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“Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.” Psalm 86:11-12



From My Heart

Urgent Call for All Christians to Pray for 10/40 Window Nations

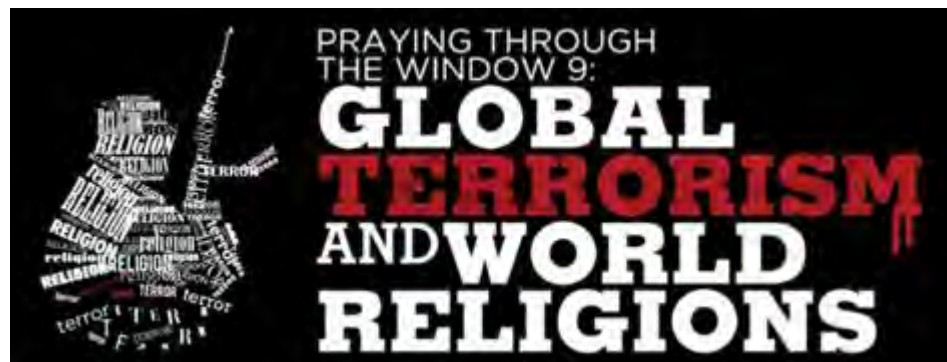
By Daniel Ketchum

As I write this feature, global media is announcing that a renowned terrorist and persecutor of Christians has been apprehended and executed. Also, the following story is reported by nearly every news media and mission ministry globally:

Please pray that the Lord spares the life of Iranian Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani. He is “the head of a network of Christian house churches in Iran” and “could be executed in Tehran for refusing to recant his religious beliefs and convert to the dominant religion in Iran. according to media reports.

Please pray the Lord uses this pastor and others like him to encourage Iranian believers to stand strong for Jesus Christ. Pray, too, that the gospel message would spread throughout Iran and the epicenter as a result of the international pressure for Pastor Youcef's release and that many would be saved.

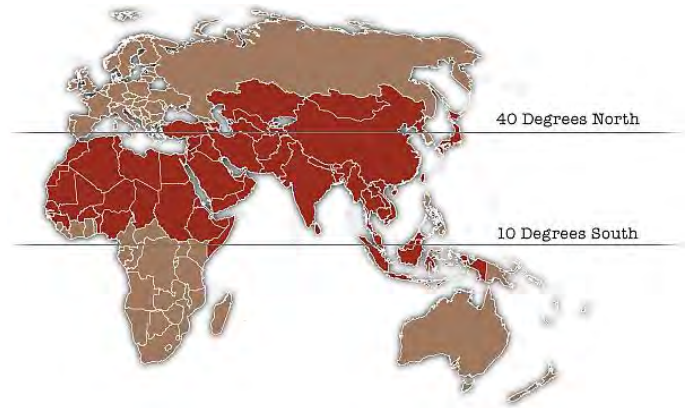
For such a time as this, NMI partners actively with Window International Network (WIN) to inform, equip, and mobilize networks of prayer around the globe to empower effective evangelism, discipleship, and church development in the 10/40 Window. To view the details from the WIN Web site go to www.win1040.com.



About the 10/40 Window

The 10/40 Window is located from 10 degrees south to 40 degrees north of the equator. There are **69 nations** across northern Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia in the 10/40 Window. Nearly 4 billion people live here, including 90 percent of the world's poorest of the poor. It is estimated that 1.6 billion of these people have never had the chance to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ - not even once! The seat of every major non-Christian religion - Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Animism, Atheism, and Sikhism - is headquartered in the 10/40 Window.

1. Two-thirds of the world's population — 4 billion people — live in the 10/40 Window.
2. 95 percent of these 4 billion people are **unevangelized**.
3. 87 percent are the poorest of the poor, living on an average of only \$250 per family annually.
4. In many of the **69 nations**, witnessing the Christian Gospel is illegal and will result in imprisonment or death.
5. 45 of the 50 worst countries in the world for persecution of Christians are in the 10/40 Window.
6. Child prostitution and child slavery run rampant in many of these nations.
7. Horrific abuse of women and children remains unchecked, including an epidemic of **pedophilia**.
8. A majority of the world's terrorist organizations are based in the 10/40 Window, and children as young as 18 months old are trained to be Jihad soldiers.



Though the needs are both and desperate and urgent, **only 5 cents out of every \$100 US** spent on missions globally is directed toward the 10/40 Window. That is **0.0005 percent** of all mission money designated to offer the gospel to **66 percent** of the world's population!

About International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

This year, NMI cooperates with WIN to promote the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 13. Please encourage every local church to participate in special prayer that day. Now is the time to prepare; please do not delay. To simplify, **I have drawn prayer resources from the WIN Web site for you to pass on rapidly**. The prayer resources can be found in the downloadable section of HeartLine

NOTICE: The Global Ministry Center is in the process of transferring all our Web sites, including NMI's, to new servers. The migration of information is currently taking place and will be complete in the next few weeks. During the transition, some GMC Web sites may not be available or fully functional. Mailings, such as the Prayer Mobilization Line, may also be affected. **If you are unable to access the NMI site go to www.nazarene.org. On the front page near the bottom, under "Our Family of Websites" click on the Nazarene Missions International link.** If you still have problems, please call the NMI office at 913-577-2970.

Please be in prayer with the staff at the GMC as this change takes place. Pray specifically that data will not be lost, that those working most closely with the transition will have skill and patience, and that the overall result will yield a functional and fiscally prudent Web system for the denominational headquarters.

DPs, please pass the information above the transferring of our Web sites to your local presidents. The more people who know about the possible interruption in service, the better.

**“It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone.”
Hudson Taylor, missionary with China Inland Mission (now OMF International)**

Recently Found on the Prayer Mobilization Line Facebook Page

PRAYER: Ebenezer Church of the Nazarene in the Dominican Republic meets in a parsonage, and their growth makes it necessary to find a larger facility to worship in. A nearby building is a possible location. Pray that the Lord's will is accomplished and any resources needed will be provided.

PRAISE: King Mswati III of Swaziland praised the work of the Church of the Nazarene in his country at the recent opening of the Intensive Care Unit and Renal Dialysis Unit at Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital. The king noted that many people had been touched by the church, having been born at the hospital or schooled at one of the many Nazarene educational institutions.

PRAISE: Nazarene churches in Nepal are growing and in need of new spaces for worship. Churches in Lalitpur and

Punarathan have outgrown their spaces and are looking for new houses or halls for their services. A newly organized church in Sunwal needs a place to hold its services.



UPDATE: Ellen Bustle is home from the hospital after five days of treatment for fever. Ellen says, "Thanks so much for the prayers. Fever is gone, and the medicine and God got my blood counts up." Continue to pray for Ellen as she undergoes cancer treatments.

PML's Facebook friends are "liking," "sharing," and "commenting" on the praise reports and prayer requests. Are you a PML Facebook friend? If not, join us - www.facebook.com/NMIPrayer - and invite your friends.

Because You Give – Portrait of a Pastor

As a child, Philip Lahai Kenneey lived in Liberia until war broke out. His father was murdered, and the rest of his family scattered in fear. Not knowing where his siblings or mom were, Philip hid and slept amongst dead bodies for three days before slipping on board a ship headed to Ghana.

Life in Ghana didn't go well. The family that took him in forced him to do odd jobs to bring in money, one job almost killed him. Philip left and didn't look back; he was only seven years old.

Even as he slept in bus stations and on the streets, Philip's priority was his education. Any money earned was split between education costs and food. Philip lived this way for nine years; and during this time, he felt that God was far away, yet he often prayed.

After entering secondary school, Philip's lack of funds would not allow him to continue. When students went home for Christmas, Philip had nowhere to go, so he slept in an uncompleted structure and bathed in stagnant water.

One day while washing up, he met Pastor Frank Mills, his English teacher. When Pastor Mills asked Philip why he hadn't gone home for the holidays, the boy did not respond. The pastor invited him to his church, a Nazarene church.

Later Pastor Mills invited Philip to his home, then the pastor and his wife invited him to live with them. The Milles

paid for school fees and cared for Philip until he completed high school.

Philip was so happy in his new home and regularly attended church. He accepted Christ as Savior and began preaching the Gospel. He went through church leadership classes and became an assistant pastor. Eventually, when Pastor Mills accepted another assignment, Philip became the senior pastor.

When a Work & Witness team came to Philip's town, they learned of his story and prayed for him to be reunited with his family in Liberia. The team raised funds for travel and within two weeks Philip reconnected with his mother, brothers and sisters in Liberia. He says, "God is good and wonderful. He is bigger than all our problems. He comes to us in His own time."

Nazarenes who give to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) participate in the lives of people like Philip. God's grace and WEF made it possible for Philip Lahai Kenneey from Liberia to be reunited with his biological family, to lead a church family, and to be in the family of God. WEF makes a difference!

Read the whole story on *Engage Magazine* -

www.engageMagazine.com/Magazine-Content/Stories/August-2011/The-joy-Jesus-gives.aspx.

Following the article, there are discussion questions providing an option for a short mission education lesson in a service, small group meeting, or Sunday school class.

WEF Makes a Difference!

“I praise the Lord for the goodness of the general church in its support of Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary (APNTS). We are part of a consortium of evangelical seminaries in the Philippines; and as I hear stories of other presidents who lack consistent monthly support, I am so appreciative of World Evangelism Funds. I also praise the Lord for the generous support of our Korean Nazarene partners in raising scholarships and money for other APNTS projects.”

Floyd Cunningham, missionary and president of APNTS

Thanksgiving Offering for the World Evangelism Fund: Harvest 2011 – Plant. Grow. Thrive.

The Church of the Nazarene creates a vast network of believers that connects help with hurting people, redemption with the lost, and healing with the broken. Our shared mission is financially supported by the power of Christ through faith-filled gifts to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). Because of “mustard seed sized donations” to WEF, the Church of the Nazarene has grown, and continues to grow, into a world-wide support system of prayer, caring, and discipleship.

Never has the importance of WEF been so apparent to the ongoing ministry of the global church. Thank you, NMI leaders, for all you do to promote the WEF offering. New materials are available to engage people in prayer and reflections as you lead up to receiving the Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism. Resources include:

- A Planning Guide
- Three Videos (play one each week leading up to receipt of the offering)
- Print Resources, Logos, and Clip Art
- A Prayer Initiative Guide and Devotional with versions for the congregation, leaders, and children.
- Children’s Activity Sheet
- Bulletin Inserts, Poster, PowerPoint Slides, Web Banners, and Badges
- Offering Envelopes

The resources are found at http://web.nazarene.org/site/PageNavigator/Harvest_2011_Resources

E-mail the Stewardship Office if you have questions or need assistance with WEF resources – stewardship@nazarene.org

FIRST AND SECOND - What is the number one request from churches? What is the second?

The number one request from local churches globally is for more stories of what God is doing in Nazarene missions. The number one resource is *Engage Magazine*. The *World Mission* magazine was mailed by subscription to a limited number of readers in monthly issues. *Engage* is free, online for instant global access, and updated many times weekly.

The second most frequent request from local churches globally is for dynamic ideas for

communicating missions. The number one resource for this is *Mission Connection*: a free, monthly electronic idea exchange for NMI leader that offers a printable version option.

We are eager and willing to send these most requested resources to every mission-minded leader without interrupting district leaders. Thank you for helping Nazarene churches on your region and district connected to God’s global mission.

Did You Know?



The NMI mission book *Traffic: Sold into Slavery* has been reviewed by pastor, author, and speaker Bruce B. Miller. The book's topic of human trafficking has been a difficult one for some people to read about, especially in a NMI book. However, the topic is a very real tragedy in society today, and the church needs to be aware of it and be a part of doing something to eradicate it. Click [here](#) to read Pastor Miller's review.



The September 2011 Funding the Mission Report is available in the downloadable resources section of *HeartLine*. Please take a look and see where the denomination's fiscal year ended up.



Fifty-six districts in the U.S.A. and Canada have given at least 100 percent towards their World Evangelism Fund (WEF) goals. This is an incredible accomplishment, and we celebrate and thank each person who has participated in giving to WEF. A complete listing of U.S.A. and Canada district giving can be found in the downloadable resources section of *HeartLine*.



On October 7, 2011, the Board of General Superintendents sent a letter and an FAQ sheet about WEF overpayments. Each NMI district and local president should have received these. Copies can be found in the downloadable resources section of *HeartLine*.



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The Kansas City District NMI (under the leadership of Eunice Brubaker), in collaboration with other NMI DPs, has developed "Focus Team Ministry Descriptions" for district and local councils that cover the four NMI core objectives: Praying, Giving, Discipling, and Educating. While you likely have your councils organized and running smoothly, the ministry descriptions are a great example to review and forward to churches who may need to restructure their councils.



Music is often a prominent part of mission services. Many people may be unaware of the requirements of copyright law. When using lyrics and/or music of a copyrighted song, the copyright information and CCLI license number should always be included with any lyrics and/or music reproduced. The copyright information may be printed in a small font; it just needs to be there. See the following information regarding what is acceptable for reproducing songs without a CCLI number: www.pdinfo.com/copyrt.php.) The proper way to document the CCLI number is:

Title," words and music by (lyricist and composer)
© (copyright year) (copyright holder) Used By
Permission. CCLI License # _____

The person who will be leading the music should have access to the needed information if the song is registered with CCLI. However, if the song is not registered, the copyright information should still be posted, so it may involve some research. If the music is used in a service setting where multiple churches are participating, the CCLI number should be of the host church or music leader's church. These requirements are according to copyright law in the U.S.A. NMI leaders living in other countries should research the laws in those locations.

The International Day of Prayer (IDOP) for the Persecuted Church 2011, is almost here!

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) 2011, is Sunday, November 13 (Sunday, November 6 in the U.K. and Ireland); however, you are free to choose another date in November if you wish to join in prayer in this global, annual event to pray for the suffering church worldwide.

There are many countries in the world today where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Believers in some countries face death threats. Christians in many other countries around the world face violence, imprisonment, discrimination and actual death. There are thousands of Christians who have fled their homes and countries due to persecution; and some places are so closed off from the world that persecution takes place, but goes unknown to the outside world.

Visit the IDOP international Web site (www.idop.org) to find out more about IDOP 2011 and to download resources designed to help you get involved and pray effectively for the persecuted. This site is especially helpful for people from outside the U.S.A. who are seeking resources.

October-November Downloadable Resources

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