# New England Ministers' News

The Mission of the Church of the Nazarene:

To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations

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# Reflections: We Have Come This Far by FAITH!

I have just returned from the commencement exercises at Eastern Nazarene College and it was truly a beautiful day and a beautiful service. Last year we were in the gym because the gates of heaven opened up with Noah's overflow of rain showers. As I sat and listened to the speeches and watched the students waiting to get their hands on their diplomas, I thought about all the past prayers and past saints who went before us. I thought about all the people who helped to bring this great institution along the way! It was by the Grace of God and the faithfulness of the people working together as a true team of saints.



The saints who started the school had the faith to believe that anything was possible with the help of our Lord and Savior. The saints who started this great district, "the best district in the whole wide world" believed deeply in the same principle, that if we had the faith of a mustard seed, that we could do *anything* with the help of God. They believed that they could take back the territory that Satan had captured! The saints believed that they were "lights of the world," and could *affect* change in society because they allowed the Holy Spirit to *fully* use them for service!

As we come together for District Assembly, as we come together to honor the saints who have gone before us and welcome new saints in, we must realize that it is by faith that we walk. There is an old gospel song that says:

## We've Come this Far by Faith

We've come this far by faith Leaning on the Lord Trusting in His Holy Word He's never failed me yet

Singing OH... OH ... OH ...

Can't Turn Around We've come this Far by Faith

We have come together as a district, as a team of saints, and know that we have come this far by faith! *Great things He has done and great things He plans to do! We must remain faithful!* Lean on the Lord!

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# Wollaston Church Quincy, Massachusetts

#### Thursday, May 24

7:00 p.m..... Opening Service - Organizing a New Church - New Nazarenes

#### Friday, May 25

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ... Great Pastoral reports and Business Session
7:00 p.m. ....... Baptismal Service - Powerful Anointed Service - Come and Hear Great Preaching!

#### Saturday, May 26

8:30 a.m	Conclusion of Business Session
9:30 a.m	Memorial Roll Service
10:00 a.m	Ordination Service
12:00 p.m	Reception for Ordinands in Lahue Gym

We're looking forward to seeing you at the services where we can create new thoughts and memories together!

#### Please Come!!!

Blessings, Jossie



Kim Richardson Mission Strategy Coordinator

## A New Soap Box

Call it my new "soap box." Biblical health is "being whole." Let's dare to ask about the Nazarene permissible sins --- dependence on caffeine and being overweight. How are you doing with these? Do you have a plan to be physically healthy? Who is coming alongside of you to help you make the plan work?

I meet for a day of prayer on June 1 with my prayer partner. I have already given him two prayer requests relating to my health. One relates to the physical - one to the spiritual/emotional.

Only healthy pastors can lead healthy churches. A longtime friend just called me this morning asking for recommendations for a healthy pastor. His church just endured an abusive pastor (who has now left). The church was strong and

healthy, but 25% of the people are gone and they are seeking balance. Let's do whatever it takes to be sure we do not leave such a legacy. Let's seek each other out and maintain (gain) biblical health - the kind Jesus portrayed.

God bless you, Kim Volume 16, Issue 6 Page 3

### World Mission Broadcast - By All Means Possible

How do you get people excited about a ministry that has existed for 64 years? Tell them about the lives being transformed globally through that ministry. In the case of World Mission Broadcast (WMB), such stories are available on their Web site:

www.worldmissionbroadca

st.org. In addition promotion packets with posters, brochures, offering envelopes, and more were sent to every church in the U.S.A. and Canada in April.

WMB is impacting the world for Christ, and it will continue to do so with

your help in the annual offering. WMB is dedicated to sharing the hope found in Christ and discipling believers...and they are doing it by all means possible, even on the web.



Gerry Perry District Missions President

### MK Christy Sunberg to Speak at Children's And Teen Camps

Christy Sunberg, daughter of Chuck and Carla Sunberg, former missionaries to Russia will be the camp speaker this summer at all

three camps. She is a junior at Olivet Nazarene University and just finished a semester of study in England. She spent 13 years in Russia as an MK and has a lot to share with the young campers.

#### For Your Information ...

Remember To Have Your NMI President Register For The **Regional NMI Conference This Fall**. See the new District 2007-2008 NMI Handbook for an application.

From the Dark – A World Mission Film coming this summer! Watch for it! It will be available on the World Mission DVD.

In 2007, the Church of the Nazarene will have **316 Jesus Film teams** at work across all six world regions! To date, the teams have worked in 99 countries with 242 language

translations of the JESUS Film. Sign-up for the *Prayer & Praise* at www.JFHP.org/subscribe to receive weekly updates about this exciting ministry.



950 Languages, 6 Billion Exposures, One Message of Hope ... The Jesus Film Project

## Looking Ahead ... July

International Ministry, Bible Schools & Seminaries One way NMI supports students is through the NMI International Student Scholarship Fund (ISSF). The ISSF assists students in need who attend campus-based Nazarene theological schools in world mission regions, so their education can be completed as debtfree as possible. Every year approximately 175 international students are

helped with the ISSF. Please pray for our schools and their faculties and students.



Larry Ogden
Executive Director
Reynolds Institute

### Reynolds Institute Graduates Four in May 2007

Reynolds Institute is pleased to announce the graduation of four of its students this year.

Brian Bollinger - Certificate in Youth Ministry Brian is currently serving as youth pastor of early youth at Concord/ Loudon, NH. He had served for eight years in this capacity at the Quincy, MA Wollaston church. He is married to Iill. Brian is a model train enthusiast, and Jill manages his business. He received his District Minister's License in 2001. He has been recommended by the Ministerial Credentials Board as a candidate for ordination as Deacon at the 2007 Assembly.

Santos Mejia - Certificate in Pastoral Ministry
Santos is pastor of the
Chelsea, MA Hispanic
Church. He is a native of
Honduras, and pastored a
church there in another
fellowship. His wife is
Blanca, and they have
seven children. He has
been recommended by the
Ministerial Credentials
Board for his first District
License.

Juan Rivera - Certificate in Pastoral Ministry
Juan Rivera is associate pastor at the Framingham,
MA church. He received his District Minister's License in 2003. He is dual professional, working full time in the Framingham Fire Department. He is bilingual and ministers to Spanish speaking persons

as well as English. He received his District Minister's License in 2003.

Stoner Smith - Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Stoner is a member of the Rockville, CT church. He is dual-professional. As of March 1 he was registered as a Nazarene Chaplain. He has trained with Prison Fellowship and for the past six years has been ministering in the Webster Correctional Facility in Cheshire Connecticut, leading a Bible Study. He received his District Minister's License in 2005. He is married to Lori. They have three children.



Applications must be postmarked by September 1st!

## Apply for Reynolds Institute Scholarships Now

Reynolds Students ...
Pastors ... It's time for interested students to apply for a scholarship from Reynolds Institute. An application form is available on the Reynolds website. The form eliminates the need for student and church board to write letters requesting a scholarship. Students should go to:

www.reynoldsinstitute.org.

Click "Finance & Support" (on the left). Then click "Scholarship Application." Print out the form ... both students and pastors have sections that need to be completed. Please note that both student and pastor need to read the "Financial Policy" also available on the "Finance & Support" page.

Completed forms should

be mailed to Melissa Andrew, 57 Maplewood Drive, Townsend, MA 01469. Applications must be postmarked by **September 1** to be considered.

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## Family Camp Begins June 30, 2007!

Family Camp 2007 promises to be an exceptional event! Twenty years have come and gone since the New England District, under the leadership of Dr. Neale McLain, purchased the property that is now known as Windsor Hills. Anniversary events will be spread throughout the week of Family camp.

Rev. Bud Reedy, from Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene, York, PA, is the featured preacher, along with special guests from



Rev. Bud Reedy Family Camp Speaker

across the years. Dr. Mary Paul, Professor at Olivet Nazarene University, will lead a daily Bible study centered around Spiritual Growth topics. Children's ministries will be provided by Rev. and Mrs. Donny Woodbridge, while Teen services will be anchored by Rev. Vicki Clark, new NED NYI President.

Work Days are scheduled for June 1, 2 and 8, 9. Please call for additional details about the work days. We need lots of help getting ready for the summer camping season! We hope you will make plans to join us this summer!

All Camp forms are online at: www.whcamp.org!

For Questions about Sr. High Camp, call Nate Patnode: 781-321-4230.

For Questions about Jr. High Camp, call Brian Bollinger: 603-267-1744 For Questions about Children's Camp/CIT program, call Rick Smith: (802) 723-4824

For Questions about reservations and registrations, call Fern Woodruff: 603-434-0207

For Questions about working in the dining hall, call Dan Whitney: 603-428-8219



Dan Whitney Windsor Hills Camp Director

# Summer Calendar at Windsor Hills

Family Camp .... June 30-July 8 Children's Camp ..... July 16-21 Sr. Hi Camp .......July 23-28 Jr. Hi Camp .......August 6-11 Deerwander/Maine ......Aug 11,

## **Chaplaincy Breakfast May 26th**

Chaplains will be meeting at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 26th in the Presidents Dinning Room for breakfast during District Assembly. If you are a Chaplain or are interested in Chaplaincy we invite you to join us. Please bring

your spouse. Also if someone in your church has an interest in Chaplaincy please let them know that they are welcome as well. We will be sharing the blessings that God has brought through our ministries. Be prepared to tell a sig-

nificant story from you place of service.

Blessings, Rev. Sally J. Miller



Sally Miller District Chaplaincy Director

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Important Dates for Those Desiring District Minister's License:

Assessment Testing -May 26 Assessment Weekend -September 21-23



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# New England District Calendar - June 2007

## NMI Emphasis: World Mission Broadcast & Prayer

- 1-2 District Camp Work Days WHC
- 8-9 District Camp Work Days WHC
- 23 NYI Council Meeting
- 30 Family Camp Begins at WHC

