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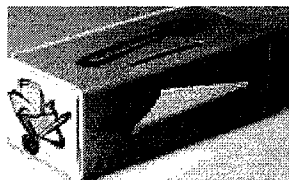
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NE DISTRICT NMI MESSENGER

February Challenge—Alabaster Offering

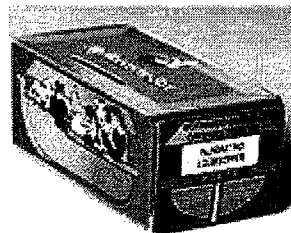


We have opportunity twice a year to give our coins or dollars to literally build the Kingdom. Thank you to those of you who have given in September to purchase land and construct places for people to worship, heal, learn, and grow spiritually.

The Alabaster Offering is a "God-thing" in the Church of the Nazarene. These much-needed offerings funded right at six projects every week in 2004. Can you imagine where our church would be without Alabaster support? Across the years (1949-2004) 7,018 building and land Alabaster projects have been the means of thousands coming

to know Christ.

We encourage every church to participate this February in this valuable ministry. No amount is too small. 100% of the offerings go to construction. 20% is used for multi-cultural ministry in the US and Canada and 80% goes to other lands. Several churches on our district have benefited from Alabaster - Brockton Haitian, Pawtucket Embaixadores, Dorchester Amis de la Sagesse and Quincy Chinese to name a few. When we give we help our neighbors as well as many others around the world.



March Challenge—Easter Offering for World Evangelism

Jesus
THE HOPE
EASTER OFFERING FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

Easter and Resurrection – Siamese twins. I have witnessed Resurrection. Looking into the faces of Roma, Oksana, Andrei, Sergei, Ivan, Valentina, Maxim, Vitalik, and Misha, I saw new life. Each a former alcohol or drug addict in Ukraine – and dozens like them, everyone has been delivered and resurrected by the awesome power of God from death in their transgressions and sin. And through Nazarene missions, in 149 world areas, thousands upon

thousands upon thousands have experienced resurrection.

Easter and giving – Siamese twins. For Nazarenes, we cannot think of the Resurrection without considering generous offerings for missions. This Easter, may we give sacrificially, even beyond what we think we can, so millions more will know firsthand this resurrection power.

Wes Eby, General NMI Office

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February Events

- *Alabaster Offering*
- *Feb 26th—Mar 4th—Nazarene World Week of Prayer*

March Events

- *March 4th—NMI Prayer Luncheon at Lowell*
- *Easter Offering / World Evangelism Fund*

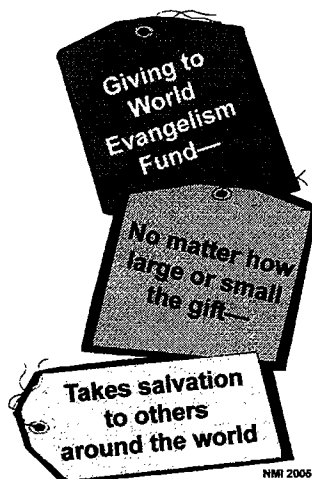
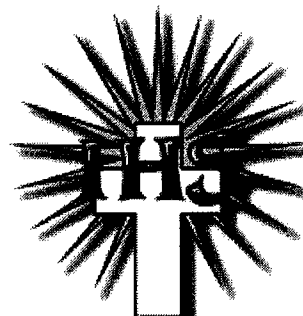
Change to Easter Offering Promotional Resources

! IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE !

Stewardship Ministries changed the distribution method for Easter Offering promotional resources. In January 2006 a Stewardship packet was sent to every local pastor (USA/Canada). The packet included a Stewardship/World Evangelism Fund (WEF) Resource DVD. Which offers videos, as well as a variety of materials to assist local churches in promoting the Easter offering for WEF. Most

of the resources are also available on the Stewardship Web site
www.stewardship.nazarene.org.

From this point forward, envelopes and posters will **NOT** be sent to churches unless the church orders them. To order Easter Offering envelopes and posters, please contact: Stewardship Ministries, Phone 816-333-7000, ext. 2757 Or E-mail: stewardshiporders@nazarene.org.



Leadership Tip

"You must be the change that you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

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

JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported the following:

35,808,419 viewers of the JESUS Film
5,201,053 (14.5% of viewers) decisions for Christ
2,014,494 (38.7% of decisions) initial discipleship contacts
8,037 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.

WEF

Presently according to the KC report on 12-30-05 the churches on the New England District have paid 58.21% towards the WEF. Even though Easter is in April this year we still need your participation to meet our obligation of 100% payment. When sending in funds make sure you mark them for the 2005-2006 church year. Pray, plan and prepare early to make the Easter offering a special time of giving to Jesus, Our Savior.

Birthdays & Anniversaries of LINKS & District Missionaries

March

28 Birthday—Gloria Henck
28 Birthday—Rhonda Restrict

April

1 Birthday—Neal Estey
14 Birthday—Merritt Mann



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KIDS

CHILDRENS NEWS—for children & their leaders



REMINDER: The Children's Project goal this year is \$5,000.00 for "Books for Pastors – Tools for Ministry".

Please send your money for the project to Rick Smith, District Treasurer. Make sure you mark it "Children's Project – Books for Pastors" and include your church name to receive 10% credit.

Work & Witness Update

By the end of February New England will have sent three teams officially—one from Nashua and two from Uxbridge, MA. Encounter 2006 will travel to the Gulf Coast July 8-15, 2006. Dalton Church of the Nazarene is scheduled to take a team to

Sun Valley Indian School, April 22-29, 2006. There will also be trips to Bulgaria, June 16-29, and Russia, July 19-31, this summer. Anyone interested in either one of these trips should contact Frank Turner for information— <RTU1750553@aol.com>.

Scripture

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

(Isaiah 43:19, NIV)

Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry

We only have a few weeks left to complete our participation in the "Books for Pastors" offering. I know that some of you are making a special emphasis of this excellent project and will be remitting your money soon. You should send your remittance directly to the General Treasurer in Kansas City and be sure to mark that it is for "Books for Pastors". If you are participating in the Children's Project please send the money to Rick Smith, District Treasurer. As of 12-20-

05, our district had only achieved 46% of our goal (30 churches have participated) so we need everyone to do one more "push" so we can go over the top!

A new DVD for promoting "Books for Pastors – Tools for Ministry" will be sent to local churches (USA/Canada) as an enclosure in the April/May/June 2006 Mission Connection.

Prayer Requests

- Sally Zink's family as they mourn her passing.
- Janice Pittsley-Smith on the passing of her husband, Harry.
- Dick & Louise Clifford on the passing of their son, Jack.
- South Asia tsunami victims at the 1-year anniversary of the disaster.
- For the safety of missionaries worldwide.
- Dr. Daniel Ketchum, the newly elected General NMI Director.
- February Alabaster Offering
- Believers in Kosovo who are facing persecution.
- General NMI Council Meetings, February 15-17.

YOUTH

YOUTH NEWS—for youth & their leaders

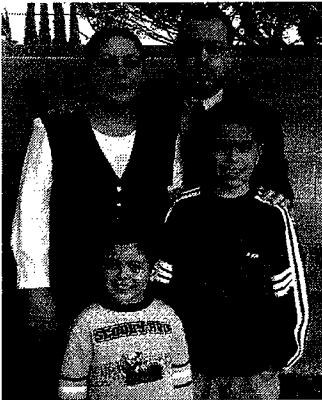


PLANS ARE IN FULL SWING FOR THE THIRD NMI-NYI MISSIONS TRIP

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

Mission Encounter is happy to announce that The Bahamas District Superintendent Pastor Daniel Small, will bring a work team from The Bahamas to Pascagoula, Mississippi July 9 - 15 to help Restore the Hope. The New England team will be working with them. Many of the previous members of the New England team worked with Pastor Small and his teens when they went to the Bahamas a couple of years ago. Pastor Daniel will speak each day and Mrs. Small will sing. What a wonderful time it will be!! This is the first time Mission Encounter has brought an international work team to the United States to help!!! Praise the Lord!!! 42 from New England have applied to go on the Gulf Coast Work and Witness.

Missionaries on Tour



Phil and Martha Patalano

Phil and Martha Patalano are global missionaries to Angola. They went to Beira, Mozambique in May 2000 for seven months to study the Portuguese Language. They arrived in Luanda, Angola just before Christmas, 2000 and are involved in Pastoral training.

Phil & Martha Patalano will tour the district March 1 – 12, 2006.

William and Marsha McCoy

Bill and Marsha McCoy are global missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene in Papua New Guinea. Before their current assignment, the McCoys served as Nazarene missionaries at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital from 1985-1993. They are currently assigned to the Kudjip Hospital in Papua New Guinea where they have served since 1996.



Bill and Marsha McCoy will tour the district March 16—April 3

Nazarene World Week of Prayer—February 26—March 4

The Nazarene World Week of Prayer is scheduled for February 26-March 4. Each day we will pray for a different World Region starting with Africa on Sunday. Prayer requests will be available on line at www.nazarenemissions.org. We suggest you copy them and make them available to your congregation. The week will close on Saturday, March 4, 10:00 am, with the annual District Prayer Brunch at Lowell Church of the Nazarene. Phil & Martha Patalano from Luanda, Angola, will be the speakers. Special music will be by Lynn Shaw and the Wareham Worship Team and the Fitchburg-Leominster Hispanic Church. Cost is \$7.50 per person. This is a valuable prayer time for our district to pray together for Nazarene world and home salvation needs and concerns.

**All Churches Are Invited to the NE District NMI
PRAYER SERVICE & LUNCHEON**

**Phil & Martha Patalano - Luanda, Angola
Wareham Worship Team & Special Music by
Fitchburg - Leominster Hispanic Church**

**Saturday, March 4th, 2006
Lowell Church of the Nazarene**

Service 10 AM (Registration & light refreshments 9 – 9:45 AM)

\$7.50/person includes lunch

RSVP by Monday, Feb. 27th – John Townsend

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COME AND BE BLESSED!

Kathy Bourgault, Prayer & Fasting



Daniel Ketchum, Director • Melinda Wolf Miller, Editor

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NAZARENE SCENE

Daniel Ketchum Elected General NMI Director—Dr. Daniel Ketchum was elected by the Board of General Superintendents as general director of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) following a vote by the General NMI Council and the World Mission Committee of the General Board. At the time of his election, Ketchum and his wife, Carol, served as missionaries on the Eurasia Region, where Daniel was the South Asia Field strategy coordinator.

MAC Region Churches Respond to Disaster—The Mexico and Central America (MAC) Region was hit hard by Hurricane Stan in October. Stan caused flooding and mudslides, killing hundreds and leaving thousands homeless throughout the region. Three Nazarene churches on the El Salvador West District served as shelters, providing food and purified water to victims.

Northwestern Ohio District First to Meet "Books for Pastors" Goal—The Northwestern Ohio District is the first district in the USA/Canada Region to reach and surpass its goal in the "Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry" Offering. Under the leadership of District NMI

President Sue Fox, the Northwestern Ohio churches gave \$73,995 (as of 11/21/2005). The "Books for Pastors" project will provide Wesleyan-holiness resources for pastors around the world in their own languages. The denominational goal is \$3.5 million (U.S.), with \$1.85 million (U.S.) received as of November 2005.

Cubans Respond to Compassion—Hurricanes Dennis and Wilma struck the Caribbean Region in July, causing extensive damage across the region. Communication lines were interrupted, causing a delay in the report of Nazarenes affected. Still, the Cuban Church of the Nazarene ministered to those in need. They reported that of the 12 non-Christian homes ministered to in the area around Niquero, 4 families accepted Christ as a direct result of the compassionate ministries after Hurricane Dennis.

Africa Region Milestones—The Africa Region recently reported that the Church of the Nazarene in Africa surpassed the 300,000-member mark. Also, Africa Nazarene University recently commemorated their 10th Anniversary with a record 993 students enrolled.

Nazarenes Respond to Overwhelming Need—Hurricanes Katrina and Rita carved a path of destruction across the Gulf Coast of the United States (USA), including southern Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Nazarenes immediately responded to the need. Local churches in affected areas ministered to displaced victims. Volunteers helped feed hundreds of evacuees, distributed Crisis Care Kits, and began the long process of clean-up and rebuilding. In October, a group of Nazarene leaders met in Houston to coordinate the long-term response. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries is committed to remaining with those affected until they have fully recovered.

WORLD SCENE

Airborne Crusade—In South Korea, Lee Min Bok signaled the release of hundreds of helium balloons, all aimed at North Korea. The balloons carried plastic bags containing portions of the Bible. Lee's aerial campaign was part of a broader campaign by Christian groups in East Asia and beyond. Ongoing campaigns in South Korea to provide such materials are considered seditions by North Korea, where possessing a Bible is punishable by death or imprisonment.

Church Around the World

10/40 Window—Recent events—the overwhelming response of voters during the first democratic presidential election in Iraq, the overthrow of the Nepal government by King Gyanendra, and the upcoming elections in Lebanon—are causing major political shifts in the 10/40 Window. Prayer for the 10/40 Window is needed now more than ever, especially for Christian believers in these nations who are still being persecuted for their faith.

Window International Network

Tibet—China invaded Tibet over 50 years ago, and Tibetan refugees have streamed into neighboring India ever since. Gospel

for Asia recently opened a new Bible school in North India to help Indian missionaries reach India's Tibetan population. The Bible school uses specially prepared gospel booklets, Tibetan-style Christian music, and Christian radio broadcasts in its efforts.

Church Around the World

Persecuted Church Leaders Released in China—On November 19, U.S.A. President Bush visited Beijing, China. Bush's visit proved to be a memorable event for house church leader Pastor Zhang Mingxuan. Along with his son, Pastor Zhang was transported by several security agents from his Beijing detention center to a government guest hotel the day before Bush's arrival. Eight other house church leaders were released following President Bush's strong message to Chinese communist authorities about advancing religious freedom. Pastor Zhang was able to share the Gospel with all those detaining him at the hotel before his release.

The Voice of the Martyrs

Catch a Glimpse of This—

- About 24,000 people die every day from hunger or hunger-related causes. Three-fourths of those deaths are children under the age of 5. (United Nations)
- According to the International Center for Research on Women, nearly half of the 14,000 people infected with HIV every day are women.
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners Ministry reports 35,210,553 evangelistic contacts have been made (through the JESUS film and other tools) and 5,114,992 people have made decisions for Christ, as of November 2005.

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Books for Pastors Project in Mozambique

By Rev Margaret Scott

The momentous "Books for Pastors, Tools for Ministry" project, Nazarene Missions International's 90th Anniversary Project, touched down in Maputo, Mozambique late last year. The first book of this project in the Africa Region, possibly in the Nazarene world, was presented to Lusophone Field Director, Dr Paulo Moises Sueia, by



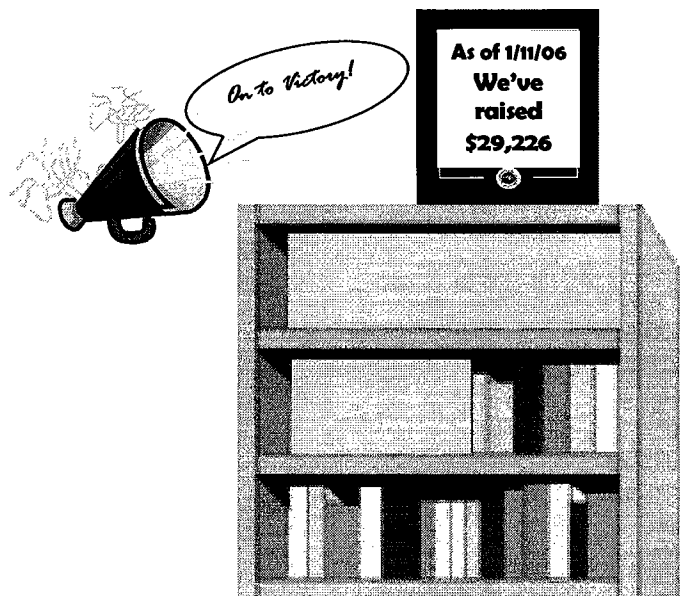
Field Education Coordinator, Rev Margaret Scott. The project is long-hoped for and much needed across the world, but no place more than Mozambique. The presentation took place during the graduation

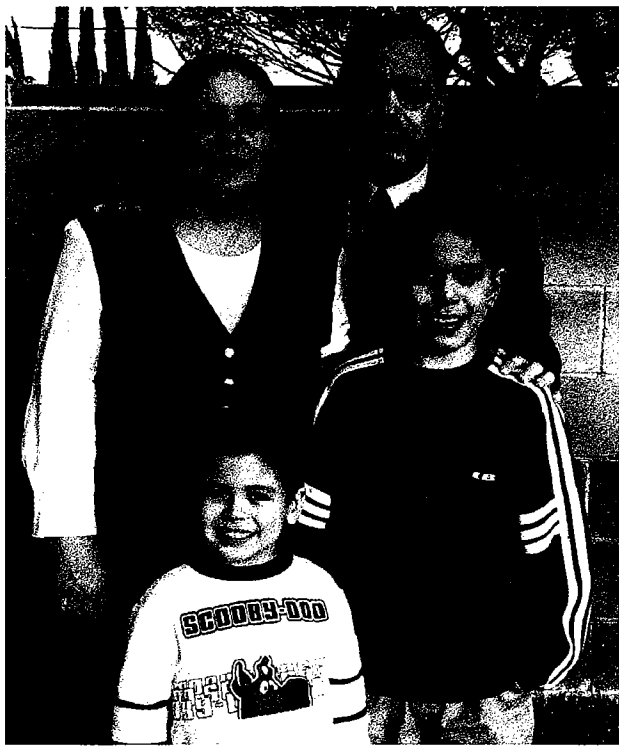
ceremonies of Seminario Nazareno em Mocambique. After the 30 graduates received diplomas in theology or certificates in ministry, each was presented with his or her own study Bible to take home with them to their places of ministry scattered across Mozambique.

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.





N.E. DISTRICT NMI PRAYER SERVICE

with
Phil & Martha Patalano
(Luanda, Angola)

DATE: Saturday, March 4, 2006

TIME: 10 AM (9 - 9:45 AM Registration
and light refreshments)

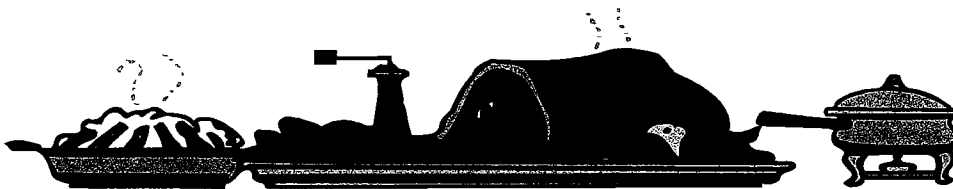
PLACE: Lowell Church of the Nazarene



**WORSHIP MUSIC BY LYNN SHAW
& Wareham Worship Team**



SPECIAL MUSIC BY:
Fitchburg-Leominster Hispanic Church



COST: \$7.50 PER PERSON (LUNCH INCLUDED)

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