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MISSION EDUCATION

Help!

Pastor won't let me promote missions in the Sunday morning service.

I like to show missions videos, but I only have 1 minute in the morning

The General NMI Office team often hears from local NMI presidents who share mission education challenges. Here are a few suggestions:

Videos

- Show brief mission awareness videos in the Sunday morning service (no more than 60-90 seconds). We suggest videos from the quarterly *World Mission Video Magazine* (sent to every local church on DVD).
- Split a longer video into short segments (again, no more than 60-90 seconds) and show it over several weeks. Announce in the church bulletin that the continuation of the story will be shown at the next Sunday morning service.

Adult Mission Education Curriculum

- Team up with Sunday School teachers. Ask them if they will allow you to “substitute teach” occasionally (once a month, every other month, or quarterly), using the Adult Mission Education curriculum for the sessions.
 - Use the Adult Mission Education curriculum in your small groups or Bible study groups.
 - Once a month (or quarterly), invite church members to a brunch or luncheon following the Sunday morning worship. Decorate the tables with items that correlate with your mission education lesson. Use the exciting information and creative ideas included in each Adult Mission Education curriculum to make your event fun and interesting!
- Create a Web site for your local NMI. Include mission education information. Link to the General NMI web site <<http://www.nazarenemissions.org>>. Refer church members to your site by putting the address in your church bulletin. Be sure to update the Web site on a regular basis.

No one comes to our missions services anymore.

My pastor won't let me have a missions service!

Frustrated NMI President

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Monthly Education for Busy Folks

First Sunday—Brief lesson from the Adult Mission Education (AME) packet; first thing in Sunday morning worship; only about 10 minutes long; short summary of the lesson, pulling out the most interesting facts.

Second Sunday—Mission Moment; first thing in Sunday morning worship; a few minutes long; present the monthly emphasis and challenge for participation.

Third Sunday—Missionary Profile; first thing in Sunday morning worship; council member reads a missionary profile from the AME packet. We then distribute two greeting cards (one for each side of the church) for people to write in and sign. The church secretary then mails these

to the missionary family, sometimes with a few treats.

Fourth Sunday—Children's Mission Education; held during our Children's Church;

Also, Special Offerings—according to monthly emphases, Alabaster march offerings, Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings are received. Announcement: “Crisis Care Kit items are due this week during December.”

Lessons, monthly emphases, and missionary profiles are mapped out on a calendar before NMI Council meeting. At the meeting, names of Council members who will do presentations are added. Throwing in some deputation services and faith promise completes the organization!

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