

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries— So Many Needs? So Few Resources?

Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

Matthew 25: 44-45, KJV

Knowing that we are all asked to show compassion and that there are so many demands on our limited financial resources, there is something we can do to help that may cost some people time and most people nothing.

Organize a Variety Sale

How? Advertise: announcements, e-mails, Facebook, phone calls, text messages, posters

Where? In your garage, at a church picnic, in the community—anywhere people will be or come if they are invited

What? Items in and around the home or church that no one really has any use for but that others may want, including clothing in acceptable condition

Who? Ask anyone to donate items, even children or neighbors and family members not in church

When? Choose the season when people are most likely to clean out their homes

Why?

- People will be glad to clear unneeded clutter and, at the same time, help those in need.
- Others will be pleased to purchase needed or wanted items at greatly reduced prices.
- **The needs in our communities and in our world are great.** Some of these needs will be met while also helping those who donate and purchase.

At the sale, provide a container marked “The Less Fortunate” for those who wish to make cash donations apart from their purchases.*

This method is proven. It helped one Caribbean district provide funds to construct water wells in Haiti.

* **Editor’s Note:** Be sure to post how the money will be used; more people will be encouraged to give. If it is for the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Fund, have an explanation of how those funds help.

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Everyone a Volunteer Minister

We live in a day in which mission calls can be answered in a variety of ways. Volunteer Ministries are knocking at every door and are so numerous that everyone can be a volunteer. How exciting to live at such a time as this!

The Pittsburgh District has appointed a domestic Work & Witness (W&W) coordinator to our leadership team. Domestic W&W teams will minister in the USA/Canada Region as the international W&W teams continue to travel to other regions. Our desire is to connect more people to missions and to disciple young future leaders.

We know that W&W changes the lives of individuals and puts a new excitement in churches. There are people who cannot make the international trips, but are willing to participate in a domestic experience. And it is much easier for teens and families to join the domestic teams, while also participating in an activity that is more affordable.

The Southwest Latin America District offers projects and a cross-cultural experience without a passport! FOCUS 2011 INDY DISTRICT offers an opportunity to encounter ministry in one of America's largest cities. Districts may register projects with the **W&W USA/Canada** office or choose to participate in a work project by calling 913-577-2839 or by going to www.workandwitness.org.

Churches, families, youth groups, and districts could team up with **One Heart—Many Hands** and serve in Columbus, Ohio, during July 31–August 5, 2011. More information is available at www.oneheartmanyhands.com or by calling 877-379-6464.

Retirees, there is a special mission for you as well. **RVs On A Mission (ROAM)** is an outreach of the Church of the Nazarene. Do you have a heart for W&W? Why not join this growing organization of RV owners who enjoy working for the Kingdom and having fun doing it! Check it out at www.rvsonamission.org.

Please don't overlook local opportunities to volunteer in your community, such as helping at soup kitchens or homeless shelters, driving the elderly to appointments, providing needed repairs for the homebound, preparing a meal for the sick—the list is endless. Put a "Help Offered" notice in your church bulletin; there is a ministry for everyone. Opportunities are knocking at your door—are you answering the call to

Volunteer Ministries?



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