?** We will rent an apartment at the Nazarene Seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica.
2. **How will you be funded?** We will be serving as Mission Corps missionaries. This means that we are not funded by World Evangelism Funds, but will need to raise our own funds for travel, passports, vaccines, rent, food, education for Cory and Karissa, etc.
3. **How long will you serve there?** Mission Corps missionaries usually sign contracts for 3, 6, or 12 months at a time. We expect to be in Costa Rica for the minimum of 12 months and re-sign following the first year based upon the ministry demands on the Mesoamerica Region.
4. **What will you do?**

Darin will volunteer in the Mesoamerica Regional Office in the Communications/IT Department overseeing the development of the Region’s Web site. He will also probably assist in the development of English multimedia material for the regional and global church.

Because of the need for both English- and French-speaking IT personnel, Cory expects to serve in the regional office, using both his French and computer skills to be of service to the French-speaking areas of the Caribbean.

Tonya has not be given an official assignment by the Region but feels that God has given her the assignment of supporting Darin’s ministry roles and responsibilities, as well as helping to homeschool the children.

5. **What about Ryan, your oldest son?** Ryan attends Saint Mary’s University in Nova Scotia. He will not relocate, but will look forward to visiting his family during various college breaks.

6. **Where will you go to church?** We will attend a Spanish-speaking Nazarene Church approximately 20 minutes from the Seminary
7. **When will you leave for the mission field?** The official date of departure has not been determined but is expected to be early in 2012.

Quotes from the Kuceys

DARIN

“Over the past several years, God has longing and calling to use the gifts and abilities that He has given me to further His kingdom. He has given me a growing desire to make a difference in this world for Him, instead of working for man. To leave good jobs, a beautiful home, beloved pets, a safe stable environment, and step out into the unknown as a volunteer missionary is a big leap of faith for our family. But, we know that, where God sends us, He will be there before us and with us. I trust He will provide all our needs.”

TONYA

“I am in awe as I look back over the years to see how the Lord has been faithfully leading me to this time and season of service. He was preparing me as a missionary before I even realized the call. I am so grateful for His grace, and I trust that His faithfulness and grace will continue to be with us as we step out in obedience to His call to serve Him in Costa Rica.”

CORY

“I have always really known that God wanted me to be a missionary, ever since I was six years old. Nothing has changed. I am ready to leave Canada. I am ready to go to Costa Rica and serve Him with my family. It is not just gonna be my parents working for the Lord; it is gonna be me and my sister serving too. I am looking forward to the adventure of serving Jesus in a different culture.”

KARISSA

“I feel really excited about being a missionary to Costa Rica, but I am a bit nervous about leaving Canada. I wish I didn’t have to leave home, but I am looking forward to starting new friendships, especially with the other missionary kids. It is gonna be fun to serve Jesus with them, too.”



The Kucey family—(top row from left) Tonya and Darin (bottom row from left) Cory, Karissa, Ryan

Richard L. Bahan Elected to Represent Canada

Effective 1 February 2012, Richard L. Bahan will represent Canada on the Global NMI Council, succeeding Rev. Tonya Kucey who served in this role for five years. He was elected by majority of ballots cast by the five district NMI presidents in Canada.

Richard, the son of a Nazarene pastor and former district superintendent of the Canada Atlantic District, was born in Red Deer, Alberta, and graduated from high school in Victoria. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Victoria, a Bachelor of Education from the University of British Columbia, and completed a Masters of Administration from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

Richard has been employed in education for 29 years—12 years as a teacher and 17 as a high school vice principal and principal. He retired from education and is now employed as owner/operator of a residential and light commercial renovation company in Calgary, Alberta.

Richard and his wife, Patricia, met at Canadian Nazarene College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and have been married 38 years. They live in Calgary and attend Calgary First Church of the Nazarene, where Richard serves as usher and until recently served on the church's Staff Wellness and Human Resources Committee. The Bahans have four adult children—two of whom are married—and two grandchildren.

Missions has long been one of Richard's passions, especially Work & Witness and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. He has led numerous local missions projects, as well as global projects in Honduras, Ecuador, and Haiti.

For three years, he has served on the Canada West District NMI Council as a Calgary area representative and currently serves as vice president of the District Council. Last year, Richard was coordinator for a Work & Witness project to one of the district's churches.

"I heard Richard speak on the Canada West District and found him to be exceptionally passionate—one of the most passionate men for missions I have encountered," says outgoing Global NMI Council member Tonya Kucey. "He was engaging and clearly moved with great emotion for Christ and Nazarene missions."

Richard succeeds Rev. Kucey, who resigned from the Global Council in December 2011 to serve with her family as Mission Corps missionaries on the Mesoamerica Region. The NMI Executive Committee moved immediately to elect a Canadian representative to enable Tonya to transfer information to Richard. The election will also enable Richard to attend the February Global Council meeting.

We encourage you to write Tonya Kucey at <tck@qcpc.ca> to express gratitude and to assure her and Darin of your prayers for their family as they prepare to move to their new ministries in Mesoamerica. We also encourage you to write Richard Bahan at <richbahan@me.com> to welcome him to the global NMI leadership team.



Richard L. Bahan



Developing an Extraordinary Mission Team—Part Seven

Transforming Groups to Teams

Many mission leaders remain unclear about how to develop a real team. A team is not just any group working together. Committees, councils, and task forces are not necessarily teams. A group does not necessarily become a team simply because someone calls it a team. The workforce of any organization—such as a cluster of missionaries, a district advisory board, a local church board, or an NMI council—becomes a team by prayerful intention, united expression, and mutual collaboration. Organizations talk about teamwork, but talk about teamwork is different from actually becoming a team.

Most work units experience three phases. They pass through these phases at different rates and exhibit different patterns of interaction at each phase. The initial phase is a **collection of individuals**. This phase tends to be individual-centered with individual goals rather than group goals, with little shared responsibility, avoidance of change, and failure to deal with conflict.

A **group** is the second phase. In a group, members develop a group identity, define their roles, clarify their purposes, and establish norms for working together. Groups tend to be leader-centered. The leader provides direction, assigns tasks, reviews performance, and is the primary focus of communication.

Groups typically undergo different stages of development in their life cycles. In *Organizational Behavior*, Schermerhorn, Hunt, and Osborn describe these stages as forming, storming, norming, performing, and adjourning. They believe that certain developmental processes occur in building **teams**.

Team-building requires evaluating the functioning of a group and then initiating changes to improve teamwork and group effectiveness. Both groups and teams must master challenges in the early stages of development. The entire team-building process is highly collaborative. Everyone is expected to participate actively in evaluating group operations and in making decisions about what needs to be done to improve the team.

Not all groups are teams. How can we detect the difference? Perhaps a simple, comparative list from Katzenbach and Smith will help to illustrate the difference:

Single-Leader Group

- Strong, clearly focused leader
- Individual accountability
- Purpose = organizational mission
- Individual outcomes and results
- Efficient meetings based on leader's agenda
- Measures effectiveness indirectly by influence on others
- Discusses, decides, and delegate

Real Team

- Shared, collaborative leadership roles
- Individual and mutual accountability
- Specific purpose that team delivers
- Collective outcomes and results
- Open dialogue, active problem-solving
- Measures performance directly by assessing collective outcomes
- Dialogues, decides, does real work

In *The Wisdom of Teams* Katzenbach and Smith define the third phase of group development as follows: “A **team** is a small number of people with complementary skills who are committed to a common purpose, performance goals, and approach for which they hold themselves mutually accountable.”

How can your local mission leadership group become an extraordinary team? Could you begin by discussing small number, complementary skills, commitment, common purpose, performance goals, and mutual accountability? We will continue to show how to develop extraordinary teams around this definition next month.



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



We Serve a Big God!

Fellow Mission Partners,

In his book *Living the Good Life*, John Ortberg tells of a friend and himself who spent two weeks preaching in Ethiopia when it was still under Marxist rule. The underground churches there asked if he would bring 50 study Bibles. He had reservations about smuggling bibles but decided to give it a try.

Sure enough, the customs officer opened the suitcases and confiscated the Bibles. A few days later, Ortberg received a call that the head customs official wanted an interview with the leaders of the churches. They feared the worst, as they knew that church leaders in Ethiopia spent a lot of time in prison. In fact, the leaders called prison “the university.” They said among themselves, “This is where God would send His leaders when He really wanted them to grow.” Can you imagine the surprise of Ortberg and his friend when the official told them that the Bibles were illegal, then asked if those who had confiscated the Bibles could keep them? The head official also wanted one for himself! He added the condition that the two men tell no one. That day, Ortberg confessed that his faith in God was greatly enlarged.

As we embark on a new year, let us be reminded that we serve a big God and that we need to step out in faith—launch out in the deep. Prove Him! Like the Apostle Paul, we too can discover that God’s power is at work within us, and He is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or ever imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

Let us prove God this year as we seek to disciple others and educate them about global happenings and needs. Let us prove Him in our praying and, yes, in our giving this year as we support missions, for instance in the upcoming Alabaster offering. By faith we must begin to see more churches being built for discipling the many souls that will come to the Lord. We must envision those people whose lives will be directly or indirectly impacted by the clinics, hospitals, schools, and other facilities that are built for the cause of Christ.

Nazarenes love to give. We can never outgive God. He truly works in a mysterious way. “...The LORD your God...is a great and awesome God” (Deuteronomy 7:21).

“As we embark
on a new year,
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Jennifer Brown
Global NMI President

Location, Location, Location!

What is the primary rule of real estate? Location, location, location!

What is the destination of Alabaster funds? Location, location, location!

Choose a prime location in your church to promote Alabaster—highly visible with lots of traffic. Use a real estate theme, and post signs (such as “For Sale,” “For Rent,” “Open House,” “Future Home of the Church of the Nazarene”) around a display of Alabaster boxes (or other containers marked for Alabaster).

Use real estate newspaper ads to cover a bulletin board and bright lettering to announce “FOR SALE” and invite everyone to the “Open House.”

On the designated date, host an “Open House” at the display and distribute Alabaster boxes and handouts explaining the purpose of Alabaster offerings. (The Alabaster projects flyer is a great way for people to see how Alabaster giving through the years has resulted in many buildings and plots of land.) Be sure to include teens and children when distributing the boxes and information; having them help might also spur their interest.

When explaining Alabaster, include suggestions for placing personal Alabaster boxes in prime locations—in the bedroom where pockets are emptied nightly, in the kitchen where everyone has access and stray coins can be easily placed, near laundry facilities (all money found in pockets goes in Alabaster); in each child/teen’s room; and in the car—instead of dropping change in your purse or tray, place it in your Alabaster box.

Claim “prime property” for Alabaster!



*Martha Bean
Central U.S.A. Regional
Global Council Representative*

Missionary Care: LINKS Update

LINKS reflects the mission statement of Nazarene Missions International (NMI): To mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating. By linking specific missionaries to local churches, Nazarenes can care for and support the global missionary family and know some of that family personally.

The new LINKS cycle for 2012-2014 includes changes for many, changes to facilitate more communication between the districts and the missionaries on the field, new faces, new friendships, and new fields to explore.

We are also changing one aspect in LINKS giving to comply with current IRS requirements. To add Long-term Mission Corps to LINKS has been a great move. More and more, God calls families and individuals to leave their comfort zones and minister in new areas as volunteers. These missionaries are so important to the work of the Kingdom, and their partnership is something we in the Global NMI Office value highly.

Because Long-term Mission Corps volunteers are fully self-funded, LINKS giving is a blessing that helps keep the missionary on the field longer and is a great encouragement as he or she follows God’s call. To be in compliance with IRS requirements, any gifts received through LINKS for Long-term Mission Corps volunteers must be sent to that volunteer’s Mission Corps support account. We can no longer facilitate personal LINKS gifts for Mission Corp volunteers.

Effective immediately, LINKS funds sent to the Global Ministry Center for Mission Corps missionaries will be placed in their ministry account.

Financial support is only one aspect of LINKS. Prayer coverage is essential, especially as our missionaries face a hostile world. The encouragement and discipleship between a local congregation and a missionary on the field has led repeatedly to lasting friendships and helped to develop a passion for missions in the hearts of our youth and young leaders through the years.

As missionaries share their stories, their struggles, and God’s triumphs we learn how He is moving and how we can be a part of His work. This education is vital to our growth as Christians and especially as a mission-minded church.

Through the four objectives of NMI—praying, discipling, giving, and educating—we support and encourage our missionaries. Then, we receive blessing in return.

Liz Hollenberg
Global LINKS Coordinator



Praying

Nazarene World Week Of Prayer

February 26 - March 3, 2012

Do you have questions that seem to have no answer? Are you facing issues that seem too large to handle? You are not unique, alone, or the first to feel this way.

Just to put your problems in perspective, Daniel was notified by the king's guard that he was going to be executed because the other "wise men" couldn't tell the king what his dream was about. Daniel asked the king to give him a chance before the ax fell. With this short reprieve, Daniel went to his three best friends and told them to start praying! They did, and God answered!

The *Nazarene World Week of Prayer* is February 26–March 3, 2012. The *World Day of Prayer* is March 2, 2012. What would happen if we gave God all of the issues and problems that are too big for us? We might find out that God is concerned about us and that He truly wants to answer our prayers. By the way, if you do (pray), and He does (answer), it might be a good idea to let someone know what an awesome God you serve. Daniel did.

Praise be to the name of God forever and ever;
wisdom and power are his.
He changes times and seasons;
he deposes kings and raises up others.
He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to the discerning.
He reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what lies in darkness,
and light dwells with him.

Daniel 2:20-22, NIV

Specific prayer requests for each region and for the persecuted church will be featured on the Prayer Mobilization Line during the Nazarene World Week of Prayer and can be found on the NMI Web site (www.nazarenemissions.org). (Note the slight change of the Regional Prayer Plan, due to the creation of the Mesoamerica Region.)

Pastor Richard Coleman
Shepherd Church of the Nazarene
Lexington, South Carolina

Regional Prayer Plan

Sunday—Africa
Monday—Asia-Pacific
Tuesday— Eurasia
Wednesday—Mesoamerica
Thursday—South America
Friday—Canada/United States
Saturday—Persecuted Church

**Reaching
The World
On Our Knees**

Nazarene World Week of Prayer will be observed February 26 - March 3, 2012. This annual event unites Nazarenes around the world in prayer for the Church of the Nazarene, focusing our intercession on a different area each day of the week.

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Prayer Mobilization Line (PML)
913-577-2990

PML provides the latest praise reports and prayer requests for the Church of the Nazarene.

For more information and to subscribe to PML via e-mail, visit www.nazarenemissions.org

Nazarene
February 26 - March 3, 2012
WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER

Helping Children Develop Mission-Awareness

Challenge kids to understand that they need to reach out to others and help them activate their faith. This includes:

- Let them pray for missionaries and other mission requests.
- Teach about missionaries and mission stories, why/how they go to world areas, their calling, etc.
- Ask missionaries to tell about their calling.
- Hold up a flag (or picture of one) and pray for that nation.
- If your church has a Vacation Bible School, ask the regular attending kids to arrive early to pray together before it begins prior to the arrival of visitors.
- Teach about the book of Acts. Provide a traveling map for the kids to follow and color. Give them pictures of people from different ethnic backgrounds to color.
- Ask someone from a different country than your own to tell about their country and special things about their culture with the children. Have the person shake the hand of each child at the beginning.
- Ask kids: When your friends look at you, do they see Jesus? Do you share Jesus with your friends? If not, why not? If yes, what happens then?

Tools for teaching kids about missions:

- Wordless Book/Bracelet—Instructions for making both can be found here (www.teenmissions.org/resources/wordless-book-bracelet).
- EvangeCube—Visit here (www.jfhp.org/resources/ministry_tools/evangecube.cfm) for details on how to purchase and instructions for use.
- A little present with a mirror inside. Ask the child, who does God want to see in heaven? Then give the child the small box. When the top is lifted, they see their own face.

Randa*
Eastern Mediterranean Field

* Last name omitted intentionally

Have You Heard About WindowKids?

WindowKids™ is dedicated to educating the next generation about the 10/40 Window and preparing Christian children to be global leaders who will impact this important region of the world. This site is produced by the Windows International Network (WIN), and there are sections for “Kids Only” and for “Parents.” Visit www.windowkids.com for more information.

The “Kids Only” section instructs children about what the 10/40 Window is, has coloring pages, games, recipes for snacks, 10/40 Window stories, prayer requests, and news.

The “Parents” section takes adults to the WIN Web site, giving them age-appropriate information on the 10/40 Window, as well as letting them see the WindowKids monthly newsletter so they can discuss the 10/40 Window with their children or the children in your church.



Alabaster in Sri Lanka

We received the letters below from leaders in Sri Lanka and how the Church of the Nazarene there has benefited from the ministry of Alabaster giving.

To promote the upcoming Alabaster offering, the letters may be used in the following ways:

- Print the letters in larger type, as well as the photos of the buildings, and post them on a bulletin board in a prominent place in your church, along with the date of the Alabaster offering.
- Download the photos into a PowerPoint presentation and have men read the accompanying letters from the pulpit. Ideally, present one photo and story each week over three weeks' time, so as not to take up too much service time. Follow the reading with a PowerPoint slide that provides the date of your church's Alabaster offering.
- Using the letters and the photos, create bulletin inserts, including the date of the Alabaster offering for your church.

Beniel Church of the Nazarene—Norton Bridge



I am Jinarani. I live in Norton Bridge, and I wish to share my testimony about the Church of the Nazarene of Norton Bridge.

In the end of 2001, a JESUS Film team came to our village and presented

the film with great difficulties. Our village is in a remote area, so it is difficult to get together in one place. Therefore, the team experienced a lot of hardship in gathering the people. They showed the JESUS Film anyhow.

Soon after this, the team did the follow-up, and we accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior. Thereafter, we started to pray on Sundays in a believer's house. After some time, more than 30 believers were gathered in that house; therefore, we have to move to a new place.

Our church purchased a piece of land with a small hut where we began Sunday worship. Day by day, people came to know about

Jesus Christ, and it was necessary to build a church building. As an Alabaster project, a new church building was constructed, and now we worship on Sundays in this new building.

I am happy to say that God did miracle in our life.

Jinarani,
Norton Bridge,
Hatton,
Sri Lanka

Church of the Nazarene—Battulu Oya

I am Joseph Sivanathan. I started my ministry in 1988 at Puttalam District. An opportunity came for me to join and minister with



Church of the Nazarene. So I joined with Church of the Nazarene and started to show the JESUS Film in Puttalam District. Many people therefore came to know about Jesus, and they started to

believe Jesus as their Savior. It gives me boost up in my ministry. The number of people who follow Jesus are increasing day by day, and they get together for worshipping Jesus.

We had a very small place, which was a part of a house, that did not have enough space for that many people. So I decided to give part of my own land to Church of the Nazarene as an offering. We all prayed and fasted for a building to be built on this land.

Our Lord Jesus listened to our prayer and gave Alabaster funds. And He helped us to build a beautiful building.

I thank the Lord; and with my parishioners, I thank the people who give us the Alabaster fund. This help was a support and blessing for our ministry. All glory to our Lord.

Rev. Joseph Sivanathan,
Church of the Nazarene,
Sri Lanka

Shalom Church of the Nazarene—Hali Ela

Praise the Lord!

Sri Lanka is a very nice country, which has the Indian Ocean around it and has a lot of mountains. Sinhalese, Tamils, and Muslims are living with us here. Badulla is a town, which is in the Uva Province, with tea estates surrounding it.

Our Shalom ministry began in 1990 as an independent ministry at Badulla. We did not have a specific place to worship or do ministry. We rented a house for a time and worshipped there. Then we had to move to another location. It brought a lot trouble to us, because believers never come if we were at a great distance from them. We continued to move, because of the unstableness of places.

At last we came to our current place, Hali Ela, a town near Badulla, in 1997 and started our ministry here. At the end of 1999, we had 35 believers. But our place, which we rented, was not big enough for us to get together and worship in one place. At that time, we all continuously prayed for a stable place to pray and worship.

An opportunity came to join with Church of the Nazarene. So we joined with Church of the Nazarene in 2000 January and continued our ministry.

By 2000 October, we got a chance to purchase land through Church of the Nazarene. We started to build a church. We were in a position of raising funds for the building. God opened the door through the **Alabaster** fund. This resource was very helpful to us to build a building for our church. We are very happy for the funds we got from **Alabaster**.

The special thing is this is the first building built for Church of the Nazarene in Sri Lanka. And we are proud to say *Shalom Church of the Nazarene* is the first organized church for Church of the Nazarene in Sri Lanka. My point is, because of the **Alabaster** ministry, we can extend and continue our ministry in nearby areas, as well as in the whole of Sri Lanka.

All glory to our Lord.

Rev. V.K. Daniel,
Shalom Church of the Nazarene,
Badulla,
Sri Lanka





March World Evangelism Fund

Giving to Missions Eurasia-style

Several great ideas and profound thoughts on giving to missions were overheard at this year's Eurasia Regional Conference recently.

One person said to a district NMI president, "There are so many missions offerings. How many must we give to?" The district president responded, "How many blessings do you want to receive from the Lord? The more we give, the more blessings we receive."

When asked about their Easter Offering, a pastor said, "We only gave 150 rupees to missions, so we didn't think it was enough to send in." The district president replied, "If only 1 rupee is given to missions, send it!"

Last year was the first time NMI took the initiative to promote the World Evangelism Fund offerings on the India Northeast District, and missions giving has increased significantly as a result.

Creative ways to give to missions:

- Fruits, vegetables, etc., which are then sold at market price—India Northeast
- Make and sell doormats—India Northeast
- Prepare sweets and desserts for a bake sale with the proceeds going to missions—Lebanon and Germany Districts

Heidi Bowes
Regional NMI Coordinator
Eurasia Region

A Testimony of God's Faithfulness

A report from Asia-Pacific Regional NMI Coordinator Pauline Sheppard included a letter from a woman on the Australia Northern Pacific District. While the WEF PLUS Offering was received some time back, we want to rejoice with this woman over God's faithfulness.

The WEF PLUS offering has received considerable promotion on our district, in church, and at the recent NMI Convention. The Lord had been laying on my heart the amount He wanted me to give to the offering. Basically it was one week's wages; as I knew that, years ago, a previous district superintendent had encouraged all of the members to trust God and give one week's salary to the World Evangelism Fund. Then I further believed that God wanted me to give one extra day's wage to the WEF PLUS Offering.

But where was this money going to come from? Recently a number of medical bills plus days off work had left me feeling like I was not going to be able to do what God was asking me to do.

Then some members of the Work & Witness team that went to Papua New Guinea (PNG) helped me see matters in a different light. They spoke of the joy of the PNG Christians, who have very few material possessions and yet give so generously. Also our field strategy coordinator posed the question, at the district assembly, "Is anyone here filthy rich?" to which only one person replied affirmatively. But we were all jolted to reality when we realised that, yes, we are all "filthy rich" when compared to the majority of people living in the world today. So I prayed to God to help me give sacrificially the amount that He was asking me to.

Just at the right time, I received my tax refund cheque, and it was twice the amount it had been in previous years! I was absolutely amazed and thankful that God had provided the means for me to give the week's wages plus one extra day's wage to the WEF PLUS Offering.

What a great big God we serve! I am forever thankful for His wonderful provision.

2012-13 NMI Mission Books

NMI Mission Books for Adults/Youth

Adsideo**

by Bruce Nuffer

Adsideo is a Latin word that means “to walk beside.”

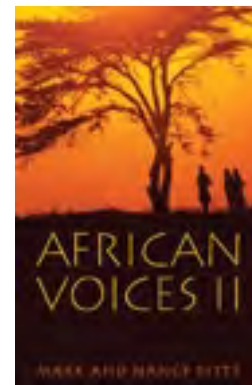
Jim and Gina Wicks were called to missions to minister—with others who had received the same calling—in a culture within the United States that is not their own. This mission team reflected God’s love as its members befriended an inner-city neighborhood and devoted themselves to meeting together, sharing meals, studying the Scriptures, and even living within the culture. This books shares the stories of a Christian community that leans on each other, celebrates and cries together, and shares life.



African Voices II**

by Mark and Nancy Pitts

African Voices II continues the fascinating glimpses into the lives of Nazarene leaders from Africa—both current and future. You will meet Nazarenes who left their jobs and professions and risked their lives to share the Gospel. You will be inspired by the level of commitment of these passionate and courageous Nazarene leaders in Africa.



From the Ends of the Earth

by Ellen Decker

God is using Spirit-filled Nazarenes from around the world as cross-cultural missionaries for the Church. Read stories of individuals and couples that God has used to plant hundreds of churches and to impact thousands of people as He multiplies their endeavors around the world.



Kaleidoscope Kingdom
by Fletcher Tink

The International Church of the Nazarene has planted churches in more than 160 nations in its 100+ years of existence. This book is an invitation to visit these Nazarene churches and share in their worship experiences in places you may find unfamiliar. By doing so, you will discover the beauty of the kaleidoscope of the Kingdom, and you will feel God at work.



Nazarene Youth Goes International**
by Gary Sivewright

Gary Sivewright's commitment to missions began when he was a college student and traveled with a small public relations choir known as the Mission Crusaders. In this book he shares his travels leading youth groups, college and university students, and youth leaders to experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from giving a portion of their lives to missions. Not everyone is called to lengthy missionary assignments, but you will be led to examine some ways God may want to use your short- or long-term commitment to missions.



The Best of Engage Magazine
by Gina Pottenger

You will be taken on a tour of Nazarene missions through the eyes, ears, and senses of Nazarene mission workers throughout the world. You will read compelling narratives of personal and community transformation from each world region and will find discussion questions at the close of each selection that can be used as a study resource for Sunday School, small groups, or book clubs.



**Youth books

NMI Mission Books for Children

All-Reader Books

Pancit and Prayers by Aimee Curtis

Pancit and Prayers chronicles the author's years as a missionary kid in the Philippines and follows her book *Kimchi and Komoshins*, another NMI book on her childhood years in South Korea.



Where in the World Is H. F. Reynolds? by Donna Manning

A biography of Hiram F. Reynolds, a boy who overcame many obstacles, gave his life to the Lord as a young man, and became a great leader who impacted the missions program of the Church of the Nazarene in the early years of the denomination.



Soccer Ball Salvation by Lynda Boardman

Describes the process of fundraising for soccer balls, sending them around the world for soccer camps, and the journey of one soccer ball from Tennessee to South Africa. The story will present the salvation plan to children. It will challenge children to think beyond their frame of reference to broaden their perspective on how they can make a difference in another child's life.



Advanced Books

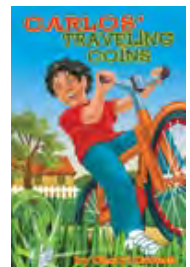
The Case of the Ukrainian Dog-napper by Wes Eby

A story about the important role that Mission Corps volunteers play in Nazarene mission work. Follows the adventures of the Jenkinsees and their children—Mission Corps volunteers in Ukraine for three months. This is a sequel to the book, *The Case of the Camp Cat Burglar*, a 2011-2012 children's book.



Carlos' Traveling Coins by Cheryl Crouch

A boy gives his State Quarter collection (which took 10 years to complete) to the Alabaster offering. He wanted to contribute, and it was the only money he had. His story will serve as a springboard for sharing six true Alabaster stories (churches, clinics built) from around the world.



Lucas' Living Water Adventure by Matt Price

Lucas Caster's best friend, Frankie, comes to West Africa to spend a summer on the mission field. The boys' summer-long adventure includes helping a small village discover both water to drink and Wells of Living Water. Lucas Caster and his friend are again at the center of a major episode in the life of a missionary kid.





JFHP Listed Among Top 10 Most Impactful Christian Charities

JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) was announced as one of the top 10 Most Impactful Christian Charities by ROI Ministries, Inc.

“We know our ROI would not be as efficient if we did not benefit from the infrastructure World Evangelism Fund provides,” writes Nazarene missionary Diane Robbins. “Thank you for helping JESUS Film Harvest Partners share God’s love.”

Top 10 List of Most Impactful Christian Ministries are listed in the right column on this Web page: www.roiministry.org/top-10.

ROI Ministry, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization of marketplace believers and Christian leaders who desire to make the greatest Kingdom impact possible with their God-given resources. The organization does not charge fees and receives no compensation from ministries highlighted. One hundred percent of all giving goes to the ministry’s specific program that achieves the greatest impact per dollar. More information can be found at www.roiministry.org. The group tracks what they call the eternal return on investment (eROI) and the main delineator between a charity and ministry.

Host a Water Sunday

International World Water Day is held annually on March 22 to focus attention on the importance of fresh water and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

Because of clean water is the topic of a Living Mission lesson and a CAUSE, Churches are invited to take a stand against the global water crisis by hosting a “Water Sunday” event at their church in March 2012.

An international day to celebrate fresh water was recommended at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating March 22, 1993, as the first World Water Day.

Pray for *Mujer Valiosa*

The fourth season of *Mujer Valiosa* (“Valued Woman”) begins production February 6th in Quito, Ecuador. Please pray for all involved in the production and for Rev. Myriam Pozzi, producer of *Mujer Valiosa* and South America regional women’s ministry coordinator. *Mujer Valiosa* is a World Mission Broadcast program.

Fawn Grove Compassion Center, Inc., Organized Recently

The Fawn Grove Compassion Center, Inc. (FGCC) was recently organized as a 509(a)(1) faith-based, not-for-profit charitable and humanitarian organization. The Center is in Pylesville, Maryland, and was formerly called the “Fawn Grove Warehouse.”

In 2011, FGCC was incorporated to manage and enhance the operations of gifts-in-kind procurement and providing those items as humanitarian aid to organizations that serve economically disadvantaged peoples globally. As of January 1, 2012, FGCC resumed management of the warehouse operations.

FGCC will continue to partner with NCM and has agreed to store and handle the Crisis Care Kits and School Pal-Paks for NCM. Please use the new Crisis Care Kit and School Pal-Pak instructions, noting the appropriate address determined by the type of shipment, the location from which shipments are sent, and how they are being shipped.

FGCC will continue to provide high quality humanitarian aid to NCM and other non-profit organizations to assist in response to those in need around the world.

For more information and to learn how you may be involved, contact us at:

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Hours of operation are: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or by appointment. All donations to FGCC are tax deductible.

Culbertson Offers eBooks

Dr. Howard Culbertson, retired missionary and professor of missiology, offers eBooks on his Web site at SNU (<http://snu.edu/missions-resources>). He is willing for anyone to use the books and has granted permission to forward the link to all English-speaking NMI presidents.

NazarenesAbroad.com Launches

“Nazarenes Abroad” (www.nazarenesabroad.com) is a new blog-style Web site intended to connect Nazarenes around the world and to share information about living abroad, including such topics as: ministry opportunities, cost of living, health care, infrastructure, climate, safety, etc.

Created by retired Nazarene ministers Wes and Colleen Smith, the hope is that “Nazarenes Abroad” will become a friendly “watering hole” for Nazarenes and their friends around the world. Additionally, there are plans to engage expatriates and missionaries from all over the world to share information about their ministries and about the opportunities that exist for expatriates in their location. For more information, see www.nazarenesabroad.com.

NCN News Submissions

10/40 Window Reporter Available

We’ve just published a brand new edition of the *10/40 Window Reporter*! It is available now to view at www.win1040.com. Take advantage of the crystal clear zoom, printing, embedding, e-mailing, and navigation as you read the *10/40 Window Reporter* online.

Window International Network

Nazarene Television Program Supplants Fortune-telling Show

Compromiso Social (“Social Commitment”) is a World Mission Broadcast (WMB) television program that airs in Salta Province, Argentina. Because Salta is closer to the countries of Chile, Bolivia, and Paraguay than it is to the majority of Argentine cities, the Church of the Nazarene thought creatively about how to stay connected with Argentinians. Thus, *Compromiso Social* was born.

The program’s original hour-long format was embraced by the Salta community and viewership quickly climbed.

Immediately following the program was an hour with a fortune-telling tarot card reader. Viewers of *Compromiso Social* wrote, asking that the program be removed. Despite it having once been the station’s highest-rated program, the overwhelming requests from viewers resulted in management removing the fortune-telling show from its lineup. Even better, *Compromiso Social* was given the program’s slot and now airs for two hours each weekday at 4:00 p.m. with messages of hope and help found only in the Gospel of Christ.



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Our Mission

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

‘Funding the Mission’ Report for November and December 2011

For your information, the November and December 2011 “Funding the Mission” reports are attached at the end of this issue. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

News Flash!

New Crisis Care Kit and School Pal-Pak Instructions Available

New instructions for Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) and School Pal-Paks (SPPs) have been released by Nazarene Missions International and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc.

In the past, updates have been released usually with nothing more than a request to replace the old instructions with the new ones; however, this year the changes are such that we decided to list them. Please be sure that those in your church responsible for filling CCKs and SPPs are aware of the updates.

Changes in the CCK Instructions

- **Inventory should no longer be placed in the banana box**—only the CCKs need to be there. However, to assist your congregation, a CCK Shopping List is available here (http://nmi.nazarene.org/Stories/docs/Giving/Compassion/CCK-Shopping_List.pdf).
- Inventory is the same with the following clarification: the **toothbrushes should be in their original packaging**.
- When addressing the box, please put the **name and address of the church (or individual donor) on the box in the “From” section** and the address of the warehouse in the “To” section.
- **Several more western states were added** to the list for sending CCKs to Hands of Hope in Nampa, Idaho.
- **Reminder—be sure to send the \$12 per banana box to the address on the instructions.** This is not a change, but it is a point that is often overlooked. Remind your congregation that sending the money for the storage and shipping is just as important as buying the items to go inside. Perhaps people who cannot get out to shop would be willing to donate for the storage and shipping.

➔ **Crisis Care Kits Instructions:** nmi.nazarene.org/Stories/docs/Giving/Compassion/CCK_Instructions_2012.pdf

Changes in the SPP Instructions

- SPP instructions have been adjusted to **mirror the CCK instructions**, eliminating possible confusion.
- Inventory is the same with the following clarification: **No spiral-bound notebooks will be accepted.**
- When addressing the box, please put the **name and address of the church (or individual donor) on the box in the “From” section** and the address of the warehouse in the “To” section.
- **Reminder—be sure to send the \$10 per box to the address on the instructions.** This is not a change, but it is a point that is often overlooked. Remind your congregation that sending the money for the storage and shipping is just as important as buying the items to go inside. Perhaps people who cannot get out to shop would be willing to donate for the storage and shipping.

➔ **School Pal-Paks Instructions:** <http://nmi.nazarene.org/Stories/docs/Giving/Compassion/schoolpalpaks.pdf>

Funding the Mission November 30, 2011

Period 2012/002

	Current YTD	Previous YTD	Variance YTD	% Var YTD	Previous Fiscal Year Annual
World Evangelism Fund	5,464,655	5,400,738	63,917	1.18%	38,464,179
Mission Specials	4,154,809	3,872,247	282,562	7.30%	24,825,716
Sub-Total	9,619,464	9,272,985	346,479	3.74%	63,289,895
Mission Special Detail					
Alabaster	797,027	847,507	(50,480)	-5.96%	2,732,620
Compassionate Min - USA/Canada	82,135	76,354	5,781	7.57%	1,021,519
Compassionate Ministries - GM	1,055,417	363,546	691,872	190.31%	3,656,181
Child Sponsorship	533,586	602,710	(69,124)	-11.47%	3,352,233
Deputation	300,954	339,461	(38,507)	-11.34%	2,118,184
Jesus Film	380,190	435,254	(55,064)	-12.65%	3,265,749
LINKS	50,948	51,859	(912)	-1.76%	245,094
Missionary Christmas Fund	12,529	18,550	(6,021)	-32.46%	64,588
Missionary Health Care - Offerings	14,060	14,600	(540)	-3.70%	120,889
Missionary Health Care-Memorial Roll	12,339	14,926	(2,587)	-17.33%	205,832
Missionary Health Care - DSA	11,699	12,162	(463)	-3.81%	101,105
Work & Witness	220,234	307,334	(87,100)	-28.34%	1,635,822
Global Mission Broadcast	43,309	42,949	360	0.84%	428,946
Vacation Bible School	19,902	34,594	(14,692)	-42.47%	294,592
Other (i.e. Field,Partnerships, etc.)	620,480	710,441	(89,961)	-12.66%	5,582,360

YTD WEF Goal	YTD Dollar Variance	% Variance
5,294,445	170,210	3.21%

Funding the Mission December 31, 2011

Period 2012/003

	Current YTD	Previous YTD	Variance YTD	% Var YTD	Previous Fiscal Year Annual
World Evangelism Fund	8,871,604	9,162,577	(290,973)	-3.18%	38,464,179
Mission Specials	6,292,759	6,726,958	(434,199)	-6.45%	24,825,716
Sub-Total	15,164,363	15,889,535	(725,171)	-4.56%	63,289,895
Mission Special Detail					
Alabaster	926,011	1,011,260	(85,249)	-8.43%	2,732,620
Compassionate Min - USA/Canada	128,467	120,481	7,986	6.63%	1,021,519
Compassionate Ministries - GM	1,557,590	771,835	785,755	101.80%	3,656,181
Child Sponsorship	792,672	947,270	(154,598)	-16.32%	3,352,233
Deputation	458,437	461,054	(2,617)	-0.57%	2,118,184
Jesus Film	672,992	852,014	(179,022)	-21.01%	3,265,749
LINKS	83,375	84,969	(1,594)	-1.88%	245,094
Missionary Christmas Fund	18,408	30,331	(11,924)	-39.31%	64,588
Missionary Health Care - Offerings	18,810	20,897	(2,087)	-9.99%	120,889
Missionary Health Care-Memorial Roll	16,646	20,466	(3,820)	-18.66%	205,832
Missionary Health Care - DSA	15,299	15,170	129	0.85%	101,105
Work & Witness	376,251	406,731	(30,480)	-7.49%	1,635,822
World Mission Broadcast	79,812	85,222	(5,410)	-6.35%	428,946
Vacation Bible School	24,008	41,169	(17,161)	-41.68%	294,592
Other (i.e. Field,Partnerships, etc.)	1,123,981	1,858,088	(734,107)	-39.51%	5,582,360

YTD WEF Goal	YTD Dollar Variance	% Variance
9,065,576	(193,972)	-2.14%