

Nazarene Missions International

Gerry Perry, District Missions President



Alabaster

Alabaster is a "God-Thing" in the Church of the Nazarene. Can you imagine where our church would be today without Alabaster support? Churches helped by Alabaster funds continue to grow and birth other churches. Churches have been built in all shapes and sizes. One such church is the "Hogan" church built at Sun Valley Indian School. In South America there are roof churches. The building might be a clinic, ministry center, or parsonage but God uses all these buildings to reach people who reach people...It translates into evangelism and discipleship.



Thank you for challenging everyone to give sacrificially in this love offering.

Calendar Updates

PLEASE NOTE: Corrected Dates for NMI Convention

Contrary to previously published dates, the NMI Convention will take place on Wednesday evening, May 23 and Thursday, May 24, 2007.

Mark Your Calendar...

Nazarene World Week of Prayer, February 25 through March 3, will focus on "Reaching the World on our Knees." This annual event unites Nazarenes around the world in Prayer for the Church of the Nazarene, focusing our intercession on a different area each day. To get regional prayer requests

go on line at www.nazarenemissions.org. We will close the week with our yearly District Prayer Brunch held this year at Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, Danvers, MA on Saturday, March 3, 2007.

District Prayer Brunch

When: March 3, 2007, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lunch included. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Who: Missionaries Merrill & Jan Williams, Guam

Music: Zephir Family and Reading Korean Church

Where: Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, 188 Elliott Street, Danvers, MA

Cost: \$7.50 per person

"The District praying together will accomplish much!"

End of the Year Reports...

It is only two months until the end of the year. Start now to begin to do a check-up with your NMI president to make reporting easier. Do you have your WEF and DMEA up-to-date? What is WEF? World Evangelism Fund. What is DMEA? District Missions Expense Allocation or Assignment. Check the Messenger as to where you stand; if there is a discrepancy, please let us know.

World Evangelism Fund (WEF) - Easter Offering For Evangelism

Where is your ministry going? How far is it extending? Just as a pebble thrown into the water causes a rippling effect, so is your giving to the World Evangelism Fund. You may not always see the results of those lives being changed. However, it is knowing that through "Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..." God will extend our ministry throughout the world by giving to the World Evangelism Fund.

~Karen Jones, Former NMI Office

NOTE CORRECTED DATES:

May 23-24 - NMI Convention

May 24-26 - District Assembly

Nazarene Youth International

Victoria Clark, District NYI President



It is a pleasure to greet you as the incoming president of NYI. You know it, transition has occurred again. All who serve in ministry are familiar with change and transition. We will miss Rick Gardner and his family in this district and pray God's blessing on them in their new ministry.

I am excited for what God has in store for the young people of our churches as we move forward in to 2007. We must not give up believing that to accomplish His work, God will supply the resources we need, ignite his love in our hearts and inspire us to be fully devoted to Him.

It is my desire to get to know the leaders, youth and college/career students of our district. We will enjoy the spiritual highs of retreats and enjoy getting to know one another every time we gather together. I know we can work together to engage this generation in serving the Lord. I am aware that we each face challenges as we minister to our youth and we will not loose heart. The rewards will be eternal for the investments we make each day in our teens.

God bless you for your interest in NYI and building the kingdom with our youth.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at vicmamma4@juno.com or upcoming events for NYI at www.nednaz.org and click on Youth.

DISTRICT NEWS

Mission Strategy Coordinator

February 22 (Lord willing) I will return from the M7 Conference after spending most of my time seeking to

learn more about multi-site possibilities and ministries. Is the multi-site model the approach that might best help you and your church reach a nearby town or people group? If you are interested, let's talk!

Reaching our multi-faceted district will require many approaches to ministry. Do you want to talk about how to see the vision God has given you become a reality? I am more than willing to be a sounding board. Call me at 978-927-2314 to discuss options to increase the health of your local church and/or ways to be salt and light more effectively in your town/city/county.

May the Lord grow and bless you as you serve.

~District Strategy Coordinator - Kim Richardson

Sunday School Ministries

Ron Keller, District Sunday School Ministries Chairperson



Sunday School Growth

During the 2005-2006 statistical year our district Sunday schools showed a gain of 540 in average attendance over the previous assembly year. From statistics received from churches who have been reporting regularly each month, it seems that many of our schools are continuing to grow and we will show another year of increase. Remember, the statistical year ends on March 31, 2007. Hopefully, you have kept careful records of Sunday school and morning worship attendance as well as an up to date record of your responsibility list or Sunday school enrollment list.

Sunday school enrollment is a traditional list of those who attend our Sunday school programs on a regular basis. It is also a list that includes those who attend irregularly, rarely, or who have expressed an inter-

est in Sunday school. It serves as a membership and prospect list. Also included on that list should be the names, addresses and telephone numbers of prospects for our Sunday schools and weekday Bible study groups.

Those on the list should be prayed for and invited to Sunday school and to the social events of Sunday school classes. They should receive regular mailings of promotional as well as spiritual information from the church. This list should serve as a prayer list and members of our classes should be encouraged to regularly pray for those individuals. If we do not pray for them and invite them to study the Bible, who will? They are our responsibility.

February is always a good month to update the enrollment/responsibility List. A growing list is usually a sign of growth in other areas of a church's ministries. Please remember to report your Sunday school average attendance, total enrollment, and average morning worship attendance on the final Sunday of every month. You may report it to your zone Sunday school chairperson or to Chairman Ron Keller at (978) 777-2060. (We will continue to use the same zones that are listed in the 2006 *New England District Journal*.)

Click the Following Links 

7 Essentials for Marriage

Click this link http://clt.nazarene.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=14&Itemid=45 to

check out the denomination-wide marriage initiative, "*7 Essentials for Marriage.*" The downloadable resources for the 2007 denomination-wide study "*Making a Marriage*" will be available January 31, 2007. Be sure to visit www.clt.nazarene.org to download the leader's guide, handouts, and Power-Point presentation for free! Make plans for your school to use this new

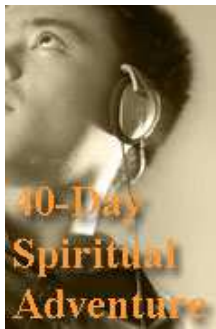


The format of the *New England Ministers' News* is undergoing a makeover! We'll soon have room for more announcements and stories of events happening in the local church. Send your stories & digital photos to: mbandrew@verizon.net.

marriage tool. The CLT website is also filled with high impact, low budget resources and ideas to train and disciple those who teach and those who attend our Sunday Schools.

40-Day Spiritual Adventure

The emphasis, "*Make the Connection with God's Word*" will begin the Monday after Easter and conclude on Pentecost Sunday. A free MP3 CD disc will be provided to every adult in each church that participates in this study. Special discs will also be available free with music and Scripture for children. A computer or CD player that supports the reading of MP3 files will be required. This adventure will transform your life and your church as you listen daily to God's Word!



Trials of this program have shown that test churches that have used this free Bible material have seen spiritual and numerical growth. Check out the website and also watch your mailbox for information. Place your order in plenty of time for everyone to have their own copy. http://clt.nazarene.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=50

Find Ways to Say Thank You!

Think about it. When was the last time you thanked your Sunday School teachers and staff? How about a note? Or perhaps a phone call just to say thanks (and not to assign new work)? Or maybe hold a Teacher's Appreciation Dinner? Or perhaps you could feature a different teacher in your newsletter or bulletin? Give thanks, with a grateful heart.

