



# New England District NMI Messenger

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## **DUE DECEMBER**

EMPHASIS—

Compassionate Ministries

1st—Care Kits Due  
Mail Christmas Cards to  
LINKS Missionaries

25th—Christmas

## **DUE JANUARY**

EMPHASIS—


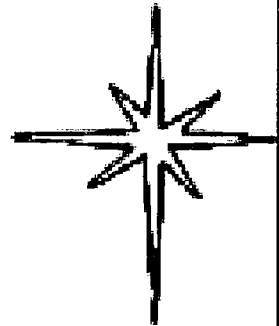
Volunteer Ministries

1st—District Missions  
Expense Allocation Due

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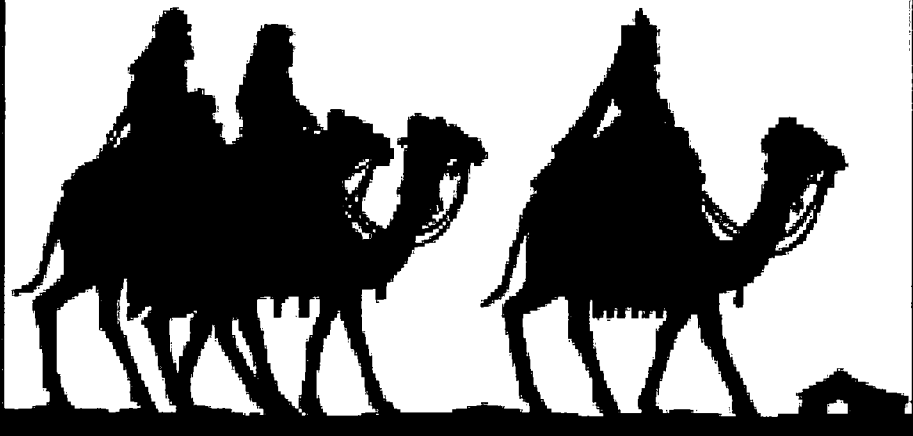
# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!



*Jesus is the Light of the World.*

*Rejoicing with you in the  
hope we have in Jesus ~ the  
everlasting light of the world.*

*Your District Servants,  
President Gervy Perry and District NMI Council*



## DECEMBER CHALLENGE

### Compassionate Ministries

#### Fast Facts:

- According to Evangelical Missions Quarterly, 2 billion people live on less than \$2.25 per day.
- In the last decade, the Church of the Nazarene has entered 22 countries through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM)
- A new Nazarene church is started every 12 days through disaster response efforts.
- According to Mission Frontiers, 6 million children under the age of 5 die every year as a result of hunger.
- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep ...you are richer than 75 percent of the world.

—Heartline

### Compassionate Ministries

Packets of information on our *District Minute Christian* opportunities were received by all churches recently. Read the information carefully and contact Phil Smith if you have any questions.

Phil Smith, Compassionate Ministries Coordinator  
E-mail <psmith@smithsummit.com>

### January Challenge

#### Volunteer Ministries

Someone defined a volunteer as a person who shows up. Thank God for the 10,475 volunteers in Work and Witness last year who donated the equivalent of 370 years of labor.

Work and Witness: men and women, youth, families engaging in hands-on missions.

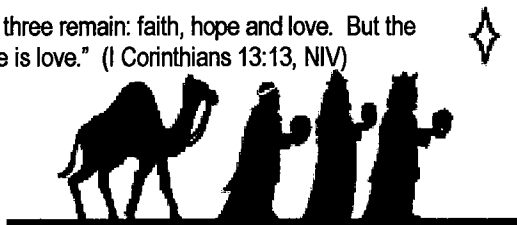
—Heartline

### Focus on the Purpose of Missions

Why missions? Every 5 seconds, 3 people die, and only 1 of them has heard enough about Jesus Christ to make a decision to receive Him as Savior.

*Evangelical Advocate (Heartline)*

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV)



## LINKS & District Missionaries Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December

10 Birthday—Rev. David Restrict  
16 Birthday—Judy Mann  
21 Anniversary—Revs. John & Sandy Estey  
25 Birthday—JESUS  
28 Birthday—Marjorie Stockwell  
30 Birthday—Rev. Roy Henck

### January

1 Birthday—Arlene Swain  
4 Birthday—Rev. Jay Sunberg  
4 Birthday—Lydia Sunberg  
20 Birthday—Beth Restrict  
29 Birthday—David William John Restrict



### Million Hours of Prayer (MHP)!

Every Nazarene is challenged to pray (between Jan. and June) at least 2 hours for the General Assembly and Conventions. MHP promotional resources were sent to local churches in the Oct./Nov/December Mission Connection mailing.

The Million Hours of Prayer (MHP) theme for 2005 is "Pray...Partnering in the Gospel." The theme verses are Philippians 1:4-6 (NIV)



God has promised, "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3, NKJV)

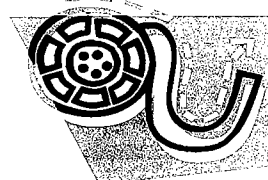
### Harvest Partners

#### JESUS Film Ministry (As of November 30, 2004)

JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported 31,388,665 viewers of the JESUS Film through November 30, 2004. Of these viewers, 4,580,692 (14.6% of viewers) have indicated decisions for Christ and 1,727,292

(37.7% of decisions) are initial discipleship contacts.

There have been 5,115 new churches started and 10,944 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](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/prayer/prayer_mobilization_line.htm)

- Foshat Amal (Journey of Hope), the new World Mission Broadcast radio program that began broadcasting to the Middle East on November 1.
- Crisis and conflict in the Ivory Coast, Iraq, and Nigeria.
- Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism Fund
- Dr. Chuck & Sally Zink undergoing Cancer treatments and need a miracle from God.
- David Wooster, extremely ill, is back on the list as number 1 for a heart.
- Ron Waterman, former District NMI Council member, suffering from cancer. The doctors have given him a very positive report this month.
- NMI 90<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Our soldiers and the situation in Iraq
- General NMI Convention preparation & District NMI Convention preparation
- Missionary Terry Ketchum (Caribbean Region), who is undergoing radiation treatment and recovering from radical surgery to remove a malignant tumor in his eye.



## Prayer Article by Kathy Bourgault

*"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them..."*  
Matthew 14:14

This is the season of compassion; we are more aware of world needs at this time of the year than any other. Jesus had compassion on the multitudes and then he prayed. E. M. Bounds wrote: "That which excites and develops compassion and puts it to work, is the sight of multitudes in want and distress, and helpless to relieve themselves. Helplessness especially appeals to compassion. Prayer for others is born of a sympathetic heart. Prayer is natural and almost spontane-

ous when compassion is begotten in the heart. Christlike compassion always moves to prayer."<sup>1</sup>

Our December emphasis is Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. Let us demonstrate compassion by praying for NCM as they meet the needs of the world 365 days a year. The December Giving Calendar is a good place to start.

E. M. Bounds also wrote: "Prayer secures the laborers sufficient in quantity and in quality for all the needs of the harvest. Christ's people on their knees with Christ's compassion in their hearts for dying men and for needy souls, exposed to eternal peril, is the

pledge of laborers in numbers and character to meet the wants of earth and the purposes of heaven. Prayer gets God to send forth the best men and the most fit men and the men best qualified to work in the harvest."<sup>1</sup>

Our January emphasis is Volunteer Ministries. Thank God for our volunteers and pray that the Lord of the harvest will continue to send forth the best, most fit, and best-qualified laborers into the harvest fields.

<sup>1</sup> E.M. Bounds (1835-1913) *Essentials of Prayer*, Chapter 10 - Prayer Born of Compassion

## Did You Know?

- The 2004-2005 church year is the first year of the new quadrennium. Align your goals and action now to pay World Evangelism Fund in full and to achieve Mission Priority One each year of the quadrennium.  
—Heartline
- In response to the S.O.S. call for Crisis Care Kits (CCKs), Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc. received 13,620 CCKs, which is enough to fill two 40-foot containers! Thank You.
- Suggestion: Honor your pastors this Christmas by giving \$500 to purchase a library for the NMI 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: "Books for Pastors – Tools for Ministry" Project.
- In 2003-04, Canada gave \$11 million worth of shipments of various gifts in kind through Compassionate Ministries Canada. Congratulations.



When Christ said: "I was hungry and you fed me," he didn't mean only the hunger for bread and for food; he also meant the hunger to be loved.

Mother Teresa

NMI 2004



## Books for Pastors TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

NMI 90th Anniversary Project



It is exciting to hear the great reports around the district on the offering for the "Books for Pastors – Tools for Ministry."

Be sure to send your offering to: Lucy Bollinger, District NMI Treasurer or directly to General Treasurer in Kansas City, as soon as possible. Please mark your check "90<sup>th</sup> NMI Anniversary Offering." AMS1091. Make sure you give your church name and New England District to ensure 10% credit.

**A note from Deb Koopman, NMI President at the Uxbridge Church**

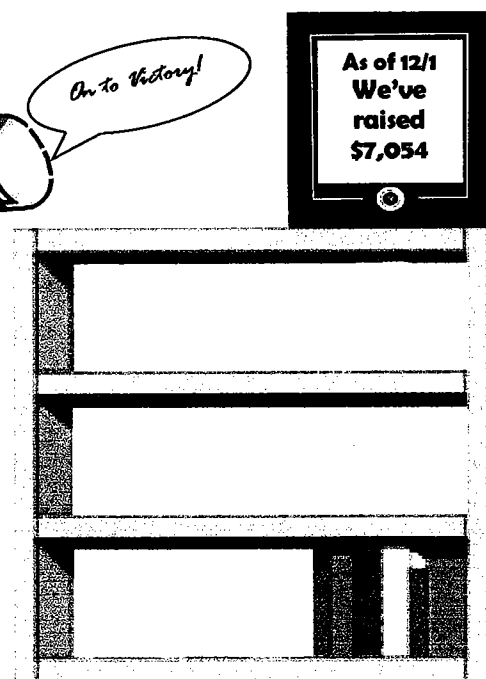
*"We have lots of film canisters if any church would like us to send the canisters to them to help collect money for Books for Pastors."*

Deb's email address is  
rkoop@juno.com



### Let's fill up the bookcase!

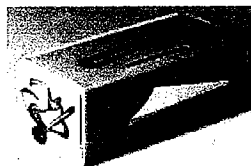
When all the shelves on the bookcase are filled with books, NE District will have met their goal of \$62,741.



## ALABASTER by Sally Zink, Alabaster Secretary

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

- . . . that in 2003, 121 churches were built with Alabaster Offerings?
- . . . that 10 Bible schools and school buildings were built?
- . . . that 36 mission and district Centers were built?
- . . . that 6 missionary homes were built?
- . . . that 20 National workers' homes were built?
- . . . that 63 parcels of land were purchased?



OK. Now that you know, don't you want to be a part of this wonderful effort to bring the gospel to our world? **EACH AND EVERY CHURCH!** Make plans to publicize and take an Alabaster Offering on a Sunday in the month of February. People can give until the end of the month, and at that time your offering should be sent to: General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

That districts, churches, groups, families and individuals can sponsor specially designated buildings called Alabaster Love Buildings? These buildings can be built in honor or memory of a person and will have a plaque on the building stating the name of the person honored. These buildings are Ten Percent Approved Specials for the church or district from which the designation comes. For more information, go to:

[www.nazarenemissions.org/giving/alabaster/default.htm](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/giving/alabaster/default.htm)

# ALABASTER

Due to Sally Zink's ill health at this time she will be taking on a less demanding office on the council. She has been elected as District NMI Alabaster Secretary.

**New Roles on**

**District Council**

**Congratulations to both of these!**

Carla Lovett, Medical Plan Secretary, was elected as District NMI Vice President.

## JESUS FILM TEAM MEMBERS STILL NEEDED...



We have a marvelous opportunity to send a Jesus Film Work and Witness team to Mexico, the first week in February, 2005. The money has been donated for the project and team members will only have to pay for travel, room and meals. If you are interested please contact Frank Turner, District W/W Coordinator at Email <RTU1750553@aol.com.> It would be great to have some pastors on the team.

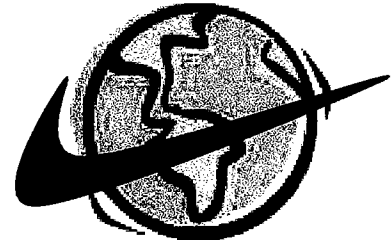
### What will you be doing?

The W/W team will receive and carry the Jesus Film equipment to the field. When on the field they will help train the Mexican team on the use of the new equipment and go with the team to the villages to show the Jesus Film. The team will be limited to 7-10 members. The cost will be somewhere around \$650-\$800. per person.

Contact Frank Turner immediately if you are interested.

For other Work and Witness Opportunities contact Frank Turner.

## Nazarene Medical Plan for Missionaries



**JUST DO IT!**



### **MK's in college at ENC**

David Restrict (F)  
Mary Restrict (S)  
Jordan Williams (F)

### **LINKS Missionary Kid -**

Drew Bennett (J) Mount Vernon

*Remember them at Christmas!*



The Uxbridge Church is missing all of the banners of the countries that Lynnette McCabe made. They were at District Convention two years ago but have been missing for a while.

If your church borrowed the banners or if you know where they are, please contact Deb Koopman at [rkoop@juno.com](mailto:rkoop@juno.com).

## GENERATOR PRAYER REQUEST—A Need for a Generator in Haiti

As you have seen in the news, the situation in Haiti has not improved over the past year. Our missionaries were evacuated for several months earlier this year and only returned once we felt there was some stability in the country that would allow them to serve in a relatively secure environment. The infrastructure has significantly deteriorated. Roads, basic services such as water and electricity, are in a terrible state.

They are in need of a large generator. This generator will make all the difference in the mission's ability to function. It not only provides electricity to our missionary residences, but powers our Bible College, Clinic, and all our mission offices. In addition, since most crime takes place at night, the genera-

tor provides electricity for the security lights we have strategically located across the campus.

We are asking that you help us pray for this necessary equipment. Since the local infrastructure is not able to provide the necessary electricity to the campus, a portion of our security preparedness depends on the generator.

As you pray and discuss this need with your friends and acquaintances, the Lord may direct someone to send a gift to help with this project. If so, donations may be sent to the General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Please label any gifts "Haiti Generator Project." Would you also drop us a note to let us know when you

know of any funds being sent. Email us at [tketchum@caribnaz.org](mailto:tketchum@caribnaz.org) and we will be able to track these possibilities. We have a very narrow window of opportunity to make this happen. The cost of the generator, shipping and customs is right at \$20,000. Not many individuals will have that kind of money available for such a project. However, if the Lord finds 40 individuals, families, churches, districts or S.S. classes who are willing to contribute \$500 each, then the need is met and we can honor our obligation to the company that built the generator and so generously stored it for us during these months of unrest. We invite you to pray with us that those 40 will be ready and willing partners for this project.

**Kathie Ketchum**

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# Prayer & Fasting

## **DECEMBER EMPHASIS: Compassionate Ministries**

Please pray & fast for Nazarene the Compassionate Ministries staff and volunteers as they give to disaster relief, feed the hungry, clothe the needy, provide medicine, care for the sick, sponsor children, and enable self-sufficiency. Please pray that the Crisis Care Kits will be replenished and people will participate in giving.

*Just A Reminder* 

## **JANUARY EMPHASIS: Volunteer Ministries & Books for Pastors**

Please pray and fast during January for those involved in the following volunteer ministries: Work & Witness (W&W), Nazarenes on Call, Nazarenes In Volunteer Service (NIVS), Nazarene Health Care Fellowship (NHCF), College And University Students Serving and Enabling (CAUSE), Youth In Mission (YIM), Youth Serve, as well as Local and District Opportunities. Through prayer everyone can participate. Pray every church will participate in 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project - Books for Pastor's.

Thank you for praying,  
Kathy Bourgault, Prayer & Fasting Director, New England District NMI