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The Cross
Seize it! Share it!

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

NMI MESSENGER

Our Wonderful Lord



When the shepherds told the news of the birth of Jesus, "All those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds." (Luke 2:18 NIV)

The world has never been the same since the good news of Christ's birth. We not only wonder at His birth, but His life, His teachings, His death, and His resurrection and ascension. We wonder at the grace He lavishes on us.

"Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the Everlasting Lord!"

Charles Wesley



from the District NMI Council

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December Events

- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
- December 1st—Crisis Care Kits Due
- December 25th—Merry Christmas!

January Events

- Volunteer Ministries
- January 1st—DMEA Due

December Challenge—Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Transforming lives through the love of Jesus.

Like many people around the world, I was glued to the TV news channels over Labor Day weekend, monitoring the situation after Hurricane Katrina devastated portions of the Gulf Coast. I could not believe what I was seeing – homes destroyed, people stranded without food, bodies floating in the water. This can't be happening, I thought, I have to do something!

With roads to the affected areas closed and government agencies scrambling to respond to the need, there wasn't much I could physically do from my living room – except pray. I was anxious to get to the NMI office Tuesday morning, September 6. At least at work I could answer the questions of fellow Nazarenes who wanted to help. At least I could update the NMI Web site with the latest

news and ways to respond. I played a very small part in the scheme of things, but I was relieved to be doing something to help.

When disaster strikes, I'm thankful to be part of a church that responds with compassionate action. Because of the Church of the Nazarene's commitment to compassion and the generosity of Nazarenes worldwide, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and Nazarene Disaster Response are on the front lines of the Hurricane Katrina (and more recently Hurricanes Rita and Stan and the earthquakes in south Asia) relief efforts. As we give from our hearts, NCM will continue to minister to people's spiritual and physical needs in the name of Jesus Christ.

Melinda Wolf Miller, *General NMI Office*
—Heartline



January Challenge—Volunteer Ministries in 2004

505 Mission Corps (formerly Nazarenes In Volunteer Service) participants, including 25 tentmakers and 268 Youth In Mission participants, ministered around the world for the Church of the Nazarene. Praise the Lord for the passion of Nazarenes to participate in God's mission of Love around the world, giving thousands of hours toward labor and relational building to transform lives. Thanks be to God!

Donna Carlisle, *General NMI Office*

Birthdays & Anniversaries of LINKS & District Missionaries

January

1 Birthday—Arlene Swain
4 Birthday—Lydia Sunberg (2001)
4 Birthday—Rev. Jay Sunberg
20 Birthday—Beth Restrict (1980)
29 Birthday—David William John Restrict (1986)

February

6 Birthday—Dr. Andy Bennett
8 Birthday—Drew Bennett (1984)
12 Birthday—Brenda Gould
16 Birthday—Sophia Sunberg (1999)
17 Birthday—Judy Bennett
22 Birthday—Teanna Sunberg



Harvest Partners—JESUS Film Ministry (as of November 22, 2005)

JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported the following:

35,210,553 viewers of the JESUS Film
5,114,992 (14.5% of viewers) decisions for Christ
1,979,367 (38.7% of decisions) initial discipleship contacts
7,583 new mission churches started

Please pray for these new starts and the pastors in training!
190 JESUS Film language translations used. 98 countries where the JESUS Film is used.

District Treasurer

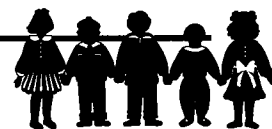
New district NMI treasurer's name and address:

Rev. Richard Smith
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East Charleston, VT 05833
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Rcssteeler@kingcon.com



KIDS

CHILDRENS NEWS—for children & their leaders



Download your 2005 NCM Child Sponsorship Christmas Project promotional material now. This includes a colorful flyer for your church's missions board and a Sunday morning bulletin insert meant to educate and inspire. Please download and print as many copies as you would like and share them with others.

Christmas Project 2005: Child Development Centers



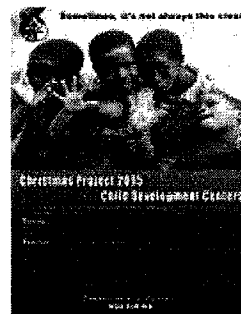
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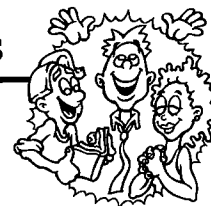
Sunday morning bulletin insert

Christmas Project Poster
(white background)

Christmas Project Poster
(color background)

YOUTH

YOUTH NEWS—for youth & their leaders



PLANS ARE IN FULL SWING FOR
THE THIRD NMI-NYI MISSIONS TRIP

TO THE GULF COAST, USA -
July 8-15, 2006

There is still time to apply. However, applications should be in as soon as possible.

Open to Junior High, Senior High, college and career youth. Adult chaperones will be needed.

Applications have been sent to all churches. Please contact your pastor if you have not seen them. A personal interview will be held and applicants must have a pastor's recommendation.

Non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by January 1, 2006

Approximate cost: \$1,000.

Team leader: Rev. Martha A. Wilson

Email: pastormartha@verizon.net with any questions you may have.

Leadership Tip

"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position."

John Maxwell

District Missions Expense Allocation is Due January 1, 2006

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>DMEA</u> <u>Paid</u>	<u>DMEA</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>DMEA</u> <u>Paid</u>	<u>DMEA</u> <u>Balance</u>
AUBURN, MA CORNERSTONE	-	\$35.00	MALDEN HAITIAN	-	\$129.00
BERMUDA	\$100.00	(\$4.00)	MANCHESTER, CT	\$757.00	
BEVERLY, MA.	-	\$647.00	MANCHESTER, NH COMMUNITY BIBLE FEL	\$48.00	(\$4.00)
BROCKTON, MA	\$285.00	(\$7.00)	MARLBORO, MA NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP	-	\$145.00
BROCKTON, MA BETHEL	-	\$42.00	MAYNARD, MA	\$85.00	(\$47.00)
BROCKTON, MA HAITIAN	\$91.00	-	MELROSE, MA	-	\$138.00
BROCKTON, MA MARANATHA	-	\$19.00	MILLERS FALLS, MA	-	\$110.00
BURLINGTON-WILLISTON, VT	-	\$91.00	NASHUA, NH	\$111.00	\$1,523.00
CAMBRIDGE, MA BETHEL HAITIAN	-	\$10.00	NEW BEDFORD, MA FIRST	-	\$410.00
CAMBRIDGE, MA BETESDA	-	\$34.00	NEW BEDFORD, MA, INTERNATIONAL	\$658.00	-
CAMBRIDGE, MA FIRST	-	\$261.00	NEWPORT, VT	-	\$77.00
CHELSEA HISPANIC	-	\$44.00	NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA	\$20.00	-
CONCORD, NH	-	\$509.00	NORTH HAVERHILL, NH	\$150.00	\$3.00
DALTON, MA BERKSHIRE FIRST	\$651.00	(\$350.00)	PAWTUCKET, RI, EBENEZER	\$60.00	(\$54.00)
DANIELSON, CT	\$135.00	-	PAWTUCKET, RI, EMMANUEL	\$21.00	(\$1.00)
DANVERS, MA	-	\$139.00	PAWTUCKET, RI EMBAIXIDORES	-	\$341.00
DENNIS, MA (CAPE COD)	-	\$302.00	PAWTUCKET, RI FILADELFIA	\$31.00	\$19.00
DORCHESTER, MA, AMIS DE LA SAGESSE	-	\$227.00	PRESTON, CT	-	\$90.00
DORCHESTER, MA, EBENEZER (Portuguese)	-	\$28.00	PROVIDENCE, RI FIRST	-	\$71.00
DORCHESTER, MA HAITIAN	-	\$3.00	QUINCY, MA, BETHEL	-	\$352.00
DORCHESTER, MA, IMMANUEL	\$30.00	\$34.00	QUINCY, MA, WOLLASTON	\$1,141.00	-
DORCHESTER, MA, SECOND	-	\$106.00	ROCKVILLE, CT	\$359.31	\$256.69
DUXBURY, MA	\$594.00	-	RUMFORD, RI BETHANY	-	\$277.00
EAST CHARLESTON, VT	-	\$38.00	RUTLAND, VT	\$58.00	-
FALMOUTH, MA (CAPE COD)	-	\$102.00	SAINT ALBANS, VT	\$41.00	(\$6.00)
FITCHBURG, MA	\$201.58	\$185.42	SAUGUS-CLIFTONDALE, MA	\$85.00	(\$11.00)
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER, MA HISPANIC	-	\$43.00	SOUTH WEYMOUTH, MA	-	\$945.00
FRAMINGHAM, MA	-	\$305.00	SPRINGFIELD, MA FIRST	\$205.00	-
HARTFORD, CT, FIRST	\$295.00	-	SPRINGFIELD MA FIRST KOREAN	-	\$166.00
HARTFORD, CT SPANISH	\$83.00	(\$34.00)	UXBRIDGE, MA	\$1,051.20	\$262.80
HAVERHILL, MA	-	\$145.00	WAKEFIELD, NH FAITH FELLOWSHIP	\$6.00	\$35.00
HINGHAM, MA FAITH	-	\$116.00	WAKEFIELD, RI	\$35.00	\$9.00
HOOKSETT, NH	-	\$70.00	WALLINGFORD, CT	-	\$117.00
JOHNSON, VT LAMOILLE VALLEY	-	\$468.00	WALLINGFORD, CT Spanish	-	\$11.00
KEENE, NH	\$323.00	-	WALPOLE, MA, EMAUS	\$260.00	-
LAKEVILLE, MA	-	\$54.00	WALTHAM, MA, HAITIAN	-	\$72.00
LEICESTER, VT	-	\$177.00	WAREHAM, MA EMMANUEL	\$600.00	-
LISBON, NH	-	\$23.00	WATERVILLE, VT	-	\$89.00
LONDONDERRY, NH	-	\$108.00	WEST SOMERVILLE, MA	-	\$138.00
LOWELL, MA FIRST	\$809.00	-	WEST SOMERVILLE, MA HAITIAN	-	\$1.00
LOWELL, MA HISPANIC	-	\$51.00	WILLIMANTIC, CT	-	\$27.00
LYNN, MA	\$82.00	-	WOLCOTT, VT	-	\$53.00
LYNN, MA CAMBODIAN	-	\$12.00	WORCESTER, MA	\$192.00	-
MALDEN, MA FIRST	\$502.00	-	WORCESTER, MA HISPANIC	-	-
				<u>\$10,156.09</u>	<u>\$9,777.91</u>

Did You Know?

- Information about World Mission Mobilization and volunteer ministries is available on the WM Mobilization Web site <www.nazareneglobal.org>.
- The motivating sermon shared by Dr. Nina G. Gunter at the 20th General NMI Convention is now available to order from Nazarene Publishing House. Dr. Gunter's booklet, entitled The Cross: Seize It! Share It! (order #U-52), is available from Nazarene Publishing House
- <www.nph.com> for \$2.50.
- Community Missions ideas are available on the NMI Web site <www.nazarenemissions.org> under Volunteer Opportunities.
- One of every five Nazarenes live in Africa, and the membership for the Church of the Nazarene in Africa now exceeds 300,000.

Dr. Daniel Ketchum Elected General NMI Director

Daniel Ketchum has been elected by the Board of General Superintendents as General Director of Nazarene



Missions International. He follows Nina Gunter as director. He is the first man

to be elected to this post. In June, Dr. Gunter was the first woman elected to be General Superintendent.

Dr. Ketchum is presently serving as Field Director of the South Asia Field. He and his wife Carol have served in Italy and Cyprus. Before going to the field, they pastored in Nampa College Church in Idaho. He also served as general NYI President, and was a member of the General Board.

Over the years they have been involved in the work of missions, specifically NMI, on the local, district, and general level. Carol presently serves as NMI coordinator for all of the countries on the South Asia field.

Dr. Bustle states, "He is committed to missions and to involving all Nazarenes in the global work of the Church. I am confident that he will be an outstanding addition to the World Mission team."

News from the Pews

- Don Reed, Wollaston Church of the Nazarene, has a unique idea for Crisis Care Kit collection. He buys the supplies and lays them out on a table. The church has a fellowship and anyone who wants to buy a CCK can pick up the items right there to fill their kit, which means they do not have to go to several stores to shop. They pick up a list and a 2-gallon bag and then go shopping. Of course they pay for the items. Over 1000 CCKs were collected.
- Phil Smith, New England CCM Director, puts a list and a letter size envelope in a 2-gallon plastic bag and challenges the church attendees to take one and fill it. The list tells them what items to put in the plastic bag and the envelope is for putting in \$2.50, which is the cost per kit of shipping the CCK. Dalton collected 80 CCKs through this method.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Sally Zink as she continues to battle cancer
- David Wooster and his continual physical struggles
- General Superintendent Jesse Middendorf, who is recovering from cancer surgery
- Those affected by the October 8 earthquake in Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan
- Those affected by tomados in Kentucky and Indiana
- Dr. Daniel Ketchum, the newly elected General NMI Director

Objective of NCM

Following the example of Jesus, we seek to educate, clothe, shelter, feed, heal, and ultimately empower those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. Because NCM exists in and through the Church, we are able to address spiritual concerns alongside physical needs. Our ministries are holistic – addressing the whole person – and sustainable – addressing immediate needs while securing a hopeful future for individuals and their communities.

Locally:

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries benefits our churches in our regions in a number of ways:

- 1- It helps them get their eyes off on themselves.
- 2- It offers the hand of Christ to those who are in need.
- 3- It creates unity by helping these people pull together.
- 4- It allows the blessings of the Lord to flow more freely among them.

We cannot minister to others when we are turned inward but only when we reach outward. NCM only exists by the donations received from you for the projects that we promote. NCM receives no funds from the general fund of missions.

On the NCM Website (www.ncm.org)

A Thank You

"Thanksgiving Offering for the World Evangelism Fund provides an opportunity for us to say thanks to God for all He is doing in our lives. Our expression of thanks supports the Church of the Nazarene's work in 149 world areas; provides for more than 1,000 missionaries, volunteers, and retired missionaries; and offers training for more than 6,300 national workers.

God is building the global Church. I'm thankful God provides us the opportunity to do more than just sit on the sidelines; He invites us to get involved. As you give (have given) with grateful hearts to the Thanksgiving Offering His mighty word will be proclaimed to every tribe, tongue, and nation. That is truly a great reason for giving thanks!"

Dr. Louie Bustle
Director World Mission Department



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



A Christmas Gift That Will Keep on Giving

A wonderful way to have our gift keep on giving is to encourage your people to add "Books for Pastors" to their Christmas list. As a promotion small gift boxes or decorated envelopes can be given out for each member of the congregation to return with \$7 inside. "Books for Pastors" project is making Pastor's libraries available, in their own language, to pastors in third world areas.

NCM Giving Calendar

Today, as I write this, tornados struck Kentucky and Indiana with force. Disasters have been happening all around the world and we want to do our part to relieve physical as well as spiritual suffering. Enclosed is the NCM giving calendar for the month of December. As you take part this will be your Christmas gift to the world.

Gerry Perry, NE District NMI President

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**.

