



## If My People Pray 2013

### Envision the Holy Spirit Pouring Out Revival Following Millions of Hours of Prayer

by Daniel D. Ketchum

During 2013 NMI mobilizes 26 weeks—or 6 months—of intentional and intensive prayer toward renewal/revival: January-June (through General Conventions and Assembly). Envision 2 million Nazarenes praying in faith with passion toward revival for six months.

**“If my people**, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV)

The goal of praying is well beyond one million hours and beyond tracking how many hours a member or church or district prays. To pray for a global gathering is good, to pray for global renewal is better, and to pray that God will be glorified globally is best.

Our goal is more love and praise for Jesus, God’s manifest presence, and renewal of a Book-of-Acts movement. Desired results include Spirit-anointing, more lost people knowing Jesus, more believers disciplined, more leaders equipped, more churches developed, more cities transformed, and more nations loving the Lord.

Envision Kingdom impact **if my people pray** for revival at least one hour during the next six months: 2 million hours of prayer.

Envision Kingdom outcomes **if my people pray** for revival at least one hour per month during each of the next six months: 12 million hours of prayer.

Envision Kingdom breakthrough **if my people pray** for revival at least one hour per week during each of the next six months: 50 million hours of prayer.

Is 50 million hours reasonable? One hour per week is less than 10 minutes per day. Many members will pray more than this for renewal. It will be worth it if my people pray for the Spirit to pour out revival. Will you join us?

#### Kingdom Desires

1. Do we sincerely desire God’s King and Kingdom to come and His will to be done?
2. Have we experienced authentic renewal in the Holy Spirit during our lifetime?
3. Do we know how God pours out authentic, biblical revival; and do we need Him?
4. Will we count the cost for Christ and His renewal in our hearts, homes, and churches

#### Revival Description

1. Reclaim loving Jesus first in heart, family, and church
2. Return to genuine Christianity in personal practice
3. Renew love for God’s Word, prayer, and obedience
4. Recover from apathy, neglect, carelessness, and backsliding
5. Restore holy passion and moral practice by the Holy Spirit

#### Revival Conditions

1. Humility, contrition in spirit, and trembling at God’s Word (Isaiah 66:2)
2. Prayer: expectant, diligent, and enduring: personal and churchwide

3. Conviction of sin, repentance, and wrongs toward others made right
4. Purification of unfaithful or unholy motives, thoughts, words, and behavior
5. Complete obedience in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit
6. Personal and practical evangelism among lost people

#### Revival Characteristics

1. Begins in the heart of an entirely consecrated and sanctified servant of God
2. Springs and flows from believing and declaring God’s Word with Spirit power
3. Embraces repentance and total separation from sin
4. Penetrates moral darkness and spiritual oppression
5. Destroys idols\* wherever they exist
6. Produces return to wholehearted worship of God in true holiness
7. Restores joy, humility, healing, harmony, and personal and relational holiness

\* Idols: something or someone admired, loved, or revered beyond Christ

Will you covenant to pray faithfully during the next six months that the Holy Spirit will pour out renewal/revival on Nazarenes globally? Will you pray in faith with 2 million members across 6 regions, 38 fields, 455 districts, and 28,000 churches??

Watch the NMI Web site for regular prayer points: [www.nazarenemissions.org/pray2013](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/pray2013). Thank you for praying for revival. Thanks be to God for promising, **“If my people pray.”**

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# From the Global Director



## Until the Last Person Has Heard

The most important persons in every community are Kingdom pioneers in the local church: the Christ-centered, Spirit-filled pastor and mission leader. Since its inception, Nazarene Missions International (NMI) has focused on equipping such leaders. As goes the passion of the pastor and mission leader, so goes the community.

NMI embraces a bold Christianity that works together to complete the Great Commission. Rather than telling others what to do, we ask how we can add value to draw others to know and love Jesus.

NMI leaders believe that every church, regardless of size, and every Christian, whether known or unknown, can add value to the entire Body of Christ. NMI is inclusive; we cannot care who gets the credit, as long as God gets the glory. We must move from “me” to “we” so that “they” will hear about “Him.”

NMI needs everybody. We need hands, hearts, and heads serving for the greater good. We can do more with less

by multiplying our efforts through working together. It is not just about leadership, but relationship.

Completing the Great Commission is not about money. We have enough money, enough Christians, enough time, talent, and resources in the kingdom of God. The reason we have not finished the Great Commission is that many are not motivated. The problem is not a “how-to,” but a “want-to.”

Where is the passion of missionaries past who cried bitter tears for those dying without Christ? Where is the heart tug that pulled them to brave any voyage and stand stronger with each mounting difficulty?

God and the Church birthed NMI nearly 100 years ago. In collaboration with Global Mission, NMI is moving forward to expand and resource God's mission worldwide. Our Lord challenges us to become part of something bigger than ourselves.

Some day soon the King of the Universe will descend through eternity into time, walking on clouds, the diadem of glory on

**But in heaven,  
we can no longer win souls.**

His head, and a rainbow of victory wrapped around His shoulders. But in heaven, we can no longer win souls. There and then, we will be unable to accomplish the goal for which Jesus died.

Now is the time. Today is the day.

All of heaven's hosts are cheering us on. We must be motivated about what motivates heaven. How many souls will you be responsible for through your local church and in your community? We can achieve more together than we ever could alone.

Until the Last Person Has Heard.



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

# From the Global President

Fellow Global Mission Partners:

I am amazed at how quickly the months have flown! In just a few days we will be celebrating Christmas. How do we manifest the Spirit of Christ at this time of the year, in a lost and sin-sick world? The prophet Isaiah helps us to answer this question as he prophesied the words of Jesus when He addressed His audience at the synagogue in Nazareth: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

to preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19, KJV).

The mission of Christ has become our mission! What better way to reflect the Christmas Spirit than to engage in acts of kindness, compassion, mercy, and Christian love to those who are unlikely or unable to reciprocate. The Christmas

Spirit should be a practical demonstration of the life of Christ in us. It must be reflected in our homes, our churches, our communities, and in our world at large. Christ must be the centre of attraction, rather than traditions.

**The mission of Christ has  
become our mission!**

What a wonderful opportunity that we as Nazarenes have to unleash the Christmas Spirit in the month of December by supporting **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** by giving to the NCM Global Fund, which goes to the greatest need (ACM1186). The lives of millions worldwide depend on what and how we give. There are so many ways to give and to show that we care.

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger” (Proverbs 11:24a, MSG). May the transforming message of the Gospel and a spirit of generosity be at the forefront of our celebrations this Christmas and always.

As we usher in the New Year, may we greet it with evangelistic zeal and seize every opportunity to promote Christ and missions. In the month of January, Nazarenes will have the opportunity to continue in this vein by exhibiting a spirit of volunteerism in a variety of ways. Get involved!

From my house to yours, I wish for you a safe, peaceful, joyous, and Spirit-filled Christmas. Unleash the Christmas Spirit!



Jennifer Brown  
Global NMI President



## An NCM Canada 'Gift Box'

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

—Matthew 25:35-36, 40b, NIV

As I opened a new box of donations, I was meditating on Matthew 25. I looked up as boxes of [Gleaners](#)\* dried soup mix were taken up the ramp. Disaster aid kits\* were neatly stacked against the wall, waiting their turn to be loaded into the container. Inside those kits were water filters and tents for shelter. Around me there were stacks of boxes of homemade children's clothing, boxes of blankets, boxes of elementary textbooks, and boxes of bedding from a cruise ship. Hospital beds, mattresses, and medical supplies were already inside the container. Bicycles, inspected and repaired by prison inmates, would soon be on their way to pastors who would, in turn, use them to visit a local prison weekly. Soap, processed and packaged by marginalized downtown street residents, would soon be in the hands of marginalized people overseas. Sewing supplies, sewing machines, and boxes of hand tools would allow for skill development and employment.

This was only one of 20 container shipments that was sent out this year. The

Lord continues to provide donations, shipping resources, and the many volunteers who are committed to doing what they can for the "least of these."

Soon this container will arrive and be opened and distributed by the leaders who have prayed and asked the Lord for such gifts. Their hands have given these gifts away; their actions are showing the love of Jesus; and their voices will share the good news of a Saviour. Those who receive will be given a tangible reminder that someone cares about them and may open their hearts to listen to the Good News shared by those who "walk among them."

As the doors were closed and the seal was secured, I felt the "delight" of my Lord.

Dell Marie Wergeland, President  
Compassionate Resource Warehouse  
Victoria, British Columbia  
Canada

### Introducing Dell Marie Wergeland

Shortly after Hurricane Mitch struck Honduras in 1998, a group of individuals from Victoria, British Columbia, visited Honduras and assisted with cleanup and with some of the immediate repairs needed. Dell Marie Wergeland was among those volunteers.

Upon arriving home, the group wanted to continue to help by collecting medical supplies and tools that would be useful in this hard-hit country. It took nearly 18 months to collect and organize enough supplies to fill a 40-foot shipping container.

By the end of 2012, the Compassionate Resource Warehouse in Victoria will have sent 345 such containers to dozens of countries around the world, and Dell Marie is its president. The organization relies completely on volunteer help to collect, sort, and repair items, pack them into boxes, then load the boxes into containers. It takes approximately 1,100 volunteer hours to process items to completely fill a container. Over the past few years, between 30,000 and 39,000 hours of volunteer help per year have been logged in this exciting work.

God is definitely using Dell Marie and the dedicated, resourceful volunteers for His glory.

For more information, go to [Boulevard Magazine](#) or the Compassionate Resource Warehouse Web site: [www.crwarehouse.ca](http://www.crwarehouse.ca).

See another article by Dell Marie Wergeland in the January section of this issue of *Mission Connection*.

**Editor's Note:** Donated items, such as Gleaners soup mix, disaster aid kits, etc., are distinctive to the Canada Region. If you live on another region, please use lists and items that are distinctive to your area. Your Nazarene Compassionate Ministries coordinator should be able to assist you with such needs.



Richard Bahan  
Canada Regional  
Global Council Representative

## Developing Helpfulness in Children

Children naturally like to help others, but, like adults, they do not always know how to help others. That is where you as a leader come in. You can work with the children in your church, giving them some direction and providing tools to help them make informed decisions about who to help and how.

It is likely your children heard of the recent devastation in the Caribbean and the Eastern seaboard of the United States and Canada. This is an ideal time to help children know how they can best help during times of disaster.

### Raising Money

Children will see commercials or announcements about giving money. That's easier for adults, but children want to know that they helped people during such times. Why not talk with your children about ways they could have a fundraiser, then donate the money to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. Let them help in the decision-making, organizing, and implementing of a fund-raising event.

### Gifts

Gifts are a great way for children to learn how they can help. They know how they feel when they receive gifts, so giving something to someone who needs help just makes sense.

It helps if they can give items that they enjoy or use, such as the items in a School Pal-Pak or Crisis Care Kit (CCK). For the inventories and instructions for each, visit these pages on the NMI Web site:

- [Crisis Care Kits](#)—Instructions for kits vary depending on the country the kits are being sent from. Be sure you select “U.S.A.” or “Canada” instructions.
- [School Pal-Paks](#)—School Pal-Paks are only received at the Fawn Grove Compassion Center.

We would issue a word of caution: do not send anything unless you are sure it is needed. Before asking children to bring the items in, ask the missionary or organization where you plan to send items what they need that your children could send. (Generally, if you stress that yours is a children's group, the leaders will keep that in mind when looking at their lists.) This is also true if an item is listed on your LINKS missionary's “wish” list; it could be that several churches have sent that item already.

The compassionate ministries warehouses have lists of items they need that your children could gather or raise funds to help purchase (sometimes items such as toys are needed). To determine the warehouses' needs, visit their Web sites:

- [Fawn Grove Compassion Center](#)
- [Hands of Hope Northwest](#)

Often the Web sites include instructions on how such items are to be packed and sent. Please pay careful attention to such instructions.

Sometimes requests go out for blankets or afghans. Fleece Tie Blankets are inexpensive and easy-to-assemble for children (either on their own or with some assistance, depending on the children's ages). See the instructions in the sidebar on this page.

### Pray

Throughout the whole process, pray for the children of your church. Ask for direction about how to help the children understand that their efforts are important in helping others. Pray that their hearts will continue to be tender toward others as they grow and that their involvement in these activities will speak to their families and your church.

Gail Sawrie and Yvette Bourne

## How to Make a Fleece Tie Blanket

1. Select two pieces of fleece that complement each other. Use fleece of similar nap, weight, and/or quality, or the cloth will stretch and shrink differently during washing and drying.
2. Purchase 1.5-3 yards (1.3-2.7 meters) of each fleece. 1.5 yards makes a decent-sized throw, 2.5-3 yards makes a nice twin size blanket.
3. Spread out the material on a table so that the softer/brighter sides face out, and match up at one end and the sides, making sure both pieces lay flat. Trim if needed.
4. Cut 3-inch squares from each corner using a sharp pair of scissors. (Kitchen poultry shears work well. Keep in mind that cutting fleece dulls scissors; use one pair of scissors specifically for that.) Be sure to cut through both pieces of fleece.
5. Through both pieces of fleece, cut strips (approximately 3/4 inch by 3 inches) on all four sides. (They don't have to be exactly uniform; small irregularities will not be noticeable in the finished product.)
6. Tie all corner strips together first using a simple knot to attach the bottom layer to the top layer. If the fleece puckers, use flat hands to stretch and smooth the material so it lies flat again. Tie remaining strips, flattening as needed.
7. Trim ends and sides if needed.

## Opportunities for Teens to Help During Disaster

I love the Church of the Nazarene; and I hope that by God's grace I can somehow inspire my students to share my love for our church. One reason I love our church is its commitment to ministering to, not only the spiritual needs of a people, but their physical needs. Nazarenes have long understood that providing for the physical needs of people can create powerful windows of opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

For decades Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) has led the church through a variety of initiatives in our effort to live in solidarity with those who are poor or in need. One of NCM's core approaches to the mission of a compassionate life is through disaster response. In late October, I once again had the opportunity to be proud of my church as Nazarenes mobilized in response to Hurricane Sandy.

I wish I could have been there—on the ground, standing shoulder to shoulder with our Nazarene brothers and sisters. What's

more, I wish I could have somehow stood next to my teens providing aid to the storm victims. Perhaps you're like me, wanting to be involved, but not really able to be there in person.

### **Filling Crisis Care Kits**

Our inability to be there in person doesn't have to stop us from being involved. NCM has had a long-term partnership with NMI in creating Crisis Care Kits (CCKs), which are 2-gallon zip-lock bags filled with everyday necessities (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.). These CCKs go a long way toward restoring a sense of normalcy, which is vital in recovering from a disaster.

So, whether it is before, during, or after the next natural disaster, consider helping your teens to lead the way in your local church by having them fill CCKs. Also consider making this a church-wide effort. Instructions can be found [here](#).

### **Texting Hope**

You can also encourage your teens—and your church—to donate by texting “Hope” to 501501. This would be a great slide to put up for your church, as well as an easy way to raise funds for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' Hurricane Sandy relief. (Just make sure everyone understands that \$10.00 will be charged to their cell phone bill each time they text.)



### **Serving Onsite**

Also, should the Lord put you in a position to provide aid in “ground zero,” consider checking [serve.nazarene.org](http://serve.nazarene.org) for opportunities. Our district, including several teens and me, had the opportunity to provide relief just days after the Joplin, Missouri, tornado in May 2011.

C. R. Cook  
Mission Connection Youth Editor

## Global NMI Convention Updates

### **Regional Sites**

Continue to pray as plans come together for our first multi-site Global NMI Convention! Preparation is ongoing for myriad details essential to creating a successful experience for those attending the regional sites next summer, including identifying the appropriate host facilities, appointing site coordinators and Convention host personnel, securing equipment and technology to simultaneously connect 11 independent sites, and a host of other crucial logistical details! Our goal remains that the regional site structure provides greater accessibility for more NMI leaders to participate in this global gathering.

### For Non-U.S.A. Site Participants

Details regarding registration, scheduling, and housing will be posted as available [here](#) and are also available from your regional General Assembly coordinator. The sites include:

*Port-au-Prince, Haiti*  
*Port of Spain, Trinidad*  
*Guatemala City, Guatemala*  
*Pilar, Argentina*  
*Quito, Ecuador*  
*Metro Manila, Philippines*  
*Nairobi, Kenya*  
*Johannesburg, South Africa*  
*Razgrad, Bulgaria*  
*Hyderabad, India*

### For Indianapolis Participants

**Housing**—Indianapolis participants may make their [online housing reservations](#) via a designated block of downtown hotels offering discounted nightly rates to Convention attendees on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Registration**—Onsite registration for non-USA/Canada delegates will take place on Tuesday, 18 June (10:00 A.M.–8:00 P.M.) or Wednesday, 19 June (8:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.) in the 500 Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center. Onsite registration for USA/Canada delegates will be Wednesday, 19 June (1:30 P.M.–8:00 P.M.), again in the 500 Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center.



### For All Participants

All delegates and alternates *must* be registered in advance via your district NMI president and your regional General Assembly coordinator. Delegates and/or alternates with questions about their election “status” should first contact these individuals. If additional resolution is necessary, the district/regional leadership can inquire of the appropriate department at the Global Ministry Center. **Reminder:** Should an elected delegate be unable to attend the Convention, she/he may be replaced by the next elected alternate—but this status update cannot take place until notification has been received from the district NMI leadership.

### **Global NMI Prayer Luncheon**

Participants in the NMI Convention in Indianapolis will want to mark your calendars now for the 2013 Global NMI Prayer

Luncheon—Thursday, 20 June (12:00 P.M.–1:30 P.M.). Your Global NMI Office is working with the General Assembly Arrangements Office to finalize the actual host facility for this event; when this decision has been made, additional details regarding cost and ticket reservations will be distributed. But what we do know now is that you will not want to miss this time of corporate worship, celebration, and focused prayer! Watch for additional details in future editions of *HeartLine* and other NMI and general church communications.

### **NMI Buddy Plan**

Please encourage local NMI presidents on your district to receive and send their Buddy Plan Offering for NMI delegates soon. The **deadline for receiving Buddy Plan is March 1, 2013**, so we have time to distribute the funds to delegates from

world areas. Buddy Plan funds are critical to the implementation of the Global NMI Convention...specifically helping to subsidize some of the tangible expenses of many world area delegates.

### **Workshops**

A highlight of the Global NMI Convention experience is always the opportunity to be inspired and equipped through a variety of mission- and ministry-oriented workshops. All 11 regional sites will offer a menu of targeted topics designed to equip NMI leaders at all levels. The full scope of workshop content will be posted online once developed.

# December Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

## Wrap Up the Year

Here's a great plan to “wrap up the year,” and benefit Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) in December!

- 1 Ask for donations**—wrapping paper, tape, ribbon, bows, and name tags—for the event. Be sure to secure a supply of boxes (various sizes) and scissors.
- 2 Choose a date and make announcements** early in December that NMI will be wrapping Christmas gifts to raise money for the December NCM Offering.
- 3 Encourage participation** by inviting everyone to bring gifts to the church on the given date and allow volunteers (NMI council will do nicely for starters) to “**Wrap It Up.**” You can ask that people donate any amount for the wrapping, or you can make a chart with various prices for different-sized boxes.
- 4 Offer a light snack**—brownies and a drink or a slice of pie and coffee. (You can decide whether or not to charge for them.) This adds to the merriment, and additional money would add to the offering. Set up a few tables where “customers” can chat and snack while waiting for their finished packages.
- 5 Play festive Christmas music**—live or recorded! If someone in the church has a karaoke machine, it would provide additional entertainment.

This event will surely be repeated year after year!

Judi Wiegman  
Grand Prairie Family Church of the Nazarene, Texas



# Touching Lives of Children in Malawi

Rev. Chipi Kadyamaliro has been working with children in his community since 2003. He has a gift of reaching out to them in an amazing way. Through his ministry with other Malawian pastors, they are reaching out to many children in their communities. He has mobilized nearby churches to reach out to them. The number of holistic child-focused community development centers (CDCs) has grown from one to six.

Chiimba and the surrounding communities are in a rural area where there is unemployment and poverty. The people depend on communal farming. They have experienced some drought in the past years that has resulted in food shortages. The twin challenges of HIV and AIDs produce a lot of orphans in the area. The churches have identified the needs of the people in the community. They have also taken action to reach out to the vulnerable and orphaned children.



In August, I, as the Africa Child Development coordinator, traveled to Chiimba area to conduct training on holistic child development. Representatives from the seven CDCs gathered to learn more of how they can be effective in holistic ministry to children. The training was made possible through the partnership between NCM-Africa, NCM-Canada, and Chiimba Church of the Nazarene.

We conducted the four-day intensive training to help the passionate children's workers to have an understanding of God's heart for children and learn some practical ways of ministering effectively to them. Seeing the innocent faces of these vulnerable children, we were reminded of what God said in Deuteronomy 10:18 (NIV1984), "He defends the cause of

the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing."

NCM-Canada had collected some teaching materials and shipped them to Malawi. The container included teaching aids

like blackboards and other CDC supplies. We are thankful for the materials that they supplied to help the learning of the children in the centers.

After the training, the youth team from Canada arrived under the leadership of Jodi, Alvin, and Glenda. They are a part of the group of Canadian youth that raised funds to support the work of the CDCs in Malawi. The team also brought soccer balls and other small things. They visited the CDCs and conducted a Vacation Bible School in each. The team ministered in Chiimba, Mpuzi, Kudziwe, Mwenda, Chiwoko, and Kambewe. These churches already minister to children even though they have limited resources. They are making a difference in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children.

The Canadian youth team had a great experience of their lifetime where they learned of how they are making a difference. They were touched to see how some of these children are living in poverty, but when you look at their faces, they are smiling and happy.

Simbarashe Kanenungo  
*Out of Africa*  
(Reprinted with permission)

## February Alabaster

The Alabaster Offering provides churches, properties, and so much more for mission facilities around the world. Twenty percent of all Alabaster funds are used to help intercultural churches in the U.S.A. and Canada. Within the past year, the Southern Florida District's Ft. Pierce Philadelphia Church (photos to the right) received a \$15,000 Alabaster grant for a new church, and our Hollywood Primera Hispana Church just received \$35,000 for a new facility. Last year our district gave \$35,000 to Alabaster. What an investment!

Dennis Moore  
Southern Florida District NMI President



# Madagascar Alabaster

In Madagascar, there were three churches that received Alabaster funds for Africa Region. All the funds that we received went toward purchasing land. There were other funds from the missionary to complete the price of the land, especially for Nosy-Be and Morondava. For the construction of the church building, there were Work & Witness teams from the United States and Germany.

In Morarano, west of Antananarivo, the building was completed in 1996. The size of the land is 500 square meters (approximately 5,380 square feet). The land was donated, but we had to pay for the registration of the official land document and the building materials, such as stones for the foundation and bricks for the walls.

This was the first church building of the Church of the Nazarene in Madagascar; and at that time, there were about 80 attendees. Remaining members stand firm and witness to the community to be entirely sanctified.

The next project after Morarano was Nosy-Be. Nosy-Be is an island in the northern part of Madagascar, a very well-known area for tourists. The size of the land is 2,500 square meters (approximately 26,900 square feet). The church building was completed in 2004 with the help of two Work & Witness teams, one from the United States and one from Germany. There are 46 attendees in that church, and there is a daughter church at Orangea, west of Hellville, with an average worship attendance of 15.

The last project with the Alabaster fund is Morondava. It is in the west cost of Madagascar. The size of the land is about 6,900 square meters (approximately 74,270 square feet). The church building was built through three Work & Witness teams, two from the United States and one from Germany. The building was finished in 2007. There are 80 Sunday morning attendees, and the church has two daughter churches: Andakabe with 51 worshippers and Bemanonga with 45 worshippers.

## March World Evangelism Fund

### Give Hope

March 31, 2012

### Easter Offering for World Evangelism

#### What Is the World Evangelism Fund?

The World Evangelism Fund is the cooperative genius of the Church of the Nazarene's mission network. It is based on the concept that we can do more working together than working alone.

The World Evangelism Fund goes directly toward accomplishing the mission of the Church of the Nazarene: to make Christlike disciples in the nations. It is the funding that operates the Church of the Nazarene and its entire mission effort, from the operation of the Global Ministry Center to districts and churches around the world.

- The World Evangelism Fund provides for the cost of more than 700 missionaries through a salary, medical insurance, pension, and other costs, such as housing and travel.
- The World Evangelism Fund provides field operations for institutions such as hospitals, clinics, primary and secondary schools, seminaries, and Bible schools.

*“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...”*

Colossians 1:21-22, NIV

- The World Evangelism Fund provides support for district operations, church planting, and evangelism projects around the world.
- The World Evangelism Fund provides for the costs of supporting ministries at the Global Ministry Center including the work of the Board of General Superintendents, Nazarene Youth International, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International, Global Missions and Nazarene Mission International, the International Board of Education, and Stewardship Ministries.
- The World Evangelism Fund also provides base support for ministries such as Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and JESUS Film Harvest Partners.

The World Evangelism Fund is fueled by the generosity of Nazarenes around the world, giving generously and sacrificially so that, together, we can continue the mission of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

**On March 31, we give because He first gave to us through the cross!**

Karola Sikes  
Weatherford, Oklahoma

**Editor’s Note:** Some churches prefer not to receive the Easter Offering on Easter Sunday, due to the presence of visitors. We appreciate that sensitivity. Feel free to move the date your church receives the offering to another day in the month; however, be sure to allow your church members an opportunity to participate in this important worship opportunity, thereby having a role in the mission of the Church of the Nazarene.



# News and Announcements



## MISSIONS PUBLICATIONS

How many of you have participated in a cookie exchange? You know what I'm talking about—it usually happens between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. You and 75 of your closest friends bring 3-4 dozen of your favorite—preferably home-baked—cookies to a party. You sample some, put a couple dozen in a container, and take them home. You end up with loads of very tasty morsels that you would probably never bake! You may even end up with recipes and some new favorites.

### **Mission Connection**

Now, how many of you struggle for ideas to promote missions and the NMI emphases to your churches? Do you realize that—just like that cookie exchange—there is an idea exchange available to you and your council every month—free of charge?

It is called **Mission Connection**, and it is sent each month to subscribers' e-mail inboxes. Every pastor, NMI leader—not just presidents—should subscribe. Each electronic magazine is chock-full of ideas and news sent in by leaders like you. In fact, some of you may have sent in ideas—and, boy, is the NMI Office grateful!

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While you are there, why don't you subscribe to *Engage* magazine? It is also free and is the Web-based mission news magazine from Global Mission. If you remember *The Other Sheep* or *World Mission Magazine*, this is an electronic version of those. Stories written by people from all over

the world are included, many with questions for your family, small group, or congregation to discuss. **This** publication will benefit **anyone** in your church.

### **Prayer Mobilization Line**

Also, while we are talking subscriptions, you can sign up for the Prayer Mobilization Line in English and Spanish. **You didn't know there was a Spanish Prayer Mobilization Line?** It was launched on **September 12**.

### **If You Don't Have a Computer...**

By the way, if you don't have a computer, have you asked someone in your church who does to print each month's magazine for you. OR if you have a computer and aren't sure if your president has a computer and/or e-mail, how about asking how you can help your president in this way? ALSO, how many council members would benefit from a subscription?

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### **'ASK THE MISSIONARY' RELAUNCH IN ENGAGE**

*Engage* magazine is relaunching its "Ask the Missionary" column. If you would like to ask a missionary writer a question, please send it, along with your name, local church, and country where you live, to [engagemagazine@nazarene.org](mailto:engagemagazine@nazarene.org).

Suggestion: also ask children or youth in your church to submit questions and read the answers as part of a missions lesson.

### **THANK YOU, AND PLEASE PRAY!**

Last month, we asked you to help us participate in a *Living Mission* survey. You "stepped up," offering your thoughts, and the resulting report generated hundreds of ideas that a team of your colleagues will sift through this weekend (November 30-December 1). Would you pray for God to

guide this group during their sessions? We all want this vital educational tool to be helpful to churches of all sizes for years to come.

## OCTOBER 2012 'FUNDING THE MISSION' REPORT

The October 2012 "Funding the Mission" report is attached at the end of this issue. It is a report for the first month of the 2013 Fiscal Year.

Fiscal year-to-date World Evangelism Fund giving is 10.68 percent ahead of last year's receipts at this time. The collective faithfulness of our congregations, pastors, and district superintendents is evidenced by this good start to a new fiscal year opportunity for even greater ministry. We are thankful for God's blessings to the Church of the Nazarene.

While we rejoice in meeting and exceeding our forecasts, we remain passionate and challenged to pray for generosity that will enable the denomination to fund mission opportunities that are needed due to the \$11.3 million decrease in receipts since 2008 from \$48.6 million to the current forecast of \$36.7 million.

"Overflow Giving" beyond 5.5 percent can, and will, help our denomination do what it is called to do in every way possible—"To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations."

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

**Church of the Nazarene**  
**Funding the Mission - Global Report**

Fiscal Year 2013, October 31, 2012 (1 Month)

	Current YTD	Prior YTD	Variance YTD	% Var YTD	Prior Fiscal Yr Actual Annual
<b>World Evangelism Fund</b>	2,806,786	2,535,921	270,864	10.68%	38,211,339
<b>Mission Specials</b>	2,146,577	2,284,646	(138,069)	-6.04%	24,322,809
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>4,953,362</b>	<b>4,820,567</b>	<b>132,795</b>	<b>2.75%</b>	<b>62,534,148</b>
<b>Mission Special Detail</b>					
<b>Alabaster</b>	518,278	479,539	38,739	8.08%	2,613,969
<b>Compassionate Ministries - USA/Canada</b>	41,983	40,930	1,054	2.57%	600,222
<b>Compassionate Ministries - Global Mission</b>	198,303	588,110	(389,807)	-66.28%	4,336,479
<b>Child Sponsorship</b>	267,774	285,567	(17,793)	-6.23%	3,330,752
<b>Deputation</b>	255,868	170,431	85,437	50.13%	2,055,350
<b>Jesus Film</b>	208,988	204,426	4,562	2.23%	3,201,098
<b>LINKS</b>	19,683	23,501	(3,818)	-16.24%	249,497
<b>Mission Corps</b>	118,028	53,569	64,459	120.33%	1,115,570
<b>Missionary Christmas Fund</b>	6,808	5,123	1,686	32.90%	50,819
<b>Missionary Health Care - Offerings</b>	7,097	6,838	260	3.80%	166,297
<b>Missionary Health Care - Memorial Roll</b>	6,586	7,722	(1,136)	-14.71%	216,158
<b>Missionary Health Care -Service Awards</b>	7,820	7,944	(124)	-1.56%	98,289
<b>Work and Witness</b>	169,666	118,606	51,061	43.05%	1,835,238
<b>World Mission Broadcast</b>	22,851	25,735	(2,885)	-11.21%	417,616
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>	17,798	14,181	3,616	25.50%	215,956
<b>Other (i.e. Field,Partnerships, etc.)</b>	279,045	252,425	26,619	10.55%	3,819,499