



New England District NMI Messenger

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DUE APRIL

EMPHASIS—
Mission Education

DUE MAY

EMPHASIS—
Medical Plan

1st—NMI Reports Due

**1st—Place orders for
additional NMI
handbooks**

**25-26th—District NMI
Convention**

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New England District NMI Convention Wednesday, May 25th—Thursday, May 26th

Service: 4:00 pm—Registration; Wednesday evening service:
6:30 pm—Pre-service Music, 7:00- 9:00 pm—Service

Speakers: Dr. Charles Gailey, Ellen Decker and Jay Decker
(Three generations)

Where: Wollaston Church of the Nazarene and
Eastern Nazarene College

Specials: Following Wednesday evening service
▶ Teen Afterglow
▶ Presidents and Pastors Reception
▶ Work and Witness Luncheon

Registration Fee: \$8.00 early registration or \$10.00 at the door

☛ **Attention Presidents and Pastors:** All reports are due on May 1.

☛ If you wish to purchase additional NMI Handbooks, orders must be placed by May 1.
See inside for details.

APRIL CHALLENGE

Mission Education

Mission books, tapes, and CDs...mission education lessons...Global Glimpses...missionary deputation services...faith promise events...Work and Witness trips...local mission projects...World Mission DVD segments...English as a Second Language classes. All of these-and even more-are part of mission education.

Mission education is vital to the health of every community of faith, for without ongoing mission education, the Great Commission will not be a priority. Every NMI leader must ensure that mission education is included in the life of every local Nazarene church.

Wes Eby, General NMI Office
—Heartline

MAY CHALLENGE

Medical Plan

The World Mission Department provides medical, dental, and vision coverage to contracted missionaries and their dependents. This coverage includes doctors, hospitals, prescription medicine, and optical, dental, and auditory expenses. A life insurance and long-term disability policy is also included.

The approximate cost of medical expenses for a missionary is \$5,040 annually or \$420 monthly. The total approximate medical cost for keeping the current contracted missionaries on the field for a year is \$2,920,819.

The NMI Medical Plan offerings through Distinguished Service Awards, Memorial Rolls, Gifts from the Heart, and plate offerings provide approximately \$500,000. a year. The need is great. Let's support our missionaries by giving to the Medical Plan.

—Heartline



Scripture

"I pray that you will be active in your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."
(Philemon 1:6, NIV)

LINKS & District Missionaries Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

2 Anniversary—Rev. & Mrs. Maurice Clinger
11 Anniversary—Dr. & Mrs. J. Elton Wood
18 Birthday—Dr. Donald Reed
24 Birthday—Alexandra Sunberg (1997)
31 Birthday—Rev. Al Swain

June

1 Birthday—Dr. J. Elton Wood
5 Anniversary—Rev. & Mrs. Roy Henck
16 Anniversary—Rev. & Mrs. Jay Sunberg
25 Anniversary—Dr. & Mrs. Donald Reed
26 Birthday—Amy Bennett (1985)
26 Birthday—Rev. Maurice Clinger

LINKS CHANGE!

Just a reminder —

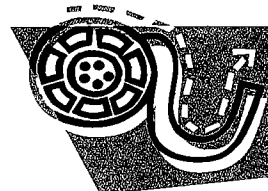
If your LINKS missionary was John and Janice Nielson (they are on leave from missionary service) you are assigned Brenda Gould for the rest of the year up to District Convention.

A new LINKS family will be assigned to our district at that time. See NMI Handbook pages 42-43 to see if you fall in that category. Let our LINKS missionaries know we love them.

Harvest Partners

JESUS Film Ministry (As of March 30, 2005)

JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported 32,875,715 viewers of the JESUS Film through March 30, 2005. Of these viewers, 4,754,685 (14.5% of viewers) have indicated decisions for Christ and 1,813,598 (38.1% of decisions) are initial discipleship contacts. There have been 5,778 new churches started and 12,665 new pastors are in training. Please pray for these new starts and the pastors in training! 152 JESUS Film language translations used. 98 countries where the JESUS Film is used.



Prayer Requests

Regularly follow the prayer requests at
http://www.nazarenemissions.org/prayer/prayer_mobilization_line.htm

- Pray for Sally Zink as she continues cancer treatments.
- Those in the Democratic Republic of Congo who have been displaced from their homes due to violence.
- Tsunami victims and ongoing relief efforts in South Asia.
- Flood victims in Guyana, where they suffered the worst flood since 1933.
- Christians in Iraq who face persecution. Our soldiers and the situation in Iraq
- David Wooster's first heart transplant was defective and on Good Friday he received another heart. Please pray that all will go well with this heart transplant.
- NMI 90th Anniversary Project: "Books for Pastors – Tools for Ministry." Pray that New England Nazarenes will give sacrificially to equip 7,000 pastors with needed resources.
- Jesus Film Harvest Partners Ministry – teams, mission churches, and for spiritual impact. Pray for the New England Jesus Film team to Mexico, April 13-21.
- General NMI Convention preparation & District NMI Convention & Assembly preparation



Mission Education

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New England Nazarene District

Educating

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Concern of the people's needs around the world.

Attention is given

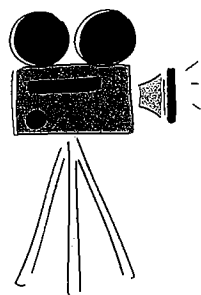
To

Innovating, praying and informing people

Of our Savior's love around the world

Needing us to give, pray, read missionary books and using the Mission Education Study Guide

By Betty Chavier, District Mission Education Secretary



JESUS Film Team Scheduled For April 13-21

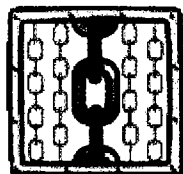
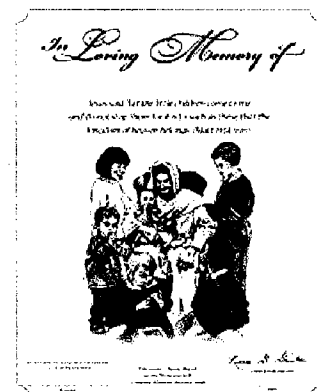
Pray for the seven team members who are going - Jim & Emily Hoover (Rockville), David Bailey (Londonderry), Larry Wilson (Claremont), Jim Ainsworth (Waits River Valley) and Steve and Gerry Perry (Providence First).

Other Work and Witness Opportunities are available. Contact Frank Turner for information.

Childrens Memorial Roll

NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

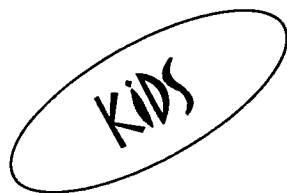
Fill out a Memorial Roll Form (available at www.nazarenemissions.org/memorialroll).



Our LINKS Missionaries, **Andy and Judy Bennett** have returned to the field.

Their email is: andybennett@reachone.com

Their address is:
Andy and Judy Bennett
PO Box 456
Mount Hagen, WHP 281
PAPUA NEW GUINEA



AMBASSADORS NEWS—for children & their leaders

- ▶ The "mission Clips News" on the World Mission DVD (Vol. 2, 2005) introduces the 2005-2006 children's NMI missions books.
- ▶ The Children's reading chart is included with the children's NMI missions books set.
- ▶ Leadership Tip: "The involvement of our children in missions today will determine the effectiveness of the church in missions tomorrow."
Nina G. Gunter

KIDS PASSPORT TO MISSIONS

On Friday, June 24 (6:30-9:30 p.m.) NMI and Children's Ministries will co-sponsor "Kidz Passport to Missions," an interactive missions event specifically geared for children grades 1-6. Children will enjoy interactive missions activities, such as crafts, giveaways, puppets, games, and more. Registration is \$20. To obtain registration forms, visit cmga06.Nazarene.org (Do not put www before the address). Those without internet access should call Shirley Collins toll-free at (888) 644-4510.

Children's Mission Education Curriculum

2005-2006

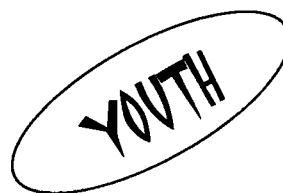
The Great Commission Team is the 2005-2006 theme. Lessons focus on how missionaries work as a team, how the local church works as a team to support them, and how both work together to accomplish the Great Commission.

The Children's Mission Education kit includes:

- ★ A Leader's Guide with 12 interactive mission lessons
- ★ Activity Sheets for individual instruction
- ★ Resource Items (games, puzzles, posters) for group instruction

NEW ALABASTER RESOURCES

Coming soon - A new Alabaster DVD will premier at General Convention and will be sent to churches (USA/Canada) in July/August/September 2005 *Mission Connection*.



ACTION NEWS—for youth & their leaders

- ▶ Give It Back To Camp Days, June 3-5, 2005. Remember to register with Martha Wilson before May 29th. Each church will be assigned food items to bring. Email: pastormartha@verizon.net.
- ▶ The 2005-2006 Youth Mission Education curriculum focuses on helping youth become global Christians.
- ▶ Lowell Youth are gearing up for a Work and Witness trip to the Dominican Republic this summer.



Youth Mission Education Curriculum

2005-06 Youth Mission Education Get a Lifestyle: Becoming a Global Christian

Get a Lifestyle: Becoming a Global Christian is an intentional effort to help your students understand that missions is part of the lifestyle of every Christian. Whether we are talking about going overseas or next door, missions needs to envelop our attitudes toward those around us.

Students will not only come to understand the serious significance of living personal missions as a lifestyle, but will be given opportunities to put their missions-oriented faith into action.

The "core lessons" are the heart of this curriculum. The "supplemental lessons" are designed to complement the core lessons since they don't necessarily need to be presented in any certain order. This curriculum is a tremendous resource for youth preparing for a missions trip.

RECOMMENDED READING

Falling in Love with the Church
by Larry McKain

Books for Pastors TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

NMI 90th Anniversary Project



BOOKS FOR PASTORS / TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

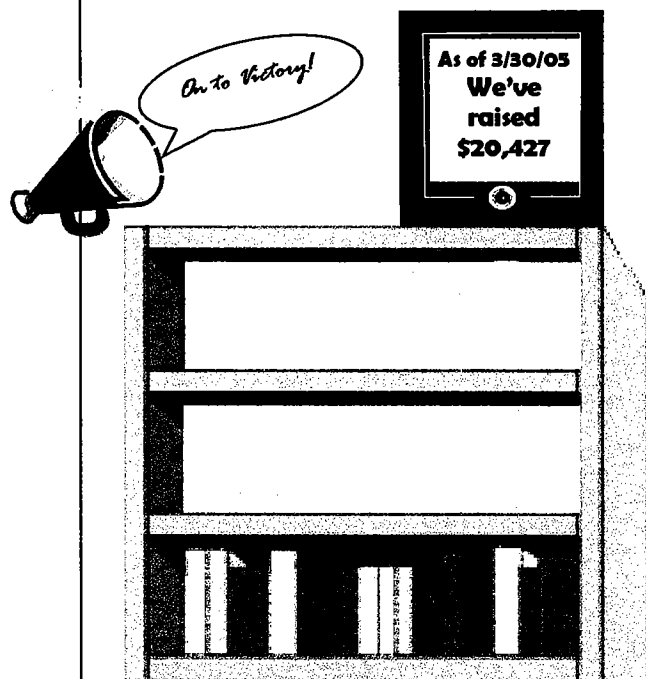
● 90th Anniversary Video (on DVD)

The 90th Anniversary Project video is available in DVD format only. The video is in English; however, the DVD also includes the English video with Spanish, French, and Portuguese sub-titles.

Note: If your church does not have a DVD player, borrow one, or ask someone with a DVD player to make a VHS tape of the 90th Anniversary video for your church to use. DVD players can be purchased at your local discount store for around \$50. Also, some video stores will allow you to rent DVD players.

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.



FROM THE HEART – Dr. Nina Gunter Leading for Results

"If anyone wants to provide leadership in the church, good!" (1 Timothy 3:1, The Message)

1. Be trustworthy
2. Pray more.
3. Read more.
4. Set specific goals.
5. Develop a plan for reaching goals.
6. Develop a team.
7. Connect through communication: purpose, goals, how-to's, results.
8. Keep the team on track
9. Expect the best from others.
10. Celebrate God's blessings.

—Heartline

A CONVENTION FIRST

Opportunity will be given this year to purchase extra copies of the *New England District NMI Handbooks* for \$5.00 each.

The Handbooks will be distributed as follows to each church:

- ▶ For churches 1-50 (2 Handbooks)
- ▶ For churches 50-100 (3 Handbooks)
- ▶ For churches 100 and up (4 Handbooks)

If you wish to purchase more for your council members please place your order by May 1. There will be an order blank in your President's report packet.

Make checks payable to N.E. District NMI and send to our district treasurer, Lucy Bollinger.

Million Hours of Prayer (MHP)!

Pray... Partnering in the Gospel. Continue to pray for the General Conventions and General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 20-30, 2005.

Churches paying their District Missions Expense Allocation in full this past month were:

St. Albans & New Bedford

Again, our deep appreciation to all who have pay their DMEA. If you cannot pay your allocation in full we would appreciate any participation.

Approved Specials as of March 30, 2005

<u>Church</u>	<u>Paid</u>
078-0006 Amesbury/Salisbury, MA	0.00
078-0007 Amherst, MA	0.00
078-0135 Auburn MA Cornerstone Community	95.00
078-0009 Barre, VT	0.00
078-0004 Belmont MA Haitian	0.00
078-0089 Bermuda	548.04
078-0060 Beverly MA	5,018.64
078-0100 Brockton MA	5,485.00
078-0102 Brockton MA Bethel	0.00
078-0105 Brockton MA Haitian	70.00
078-0107 Brockton MA Maranatha	0.00
078-0108 Brockton MA Portuguese	0.00
078-0110 Burlington-Williston VT	4,732.66
078-0122 Cambridge MA Betesda	0.00
078-0034 Cambridge MA Bethel Haitian	0.00
078-0120 Cambridge MA First	3,676.75
078-0123 Chelsea MA Spanish	0.00
078-0130 Claremont NH	5.00
078-0150 Concord NH	2,044.27
078-0171 Dalton MA Berkshire First	2,861.06
078-0180 Danielson CT	4,140.44
078-0660 Danvers MA	2,319.24
078-0190 Dennis MA (Cape Cod)	1,932.89
078-0208 Dorchester MA Amis de la Sagesse	200.00
078-0203 Dorchester MA Ebenezer	0.00
078-0033 Dorchester MA Haitian	0.00
078-0205 Dorchester MA Immanuel	791.80
078-0207 Dorchester MA Second	200.00
078-0706 Durham, N.H., Seacoast	100.00
078-0210 Duxbury MA Saint Paul's	7,552.18
078-0220 East Charleston Vermont	104.84
078-0015 Fall River, Mass., Haitian	0.00
078-0252 Falmouth MA (Cape Cod)	1,288.00
078-0300 Fitchburg MA	1,757.02
078-0303 Fitchburg-Leominster MA Hispanic	0.00
078-0310 Framingham MA Trolley Square	1,921.50
078-0340 Hartford Connecticut First	2,250.00
078-0343 Hartford Connecticut Spanish	500.00
078-0360 Haverhill MA	2,035.31
078-0364 Hingham, MA N. St. Community Chap	2,477.72
078-0420 Hooksett NH	1,834.85
078-0370 Ipswich MA	384.00
078-0380 Johnson, VT, Lamoille Valley	2,615.00
078-0390 Keene NH	2,135.16
078-0504 Lakeville MA	545.65
078-0424 Lawrence MA Haitian	0.00
078-0425 Lawrence, MA Spanish	0.00
078-0023 Lebanon NH White River Valley	0.00
078-0410 Leicester VT	1,775.31
078-0430 Lisbon NH	220.14
078-0200 Londonderry NH	1,750.00
078-0450 Lowell MA First	5,666.40
078-0448 Lowell MA Spanish	500.00
078-0440 Lowell, MA Cambodian	0.00
078-0460 Lynn MA	1,222.58
078-0463 Lynn MA Cambodian	1,000.00
078-0470 Malden MA First	2,820.86
078-0036 Malden MA Haitian	0.00
078-0480 Manchester CT	13,151.00
078-0481 Manchester NH Community Bible Fwp	541.03

<u>Church</u>	<u>Paid</u>
078-0484 Marlboro MA New Life Fellowship	0.00
078-0485 Maynard MA New Hope Fellowship	780.35
078-0500 Melrose MA	2,489.66
078-0010 Melrose, MA Hispanic	0.00
078-0017 Milford, NH	0.00
078-0531 Miller's Falls MA Zion Korean	0.00
078-0535 Milton	121.25
078-0540 Nashua NH Community Chapel	32,384.68
078-0542 Nashua NH Hispanic	0.00
078-0550 New Bedford MA First	1,795.00
078-0560 New Bedford MA International	3,153.60
078-0571 New Bedford, MA Portuguese	0.00
078-0018 New Britain, CT Spanish	0.00
078-0000 New England	1,335.00
078-2002 New England - NMI	10,128.45
078-0019 Newington, CT	0.00
078-0590 Newport VT	384.18
078-0576 Newport, RI	0.00
078-0610 North Attleborough MA	2,049.32
078-0563 North Haverhill NH Trinity	3,711.87
078-0656 Pawtucket Ebenezer	0.00
078-0652 Pawtucket Embaixadores	4,822.00
078-0650 Pawtucket RI Emmanuel	268.25
078-0655 Pawtucket RI Filadelfia	0.00
078-0021 Plymouth, MA Discovery	0.00
078-0025 Plymouth, NH	0.00
078-0620 Preston CT	423.47
078-0690 Providence RI	3,206.91
078-0700 Quincy MA Bethel	1,131.73
078-0705 Quincy MA Chinese	8,081.00
078-0720 Quincy MA Wollaston	29,186.14
078-0740 Randolph MA Haitian	0.00
078-0730 Reading MA	15.00
078-0037 Rockville CT	4,153.97
078-0760 Rumford RI Bethany	4,771.91
078-0024 Rutland	2,677.63
078-0770 Saint Albans VT	342.70
078-0026 Salem, NH	0.00
078-0140 Saugus-Cliftondale MA	2,404.84
078-0710 South Weymouth MA	5,917.00
078-0810 Springfield MA First	2,178.20
078-0032 Springfield MA First Korean	1,832.67
078-0850 Uxbridge MA	12,971.08
078-0955 Wakefield NH Faith Fellowship	729.25
078-0860 Wakefield RI	712.00
078-0865 Wallingford CT	1,223.87
078-0905 Wallingford CT Spanish	375.00
078-0079 Walpole MA Emaus	622.45
078-0870 Waltham MA	40.00
078-0872 Waltham MA Haitian	1,000.00
078-0880 Wareham MA Emmanuel	6,980.54
078-0900 Waterville VT	1,991.13
078-0920 West Somerville MA	1,351.43
078-0922 West Somerville MA Haitian	0.00
078-0132 West Topsham VT Waits River Vly	230.00
078-0925 Willimantic CT	892.54
078-0940 Windham NH Faith Community	200.00
078-0950 Woicott VT	364.00
078-0970 Worcester MA	1,915.09
078-0029 Worcester MA Hispanic	167.84
TOTAL	90,269.34



April/May/June 2005

NAZARENE SCENE

Tsunami Disaster—On December 26, 2004, the world's most powerful earthquake in 40 years struck six miles deep under the Indian Ocean, causing massive tsunami waves that obliterated villages and seaside resorts in as many as 11 countries across southern Asia. Within hours of the disaster, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) mobilized local field workers in India to respond to the need. Nazarenes worldwide responded by giving to NCM, providing for ongoing efforts to respond to the needs with short- and long-term aid.

"Books for Pastors" Walk—In November 2004, Africa Nazarene University (ANU) students, faculty, and staff participated in a walk to raise funds for the NMI 90th Anniversary Project: "Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry." Dr. Leah Marangu, vice chancellor of ANU, led the challenging six-mile walk. The line of participants stretched nearly two miles, as Christian and Muslim students walked side-by-side and celebrated together at the finish line.

Nazarenes Affected by Guyana Floods—Heavy rains drenched parts of Guyana with

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record amounts of water in January 2005. The flooding took a major toll upon many Nazarene churches, parsonages, and homes. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc. (NCMI), sent funds and supplies (including Crisis Care Kits) to assist flood victims.

2005 General NMI Convention—Delegates and visitors from around the world will attend the 20th General NMI Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 21-24, 2005. Workshops which are open to everyone, will be Wednesday, June 24, 1:00-4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to the NMI service, Thursday, June 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with inspirational music from around the world. Highlights of the evening service will be the March of the Nations, representing 148 world areas in which the Church of the Nazarene has a presence and the introduction of the new quadrennial theme. General NMI Director Nina G. Gunter, speaker for the evening, has reserved the entire RCA Dome floor for children and youth. For more information, visit the General Convention Web site <www.nazarenemissions.org/generalconvention>.

WMB Launches Children's Program—In February, World Mission Broadcast (WMB)

launched a program specifically targeted to evangelize and disciple children. WMB South America (SAM) partnered with the SAM Region Sunday School Ministries to introduce "Adventures with Buzy," which broadcasts throughout Latin America. The program is designed for children between the ages of 4-11 and addresses many issues Latin children face daily.

World Mission Broadcast

24/7 Prayer Plan—During the General Assembly and Conventions, concerts of prayer for the event will be held worldwide. Each world region, Canada, and the United States have been assigned a day to pray during the General Assembly and Conventions. For the specific prayer assignments or for more information, visit the Million Hours of Prayer Web page <www.nazarenemissions.org/mhp>.

First International Youth in Mission Team Visits U.S.A.—Youth in Mission (YIM), World Mission Department, recently announced that the first-ever international YIM team will come to the U.S.A. in summer 2005 for multicultural ministries. The team includes one participant from each of the six world mission regions.

NMI 90th Anniversary Project Extended—In light of the tsunami disaster and the support of a special relief offering to help with the needs, the General NMI Council has extended the "Books for Pastors" Project to include the church year 2005-06. Opportunities for giving will be provided and districts' giving will be recognized at the 2005 General NMI Convention in June.

WORLD SCENE

Iraqi Christians Face Persecution—Christians in Iraq are facing increased hostility from hard-line Islamic groups, who

accuse believers of being sympathetic to the Western forces and civilian contractors. Ten thousand to 30,000 of Iraq's 800,000 Christians have fled the country since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, most of them traveling to Syria. While Christians comprise only 3 percent of the 25 million people in Iraq, they account for 20 percent of the refugees fleeing the country.

Church Around the World

Gospel Spreading in Romania—According to *Church Around the World*, the Gospel has spread across Romania since Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was overthrown and executed in 1989. The rapid response to the Gospel has resulted in at least 4,000 new churches in the last 15 years. Please continue to pray for Romania, that the Lord will provide well-trained pastors for the new churches.

JESUS Film on the Internet—The JESUS Film Project provides the JESUS film for viewing online. In 2003, the film was available in 59 different languages, with more added each year. To view the JESUS film online, visit <www.jesusfilm.org>.

Campus Crusade for Christ International

Catch a Glimpse of This—

- JESUS Film Harvest Partners Ministry reports 32,193,463 evangelistic contacts have been made (through the JESUS film and other tools) and 4,678,463 people have made decisions for Christ, as of February 2005.
- According to *Church Around the World*:
 - About 100,000 of North Korea's Christians are currently imprisoned for their faith.
 - In Zimbabwe, the average life expectancy is 33 years, and 25 percent of the population is HIV positive.

Global Glimpses is a publication of Nazarene Missions International and can also be found at <www.nazarenemissions.org>.

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"CALLED TO ALL NATIONS"

Did You Know?

- The 2005 Crisis Care Kits (CCK) information is available on the NMI Web site www.nazarenemissions.org/crisiscarekits.
- The 2005-2006 adult NMI missions books reading chart was included in the April/May/June *Mission Connection*.
- The 2004 Work and Witness celebrated 30 years of service, the equivalent of 5,000 labor years.
- Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) and Memorial Rolls (MR) can be ordered online with a credit card, reducing the processing time from 4-6 weeks to 3-11 business days. Also, the DSA/MR history (for local churches and districts) may be accessed on the NMI Web site www.nazarenemissions.org/medicalplan.
- A General Convention poster was mailed to every local church in the April/May/June *Mission Connection*. Also, frequently asked questions about General Convention are included on the NMI Web site www.nazarenemissions.org/generalconvention.
- In February, the General Board approved the Church of the Nazarene's entrance into Kosovo (Eurasia Region). With the addition of Kosovo, the Church of the Nazarene now has a presence in 149 world areas.
- The updated world areas list is available on the NMI Web site www.nazarenemissions.org/worldarealist.
- The *World Mission Video Magazine* has a new look and a new name — *World Mission DVD*, beginning with Volume 2, 2005.

— Heartline

Convention & CCK's

We will be collecting boxes of CCK's & clothing at the convention again this year.

Costs per box sent to the General Treasurer:

- *CCK's—\$12
- *Light-Weight Clothing—\$7
- *Heavy-Weight Clothing—\$6

Also \$3 per box will need to be sent to our District Treasurer for shipping to Fawn Grove, PA. Sending boxes by our truck saves \$9 per box.

A big **"THANK YOU"** to all who participate in the CCK and Clothing Drives. They are a lot of work but the need is great and God has blessed us with so much materially.