



Our goal is :
**TO MAKE CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES
IN THE NATIONS**

DECEMBER IS COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY MONTH

This Christmas – Rejoice at His coming...



**A special prayer for you that the
glory of the Lord will shine
round about you, this Christmas
season and always.**

From Your District NMI Council

A Note From Compassionate Ministries Director Phil Smith

Yesterday I drove a 10 foot box truck up and around VT and NH. The churches I went to were: Rutland, Leicester, Burlington/Williston, Johnson LaMoille Valley, North Haverhill, Concord, Hooksett and Keene.

The total number of the boxes collected was 102 and the breakdown is as follows: 80 boxes of clothing, 15 boxes of Crisis Care Kits, 7 boxes of School Pal Packs. It was a great day! Praise the Lord!



Geraldine Perry President
Lisa Reid Editor

Joy Tucker Elected as New NMI District Secretary

We are so grateful that Joy Tucker has felt God leading her to serve as District NMI Secretary. Congratulations Joy! Joy is the gifted NMI President of our New Hope Fellowship Church in Maynard, MA.

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COMPASSIONATE RESPONSES REQUESTED

Dear Missions Leader,

On Thursday, Nov. 15, a cyclone stronger than Hurricane Katrina swept into southwestern Bangladesh killing thousands and destroying tens of thousands of rustic houses. Bangladesh has a population of 150 million, half of our US population, squeezed into a land mass the size of Illinois. Half of the population of Bangladesh is under the age of 18.

Nazarenes in Bangladesh have been hit directly by the storm. A Child Development Center that also serves as a worship and an educational center was totally wiped out. No doubt, hundreds of Nazarene families have lost everything and are homeless in the water and mud.

WE MUST HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN BANGLADESH! \$6 will buy a blanket for the winter as they sleep on the wet ground. \$80 will buy roofing material so they can build a one-room shelter. Any amount will help buy milk for babies, food for families, and medicines for the sick. We have an excellent NCM organization in Bangladesh that can get the help delivered where most needed. We can trust them to use our gifts effectively.

What better way to show God's love than to receive a special offering for the cyclone victims in Bangladesh. Please join Steve and me in saying thanks for our many blessings by sending help and sharing hope in Jesus name. (This letter was adjusted from one sent by Bob Prescott.)

Use the following code when submitting funds ACM1549 or label it for "South Asia Disaster Relief."

THANK YOU FOR CARING AND SHARING!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR DISTRICT AND LINKS MISSIONARIES

December

- 10 Rev. David Restrict
- 16 Mrs. Judy Mann
- 21 Revs. John & Sandy Estey (Anniversary)

January

- 4 Rev. Jay Sunberg
- 4 Lydia Sunberg (2001)
- 20 Beth Restrict (1980)
- 29 David Wm. John Restrict (1986)

February

- 16 Sophia Sunberg (1999)
- 22 Teanna Sunberg

"Have you remembered your LINKS missionary family at Christmas?"



DID YOU KNOW?

- **Evangelistic Service:** Praise the Lord for the evangelistic service held at the **Cali Church** of the Nazarene in Colombia that recently followed the International Master's Plan Convention. At this service, **930 people accepted Christ as Lord and Savior.**
- The *2007 International Mission Education Journal* has been translated into Thai and French. It is available for download on the internet.

JESUS FILM

We give honor and glory to the Lord for His continued ministry through JESUS Film Harvest Partners. As of November 6, 2007, over 45.5 million evangelistic contacts have been made, more than 8 million have indicated decisions for Christ and there have been more than 2.5 million initial discipleship follow-ups. Praise His holy name!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK AND WITNESS

FUTURE TRIPS: To enquire about the Russia and Bulgaria trips contact Frank Turner, District W/W Coordinator RTU1750553@aol.com.

Excitement Builds for the Russian Work and Witness trip.

Two teams are scheduled for Work and Witness in Russia July 9-21, 2008 and July 16-28, 2008. Bruce Monk, trip leader, and Frank Turner, District W/W Coordinator, went to the Manchester, CT, COTN on Sunday evening, Nov. 11. They did a small presentation on the CIS Field in general and Ulyanovsk more specifically. The Manchester Church has about 11 people signed up to go next summer. There was a pot luck supper that was excellent. If you are seriously considering being a part of the trip you need to contact Bruce at As-sureTec@aol.com or Frank at RTU1750553@aol.com as soon as possible.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- † Your LINKS missionaries. See page 29 in District NMI Handbook for the name of your missionary. Links assignments are the same as last year.
- † Neal Estey and his parents John and Sandy Estey.
- † Families affected by the cyclones in Bangladesh.
- † District Missionaries: David Restrict Family, Jay Sunberg Family, Rod Rivera Family.

GREAT READING FOR THE WINTER MONTHS AND THE BOOKS ARE FREE!

Have you made sure at least one person in your church has read a Mission Book this year? NO! You do not have Mission Books in your church! We (the District NMI) have Mission Books for both children, youth and adults and they are FREE just contact Joy Tucker - joy.tucker@hp.com or call 978-250-0149 and she will see that you get them. It is as easy as 1-2-3.





FROM THE CHURCH PEWS

The Lowell Church joined together with the Carlisle Congregational Church for Thanksgiving in conjunction with International Students, Inc.

Below is a note from the person who coordinated the links between host families and mostly Chinese students at U-Mass-Lowell (30 students involved). Just another way to be a missionary at home.

— In His Service, Laura Ritter Cox

November 20 2007

Dear Host families, Steve (Hope), Don (Hanson), Mike (Hentschel), Denise (Beausoliel) and Laura (Ritter Cox):

I want to thank everyone for working so hard to motivate the Host families to participate. We have more host families than we have student groups.

I want to particularly thank Pastor Greer, whose vision spurred this on, and Pastor Megyesi, Lowell COTN Pastor, whose enthusiasm was infectious throughout LFC, for spearheading this effort at CCC and at Lowell First Church. The love of Christ has drawn us together in this enterprise in preaching the Gospel. It is my prayer that this is but *the beginning of a sustained effort* to reach out to international Students in our midst, not only at UML, but at Middlesex Community College, Daniel Webster College, Rivier College and Hesser College. The cause of Christ is much larger than our individual agendas, and God's name is glorified when we reach out to this oft neglected group.

Please know that I will be praying for each of the students and for each host family by name, as you minister and demonstrate the love of Christ in sharing your home.

Please just welcome them as friends - you may not even have occasion to share matters of faith or conviction with them. Draw them out; ask them about their experiences in the US, their studies, how they find Americans, would they like to have American foster Parents and Families that they can fall back on? etc, etc.

Share with them American Traditions, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Football games, Baseball, American Music, Musicals, Arts, etc. As a Chinese student coming to America for the first time in 1967, I knew nobody, and was shown hospitality by an Christian American family from Walter Reed Army Hospital. I remember that kindness to this day, 40 years later!

And so, I will be in prayer all day as you serve Christ in this difficult Mission. Thank you all for such faithfulness and commitment. May the Lord bless and richly reward you all.

JW

MISSIONARY KIDS AT ENC

Remember our Missionary Kids at ENC this Christmas with a card and note of encouragement.

David Restrict (Senior)

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Young Apartments
PO Box 678
23 East Elm Avenue
Quincy, MA 02170

Daniel Rivera (Freshman)

Eastern Nazarene College
Shield's Hall
23 East Elm Avenue
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YOUTH NEWS

Poster Contest – The District NMI is soliciting young artists to participate in a poster contest depicting the theme **“The Cross: Seize It! Share It! Speak it Boldly!”** Using scriptures from God’s Word that talk about being a bold witness for our Lord.

We are asking for bold colors and large sizes in various mediums. For more information please contact Susan Magnuson at susan.magnuson@yahoo.com.

COMING NEXT SPRING FOR THE YOUTH

† Friday, March 7, 8-10pm Missions Rally in Lowell following a day of quizzing.

† Saturday, March 15 District 30 Hour Famine/Project at Lowell Church of the Nazarene.

Watch for Details!

M & M MISSION MINDED KIDS NEWS

2007-2008 CHILDREN’S PROJECT

Over \$3,381.04 has already come in for the Children’s Project. Several churches have indicated that they will be sending in an offering. **\$20,000. (US) IS NEEDED TO PURCHASE A NEW VAN FOR JAY AND TEANNA SUNBERG IN BULGARIA!** \$16,619. IS STILL NEEDED AND WE CAN DO IT IF ALL PARTICIPATE!! Thanks so much for all you can do.

Let’s put the old van in the grave and give the Sunbergs a sparkling new van.

They’ll need the help of adults too.

IDEA FOR PROMOTION: Purchase M&M containers filled with Mini- M&M’s (You can get them at B.J.’s in bulk or online) and give to the children to eat, when it is empty have them fill it up with coins - quarters are best. The children can ask adults to help – grandparents, aunts and uncles etc. Have them bring it back to church and give them a new M&M container to fill up with coins again. Make sure the children know what the coins are being used for.



BUILDING HOPE ON A FOUNDATION OF LOVE

From the makers of the EvangeCube comes a simple tool to present the facts about the prevention and spread of HIV/AIDS. This phenomenal cube uses the universal language of pictures to convey the truth about the pandemic that is devouring the lives of “the least of these”...God’s children. The HIV/AIDS Cube is a way to open wide the door to knowing God personally by compassionately sharing life-or death education about this disease that affects millions.

JESUS Film teams use the film and EvangeCubes for personal evangelism. In addition the HIV/AIDS Cube will now be part of the equipment Nazarene film teams receive. Pray for our film teams as they use this new tool that will show hope for the discouraged. To learn more, log on to www.hivaidscube.org



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New England District NMI
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Return Service Requested
Time Value

Newsletter is also available on the Web:

<http://www.newenglanddistrictnaz.org/missions.html>

LEADERSHIP TIP

“The involvement of our children in missions today will determine the effectiveness of the church in missions tomorrow.”

– Dr. Nina G. Gunter

Compassion in
Action
Responding to
Everyone

Ask how you can
participate in
Nazarene
Compassionate
Ministries!

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