

**Harvest Community
Church
Global Missions**

NAZARENE  MISSIONS

A
MOVEMENT
OF GOD
THROUGH
THE PEOPLE
OF GOD

2025-2026



We are Vision.

We are Action.

We are Impact.

We are people united in our belief that our involvement changes lives worldwide.

We are a cross-cultural, cross-generational movement for Nazarene missions.

The Church of the Nazarene is a Protestant Christian church in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition. Organized in 1908, the denomination is now home to about 2.6 million members worshipping in more than 30,000 local congregations in 164 world areas.

MISSIONARY HEALTHCARE

The cost of providing insurance for Nazarene Missionaries is quite high. In fact, the cost for health insurance alone for a year is approximately \$1.9 million, and the costs continue to rise. Yet, the Church of the Nazarene wants its Missionaries to be able to serve and not worry about where they will scrape up the cost of the next premium.



Nazarene Missions International has helped subsidize some of these funds since as early as 1919. Through your giving to the Memorial Roll, Distinguished Service Award, Gifts from the Heart, and Missionary Health Care plate offerings, you helped offset approximately 23 percent of those insurance costs. In 2024 Missionary Health Care was able to provide \$336,276 in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries. Also, 364 retired missionaries were able to receive benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan in 2024 Thank you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Nazarene Missions International: <https://nazarene.org/nmi/>
Nazarene World Missions: <https://nazarene.org/global-missions/>
Nazarene Compassionate Ministries: www.ncm.org
World Mission Broadcast: <https://nazarene.org/world-mission-broadcast/>
Jesus Film Harvest Partners: <https://www.jfhp.org/>
Work and Witness (volunteer opportunities):
<https://opportunities.nazarene.org/>

WORK & WITNESS

Work & Witness is one of the greatest movements in the history of the Church of the Nazarene. This self-funded movement has given Nazarene missions a huge boost into the 21st century.

Work & Witness was a ministry that began with a group of concerned laymen who wanted to meet the needs that they saw around them. What began as “Men in Missions” officially became “Work and Witness” in 1984.

Work and Witness is a ministry that has literally changed the face of missions in every corner of the world. What a joy it is to see thousands of people giving of themselves to reach our world!



This year's Global Missions theme for our local church is: "The Power of the Seed". It all begins with a seed. We cannot see the seed after it is planted, but it is still there growing beneath the soil. It is responding to the nurturing through water, nutrients, and sunshine. When we do see the results, after its maturation the seed begins reproducing other seeds of its own. Seeds that will continue the process through the next generation and beyond. At Harvest we believe that we help people find Jesus in all seasons of life. Seasons that will reproduce seeds to continue to the next generation as has happened over the past 106 years of this church's history.

As you read through this booklet, pray about the ministry you would like to help through your giving, prayers and even talents, with planting seeds through. Share your dreams and your calling so that together we can serve our great and mighty God in a world that is truly in need of Him lived out through us. Help us to be seed planters that will not only affect this generation but for generations to come with the message and transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for spreading the seeds of Jesus' message of love, compassion, mercy and transformation.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Asbill Jr

Lead Pastor

JESUS FILM HARVEST PARTNERS

Based on the Gospel of Luke, the JESUS Film was sponsored and financed by Campus Crusade for Christ. It is the most accurate depiction of the life of Christ ever produced. After five years of painstaking research, JESUS was filmed in 1978 at over 200 locations in the Holy Land. The cast included more than 5,000 people and nearly every word spoken by Christ is taken directly from scripture.

- **JESUS Film Evangelism**—JESUS Film teams work in target areas identified by church leaders to assist with church growth and to start new churches.
- **Discipleship**—Each film team works with local leaders to disciple new believers.
- **Leadership Development**—Current leaders receive leadership training, learn how to train other leaders, and learn how to disciple new believers.
- **Pastor Training**—Current pastors receive ongoing training, new pastors begin the course of study, and lay pastors are trained to shepherd new believers.
- **Church Planting**—Team members and church leaders assist the new believers in joining existing churches or becoming part of a new church.
- **Prayer**—Prayer is the fuel that drives this ministry forward. It is critical and vital to sustain the work.
- **Partnerships**—Partnering organizations add vision, tools, training, expertise, prayer support, and financial resources resulting in success for the kingdom.

Evangelistic Contacts	Decisions for Christ	Discipleship follow-ups	Presentation Points
96,176,656	20,004,093	9,853,834	151,405



The Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

is a tribute to church people who are living and for their service to the church. Although the DSA is given through NMI, it need not be given in the area of missions. A church may wish to honor anyone in the church for their efforts. The DSA may only be given by a church or a group within the church. Individuals may not give this award. A DSA may be awarded to a couple as long as only one tribute message is submitted.

The cost of the DSA is \$125. Duplicates of the award are \$25 each. The certificate fits into a standard 8"x10" frame.



MISSION EDUCATION

Nazarene missionary books in hard copy, eBooks and audio format can be obtained from

thefoundrypublishing.com

Or at Nazarene.org

Books for children are also available.



Current and past NMI Missions Books are available in e-book format from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and iBooks on iTunes.

We have copies on our Missions shelf in the coffee area and in the church library.

2025-2026 GLOBAL MISSIONS BUDGET

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

Harvest Community Church of the Nazarene Mission Goals for 2025-2026

\$19,000	World Evangelism Fund <i>(Sharing Jesus in 164 world areas)</i>
\$3,000	Local Mission Initiatives <i>(Salvation Army, CEF, LAPS Touramt, etc.)</i>
\$3,000	Other Missions Giving
\$25,000	Total for Great Commission Outreach & Ministry

It is asked that you prayerfully consider what God would have you give to support the work of furthering His Kingdom around the world. Let us come together to answer the call of the Great Commission!

****Please fill out the Global Mission Commitment Card and place it in the offering plate tonight or Sunday. You will never be asked for this giving, as it is your voluntary gift of faith to and in God.)**

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful Giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



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CENTERS AROUND

COMPASSION,

EVANGELISM,

AND EDUCATION



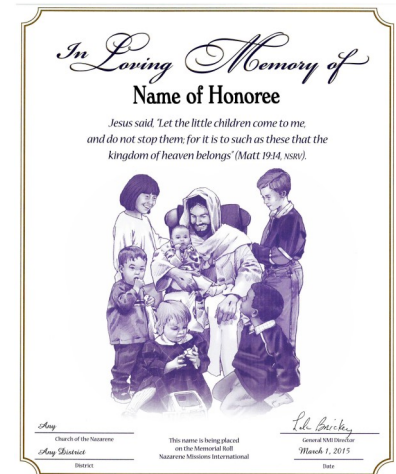
The **Memorial Roll**, established in 1919, is a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church. Churches or individuals may place as many names on the Memorial Roll as they

desire, and those memorialized need not be members of the church. We recognize those who have passed to their eternal reward with a certificate each May.

The cost of placing someone on the Memorial Roll is \$75. You will receive a certificate that fits into a standard 8"x10" frame. Duplicates of the certificate are \$25 each.

The Children's Memorial Roll is a way to honor deceased children and contribute to Missionary Health Care, which provided medical assistant for Nazarene Missionaries

Cost and size are the same.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



MISSIONS PRIORITY ONE

Mission Priority One recognition goes to churches which have embraced the Five Areas of Impact of NMI: Prayed for the lost and for global missionaries, gave to World

Evangelism Fund (payment of 5.5% or higher), Alabaster offering remitted, Engaged Children and Youth, and Links support (by prayer and/or financially).

Global NMI realizes that not all churches have children and youth, so on the annual Local NMI President's report, it states that a church can answer yes to this question if they had no children or youth, but would have engaged them in missions if they did.

CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

If a church's giving surpasses 5.7% and higher, that church qualifies for a Church of Excellence award.



The Lowenberg Family

Revs. Michael and Sarah Lowenberg, along with their children Melisa, Mayson, and Gabe, are answering God's call to serve as sponsored missionaries at Africa Nazarene University (ANU) in Nairobi, Kenya.

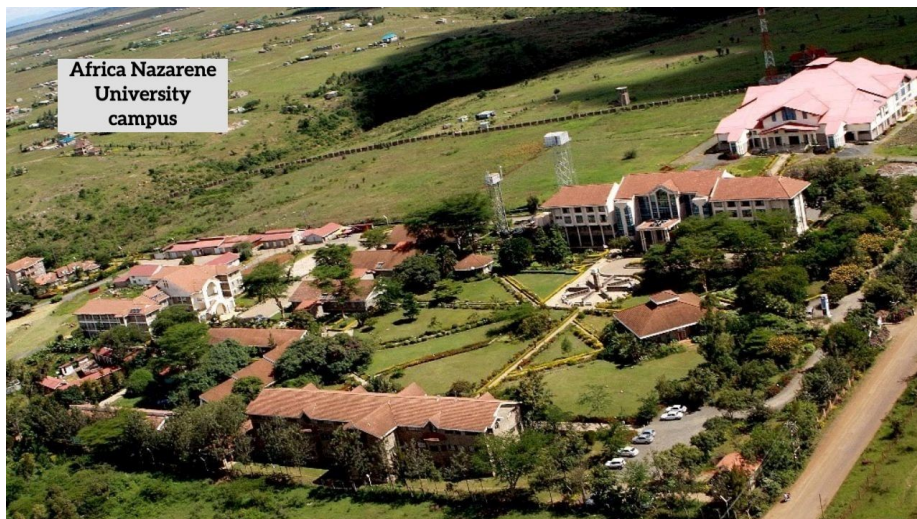
Michael and Sarah are both ordained elders in the Church of the Nazarene and have served in a variety of pastoral roles in the United States and the United Kingdom since 2002. They bring with them years of experience in preaching, teaching, discipleship, and pastoral care. At ANU, Michael will serve as a lecturer in the School of Religion and Christian Ministry, and Sarah will serve as Associate Chaplain, offering spiritual care and mentoring to university students.

Their oldest daughter, Melisa (20), is currently a student at MidAmerica Nazarene University, studying psychology. Their sons, Mayson (15) and Gabe (14), will be moving with the family to Nairobi.

The Lowenberg's are passionate about training and equipping the next generation of pastors and leaders across Africa, carrying forward their family vision of living out "The Flame & The Field."

Prayer and Praise requests include praying for the students and staff at Africa Nazarene University as they started a new term in the beginning of September. Also be praying for travel safety as they will be driving to different churches sharing the movement of God in Africa, and juggling a international move, still serving their congregation at Lichfield church, and other aspects of life. They also ask for prayer as Michael prepares for his second term in teaching school.

Praises for the Lowenberg family are that they got to speak in MN churches and district assembly, about what they are doing in Africa and praise the Lord for the opportunity, generosity, and encouragement they received while visiting.



Africa Nazarene University campus

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**TO SHARE
CHRIST'S LOVE.**

With updated **Crisis Care Kit** guidelines and new **Child Sponsorship** promo materials, engaging your congregation in compassionate ministry is easier than ever.

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For new **CHILD SPONSORSHIP** promotional material, visit:
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Our hope is that all of us would hear the call to compassion as a lifestyle.



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OUT OF THE ASHES

See how the faithful presence of churches brought hope amidst the ashes in California.

BEAUTY FROM BROKENNESS

Learn how the Open Door Foundation in Romania is focused on both justice and restoration.

FROM SCARCITY TO ABUNDANCE

Read how the Rachuonyo Community Water Project in Kenya is improving all aspects of life.

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CRISIS CARE KITS

A great way to encourage people to participate is to put the list of items needed into a 2-gallon Ziplock bag and then hand them out after church or during Sunday school. Just remind everyone to bring them back the following week. You will have a great response with this method.

CRISIS CARE KIT INSTRUCTIONS

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Please be sure to follow the instruction sheet *exactly* for what goes into the Crisis Care Kits. Because of customs regulations, it is essential that we know the precise contents of each Kit so as not to deter a shipment.

INSTRUCTIONS: Put the following items Into a 2 or 2.5 GALLON ZIP-LOC BAG:

- 1 medium size bottle of shampoo (12 to 18oz.), please tape flip-tops closed
- 2 bars of soap (bath-size or larger)
- 1 medium toothpaste (4.0 to 6.4 oz.)
- 3 toothbrushes
- 1 box of Band-Aids (30 or more)
- 4 pocket-size packages of facial tissue
- 1 Beanie Baby-size stuffed toy
- 7 unscented sanitary pads
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 2 hand towels
- 1 large, sturdy hair comb

NMI SNAPSHOT



In December 2024, the Board of General Superintendents announced the election of Cheryl Crouch as the new global director of Nazarene Missions International (NMI), effective 1 June 2025.

When Cheryl said “Yes” to God at the early age of five, and “Yes” to His call to missions at the age of 17, she had no idea of all that would become her journey in His will for her life. A seasoned leader, Cheryl has served as a Nazarene missionary in Papua New Guinea with her husband, Jeff. Following their return from the mission field, she has continued to provide NMI leadership at the local and district levels on the West Texas District.

Cheryl has written over 35 books and many curriculum projects, published by Nazarene Missions International, Nazarene Discipleship International, and The Foundry. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in English from Southern Nazarene University and was recently given an Honorary Doctorate from Southern Nazarene University at the 2025 Graduation.

Now, Cheryl and her husband, Jeff, have significant transitions to make in life: moving from their home in Denton, Texas, USA, to Kansas City, Missouri, USA, to assume this new role, and the many responsibilities associated with it. They leave behind family, friends of a lifetime, and move into new chapters of God’s calling. Saying “Yes” to God always leads to an incredible adventure that only He can imagine for us.



Cheryl says: "I have a life-long best friend, and every time I am given an award or elected to a new position, she says, 'You were chosen to represent the normal people.'

"I am acutely aware of my 'normalness' today as I once again find myself surrounded by gifted, seasoned leaders. However, since the God who called me knows better than anyone just how 'normal' I am, I'm trusting Him to equip me."

"Happily, as I look back over my life, I see that all along he has been equipping me for this moment - not because I am exceptional, but because He is exceptionally faithful."

"I am humbled and honored that God would call me to be the Global Director of Nazarene Missions International. It is a joyous privilege to serve alongside faithful NMI volunteers as we nurture the vital connection between each local congregation and the work of God around the world."

WORLD MISSION BROADCAST

As media technology expands around the world, the Church of the Nazarene uses broadcast as a means of utilizing the latest delivery platforms that have



evolved since the 1940's. Today, audio and video programs are produced in dozens of languages throughout the globe and delivered through radio, television, streaming, social media, apps, Bluetooth,

and even hand-cranked cassette players. Global satellite systems airing our Arabic television series, text delivered discipleship in Papua New Guinea, and push notifications via Bluetooth to millions of residents in creative access urban centers are just a few of the unique ways that broadcast goes beyond borders and barriers to shine the light of Jesus in the dark corners of our world.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

BUT JESUS CALLED FOR THEM AND SAID,
"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME,
AND DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO
SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF
GOD BELONGS."

Luke 18:16



For too many children, poverty keeps them from health, education, and hope. Through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' child sponsorship program, children can create a bright future built on the hope of Christ and supported by educational, nutritional, and social growth.

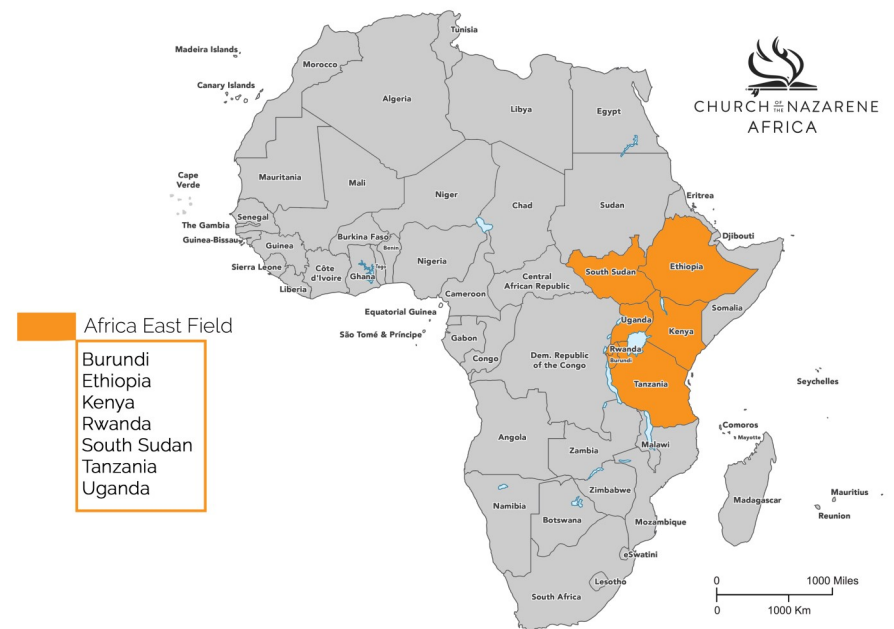
You can be a part of a child's hope for a better future.

When you sponsor a child, your \$30 a month will:

- ▶ PROVIDE EDUCATION, LIFE SKILLS, HEALTH CARE, AND SPIRITUAL NURTURING
- ▶ SAY TO A CHILD, "YOU MATTER, AND JESUS LOVES YOU."
- ▶ BUILD A RELATIONSHIP THROUGH LETTERS AND UPDATES
- ▶ HELP A CHILD GAIN OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Children around the world are waiting for an opportunity to create a future bright with possibility. Will you help children experience the holistic care and support of sponsorship?



Africa East Field

Number of Countries: 7

Number of Districts: 35

Membership: 152,147

Africa East Field encompasses countries with a long history of civil wars, unrest, post-election violence, political uprisings, unresolved conflict, genocide, and violence. Alongside these crises, are drought, famine, and tribal disturbances.

Our vision is to reach our generation with the message of holiness, today. The distinctive message of holiness reaches through the disturbances and offers life-changing hope and faith that transcends social issues.

Our message of love and compassion are fleshed out through

various sustainable relief projects that offer dignity and comfort.

Our mission is to make Christlike disciples and to plant reproducing holiness churches throughout all East Africa. Making Christlike disciples involves training and educating clergy and laity in various levels of education – equipping those who are called into ministry with the education they need to function their very best in service of the Lord.

Urban ministries projects drive church planting and outreach in the cities, extending work in every major city in East Africa.

Field Strategy Coordinator:
Dr. Musawenkosi Kunene



Africa East Field DS and Spouses Leadership Conference

In mid-April, a District Superintendent (DS) and Spouses Leadership Conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya, with sixteen DS's attending from the Africa East Field, led by the Field Strategy Coordinator (FSC), Rev Stanley Ushe. There were also experienced facilitators from across the Africa Region who were there to help train on topics such as finances, conflict resolution, pastoral relations, church growth and the position of the superintendent.

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES



Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) walks alongside local churches in their efforts to meet the needs of children, families, and communities. Through your partnership, local congregations are changing the world.

OUR MISSION

Following the example of Jesus, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) partners with local Nazarene congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. NCM exist in and through the church of the Nazarene to proclaim the gospel to all people in word and deed.

WHAT WE DO

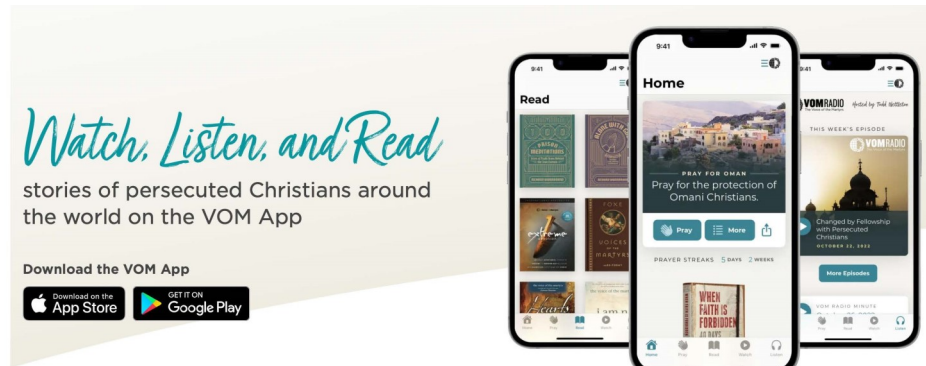
- ▶ HELPING TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- ▶ EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH ECONOMIC STABILITY
- ▶ EMERGENCY RELIEF- BEFORE, DURING & AFTER DISASTERS
- ▶ ENDING HUNGER & PROMOTING NUTRITION THROUGH AGRICULTURE PROJECTS
- ▶ HEALTH CARE
- ▶ HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- ▶ REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEEKING SAFETY
- ▶ CLEAN WATER & SANITATION
- ▶ SUPPORT FOR WOMEN & GIRLS



Relive or watch for the first time about the Bless Practice from M25's recording of a MegaSeminar from February 2025.

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This conference was very practical for the DS's as they were reminded about the role of record-keeping, casting a vision, growing a district spiritually and numerically and giving toward WEF, district budgets and our educational institutions. The education of local churches and local leaders was also emphasized during the training sessions.

District leaders were encouraged to empower their various district committees in fulfilling their responsibilities through planning. There was great emphasis placed on the need for planning and preparation for events and the administrative running of the districts as this is key to the function and the structure of the district. With effective district boards, there will be a healthy district.

Additionally, Rev Grace Ushe met with the DS's wives to get to know them, encourage them and help them in their role as a partner in ministry. She used this opportunity to also share with them about her own experiences as both a pastor's wife and a DS's wife.

The conference ended on a high note with a closing message by Rev Solomon Ndlovu, the FSC for the Africa South Field who was also one of the facilitators for the conference. Rev



Stanley Ushe led the group in holy communion to close-out this educational and informative time together.

AEF DS's, their wives, facilitators and AEF Field Staff



Revs Stanley and Grace Ushe and Africa East Field office staff



Facilitators of the Conference L-R: Rev Solomon Ndlovu (FSC Africa South Field), Revs Stanley and Grace Ushe (FSC AEF), Rev Adimirado Chaguala (Administrative Assistant to the RD) and Brother Carlos Gordon (Regional Finance Coordinator). Facilitator not pictured: Dr Hermann Mvula and Mrs Bertha Mvula.

go deeper

READ

WORTH SEEING:VIEWING OTHERS THROUGH GOD'S EYES

By Amy L. Williams

This book takes lessons learned from Amy Williams' decades of ministry among high-risk youth and provides practical tips to equip you to see others the way God sees them.

STUDY

COMPASSION FROM THE INSIDE OUT

By Rachel Dodd

This study is geared toward helping teenagers process how to care for the world around them, show up for their friends who are struggling, and speak up for those who are hurting in their communities.

WATCH

ACROSS:WHEN HEADLINES CROSS BORDERS AND STRANGERS BECOME NEIGHBORS

This docuseries follows three families who came to America to escape violence and a church community whose hearts were changed when they started treating these families as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Watch it here: www.acrossdocumentary.com

Host a screening of ACROSS with a group from your church..
Special study materials to help you create healthy conversations.

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TO WATCH NOW

LISTEN

BEING HUMAN WITH STEVE CUSS FEATURING "EUGENE CHO'S GUIDE TO MERCY OVER BURNOUT"

Steve Cuss and Eugene Cho offer wisdom for Christians who want to pursue justice without burning out. They discuss faithful discipleship, engaging politics with compassion, and using our gifts to fight inequity.

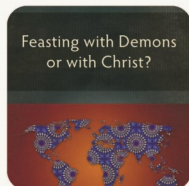
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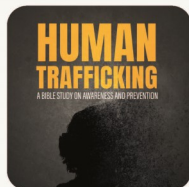


Reading Recommendations



Feasting with Demons or with Christ?

In light of Paul's teachings in 1 Corinthians, could these practices for honouring ancestors be perceived as idolatrous? Expanding on this comparison, Dr. Samantha Chambo expertly investigates the transformative power of rituals, examining the capacity of the Lord's Supper to impact our relationships with God and others. ~ Church of the Nazarene Africa



Human Trafficking

In this six-week study, Dr. Montgomery presents the facts of human trafficking alongside some pertinent Bible passages to help Christians understand God's heart for victims, survivors, and even perpetrators of CSE. Small groups studying Human Traffickingtogether will learn how to formulate a Christian response to the modern problem of trafficking in light of ancient scriptural examples. ~ Nazarene Compassionate Ministries



Pulling Back the Curtain on the Former Soviet Union

Written by Franklin Cook & Carla Sunberg, this book recounts the adventures and misadventures of the missionaries as they secure resources, learn new customs, acquire daily living skills, and, most importantly, minister to people and introduce them to the gospel. ~ NMI District Leadership conference @ M25



B.L.E.S.S.

For most Christians, "evangelism" is an intimidating word that suggests handing out tracts to strangers or doing other awkward things. But what if there was a more organic, more authentic way to share your faith with your friends, neighbors, and coworkers? ~ Church of the Nazarene USA & Canada

HISTORY OF NAZARENES MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) traces its origin primarily to the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America (APCA), when in April 1899, the Woman's Missionary Society (WMS) was founded.

The WMS was officially recognized as an auxiliary organization of the Church of the Nazarene in 1915 at the fourth General Assembly. It was recommended that there be an organization in each local church to increase knowledge and interest in missions by prayer, by obtaining special speakers, and by keeping in touch with the missionaries; and to cooperate with the (local) Church Board in raising their apporionments (for missions).

The name of the ministry has changed over the course of its history:

- 1928 - Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS),
- 1952 - Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society (reflecting the introduction of men, youth, and children into the organization),
- 1964 - Nazarene World Missionary Society,
- 1980 - Nazarene World Mission Society (reflecting the international aspect of the organization),



NAZARENE World Regions



The six world regions with the locations of the regional offices are:

- Africa Region
 - * Office: Johannesburg, South Africa
- Asia-Pacific Region
 - * Office: Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary Compound
- Eurasia Region
 - * Office: Buesingen am Hochrein, Switzerland
- Mesoamerica Region
 - * Office: Panama City, Panama
- South America Region
 - * Office: Buenos Aires, Argentina
- USA/Canada Region
 - * Office: Lenexa, Kansas, USA

FAST FACTS

- As of 2024 the Church of the Nazarene ministers in 165 World areas with Belgium on the Eurasia Region recognized
- The number of Nazarene churches was 30,585 in 2024 with over 2.78 million members, an increase of 2.11% from last year
- In 2024, there were 473 districts and 29 pioneer areas around the world, with 31,688 credentialed clergy

CALENDAR

2025-2026 Calendar

Sep – Alabaster Offering will be taken on Sept 21th & 28th

Oct – JESUS Film Emphasis

Nov – Thanksgiving Offering will be taken on Nov 19th

Dec – Compassionate Ministries Emphasis– Operation shoe box

Jan – Nazarene Global Week of Prayer

Feb– Alabaster Offering will be taken on Feb 15th& 22nd

Mar – Global Week of Prayer– March 2-8

May – Thursday May 7th—National week of prayer

Memorial Roll/Distinguished Award Sunday May 24th



Family Discipleship Resources

- Half-Million Mobilization: Blessing Our Community
- Half-Million Mobilization: Bringing People to Jesus
- Global Week of Prayer

Scan the QR Code for more information



Child Discipleship Resources

- B.L.E.S.S.
- B.R.I.N.G.
- Half-Million Mobilization: Bringing People to Jesus
- Vacation Bible School
- Peace Out
- Bible Quizzing
- Kids Kaleidoscope

Support Resources

- NazareneSafe
- Disability Ministry
- Kids Reaching Kids
- Upward Sports Partnership
- Nazarene Educators Worldwide
- The Discipleship Place: Children's Ministry Course
- Children and Family Ministry Degrees
 - Ambrose University
 - MidAmerica Nazarene University
 - Mount Vernon Nazarene University
 - Northwest Nazarene University
 - Olivet Nazarene University
 - Trevecca Nazarene University

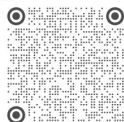
Resources Created By Nazarenes

- Center for Faith and Family
- Equip to Engage
- Hide and Keep
- Nurturing Care
- The Foundry Publishing
- The KidMin Creatives

 usacanadaregion.org/kids
 kids@usacanadaregion.org

Kids Kaleidoscope is a part of NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month with children's activities that align with that week's story. NMI Central is available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Visit www.nazarene.org/nmi-central or scan the code to the right to subscribe.



NAZARENE MISSIONARIES

There are two types of Nazarene Missionaries:

1 The **SPONSORED MISSIONARY** is primarily funded by his or her local community and called to serve a localized need in the field. Affirmed by the local church, district, and the Church of the Nazarene, he or she will serve a maximum of four years in the field with no previous ministry experience required.

- Primarily funded by a local Church of the Nazarene*
- Serves a maximum of four years in two 2-year terms
- No prior ministry experience required
- Able to engage in field ministry

2 The **GLOBAL MISISONARY** is funded by the global efforts of World Evangelism and called to serve a full career in the field. Affirmed by the Church of the Nazarene, they have prior ministry experience, and will strategically serve a global assignment wherever they are needed in the world.

- Primarily World Evangelism funded
- Serves from two years to full career
- Prior ministry or specialty service experience
- Assigned by the church where needed

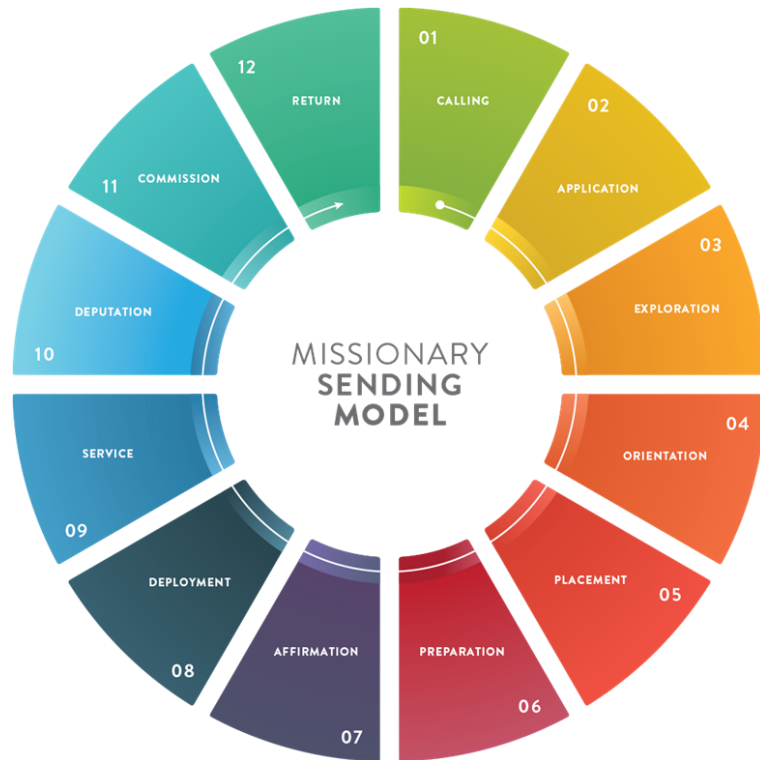
ALABASTER

Churches lay the foundation through alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year. Every alabaster project is a joint effort of local contribution and labor, combined with global love and support in bringing tangible presence and a sense of long-term commitment to a community. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.



Nazarenes gave US \$ 2.8 million for alabaster to fund projects in 2024. The Alabaster offering is used in all six global regions.

Often, Alabaster giving goes hand in hand with NM Teams. NMI assisted 355 NM teams, comprised of 4,664 participants for projects.



Taking the leap to become a missionary can be overwhelming and even intimidating. Beginning with the very first step you take toward serving as a Nazarene missionary, our team (Send Me) helps you create a development plan and guides you to a cross-cultural ministry that utilizes your unique skills and calling.

Once serving, you join a team of hundreds of passionate missionaries, each of whom is supported by Nazarene churches around the world. Join the team and say "yes" to God's call to go where the church is not yet. Still have questions? Get in touch with our team by sending an email to

sendme@nazarene.org

ENGAGING CHILDREN & YOUTH IN MISSIONS



We engage children and youth in learning about and participating in the mission of God. We collaborate with NDI and NYI to ensure that all children and youth have a spirit of missions within them.

NMI provides Kids Kaleidoscope as part of NMI Central to help nurture a spirit of missions in children. Kids kaleidoscope connects to the focus story in NMI central the first Wednesday of each month.

International Student Scholarship Fund provided 85 scholarships for students outside the USA/ Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.

WHAT IS WEF?

The World Evangelism Fund fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining each person's and church's gift together to fund ministries everywhere. Every church is asked to give a portion of their yearly funds for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations or 5.5% of our annual income received.

We also use Easter Offering and Thanksgiving Offering to raise awareness for the World Evangelism Fund. These two offerings happen every year, and informational resources to help communicate these offerings to our congregation. We also use Global Missions Commitments to raise funds throughout the year. We encourage everyone to actively engage in understanding and giving toward mission work through the World Evangelism Fund. Our goal is to invest more than the required 5.5% goal toward missions, and those gifts make a huge difference.

A church that gives 5.7% or more in the convention year gains **Church of Excellence** status, and we strive to be a **Church of Excellence** in all we do as Harvesters.

We inform our churches of the world's need and how the Church of the Nazarene is responding through the WEF. We encourage every church to faithfully participate in giving to the WEF.

50 educational institutions, including seven graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 14 liberal arts colleges/ universities (13 graduate programs), 18 undergraduate seminaries/theological colleges, 8 certificate and diploma bible colleges, 2 nurses training colleges, one teacher training college, and 1023 education centers (approved extension centers), in 110 world areas had a 2023-2024 combined enrollment of 43,476 students globally.

Persons in need were treated at community-based clinics and health care centers all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini

WHAT IS NMI?

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Strategic areas for maximum impact on missions through the local church



PRAYER



WEF



ALABASTER



CHILDREN
& YOUTH



CARE
& CONNECTION

PRAYER

Remember our missionaries throughout the year in prayer. Many are often facing troubled times in the places in which they serve. They seek to be peacemakers and agents of transformation. They need your support through intercession.

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WORLD EVANGELISM FUND

World Evangelism giving fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining each person's and church's gifts to fund ministries everywhere. Every church is asked to share a portion of its total income for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

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ALABASTER

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

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ENGAGING CHILDREN & YOUTH

Engaging children and youth by helping them learn about and participate in God's mission nurtures them as they seek to respond to God's call. NMI advocates in every church and district to encourage and engage every generation to share in missions. We collaborate with Nazarene Youth International and Nazarene Discipleship International to best engage all ages.

CARE & CONNECTION

NMI provides care and connection to global, sponsored, volunteer, and retired Nazarene missionaries. Care and connection begins when a missionary discerns a call to missions and continues during their service and throughout the adjustment of returning to their home country.

CARE includes the steps where NMI is involved in nurturing, sending, and supporting Nazarene missionaries from Nazarene churches and districts.

CONNECTION consists of ways in which NMI connects with and supports Nazarene missionaries.

Links is part of NMI's Care and Connection, assisting churches and districts in intentional care and connection to globally deployed Nazarene missionaries who are not from their district.

Is it LINKS or Links?

Originally, LINKS was an acronym that only worked in the English language. Nazarenes worship in over 200 languages each week, and we are a global Church. The acronym was dropped, but the spirit of intentionally linking churches and missionaries remains strong. Links is a mutual relationship between the sending church and missionaries.

We are **ONE PEOPLE**



Nazarene Missions International is a people **PRAYING**
GIVING, BUILDING, and ENGAGING all ages with the good news of Jesus.

WHAT IS GLOBAL MISSIONS

Global Missions exists to make Christlike disciples in the nations. The purpose of missions is to pioneer, develop, and resource local, interdependent, and sustainable Nazarene churches. Nazarene Missions centers around compassion, evangelism and education. Nazarene missionaries partner with local ministers and lay leaders to bring restoration, share the Gospel, and build sustainability within the community.

Nazarene Missions provides a full range of compassionate ministries that address systemic problems. From natural disaster relief to child development, Nazarene Missions has reach, impact, and longevity through compassionate ministries, hospitals and clinics, disaster response and Work and Witness.

The power of Christ's Gospel through the witness of the Holy Spirit draws people near, prompting transformation of the heart and life. Nazarene Missions prayerfully sends missionaries into new territories where they participate in the movement of the Holy Spirit to bring salvation and restoration.

The purpose of mission education is fully realized when our churches have the knowledge to thrive. Nazarene Missions helps facilitate training, teaching, and resourcing to support our local Nazarene churches around the globe through discipleship training and leadership development.

CARE AND CONNECTION

The traditional Links (Loving Interested Nazarenes Knowing and Sharing) program has changed its name to "Care and Connection". This change began in 2022 and 2023 will complete the transition. Starting in 2024, new missionary assignments are expected at the beginning of each calendar year.



While the terminology and timing has changed, the goals of loving, caring, and connecting with missionaries is unchanged and represents a key factor in being a Missions Priority One church. That means all of the following are still recommended!

- Write your missionaries and assure them of your prayers, asking for personal requests.
- Send remembrances for special days like birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. Remember surface mail takes quite a while to arrive in some locations, so plan accordingly.
- Children and youth find it especially meaningful to become personally acquainted with a missionary or a missionary's child. Encourage young people to send cards, small gifts, pictures, videos, and audio materials to your church's missionaries.
- See if your missionaries can use Skype, Facetime, or Zoom and have a church chat.

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The Prayer Mobilization Line (PML) is a weekly publication focusing on the prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries. It is available in English and Spanish.

Anyone can subscribe to receive PML, free of charge, via e-mail on the NMI Web site:

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or on Facebook : www.facebook.com/NMIprayer.

WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER

March 2-8, 2025

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Sunday – Global Church

Monday – Eurasia Region

Tuesday – USA/CANADA Region

Wednesday – Meso America Region

Thursday – Asia-Pacific Region

Friday – Africa Region

Saturday – South American Region

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