

Making Missions a Priority

Praying.

Discipling.

Giving.

Educating.

Four simple words. However, in those four words are packed the future of global evangelization. They are the objectives of NMI and the guidelines we use to keep missions a priority within the Church of the Nazarene.

Praying—starting at the most basic. Pray for missions in the Church of the Nazarene. Pray for the missionaries, indigenous leaders, and their families, churches, districts, and countries. Passion for winning the lost around the world is nurtured, as well as the awareness of the continued need of “workers in the harvest.”

With that foundation, we move to **Discipling**. Looking to the future through the eyes of the next generation. By involving new Nazarenes, youth, and children in missions, we open their minds and hearts to the potential call of God to serve cross culturally or to support missions in the churches they attend.

Giving for missions is the outpouring of a heart given to God and the desire for people all over the world to know of God’s love, Christ’s sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit’s comfort. Yes, money is needed to keep the Church of the Nazarene operational in 155 world areas; however, we could consciously decide to give from a heart of love, rather than a sense of duty.

If we are praying, discipling, and giving, the next stage is **Educating**. Learning what God is doing in the world as a result of our participation fuels further passion for those same objectives. And as we participate more, we want to learn more.

Each objective is dependent on the others. And all of them are dependent on us. We must pray, disciple, give, and educate if we wish to make Missions Priority One.

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