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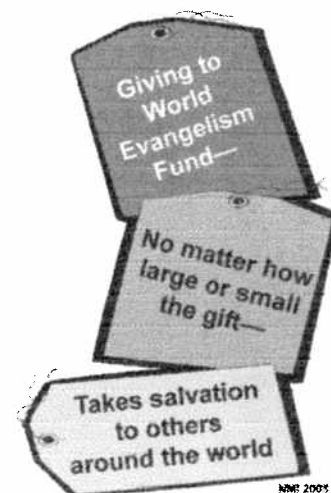


MERRY CHRISTMAS

*from Gerry Perry, District
NMI President*

&

the District NMI Council



NMI 2005

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November Events

- 4th—Sunday School Convention & Equipping Day
- 12th—International Day of Prayer
- 26th—Thanksgiving Offering

December Events

- 1st—CCKs and School Pal Paks Due
- 25th—Christmas Day

November Challenge—Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism



The Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism Fund allows our denomination to “go” to “teach”, and to “make disciples” globally. It helps support missionaries, schools, Bible colleges, hospitals, and other ministries touching the lives of men, women, boys, and girls for Jesus.

Stewardship Ministries offers several

resources in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish that will assist your church in promoting the thanksgiving Offering. For more information, log on to the Stewardship Ministries Web Site:

http://stewardship.nazarene.org/or_thanksgiving.html.

All churches can order posters and envelopes just for a minimum shipping charge.

—Heartline

Remember to plan early, pray about setting a goal, plan a strategy, cast a vision, send in your offering to Kansas City. People love to give to reach the lost. Remember Thanksgiving Offering is for World Evangelism. NO church should have a “ZERO” in giving to World Evangelism Fund.

December Challenge—Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Month

Phil Smith left September 29th for Fawn Grove to deliver the summer load of clothing, CCKs and School Pal Paks. Cost per box for shipping is \$12. Remember to send in your shipping costs to Rick Smith, District NMI Treasurer. The fall and winter collection will be delivered in March.

We encourage you during the month of December to remember those in crises with either a Compassionate Ministry Offering, sponsoring a child, packing clothing, CCKs or School Pal Paks and/or remember a struggling parsonage family on our district with a Christmas care package.



Harvest Partners—JESUS Film Ministry (as of October 17, 2006)

JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported the following:

41,424,483 evangelistic contacts (JESUS Film & other tools)
7,199,610 (17.4% of contacts) decisions for Christ
2,245,023 (31.2% of decisions) initial discipleship follow-ups
10,116 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.

Correction

It has been brought to our attention that it was incorrectly reported that Christmas Fund money goes to KC.

The Christmas Fund and the Furlough Fund monies go to Rick Smith, District NMI Treasurer.

The LINKS assignment moneys go to Kansas City.

Please refer to pages 31 & 32 in the Blue District Handbook.

Birthdays & Anniversaries of LINKS & District Missionaries

December

10 Birthday—Rev. David Restrict
16 Birthday—Mrs. Judy Mann
21 Anniversary—Revs. John & Sandy Estey
25 CHRISTMAS

January

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



JAMBOREE REPORTS

- Missionary Russell & Donna Lovett and Steve and Gerry Perry enjoyed a great day at the **Johnson Lamoille Valley** Church of the Nazarene. Around 60 (adults and children) attended. Rain did not spoil the day. Lorenda Dunham, Children's Pastor at Johnson Lamoille Valley Nazarene Church, adjusted and brought the games indoors. The children had a great time. Thank you to the leaders of the four churches involved. We appreciate their reaching out to our children and giving them a great day with the missionary.
- The **South Shore** Children's Jamboree, under the direction of Connie Correia, had 270+ attend. Missionaries Russell & Donna Lovett did a super job. The children gave a missionary offering of over \$300. We appreciate our musicians Donny & Holly Woodbridge and our Marketplace coordinators Dedra & Diane Barr and their helpers. Thank you to the many helpers for registration, decorations, activities such as face painting, soccer, piñata and crafts. It was an exciting and rewarding day. A number of children mentioned that God is calling them to missionary service.
- The **Connecticut/Western MA** Jamboree was a great success. There were 125 in attendance and Phyllis Busenbark, Mission Area Chairman and Sarah Cherninski, chairmen of the event and their team did a fantastic job. Connie Correia led a spirited time of singing and Ramon & Blanca Sierra had a wonderful time sharing. Two young girls especially felt a call to missionary service. The children enjoyed crafts, games, marketplace, mission time, and face painting. All the activities were based on the Sierras country of service, Guatemala. God really blessed the day.



Did You Know?

- The NMI district Presidents' Gathering (DPG) #5 convened October 18-22 in Kansas City, Missouri. DPG is a time of fellowship, networking, equipping and renewal for the DPs.
- Volume 4 of the 2006 World Mission DVD contains a segment entitled "Katrina One Year Later," as well as several other exciting segments on what God is doing globally through Nazarene missions.

*How far you go in life depends
on your being tender with the young,
compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving,
and tolerant of the weak and strong.
Because someday in life
you will have been all of these.*

George Washington Carver

*Nazarene
Compassionate
Ministries*

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Child Sponsorship—"Just One Challenge"

JUST ONE – 1 church, 1 sponsor, 1 child

Each church has received a packet asking them to join the challenge of having each church or individual in that church sponsor one child in 2006.

As reported in the literature ... "As a result thousands of children will find hope for their future that would not have otherwise been possible. Child Sponsorship is a powerful opportunity to guide children toward a genuine experience of salvation through Jesus Christ and a lifetime of authentic discipleship. Won't you join the JUST ONE CHALLENGE and change a child's life today!"

Note:

Anyone who wishes to sponsor a child can choose a picture and bio at the District Equipping Day (Nov. 4th). We have ten available and can get more.

News From The Pews

Linda Westgate, NMI President **Wareham Church** of the Nazarene, reports that their work & witness trip to Fawn Grove was "wonderful". We packed 342 boxes for shipping. The day after we left, a truck was coming to load up for the Ukraine. It was exciting to see how God works and the amount of work that it entails for this mission. John Borgat and wife Debbie are super workers and their heart is strong for this work."

Suzanne Strong, Missionary president of **Burlington/Williston Church** of the Nazarene, reported that they sponsored a community "Fair Day for School Pal Paks."

The children participated in games and the prizes were items they could give to the School Pal Paks – a pack of pencils, a ruler, etc. The cost for the day paid for the items to put in the Pal Paks. Each child received a trinket to keep as well. At the end of the day they assembled the School Pal Paks. The result was between 35 – 40 kits given to this ministry. A great fun idea and it helped the children to focus on needy school children in many lands.



Phil Smith, District NMI Compassionate Ministries Director and Emily Hoover, NMI President at Rockville Church. 103 boxes for the truck to Fawn Grove.

Prayer Requests

- Sunday School Convention and Equipping Day on November 4
- Jesus Film: showings, converts, discipling and training of pastors
- A shipment of new JESUS film equipment that is traveling by ocean container to film teams in six high risk, gospel-resistant countries.
- Nazarenes in the Middle East as they recover from the recent war.
- Peace in our world

Check Up Time —

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

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



Sunday School Convention & Equipping Day

Saturday, November 4th is Sunday School Convention and Equipping Day. Workshops by S.S. Ministries, NYI Ministries, NMI Ministries, Chaplaincy Services will be available. The following NMI workshops will be presented to those involved in and interested in global missions...(Check with your pastor for a list of S.S., NYI and Chaplaincy Workshops.)

NMI Workshops

1. *An Extreme Makeover*, Mission Education to Global Awareness led by Suzanne Strong
2. *You're My Brother, You're My Sister*, LINKS and Deputation led by Laura Ritter Cox and Carol Fogle
3. *A Call to Go is a Call To Prepare*, Work and Witness and Mission Corps led by Richard and Ruth Jarvis and Frank Turner
4. *Red, Yellow, Black, White "All of us Must Share the LIGHT"* led by Gerry Perry and Team
5. *It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3 – Accountability*, NMI Finance recording and reporting plus ideas for promoting mission giving led by Rick Smith & Team
6. *P.R.A.Y.S.E. -(praise) Parents Raising Aspiring Youth Seeking Evangelism*, (Encouraging parents and churches to inspire children and youth to develop Christ's global evangelistic vision) led by Connie Correia, Martha Wilson, Faith Johnson, Nathan Oakes
7. *NMI Spanish Workshop on Missions* – led by Miriam Mouzon (Guest: Rev. Milton Gay from Guatemala)

Mission Corps and Local Work and Witness Team Opportunities

From Richard and Ruth Jarvis, MISSION CORPS (formerly Nazarenes In Volunteer Service) Coordinators and Local Work and Witness Team Directors for the New England District.

Local Work and Witness Opportunities

"It's too expensive."

"It's too far to go."

"I don't like to fly."

"I can't get the time off from work."

"There are so many needs here at home."

The reasons for not participating in a Work and Witness experience in a foreign country are no longer valid because a District Work and Witness is planned. District Superintendent Owens has suggested two churches on our district, one in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island, that need our help. Now we need volunteers. A variety of skills will be needed, including "go-fers". If you have a few available Saturdays and the desire to serve contact Richard Jarvis at rjarv@comcast.net or phone 339-788-0803.

Mission Corps Opportunities

"Would you be interested in going to Kenya to teach our pastors?" That question was posed to us by Missionary James Craig when he was a guest in our home. We had just retired as public school teachers and had the skill and desire to serve. After receiving a week of cross-cultural training at ENC we started the easy process of applying to Nazarene Headquarters for assignment. For three years we served in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda for three months at a time. Living with the nationals, eating their food, sharing God's Word and their concerns were experiences we will never forget.

You, too, have the opportunity to serve in the mission corps. Jobs are available in teaching, medicine, accounting, office management, coordinator for Work and Witness teams, construction, photography and videography, etc. To get more information go to Mission Corps on the web or call Ruth Jarvis at 339-788-0803.

Regional NMI Conference October 2007 (Note Year)

**OPEN TO ALL LOCAL NMI PRESIDENTS AND
PASTORS WHO SERVE AS NMI PRESIDENTS**

October 7-9, 2007, Columbus Weekend, (a year from now) a NMI Regional Conference will be held at Camp Taconic, Red Hook, New York. This conference is held once every four 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. Dr. Daniel Ketchum and other speakers will be there as well as several workshops will be given. It is a time of inspiration, information, net-working, 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 afternoon.

We need to know your interest in attending. If you are interested please email Gerry Perry at gerryperry@adelphia.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 will need to reserve. We will send more information as it becomes available.

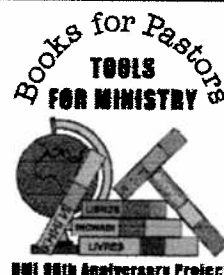
Books for Pastors, Tools for Ministry

The Books For Pastors – Tools For Ministry Multi-Language Version DVD has been sent to all French, Portuguese and Spanish congregations.

Adopt A Country



October was Pastor appreciation month. Many of our churches honored their pastor by remembering the "Books For Pastors" project during the month. Thank you for your participation!



IDEA FOR PROMOTION FROM THE ROCKVILLE CHURCH

Jim Hoover reports that last week, our lead person, Karen Keyes, passed out film canisters for Books for Pastors to the children at Sunday school and children's church.

Our church, in the adult Sunday School class, is also showing the film series by Dr. James Dobson on Disciplining. At home a reward system for children is that they get to put in a quarter every time they are good or do something extra. It seems to be working in most cases for children who need behavior shaping.



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NAZARENE SCENE

Middle Eastern Church Finds Hope After War

In the tension between war and the unknown in the Middle East, some are finding reasons to hope. One Nazarene church in Lebanon has expanded from a single midweek service to three weekly prayer meetings as a response to recent events. The war has compelled many Shiite Muslims to leave their homes and live as refugees in the Christian areas of Beirut, presenting an opportunity for churches to offer the Gospel to people who were difficult to reach only a few months ago. Nazarenes in Beirut recently conducted a Vacation Bible School for refugee children living in the area, providing a meal, Bible lessons, sports, and crafts.

—Walter Woods, MEd

JESUS Film Equipment

JESUS film equipment was shipped by ocean container to film teams in 6 high risk, gospel resistant countries on the Eurasia

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Region. Cumulatively, these 6 countries have a combined population of over 1.5 billion which is 23% of the world's population.

The equipment includes video projectors, generators, sound systems, DVD players, and discipleship materials for 98 large screen teams. These teams have been using 16mm equipment for more than 5 years.

Additionally 24 small screen teams will be launched. Some of them will use a "back pack" of equipment including projector, DVD players, and tablettop speakers. Two "backpacks" contain DVD players that will be powered by solar panels.

Jesus Film Harvest Partners

Asia-Pacific Regional Office Relocates

The Asia-Pacific Regional Office moved from Manila, Philippines, to Singapore recently. While several Church of the Nazarene ministries will remain in Manila, the relocation of the Regional Office to Singapore is strategic to the Church, providing ministry support for the entire region in the coming years.

WMB South America Launching Unique Television Ministry

A new ministry is taking place on the South America Region as the World Mission Broadcast (WMB) team prepares to begin film production of its first television show.

targeting the Latin woman. *Mañita Valdesa* (*The Valdesa Woman*) will feature a variety of segments focused on encouraging and ministering to women. The program has been cleared on several satellite television networks for 2007 and has a production schedule that includes distribution of 12 episodes every 6 months.

World Mission Broadcast

Relief to the Gulf Coast

In a tally conducted by Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM), Inc., the Church of the Nazarene contributed more than \$18.5 million worth of services to the relief and reconstruction of last year's Gulf Coast Hurricanes.

NCM News

New Mission Boat

The Church of the Nazarene now has a "mission boat" in a Gospel resistant country. A missionary reports the boat will be used to transport pastoral teachers, to visit churches, and by JESUS film teams as they show the film along the river. The boat can seat up to 10 people and has a new engine.

WORLD SCENE

SONICFLOOD "This Generation"

Mission Tour

With a call to missions as their message, award-winning contemporary Christian band SONICFLOOD has embarked on its fall tour of the U.S.A. The tour's title, "This Generation," reveals the band's desire to reach the younger generation who they see as the future of international missions. Partnering with the International Mission Board (IMB), SONICFLOOD presents a complete multimedia production aimed at leading concert participants toward missions involvement.

IMB <www.imb.org/core/default.asp>

Growth of Christianity in Nigeria

Nigeria has experienced tremendous growth of Christianity with thousands of new churches nurturing 61 million Christians.

However, Muslims and traditional animists in the African nation have also targeted Christians. Open Doors International ranks Nigeria No. 25 on the 2006 World Watch list of nations where persecution against Christians is most intense.

Window International Network

Persecution Report by Province in China Released

China Aid Association (CAA) recently released a report of persecution against Chinese house churches over the past 12 months. According to the report, at least 1,938 Chinese house church pastors and Christians in 15 provinces have been arrested. The CAA report stated, "It is reported that police officers and religious affairs cadres conducting the raids mistreated and tortured congregants."

Church Around the World

Catch a Glimpse of This—

- In the United States, Christians send 1 missionary for every 2,000 believers.
- In Mongolia, every 220 believers send 1 missionary.
- Nigeria has sent over 5,200 missionaries into 36 countries.
- In 1987 in Latin America, there were 1,640 missionaries sent out; today, that area has sent more than 8,000 missionaries to more than 150 nations.
- More than 100,000 Christians are "born" every day throughout the world, and 4,500 new congregations begin every week.
- More missionaries are being sent by non-Western churches, and there are now over 4,000 third world mission agencies.
- There are no longer any exclusive "sending" or "receiving" nations; virtually every country both sends and receives.

Church Around the World

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International Day Of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine
or nakedness or danger or sword?" Romans 8:35*

We need to take this scripture to heart as we plan for International Day of Prayer for the persecuted Church, November 12, 2006. A global report about Christians suffering for their faith is included in the October/November/December 2006 *Mission Connection*.

Other promotional information is available at
www.nazarenemissions.org/idop.

Leadership Tip

"Leadership is getting things done together."

Jesus said, "I have chosen you to bear fruit."

(John 15:11, NIV)

—Heartline, January 2003

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.

