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NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

# NE DISTRICT NMI MESSENGER

## District Prayer Luncheon

**All Churches Are Invited  
to the NE District NMI  
Prayer Service & Luncheon with  
Merrill & Jan Williams - Guam**



**Saturday, March 3, 2007  
Living Hope - North Shore - Danvers MA  
Registration 9 AM - Service 10 AM  
\$7.50/person - lunch following service  
For more info and RSVP by Mon., Feb. 26**



**CHANGE IN DATE FOR DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION**

**Wednesday Evening, MAY 23 and Thursday, MAY 24, 2007.**

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### February Events—Alabaster

- 25th—Mar 3rd—Nazarene World Week of Prayer

### March Events—Easter Offering

- 3rd—NMI District Prayer Luncheon
- 2nd—11th—Deputation, Merrill & Jan Williams (Guam)
- 24th—Apr 1st—Deputation, David & Christi DiFalco (Switzerland)

## February Challenge—Alabaster

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Alabaster is a "God-Thing" in the Church of the Nazarene. Can you imagine where our church would be today without Alabaster support? Churches helped with Alabaster continue to grow and birth other churches. Churches have been built in all shapes and sizes. One such church is the "Hogan" church built at Sun Valley Indian School. In South America there are roof churches. The building might be a clinic, ministry center, or parsonage but God uses all these buildings to reach people who reach people...It translates into evangelism and discipleship.

Thank you for challenging everyone to give sacrificially in this love offering.

## March Challenge—World Evangelism Fund—Easter Offering

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Where is your ministry going? How far is it extending: Just as a pebble thrown into the water causes a rippling effect, so is your giving to the World Evangelism Fund. You may not always see the results of those lives being changed. However, it is knowing that through "him who is able to do

immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..., : God will extend our ministry throughout the world by giving to the World Evangelism Fund.

Karen Jones, Former NMI Office

## Leadership Tip

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"It's not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena...who, at best, knows in the end the triumphs of great achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place will never be with those timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

## Harvest Partners—JESUS Film Ministry (as of January 16, 2006)

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JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported the following:

42,163,957 evangelistic contacts (*JESUS* Film & other tools)  
7,369,485 (17.5% of contacts) decisions for Christ  
2,288,787 (31.1% of decisions) initial discipleship follow-ups  
10,578 new mission churches started  
14,230 pastors in training

Please pray for these new starts and the pastors in training! 190 *JESUS* Film language translations used. 99 countries where the *JESUS* Film is used.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries of LINKS & District Missionaries

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### February

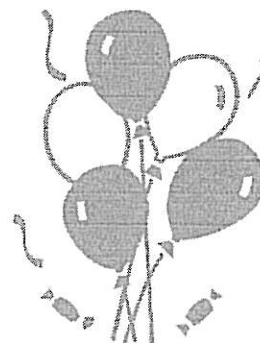
16 Birthday—Sophia Sunberg (1999)

22 Birthday—Mrs. Teanna Sunberg

### March

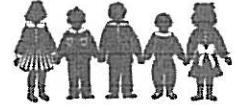
9 Anniversary—Rev. & Mrs. Henry Stevenson

28 Birthday—Mrs. Rhoda Restrick





## CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



*Announcing the mission speaker at the Children and youth camps this summer.*



Christa Sunberg, daughter of Chuck and Carla Sunberg, previously missionaries to Russia. Christa is a sophomore at Olivet Nazarene University but will be studying in England during this spring semester of 2007. She is majoring in History and Political Science with a minor in Writing. At four years of age Christa moved with her parents and sister Cara to Russia in July of 1992, attended the embassy school and a school for missionary kids until her return to US in 2005. She says, "Living in Russia for 13 years was an amazing experience that I would never choose to change." Christa has helped out at youth camps in Russia and was missionary in residence at Upstate New York Camp. She loves children and youth and is excited about sharing her experiences as an MK (missionary kid.). She writes, "My family and I have been very blessed throughout all the experiences that continue to shape our lives."

## Did You Know?

- In 2006 more than 21,000 Nazarenes have served outside their home districts through World Mission Mobilization Ministries (Volunteer Ministries). This includes teams from 6 world regions. To see the complete statistical report, go to: [www.workandwitness.org](http://www.workandwitness.org)
- Currently there are 291 "units" of missionaries involved in LINKS. The 291 units are comprised of 105 couples, (55 active missionaries and 50 retired), 111 families (all active), and 75 single missionaries (30 active and 45 retired). Our missionaries are encouraged and blessed by the involvement of churches in the LINKS program. Not all missionaries choose to participate in LINKS.
- \$523,127 is the amount received in this year's World Mission Broadcast (MB) offering. This is a slight increase from the total received in last year's WMB offering. Praise the Lord! Let's continue working together to meet NMI's stated goal of \$750,000 annually for this offering.

## Mark Your Calendars



### **CHANGE IN DATE FOR DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION**

Wednesday evening, May 23  
and Thursday, May 24, 2007.

### **DISTRICT PRAYER LUNCHEON**

March 3, 2007, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.  
Lunch included

Registration: Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Who: Missionaries Merrill & Jan  
Williams, Guam

Music: Zephir Family and Reading  
Korean Church

Where: Living Hope Church of the  
Nazarene, 188 Elliott Street,  
Danvers, MA

Cost: \$7.50 per person

"The District praying together will  
accomplish much!"

### **NAZARENE WORLD WEEK**

#### **OF PRAYER**

February 25th through March 3rd

"Reaching the World on our Knees". The brochure states, "This annual event unites Nazarenes around the world in Prayer for the Church of the Nazarene, focusing our intercession on a different area each day."

To get regional prayer requests go on line at [www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org). We will close the week with our yearly District Prayer Luncheon held this year at Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, Danvers, MA on Saturday, March 3, 2007.

## News From The Pews

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Since December is compassionate ministries month I wanted to report to you what the Hingham Church does. We have a very nice two-bedroom apartment in the basement of the church that we use to shelter homeless families.

Not all families meet the State requirement for homelessness but still have a real need for shelter. The Hingham church partners with Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore, which is a Nazarene Compassionate Ministries affiliate. We have provided shelter for two families this fall—single mom's who stayed with us until they were able to get back on their feet and move into more permanent housing.

Our pastor, Jeremy Scott, also acts as Chaplain for the Rehoboth Shelter in Norwell, actively visiting each week and ministering when any of our guests or children are hospitalized.

By the way—we just had our first ever Faith Promise push and far exceeded our \$5,000 goal.

Ed DiSante, Missions President at Hingham, MA

## Prayer Requests

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- Pray for the Alabaster offering
- Pray for the World Evangelism Fund
- Pray for Bangladesh – severe cold weather which they are not prepared for (several Nazarenes have died as a result).
- Pray for Pam & Shanya Turner. (Frank's (council member) wife and daughter)
- Pray for our district missionaries
- Pray for our LINKS missionaries
- Pray for Eunice Brubaker, General NMI President
- Pray for NCM's Child Sponsorship program – several children need sponsors

## Greetings From Mozambique

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First of all, Rhoda and I again want to say to you, and to the whole New England NMI Council, Thank You so much! Thank you again for providing us with a home while we are in New England. Words just cannot express the great debt we owe to our New England District as the Missionary House has been made available to us, furlough after furlough, over these past 17 years. We can't begin to describe the difference that it has made in our lives, and especially in the lives of Beth, Mary and David, to have a "home" to come home to each time we've returned from Africa. Thank you so much.

We also want to express our thanks for the many generous offerings we received as we spoke in our churches across the district. We can truly say that our churches opened their hearts and their hands to us as we shared about what God is doing here in Mozambique. Thank you, too, for the offerings that were sent to Kansas City for our time at the children's and senior high camps.

It hardly seems possible that we've been back in Mozambique ten weeks

already. At times it seems that our time away was just a dream. The work keeps coming and the demands continue and it often seems like we were never away. We got back on a Sunday afternoon and I was in class on Monday morning, and before the day was out, Rhoda was handing out



medicines and helping with sick students. We arrived back and were welcomed by a Work & Witness team from near Seattle. They were working on a new faculty house here on campus. They had no sooner left than another team was arriving, this one traveling on to northern Mozambique to work on an extension center. And there have been others coming and going.

And of course there are always classes to teach, exams to mark, faculty meetings to chair - well, the routine just goes on.

As we approach the end of the year, we are anticipating some probable changes. In just a few weeks we will be coming to the end of our academic year with graduation exercises and our annual meeting of the trustees. As I've been serving as interim director, one of the major decisions that the board will deal with will be the election of a new director of the Seminário. It really needs to be a Mozambican and so we anticipate a new role here in the school. We would appreciate your prayers with us as we lead up to the meetings to be held at the end of the month. We'll be sure to let you know how things proceed.

In closing, we again want to say thank you for all your support. Please give our greetings to Pastor Steve and the members of the NMI council, and to all our New England Nazarenes. May the Lord bless you richly in your service for Him.

Yours truly, Dave & Rhoda Restricks

## Work and Witness Trips

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Pray for each of these as they plan and prepare, raise funds and journey to their destination.

- Nashua to Panama, January 27-February 4
- Duxbury to El Salvadore, April 14-22, 2007
- District trip to Bulgaria, July 18-30
- Nashua to Russia this summer
- Nashua Teens to Louisiana during the February school break

## Mission Education

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If you have purchased the Adult Mission Education Resource Packet you will be aware that two of our district families are a part of the studies for this year – The Esteys-Hetrick family and The Manns. Also, The “Rich” Missionary family (Harry & Marion Rich pastored Quincy Bethel at one time), and the Ketchums (present general NMI Director.)

Pages 6 & 7 have bulletin inserts from the Adult Education Packet that you can use to educate your church on these families. We encourage every church to use them.

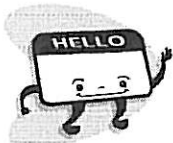
## Regional NMI Conference

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**WE  
NEED  
YOUR  
REPLY**

Presidents and Pastors, please respond so we know if you're interested in attending.

Thank You!



### REGIONAL NMI CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2007

Open to all local NMI Presidents and Pastors who serve in NMI

October 7-9, 2007, Columbus Weekend, the quadrennial NMI Regional Conference will be held at Camp Taconic, Red Hook, New York. This conference is held once every 4 years. In the past **District Presidents, District NMI Councils, District Superintendents** only have been invited to this event. This time along with those we have just mentioned we would like to invite the **Local Presidents & Pastors who serve in NMI**. Dr. Daniel Ketchum and other speakers will be there as well as several workshops will be given. It is a time of inspiration, information, networking, idea sharing, encouragement and fun. The cost will be approximately \$100 (not confirmed) for five meals and two nights lodging. It will begin Sunday evening and go to Tuesday noon.

**We need to know your interest in attending.** If you are interested please email Gerry Perry at [gerryperry2@comcast.net](mailto:gerryperry2@comcast.net). We would encourage each church to send their NMI President. Please respond as soon as possible. This will help us plan the number of rooms we need to reserve. More information will be forth coming.

## Check Up Time — End of Year Reports

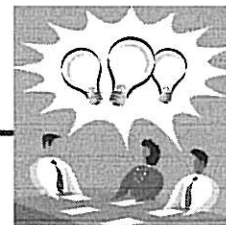
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It is only 2 months until the end of the year. It is time to give your church another check-up! Starting now to check on your Mission Priority One progress will help to make reporting easier.

1. How is Mission Education going? Have you shared mission moments etc?
2. Give those reading books and tapes another push.
3. Look over your giving - Do you have your WEF and DMEA up to date? What is WEF? World Evangelism Fund. What is DMEA? District Missions Expense Allocation or Assignment. Check attached the financial report as to where you stand and if there is a discrepancy please let us know. Find out if your special offerings have been sent in to K.C. (Alabaster, WMB, Med. Plan, LINKS, Compassionate Ministries etc.)
4. How about your Interactive services this year? Have you involved your youth and children in missions?

(See pages 10, 62-64 in District Blue NMI Handbook)







Daniel D. Ketchum, Director • Ann Baldwin, Editor

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### NAZARENE SCENE

#### Because You Cared

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) reports that in 2006, because of the generosity of Nazarenes:

- 2,345 families in Kenya received food each month for five months.
- 7,600 families affected by HIV/AIDS are empowered via a partnership with NCM Africa and the Foods Resource Bank.
- 9,348 children are sponsored through NCM, an increase of 46% over last year.
- Disaster response has affected: South Asia (Pakistan earthquake); the Caribbean (hurricane); Africa (drought); Indonesia (earthquake); Mexico/Central America (hurricane relief); North America (hurricane relief).

For more ways NCM provided assistance globally, log on to [www.ncm.org](http://www.ncm.org).  
*Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Magazine*

#### Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry

"Pastors are using newly acquired materials resulting from the 'Books for Pastors'

Offering. The result is continued growth in the region," shared Salatiel Mumedzimwe, Africa literature coordinator. Dr. Daniel Ketchum reports that as of December 8, 2006, \$2.45 million had been received in NMI's 90th anniversary project, "Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry." The project targets 60 languages, 14,000 pastors, and 27,442 students.

Nazarene Missions International

#### Scots Host Leadership Conference

Five Nazarenes from central Scotland have formed the leadership development group "New Heights" to develop leadership skills for the younger generation. Fifty-seven people attended the first New Heights Conference in December at the Erskine Church of the Nazarene. Workshops were focused on the emerging generation and dealt with worship, psychological first aid, and social justice. New Heights II Conference is scheduled for May 2007. For more info, see [www.newheightsministry.org](http://www.newheightsministry.org).

Where Worlds Meet, Eurasia E-newsletter

#### JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP)

JFHP ministry teams reported 41,766,165 evangelistic contacts\* from January 1998 through December 5, 2006. Of these contacts, 7,268,320 (17.4% of contacts) indicated decisions for Christ. As a result, there were 2,267,338 (31.2% of decisions) initial discipleship follow-ups, 10,385 new

mission churches started, and 14,230 new pastors are now in training.  
\*Includes the use of the JESUS film and other tools.

JESUS Film Harvest Partners

#### Korean Church Supports Technology and Training

High tech facilities, dedicated faculty creative students, and a vision to "communicate Christ...by all means possible," are the ingredients for a dynamic communication studies program at Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary (APNTS) in Manila, Philippines. APNTS recently developed the Fairbanks School of Communications to better facilitate the expansion of the communications program. The school was given a generous initial gift from the Sangamdong Church of the Nazarene from Seoul, Korea, and has pledged monthly program support.

World Mission Communications, Asia-Pacific

### WORLD SCENE

#### Afghanistan: Girls Love School

Girls' school attendance has reached nearly 17,000 pupils in World Vision-supported schools—almost double the number recorded two years ago. World Vision provides teacher training, equipment, and food to schools in Ghor and Badghis provinces. During the Taliban era, girls' education was banned.

World Vision News

#### Bump, Set, Spike

In Nigeria, insurgents are burning churches and persecuting Christians. Yet volleyball players from Athletes in Action (AIA) are proclaiming the Gospel and leading people to Christ there. The athletes (an American and two Canadians) joined with five Nigerian players and a coach to form a team. Following games, the AIA team would witness to the crowd about Jesus. Because of athletes' high status, Nigerians listened and many accepted Christ. The team was asked by a local university to return and continue sharing with the Nigerian people.

Worldwide Challenge Magazine

### 100,000th Bible Sent

The Voice of the Martyrs announced that after only 9 months of the new Bibles Unbound ministry, the 100,000th New Testament was mailed to a man in Egypt. Bibles Unbound allows Christians to mail New Testaments directly from their home to a person in a nation where Bible distribution is illegal or restricted. For more information go to <http://www.biblesunbound.com>.

The Voice of the Martyrs

### Attacks on India's Christians

Hindu extremists have threatened four Christian women accused of forced conversions in Tamil Nadu. The women had shown a Christian film to 150 people without incident, but local Hindu leaders claimed that many were coerced into attending the film. Two priests at a Catholic high school have also been attacked.

The Church Around the World

### The Tajik People

The Tajiks are the oldest surviving people group in central Asia. They live in the remote mountainous areas of Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Pakistan, and China. Tajikistan, home to most of the Tajik people, is one of the poorest countries in the world. About 90 percent of Tajiks are Muslim, and 10 percent call themselves non-religious. Only one known Christian church exists in Tajikistan. The Bible is available in Tajik, but the wording is archaic and difficult to understand. The JESUS film has been broadcast in Tajik on national television.

The Church Around the World

### Donated Products Help Beat Poverty

World Vision's gifts-in-kind department sends \$278 million worth of donated products each year to the world's poorest places. Thirty specialists in the United States procure and disperse items, working with field staff in recipient countries to make sure products fit their needs.

World Vision News

*Global Glimpses* is a publication of Nazarene Missions International and can also be found at [www.nazarenemissions.org/globalglimpses](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/globalglimpses).

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Web—[http://www.nednaz.org/  
missions.html](http://www.nednaz.org/missions.html)

### Children's Project

How is the children's project coming in your church? Please send funds to Rick Smith, District NMI Treasurer and state for 'Books For Pastors.'

**Adopt A Country**



**Books for Pastors  
TOOLS  
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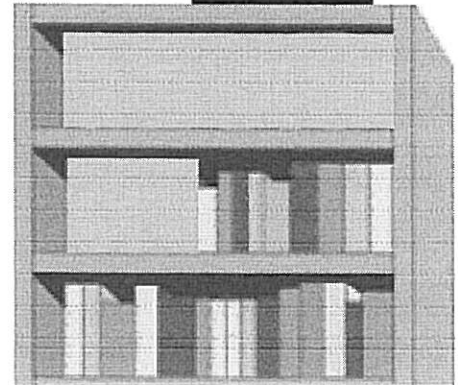
### Books for Pastors / Tools for Ministry

**Let's fill up the bookcase!**

When all the shelves on the bookcase are filled with books, NE District will have met their **goal of \$62,741.**



As of 1/8/07  
We've  
raised  
**\$35,214**



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Alabaster helps purchase land and construct places for people to worship, heal, learn, and grow spiritually.

Please participate in the Alabaster Offering.

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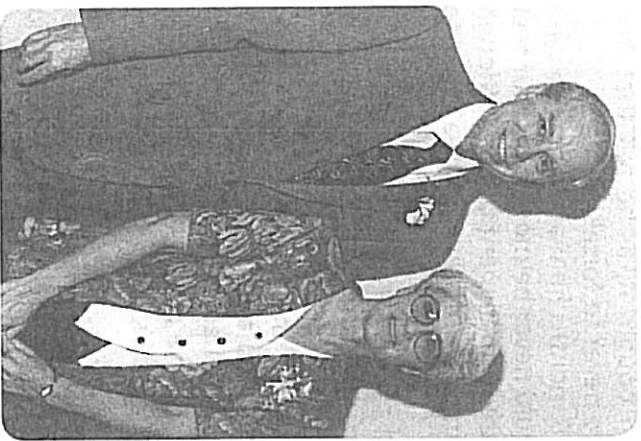


# Missions Today

## The Hetrick Family Heritage

**Paul and Mae Hetrick Sr.** served as Nazarene missionaries for 34 years. Three of their four children were born on the Africa continent, and three of them returned to serve as missionaries.

**Paul Jr.**, the eldest, served in Swaziland for 10 years among the very people with whom he was raised.



Sandra and John Estey

**Ruth** married **David Penn**, the son and grandson of Nazarene missionaries. David pastors a Nazarene church in California.

**Sandra and John Estey** served in South Africa for 21 years. Their ministry overlapped with her parents' service; therefore, two generations were on the same field at the same time.

**Karen and Ramby Campbell** were missionaries in Malawi and South Africa for 8 years. Today they are working with Feed the Children in Kenya.

Altogether the Hetrick family has served in Nazarene missions for 73 years.

## Heartache and Healing

Sandra and John's story is a wonderful example of God's healing grace.

After the Esteys were married, they lost two children by miscarriages. When invited to be houseparents for MKs (missionary kids) for 1 year in Africa, they gladly said yes. And that "1 year"

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became 21. Amid much rejoicing, John Jr. (J.J.) was born in January 1976. Then 23 months later, Mark was welcomed into the family.

Five weeks after Mark arrived, J.J. became desperately ill, and the family rushed to the hospital. Doctors operated to remove a cancerous tumor on a kidney and put him on chemotherapy. On the day the Esteys learned that J.J. had only months to live, Sandra admits she spent hours talking with God. "I don't know how long the Lord and I communicated that night," she says, "but I do remember a wonderful, deep calm and a very real peace."

The Esteys flew home to the States so the grandparents and other family could see the lad. Five months later, J.J. went to be with Jesus. When John went to pick out a grave marker, the salesperson unexpectedly said, "I have a piece of marble no one wants—from South Africa." John bought it, as he felt that God was reminding him of His promise never to forsake.

Neal was born in 1980. At 18 months he was diagnosed with a condition that indicated he would never be more than four feet tall. A year later, a doctor discovered a malignant tumor. Although his particular cancer was rare, time has proven the treatment to be successful.

But sadly, cancer hit a third time. Mark had a brain tumor. Treated in the States for a time, the family returned to Africa, where later their second son slipped away to be with Jesus.

Because of Neal's health problems, the Esteys left the mission field after 21 years and returned to the States. Though Neal is legally blind in one eye, his health remains good. He is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and is a doctor of law candidate. John teaches at Eastern Nazarene College, and Sandra is a licensed family therapist.

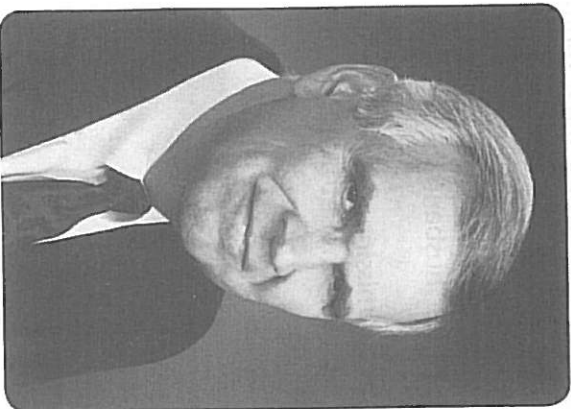
The Esteys are often asked, "Why didn't God provide miracles?" Their response is "We are surrounded by miracles. How do you account for Neal's strong faith after seeing his best friend and only sibling go from happy playmate to crippling invalid to untimely death? How do you account for the bonds of marriage growing stronger through two miscarriages, three cancers, and two deaths? Most of all, how do you explain the amazing miracle of the faithful, unconditional support of Nazarenes around the world? Oh yes, we are surrounded by miracles!"

# Missions Today

## The Manns—A Missions-Minded Family

**The Mann Family:** Edward and Cora Mann from New England spent their entire lives in education for the Church of the Nazarene.

They had four sons: Ed, Merritt, Bob, and Dick, and each of these men has been involved in some type of mission work, three of them in other world areas. But one of the brothers' work is especially noteworthy.



Merritt Mann

**Merritt Mann**, after graduating from Eastern Nazarene College (ENC), secured a position with IBM. He enjoyed his work, as it offered many challenges and rewards. For example, Merritt worked on Project Mercury, the first "man in space" program for the United States. One year he returned to ENC for homecoming and met his future wife, Judy Andrew. They married nine months later. And in time the Manns had two sons, Mark and Douglas.

Merritt's career with IBM spanned 32 years. When given the opportunity for an early retirement in 1991, he took advantage of it.

His son Mark had a short-term mission assignment in the former Soviet Union and told his dad that he should do the same and get out of his comfort zone. Soon after, Merritt participated in a General Board meeting in Kansas City and listened as Franklin Cook, then the director of the Eurasia Region, talked about ministry opportunities in Eastern Europe. "While he was speaking," Merritt says, "I felt an overwhelming sense that I should talk to Franklin about how I might assist." The result? Merritt volunteered to serve in missions for an undetermined period.

His first assignment was coordinator of Nazarene Compass

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sionate Ministries (NCM) for the Eurasia Region. During this time, he and fellow missionary Hermann Gschwandtner, through NCM, helped to open the Church of the Nazarene in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Romania, Bulgaria, and Albania.

In 1993 Louie Bustle, World Mission director, asked Merritt to accept a specialized assignment missionary contract. "This was a wonderful affirmation of my work," Merritt says.

Today, Merritt's work is developing mission partnerships. This new concept integrates the lives of laypeople in a more personal way with missionaries and the mission field. Partners meet regularly, at least once a year, with field leaders to find creative ways to assist the missionaries.

While Judy, a public school educator, does not have a missionary contract, she is most supportive of her husband's work. They live in the Boston area.

Usually, the Lord calls people to be missionaries when they are young. In the case of Merritt, the call came at age 56 while sitting in a church meeting in Kansas City.

**Doug and Jen Mann** are serving their first term as missionary interns in Peru. Doug, like his older brother, Mark, was involved with several overseas mission trips, including Youth in Mission, Mission Corps, and Work and Witness. After getting his education from Point Loma Nazarene University, he received a mission contract and was assigned to Romania, where he was involved in church planting, pastoral care, strategic planning, and finances. "I wore more 'hats' than one person should wear," he admits.

While serving in Europe, he met Jennifer Weatherill from England. In time they fell in love, and as people in love often do, they married. But after that special ceremony in 2003, Doug was required to resign as a missionary by mission policy. But immediately, he and Jen reapplied as missionaries—this time as a couple. In 2004 they received an assignment to Peru. There, Doug is the assistant to the field director and facilitates the work of field finances and theological education. Jen is the compassionate ministries coordinator and helps with administrative work.



Doug and Jen Mann

# Missions Today

## The Ketchum Family— God-Ordained Leaders

**Introduction:** Winston and Merreta Ketchum served in Nazarene pastorates for 44 years. Their devotion to the Lord, their love for missions, and their musical gifts were passed down to their three sons: Daniel, Terry, and Verle. While all three sons are involved in missions, Daniel and Terry are Nazarene missionaries.

### Daniel and Carol Ketchum

Daniel and Carol met at Northwest Nazarene University. Their common love of music drew them together, and they married at the time of their graduation. Daniel attended Nazarene Theological Seminary, earning a master of divinity, and the University of Idaho, earning a Ph.D. in Christian formation.

Daniel and Carol served in pastorates for 22 years and felt fulfilled. Then God called them and the church invited them to serve as global missionaries. Both were age 50, yet the call was unmistakable. They worked on the Western Mediterranean and Southeastern Europe Fields, where Daniel was the mission strategy coordinator (formerly field director). Then God called again, this time to the South Asia Field, to serve in the same leadership capacity, working with missionaries and national leaders.

In 2005 God called once again, through the church, and asked Daniel to assume leadership of Nazarene Missions International (NMI). Believing this new challenge was God's will, he accepted. He and Carol began making the transition from the Eurasia Region to Kansas City. As the NMI general director, he is the first man to serve in this important assignment.



Daniel and Carol Ketchum

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Dr. Ketchum is a man of vision and loves the opportunity to cast vision. He desires to help lead a Spirit-anointed movement in which NMI and World Mission partner dynamically to develop holy leaders and churches internationally. Daniel firmly believes this can be accomplished through engaging both the "gen-next" (children/youth) and "gen-now" (adults) in global awareness, prayer, missions giving, and interactive experiences.

### Terry and Kathie Ketchum

Terry and Kathie were high school sweethearts. "Terry has a gentle, humble spirit, a true reflection of Christ," Kathie says. "I was drawn to him as a person and to his evident faith." They married after Terry's junior year of college. Both graduated from Northwest Nazarene University. Before continuing his education, Terry was an associate pastor in Vancouver, Washington. Then, he earned a master of divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) and later a doctorate in missiology from Trinity International University.

Terry's call to missions came when he was in high school. He was influenced by his father's ministry and the many missionaries who were in their church and home during his growing up years. Kathie says, "My call was a gradual opening of my heart and spirit to this vital ministry [missions]. Over time I became sensitized to missions and felt that God wanted to use me in this way."

The Ketchums left NTS with a missionary appointment. After spending 1 year in language school, they spent 6 years in Martinique. Then the Lord and the church sent them to Haiti for 12 years. For the past 6 years, they have worked out of the Caribbean Region office. Terry is the mission strategy coordinator for the French Field and the regional educator coordinator. Kathie is the regional literature coordinator and French NMI coordinator.

Daniel and Carol Ketchum and Terry and Kathie Ketchum are leaders that God has raised up for specific responsibilities. Sensitive to God's voice, they said yes—living examples of servant-leaders.



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## A "Rich" Missionary Family

### Harry and Marion Rich

The Riches are a two-generation missionary family. And, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the third generation will soon be on the mission field as well.

Harry and Marion Rich were pastoring a Nazarene church when the Lord reminded Harry of a visit he made to Haiti while in the navy. "I've never been able to forget the great needs there," Harry told his wife. Soon they made application for a missionary assignment. In 1957 they sailed to Haiti with their three-year-old son, Dwight. Later, their two daughters, Sharon and Vicki, were born while their parents were in Haiti.

During the Riches' 14 years on the small island, they had a rewarding ministry. Both taught in the Bible school and preached in Nazarene churches. Harry, a jack-of-all-trades, supervised construction projects, maintained the mission vehicles, and served as Bible school director and field superintendent.

### Dwight and Carolyn Rich

Dwight felt a call to missions at age 15. He met his future wife, Carolyn, who also had a missions call, through his sister Sharon.



The Riches (l. to r.) Stefanie, Bryan, Carolyn, and Dwight

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After Dwight graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary, the Riches were assigned as missionaries—not to French-speaking Haiti where he grew up, but to Ecuador. This meant learning a new language. But to Ecuador they went with their two-year-old son, Bryan.

Dwight was appointed district superintendent. He helped national pastors in church growth, searched for prospective building sites, scouted areas for starting new churches, and preached in whichever church he was visiting.

But all that changed when Dwight was seriously injured in a car/motorcycle accident. Dwight was riding his motorcycle when a car pulled out in front of him. He flipped 15-20 times in the air over the car, and when he landed, both legs were severely broken. He could not stand; a piece of bone stuck out of his pants. He was supposed to leave for the jungle in an hour, and his first reaction was "I wonder if they can get a cast on quick enough so I can go." He remained conscious until Carolyn got to the hospital emergency room and he handed her his billfold. That was the last thing he remembered for a week.

Dwight's condition became extremely critical. He developed an embolism that traveled from the lungs to the brain. He lost all reason. When needed surgery on his legs was attempted, his vital signs dropped dangerously, and the operation was postponed. Finally, after another week, the surgery was performed, placing steel plates in both legs. And after multiple surgeries and a long recuperation, he is able to do everything he could do before the accident. God miraculously intervened and spared his life for the work He called him to do.

This was the second time God healed Dwight's legs. As a little boy of two years, he was stricken with polio and could not walk. He was treated at the Children's Hospital in Boston; his parents anointed him with oil and prayed for him. And God gave Dwight such a complete healing that he grew up in the tropical climate of Haiti with 100 percent recovery.

The Riches love their missions work in Ecuador. Their children, Bryan and Stefanie, both look to some type of work for the Lord. Bryan, a senior at MidAmerica Nazarene University (MNU), feels a call to be a missionary in the area of communications. Stefanie, a sophomore at MNU, aspires to work in an international setting.