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Introducing Million Hours of Prayer

by Gail L. Sawrie

Note: The following may be used as an introduction to the Million Hours of Prayer for your church. It may also be used as an example of how your church people can pray.

The Church of the Nazarene will hold its quadrennial General Assembly and Conventions in Indianapolis during June. The Board of General Superintendents and Nazarene Missions International are co-sponsoring a Million Hours of Prayer, a prayer initiative for January through June.

Each Nazarene is challenged to pray a minimum of two hours for the Assembly and Conventions over the next six months. Two hours total! Do you realize the minimum challenge is to pray 42 seconds a day?

The NMI Council believes our church is a praying church! We would like to greatly exceed that goal. With all of us praying, the council believes our church can pray a total of (goal) hours per person by June!

Now, we are not doing this to see how much we can pray. We are challenging the church to increase its praying because the Million Hours of Prayer has made such a

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Check out the latest additions to the NMI Web Site!

- **Basic Training for Local NMI Presidents**—The Basic Training Web page answers questions the General NMI Office frequently receives from new NMI presidents: “Help! I’ve just been elected NMI president... Now what?”
<www.nazarenemissions.org/basictraining>
- **Local NMI Report Forms**—The annual statistical forms for local NMI presidents have been added to the Downloads page.
<www.nazarenemissions.org/downloads>
- **District NMI Report Forms**—The annual district statistical forms are available on the “DPs Only” Web page. Reminder: Please do not give the login/password information to anyone. This page is only for district presidents
<www.nazarenemissions.org/dp>
- **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP 2004)**—The IDOP Web page has been updated to include the promotional material for IDOP 2004.
<www.nazarenemissions.org/prayer/idop.htm>
- **Nazarene World Week of Prayer 2005 (NWWP 2005)**—The 2005 Nazarene World Week of Prayer will be February 27-March 5, 2005. The NWWP Web page has been updated to reflect the 2005 dates.
<www.nazarenemissions.org/nwwp>
- **Order Memorial Rolls (MRs) Online**—Order MRs online with a credit card and receive the MR in 11 business days, rather than 6 weeks!
<www.nazarenemissions.org/mr>
- **Order Distinguished Service Awards (DSAs) Online**—Order DSAs online with a credit card and receive the DSA in 11 business days, rather than 6 weeks!
<www.nazarenemissions.org/dsa>
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**—The following questions (and answers) were added to the FAQs web page:
 - General Questions:*
 - How can I get a missionary’s contact information?
 - I’ve just been elected local NMI president. What do I do now?
 - When/where is the 2005 General NMI Convention?
 - When is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)?
 - When is the Nazarene World Week of Prayer for 2005? Where can I get resources?
 - What do I do if I’m not getting my *Mission Connection (MC)* magazine? Can *MC* be sent to my home address?
 - Medical Plan:*
 - How do I order a Children’s Memorial Roll?
 - Where do I order Memorial Rolls online?
 - Where do I order Distinguished Service Awards online?<www.nazarenemissions.org/faq>



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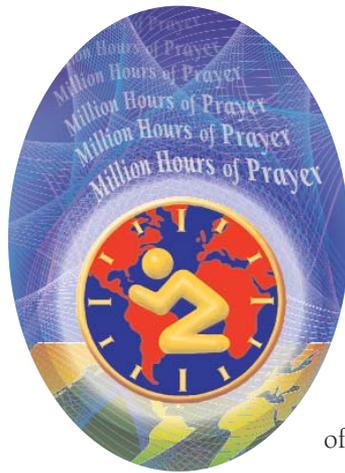
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OUR MISSION

To mobilize the church in mission through prayer, education, giving, and interactive experiences.

...continued from cover story



Million Hours of Prayer has made such a difference in the past. Think about all the legislation that will be voted upon. Consider the hundreds of people traveling to Indianapolis from around the world, and reflect on the thousands of details that must be worked out for the General Assembly and Conventions to take place.

The church has asked us to help in this undertaking by taking requests to God's throne. Even if we cannot be in Indianapolis next summer, we can still be a part by interceding for these meetings which will affect the future of the Church of the Nazarene around the world.

Guided Prayer

To "kick-off" this great prayer initiative, I invite you to join me in "guided prayer" for the General Assembly and Conventions. I will present requests and pause for the congregation to silently pray for these requests.

- There are approximately 5,000 delegates who will be involved in the General Assembly and the Conventions for Sunday School Ministries, Nazarene Missions International, and Nazarene Youth International. Pray that travel details will be smooth and that they will be safe as they travel.
- Pray for the Board of General Superintendents and the Office of the General Secretary as they plan for the General Assembly and prepare for legislative changes to the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene.
- People are traveling from all over the world, and travel visas are sometimes challenging to obtain. Pray that all paperwork will be sent to the proper personnel in a timely manner.
- Pray for Sunday School Ministries Director David Graves and those in his department planning the Sunday School Ministries Convention.
- Pray for General NMI Director Nina Gunter, the NMI Office, and others helping to bring the General NMI Convention to fruition.
- Pray for General NYI Director Gary Hartke and those in his office who work on details for the General NYI Convention.
- One Heart—Many Hands is a hands'on service project scheduled during the Assembly and Conventions. Pray that the event will point people in Indianapolis to the salvation of Christ.
- Because so many languages are spoken in the Church of the Nazarene, translation needs are great. Pray that translators will have clarity of understanding and will use words that will be easily understood by the constituency.
- Ultimately pray for God's will to be done and that He will be glorified in the General Assembly and Conventions.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:4-6, NIV

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS



- **Ask**—do not assume people have seen the announcements and the posters around your church. The personal touch is more likely to have positive results.
- **Explain**—not all people are familiar with ministries such as Work & Witness. Explain what your specific project will be, how many people will be needed, and what (if any) special skills are needed. You could also reassure “newbies” that there will be “experts” who will train them if need be.
- **Encourage**—create a motivating environment even though you are asking them to work hard for no pay.
- **Keep in Touch**—after the event, let volunteers know you appreciated their involvement and that you look forward to seeing them at future events. You can also invite them to bring someone else to the next volunteer opportunity.

Bring-a-Friend Volunteer Day

Make a party out of your volunteer event. Photocopy “invitations” that volunteers can give to their friends, asking them to join in the activity at such and such date and time. (See invitation on this page for an example.)

You can even add a P.S. such as: “No strings attached. This is a one-time volunteer event.”

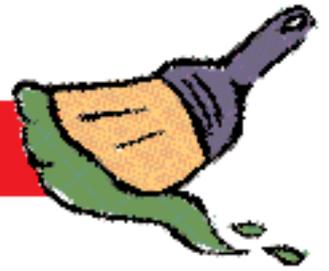
The invitations can be focused on special target groups, too. You might want to hold an intergenerational party (volunteers invite someone at least 15 years older or younger than themselves) or a singles party (females bring a male and vice versa). However, the real tip here is to print these invitations! This gives volunteers a tool to broach the subject with their friends. Simply saying “please ask someone to join us” is not enough to make this a real success.

Obviously, such an approach can double your work force for the event. For a really big project, hold several “parties” by giving different dates on different invitations. The point is that every volunteer knows someone interested enough to pitch in to help one time. Be respectful of “no strings attached,” but make certain everyone in attendance learns how to volunteer for the future if they desire.

Adapted from www.energizeinc.com



VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES



**Say Good-bye
to Boredom!**



***Take the Trip of a Lifetime...
Next Door or Around the Globe!***



Participate in Volunteer Ministries:

- Work & Witness
- Nazarenes on Call
- Nazarenes in Volunteer Service (NIVS)
- Tentmakers
- Nazarene Health Care Fellowship
- C.A.U.S.E. (College And University Students Serving and Enabling)
- Youth in Mission
- Local and District Opportunities
 - Community Service Projects
 - Compassionate Ministries Centers
 - Good Samaritan Churches
 - Special Needs Groups
 - District Projects
- Prayer—volunteers are in need of intercession. Through prayer, everyone may participate.

Use as a mini-poster that travels from one Sunday School class to another throughout the year.

Virginia Baty • Olathe, Kansas



AMERICAN GOTHIC ALABASTER-STYLE

Cast:

Ethel

Pa

(Ethel and Pa are dressed in farm clothes like the American Gothic painting [see picture on this page], and he holds a pitchfork. The success of the sketch will depend on how effectively Ethel and Pa can keep their deadpan looks.)

Ma: Pa, do you know anything about them there investments?

Pa: What you want to know that fer, Ethel?

Ma: Well, Pa, that Alabaster Perfume Company has a new and exciting fragrance. 'Tis been used with outstanding results.

Pa: Ah, Ethel, you don't need any of that there stuff. Yer good as ya are.

Ma: It's not like that. 'Tis a business, Pa, and this here Alabaster has guarantees.

Pa: What are they?

Ma: It will cause a inner glow and radiance of which no other perfume can boast. It will cause you to see the buildings of homes, schools, churches, and hospitals around the world. It will make you have interest in global affairs and world conditions. You will make new friends. The newest fragrance has been labeled "Self-sacrifice". Now, best not confuse with them others' product, "Myself".

Pa: Now, Ethel, don't ya go getting all carried away with this investment stuff.

Ma: Pa, the perfume is in unbreakable containers. Ya can't spill or smear it. The stockholders come from all kinds of jobs, Pa. And they get the money for this here venture in many ways...even babysitting and saving certain kinds of change. And, Pa, it pays them there dividends. What do ya think. Pa?

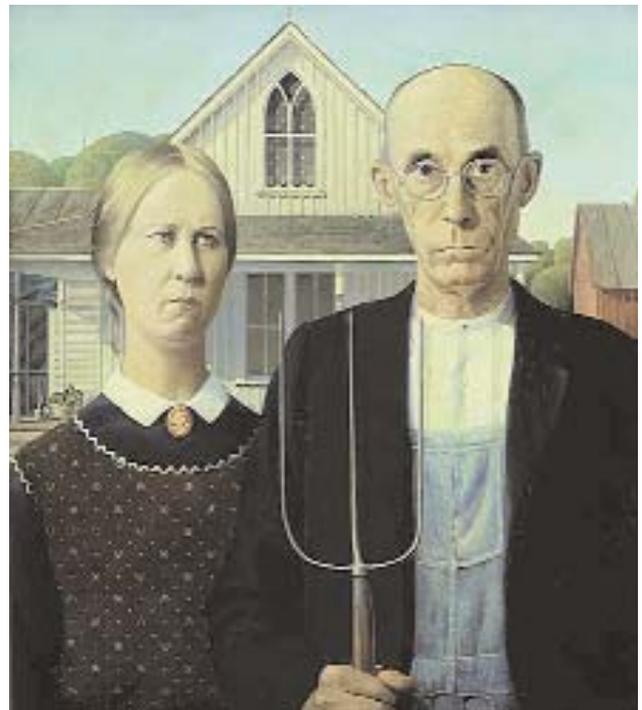
Pa: Sounds like we best be investing, Ethel.

Ma: How 'bout we find one of them Alabaster boxes for the offering, *(date)*? I can use the rest of my egg money.

Pa: I could sell the wheat from the north forty.

Ma: Pa, you're a good man!

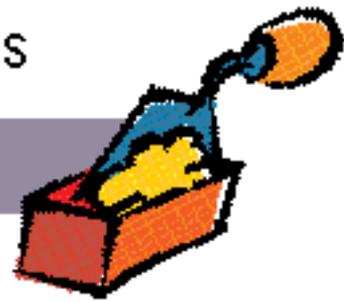
Joan Whittenberger • East Ohio District



Receiving an Alabaster Offering

Advertise the offering well in advance through the bulletin, newsletters, posters, and announcements. Make boxes available, and explain the offering's purpose. People enjoy placing their offering in something connected with construction, such as a wheelbarrow, a large toolbox, and paint cans. Encourage everyone to bring their offering to the front, placing it in one of these containers. Music with a mission theme is played during this time, and the pastor stands by the container to show support for Alabaster.

Washington-Pacific District



Alabaster... the Box's Viewpoint

Note: It is best to have the presenter wearing a box shaped like an Alabaster box but with no markings or color on the box. Cut a hole on the top of the box for the person's head; the box will sit on the person's shoulders. The box is open on the bottom for maneuverability.

Hi! I am so excited! I just found out that I'm getting promoted and will become an Alabaster box.

I've been sitting in this warehouse for months, and I thought this moment would never come. Soon I'll have color added, the word "Alabaster" in a number of languages printed on me, and die cut. Then I'll be sent to a church (maybe yours), where I'll be folded and distributed to the congregation. I'll sit in the kitchen, a bedroom, office, or even a garage where I'll be filled with money for missions.

My Aunt Edna has been an Alabaster box for 20 years, and she's been with the same person all that time! The money she has held has gone all over the world. She helped build a school in Japan, a hospital in India, and a church in Costa Rica. I wonder where my money will go. I can hardly wait!

Did you that know that all the money collected through Alabaster is used—100 percent—for constructing schools, hospitals, homes, churches, and other mission buildings?

There are some rumors about Alabaster boxes around here, but I don't believe them! One is that Alabaster boxes get sent to a church where they're stored in a dark closet—just collecting dust! By the way, I'm allergic to dust. Another rumor, which is the disgrace of every Alabaster box, is that they sit in someone's home but never get filled! They spend their entire life as an **empty** Alabaster box! That just can't be true! The last rumor is that the Alabaster box is filled, but the money is used for something else! That just can't be right!

I know none of these things will ever happen to me. Next time you see me I'll be a pretty Alabaster box. I wonder if I will be an Alabaster box for children or for adults. Either would be terrific!

I think I hear them calling me to get ready for printing. Hopefully, I'll be picked up by you. If so, I'm sure you will do your best to fill me up and remember to return me for the Alabaster Offering on *(date)*.

See you later.

Eunice Puga • Southern Florida District

The Top 10 Places to Store Your Alabaster Box

10. Place it in the garage—great for holding screws, nuts and bolts, and other odds and ends.
9. Place it in your daughter's bedroom—nice size for holding hair barrettes.
8. Don't even bring one home, that way you won't have to deal with the guilt over not filling it.
7. Place it in the kitchen—great for holding that hard to find lunch money.
6. Place it in the bedroom to hold your non-Nazarene jewelry.
5. Place it in the car glove box to hold parking meter money.
4. Place it in the laundry room to hold odds and ends found in pockets.
3. Place it next to the fireplace—great for helping to start your fire.

2. Place it in a desk drawer to hold paper clips and rubber bands.

And the number one place to store your Alabaster box:

1. Cut it into coasters and place them prominently on the coffee table so that when the pastor comes to visit, he will be sure to see them and will know how supportive you are of Alabaster.

Seriously, the **best** place to store your Alabaster box is in a prominent place where you will see it, remember what Alabaster funds are used for (mission buildings around the world), and give, and pray for those who will minister and receive help in those buildings.

Lola Brickey • Eastern Kentucky District

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P R O M O I D E A S
EASTER OFFERING

Planting Gospel Seeds



Cast:
Jill
Carrie

Jill: *(Enters, sowing seeds—if possible use an old-fashioned seeder—singing to the tune of “Bringing in the Sheaves”)*

Planting in the morning,
Planting at noontime,
Planting in the evening,
Planting all day long.
By and by the Harvest
And the day or reaping—
We will come rejoicing
Bringing in the harvest.

(It will add to the humor if Jill stops, looks puzzled that the song doesn't rhyme, tries to find a word that rhymes with long, gives up, and repeats the last line as written. She starts to sow seeds and hums the tune.)

Carrie: *(Enters, watches a bit, then interrupts)* What are you doing?

Jill: I'm planting gospel seeds—seeds that will grow a **bountiful** harvest.

Carrie: *(Skeptical)* Gospel seeds?

Jill: Yes, gospel seeds like it says in the Bible.

Carrie: But, Jill, the seeds mentioned in the Bible are not seeds you plant in the ground. The Bible is referring to seeds that are spread through witnessing and giving. Take the Easter Offering as an example—we give our offering for missions, the Lord calls people to be missionaries, and the church sends them. Then the missionaries tell people in other world areas about how Jesus provided for their salvation. The seeds of the gospel are spread, and the harvest of souls is gathered in. Isn't that exciting?

Jill: Yes, it is, but I live here in *(world area where you live)*. How can my giving reap a harvest in places like Rwanda, Papua New Guinea, or Martinique?

Carrie: Well, Jill, we depend on Nazarene missionaries—like *(names of missionaries that have visited your church recently, adding the world area where they serve)*. They take the gospel and sow seeds there. *(Names of your church's LINKS missionaries and the world area where they serve)* also sow seeds, and *(name of missionary featured in a current NMI missions book)* is doing the same thing in *(world area where that person serves)*. Carol Zurcher sowed seeds in South Africa for 37 years with her husband, Norman, before retiring. All of these are examples of how giving eventually reaps a harvest.

Jill: Let me see if I understand. I give to the Easter Offering. God calls missionaries. Those missionaries use the money I give to tell others about the Lord. They sow gospel seeds, and we all reap a harvest of souls.

Carrie: You got it. We must give in the Easter Offering so a **bountiful** harvest of souls may be won. Our church's goal is *(goal)*. This packet of seeds will remind you of the Easter Offering, the date of the offering, and its purpose. *(Distributes seed packets—see below—as she speaks.)*

Pray, plan, and give. Then you will have a part in the great harvest.

Note: On seed packet, place an address label with the following on it:

Remember the Easter Offering

(Date)

Plant Gospel Seeds

Goal—*(amount)*

*He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.*

Psalm 126:6, NIV

Carolyn Brown • East Ohio District

EASTER OFFERING



Easter Offering Idea

Make construction paper flowers, using pictures of missionaries and their families as centers. Such photos are available online at www.nazareneworldmission.org, and then going to Missionary Profiles Online. Choose a region, then a missionary's name.

Each flower was sponsored for a designated amount of money and a display was created.

Pelion Church of the Nazarene • South Carolina

Bulletin Board/Poster Idea

How's Your Missions Heart?

Do All The Pieces Fit?

Give to World Evangelism Fund!



Wes Eby • Mission Education Coordinator



NAZARENE WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER

Nazarene World Week of Prayer

Reaching the World on Our Knees

Nazarene World Week of Prayer will be observed **February 27-March 5, 2005**. 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.

Regional Prayer Plan

Sunday—Africa

Monday—Asia-Pacific

Tuesday—Caribbean

Wednesday—Eurasia

Thursday—Mexico/Central America

Friday—South America

Saturday—Canada/United States

Specific requests will be updated **daily** by 8 a.m. (Central Standard Time). For such requests, check:

Prayer Mobilization Line (PML)

816-444-PRAY (7729)

Web and to subscribe for PML via E-mail:

www.nazarenemissions.org/pml

In a church service, arrange the congregation into seven groups (standing). Give each group a day's requests from the NWWP prayer requests. That way, each group will focus on a different area of the world. Have them pray about 15 minutes for those specific requests.

For a longer prayer event, pray for all the requests by rotating to another region after a certain amount of time.



20TH GENERAL NMI CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

MARRIOTT HOTEL, INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER, AND RCA DOME

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

JUNE 21-24, 2005

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

- District Presidents and General Council: NMI Constitution Meeting—4-5 P.M.
- Registration for the United States and Canada—7-9 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- Legislative Committee Meetings—8:30-9:30 A.M.
- Prayer Brunch—10 A.M.-NOON
- Workshops—1-4:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

- Caucus meetings—8:30-9:30 A.M.
- Plenary Meeting #1 and Missions Celebration—10 A.M.-NOON
- Plenary Meeting #2—1:30-5 P.M.
- NMI Night Service:
Theme Presentation and Challenge—
7-8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- Plenary Meeting #3—8:30 A.M.-NOON
- Plenary Meeting #4—1:30-5 P.M.
- Children's Mission Activity—6:30-9 P.M.

Workshops, plenary meetings, and the evening service are

OPEN TO ALL.

Encourage everyone to attend the Thursday evening service with its inspirational theme presentation and challenge for the quadrennium.

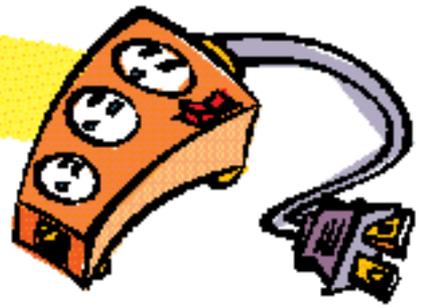


All NMI plenary meetings and the Thursday evening NMI service will take place in the **RCA Dome**. Most of the other meetings are planned for the **Convention Center** and the **Marriott Hotel**.

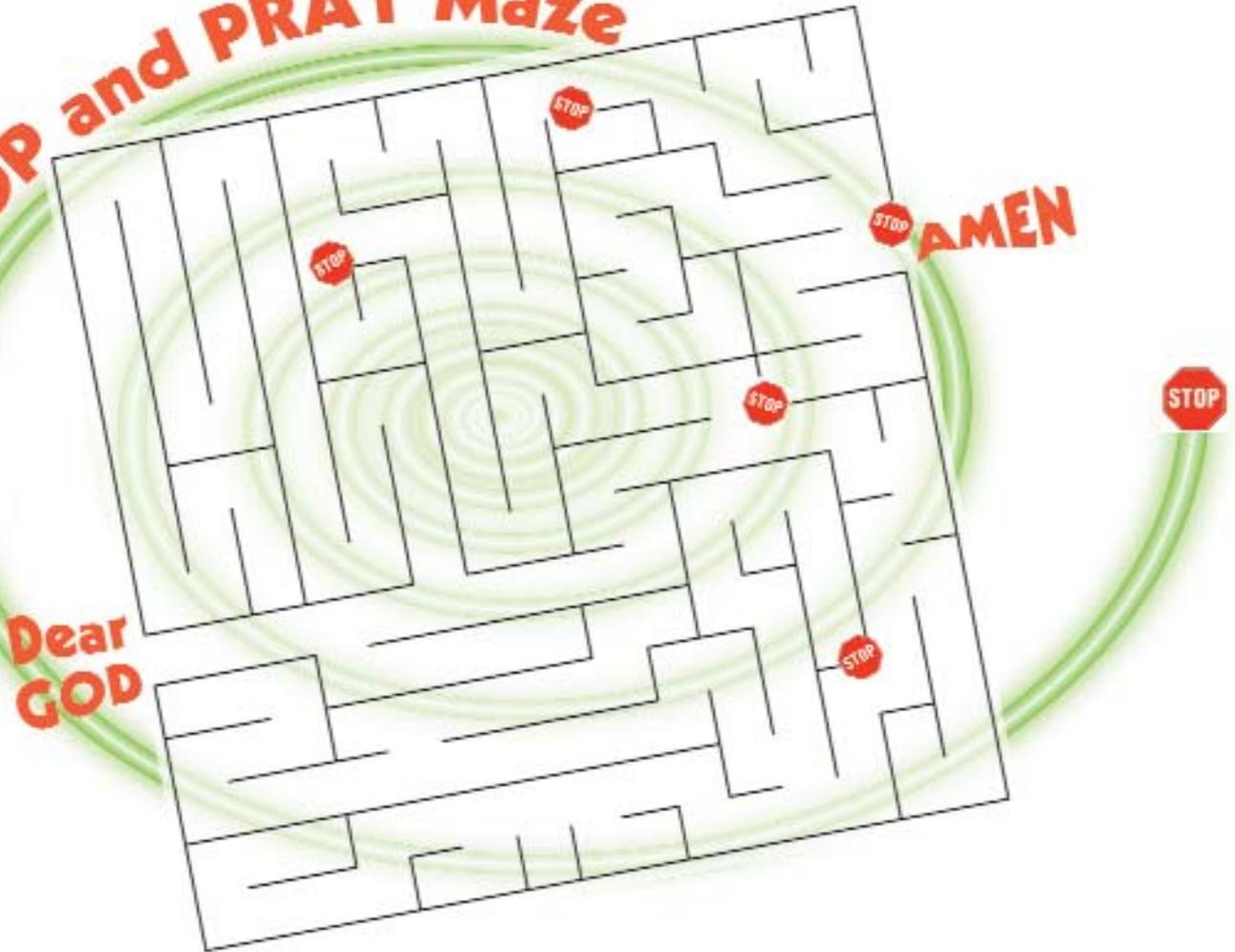
A detailed schedule and room designations for NMI events will be announced two to three months before the Convention.

PLUGGED-IN TO

KIDS



STOP and PRAY Maze



Trace your finger through the maze. When you reach a  follow the directions below.

-  **First Stop:** "Help suffering Christians to be courageous in hard times."
-  **Second Stop:** "Guide Muslim children to find Jesus, the only One who will forgive their sins."
-  **Third Stop:** "Protect hungry children from diseases. Help them stay healthy and strong."
-  **Fourth Stop:** "Watch over MK's who are living in dangerous parts of the world."
-  **Fifth Stop:** "Give Nazarene pastors and their families joy as they tell their communities about You."

Sara Cunningham • Children's Ministries



WIRED-UP FOR

YOUTH

Beaded Prayer Reminders

Encourage youth to pray by providing them with a list of prayer needs. Bi-weekly prayer requests are available on the NMI Prayer Mobilization Line (PML) <www.nazarenemissions.org/pml>.

Upcoming Prayer Events:

- **Nazarene World Week of Prayer (NWWP)**—Feb. 27-March 5, 2005—Coordinating with the interdenominational World Day of Prayer (Friday, March 4), the Nazarene World Week of Prayer deepens the commitment to prayer and fasting. Specific prayer requests are available at <www.nazarenemissions.org/nwwp>.
- **Million Hours of Prayer (MHP)**—Scheduled for January-June 2005, every Nazarene is challenged to pray a minimum of two hours during that time frame for the General Assembly and Conventions. The times of prayer can take place individually, in small groups, or in a corporate worship setting. For more information and for specific prayer requests, visit <www.nazarenemissions.org/mhp>.

For prayer reminders, have the youth make beaded bracelets, necklaces, key chains, or chains to tie on backpacks. Supplies for beaded prayer reminders can be purchased at a craft store or the craft section of a discount store.

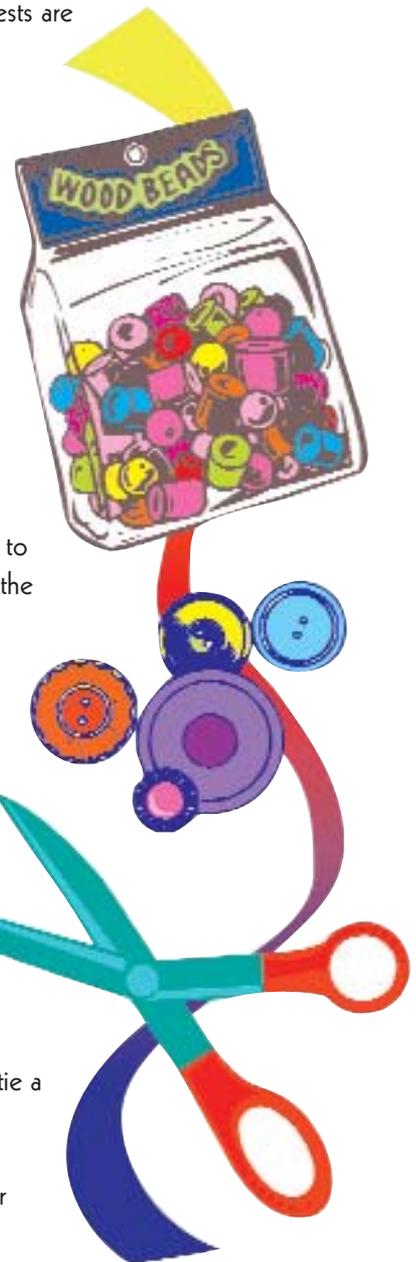
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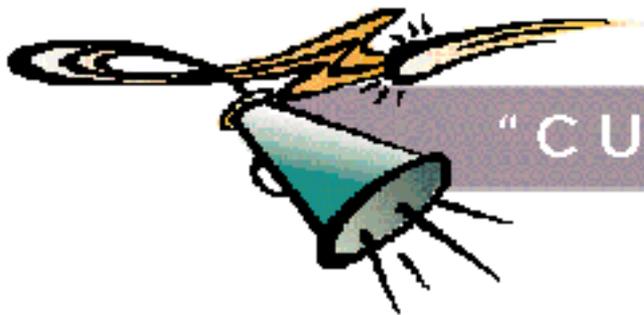
- 1 package of elastic cording or leather cording
- Assorted beads and buttons
- Small jump rings
- Assorted charms associated with prayer or requests
- Scissors
- Needle-nose pliers

Directions:

1. Use the needle-nose pliers to attach the charms to the small jump rings.
2. Measure the wrist, neck, or ankle, cut a piece of elastic or leather two inches longer, and tie a knot at one end.
3. Begin to string the beads in your desired pattern, interspersing the charms as you go.
4. When you reach the desired length, tightly tie both ends of the elastic (or leather) together and trim excess.

Melinda Wolf Miller • Assistant Editor





“CURRENT” INFO

LINKS REMINDER

It has come to our attention that missionaries have had to pay unnecessary duty money because donors did not double-check mailing instructions before sending packages.

General NMI LINKS Coordinator Linda Phelps reminds churches of the following:

1. Check before sending items overseas;
2. Follow the directions sent from the General NMI Office for mailing packages.

PORTUGAL SENDS FIRST MISSIONARIES

For the first time in history, missionaries were sent from Portugal to serve as missionaries through the Church of the Nazarene. Fernando and Lilliana Almeida were appointed to the Western Mediterranean Field. On July 17, 2004, pastors and laity from across the nation gathered in Costa do Sol Church of the Nazarene near Lisbon for a sending service.

“Since its establishment in 1973, the Church of the Nazarene in Portugal has benefited from the missionaries that it has received, but now the Church has moved full circle to stand alongside those who are sending forth missionaries to spread the message of the gospel around the world,” said Field Director John Brickley.

Fernando Almeida will serve as theological education

coordinator for the Western Mediterranean Field, and Lilliana will be Nazarene Youth International coordinator. They began their assignments August 1.

Western Mediterranean Field

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NIVS in the MAC Region: 2 minutes, 55 seconds; use—Volunteer Ministries.

One Man’s Junk...Is Another Man’s Alabaster Box: 3 minutes, 38 seconds; use—Alabaster.

Special Offerings/Africa: 1 minute, 52 seconds; use—Easter Offering or Alabaster Offering.

Easter Offering Promo: 1 minute, 00 seconds; use—Easter Offering.

Hope for the Hopeless: 5 minutes, 05 seconds; use—Nazarene Compassionate Ministries promo.

Profile of a Nazarene: 1 minutes, 35 seconds; a ministry to the deaf.

JESUS Film/Northern Rift Valley, Kenya: 1 minute, 52 seconds; use—prayer for JESUS film.

East Timor 2001: 5 minutes, 19 seconds; see what has happened in the first year of ministry in East Timor.

Tamayo Story: 4 minutes, 29 seconds; use—challenge to reach all age groups.

Hope Through Radio: 2 minutes, 20 seconds; use—World Mission Broadcast.

Around the Lake: 3 minutes, 41 seconds; shows a trip to minister to a group of 50,000 refugees brought together by civil wars in their homelands.

Miracles: The Work of God: 5 minutes, 21 seconds; a pastor and congregation reach out to those who are lost.

Building Project: Eldoret, Kenya: 1 minute, 13 seconds.

Three Short News Clips of ministries taking place around the world.

Online Ordering on the NMI Web Site

<www.nazarenemissions.org>

Check out these pages:

- Medical Plan overview page
- Memorial Roll
- Distinguished Service Award page
- FAQs page
- DPs page



Alabaster Offering

“Give up a want to meet a need”

You have the opportunity to give in the **Alabaster Offering**, which will fund mission buildings—**churches, clinics, schools, and homes**—around the world.

Alabaster offerings are modeled after the sacrifice of Mary, who poured her precious perfume from an Alabaster bottle onto Jesus' feet. (Matthew 26:6-13)

Alabaster offerings—

- Provide funds for property and buildings around the world
- Give a sense of permanence
- 80% goes to world mission areas
- 20% goes to multicultural congregations in the United States and Canada
- Provide land for most Work & Witness projects

Alabaster monies fund four projects every week!

‘I want to pass on a heart for missions to my children. That’s why I model giving to the World Evangelism Fund.’

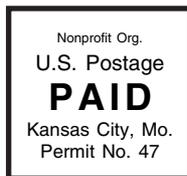
I explain that participation in the World Evangelism Fund results in support for:

- Outreach ministry in 148 world areas
- Approximately 740 missionaries and their children
- Monthly pensions for more than 300 retired missionary units (single or couples)
- 41 Bible colleges and seminaries, 2 liberal arts universities, and 31 extension centers with more than 17,500 students enrolled
- 3 additional career training centers with approximately 140 students
- More than 60 medical clinics and 2 hospitals
- Literature in 91 languages
- Casa Robles (Nazarene Missionary Retirement Center)
- The facilitation of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Work & Witness, Alabaster, and World Mission Broadcast
- Administrative costs to facilitate ministries and services to 13,000 churches around the world



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AROUND THE CIRCUIT

A Million Hours of Prayer

“Pray...Partnering in the Gospel” is the theme as Nazarenes engage in a Million Hours of Prayer between January and June 2005.

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 1:4-6, NIV

The Board of General Superintendents and Nazarene Missions International have joined efforts to sponsor the Million Hours of Prayer plan.

Each Nazarene is challenged to pray a minimum of two hours during the six-month time frame. The prayer focus is for personal renewal and for the General Assembly and Conventions.

Pray for traveling mercies and for a special anointing on every participant, worship service, business session, and special event in the General Assembly and Conventions, as well as for a great spiritual movement worldwide.

The Church of the Nazarene is a direct result of fervent prayer. Our effectiveness as a denomination and as individual Christians continues to depend on our commitment to impassioned prayer. Let's begin the journey to Indianapolis on our knees.



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