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# NMI MESSENGER

# Our Wonderful Lord



When the shepherds told the news of the birth of Jesus, "All those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds." (Luke 2:18 NIV)

The world has never been the same since the good news of Christ's birth. We not only wonder at His birth, but His life, His teachings, His death, and His resurrection and ascension. We wonder at the grace He lavishes on us.

"Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the Everlasting Lord!"

Charles Wesley



from the District NMI Council

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### December Events

- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
- December 1st—Crisis Care Kits Due
- December 25th—Merry Christmas!

### January Events

- Volunteer Ministries
- January 1st—DMEA Due

## December Challenge—Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

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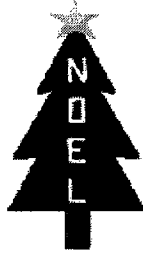
### Transforming lives through the love of Jesus.

Like many people around the world, I was glued to the TV news channels over Labor Day weekend, monitoring the situation after Hurricane Katrina devastated portions of the Gulf Coast. I could not believe what I was seeing – homes destroyed, people stranded without food, bodies floating in the water. This can't be happening, I thought, I have to do something!

With roads to the affected areas closed and government agencies scrambling to respond to the need, there wasn't much I could physically do from my living room – except pray. I was anxious to get to the NMI office Tuesday morning, September 6. At least at work I could answer the questions of fellow Nazarenes who wanted to help. At least I could update the NMI Web site with the latest

news and ways to respond. I played a very small part in the scheme of things, but I was relieved to be doing something to help.

When disaster strikes, I'm thankful to be part of a church that responds with compassionate action. Because of the Church of the Nazarene's commitment to compassion and the generosity of Nazarenes worldwide, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and Nazarene Disaster Response are on the front lines of the Hurricane Katrina (and more recently Hurricanes Rita and Stan and the earthquakes in south Asia) relief efforts. As we give from our hearts, NCM will continue to minister to people's spiritual and physical needs in the name of Jesus Christ.



Melinda Wolf Miller, *General NMI Office*  
—Heartline

## January Challenge—Volunteer Ministries in 2004

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505 Mission Corps (formerly Nazarenes In Volunteer Service) participants, including 25 tentmakers and 268 Youth In Mission participants, ministered around the world for the Church of the Nazarene. Praise the Lord for the passion of Nazarenes to participate in God's mission of Love around the world, giving thousands of hours toward labor and relational building to transform lives. Thanks be to God!

Donna Carlisle, *General NMI Office*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries of LINKS & District Missionaries

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### January

- 1 Birthday—Arlene Swain
- 4 Birthday—Lydia Sunberg (2001)
- 4 Birthday—Rev. Jay Sunberg
- 20 Birthday—Beth Restrck (1980)
- 29 Birthday—David William John Restrck (1986)

### February

- 6 Birthday—Dr. Andy Bennett
- 8 Birthday—Drew Bennett (1984)
- 12 Birthday—Brenda Gould
- 16 Birthday—Sophia Sunberg (1999)
- 17 Birthday—Judy Bennett
- 22 Birthday—Teanna Sunberg



### Harvest Partners—*JESUS* Film Ministry (as of November 22, 2005)

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JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported the following:

- 35,210,553 viewers of the *JESUS* Film
- 5,114,992 (14.5% of viewers) decisions for Christ
- 1,979,367 (38.7% of decisions) initial discipleship contacts
- 7,583 new mission churches started

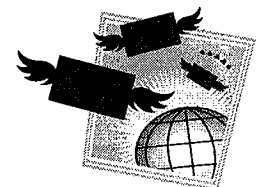
Please pray for these new starts and the pastors in training!  
190 *JESUS* Film language translations used. 98 countries where the *JESUS* Film is used.

### District Treasurer

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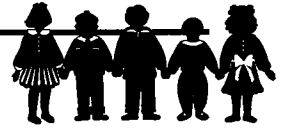
New district NMI treasurer's name and address:

Rev. Richard Smith  
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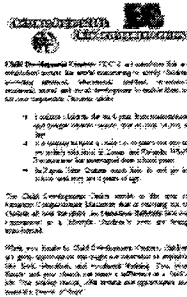
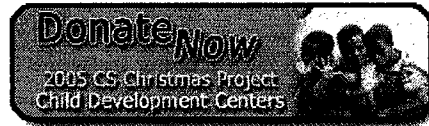
KIDS

# CHILDRENS NEWS—for children & their leaders



Download your 2005 NCM Child Sponsorship Christmas Project promotional material now. This includes a colorful flyer for your church's missions board and a Sunday morning bulletin insert meant to educate and inspire. Please download and print as many copies as you would like and share them with others.

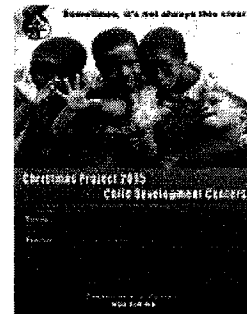
## Christmas Project 2005: Child Development Centers



Sunday morning bulletin insert



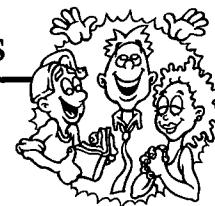
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Christmas Project Poster  
(color background)

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

There is still time to apply. However, applications should be in as soon as possible.

Open to Junior High, Senior High, college and career youth. Adult chaperones will be needed.

Applications have been sent to all churches. Please contact your pastor if you have not seen them. A personal interview will be held and applicants must have a pastor's recommendation.

Non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by January 1, 2006

Approximate cost: \$1,000.

Team leader: Rev. Martha A. Wilson

Email: [pastormartha@verizon.net](mailto:pastormartha@verizon.net) with any questions you may have.

## Leadership Tip

"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position."

John Maxwell

# District Missions Expense Allocation is Due January 1, 2006

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>DMEA</u> <u>Paid</u>	<u>DMEA</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>DMEA</u> <u>Paid</u>	<u>DMEA</u> <u>Balance</u>
AUBURN, MA CORNERSTONE	-	\$35.00	MALDEN HAITIAN	-	\$129.00
BERMUDA	\$100.00	(\$4.00)	MANCHESTER, CT	\$757.00	
BEVERLY, MA.	-	\$647.00	MANCHESTER, NH COMMUNITY BIBLE FEL	\$48.00	(\$4.00)
BROCKTON, MA	\$285.00	(\$7.00)	MARLBORO, MA NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP	-	\$145.00
BROCKTON, MA BETHEL	-	\$42.00	MAYNARD, MA	\$85.00	(\$47.00)
BROCKTON, MA HAITIAN	\$91.00	-	MELROSE, MA	-	\$138.00
BROCKTON, MA MARANATHA	-	\$19.00	MILLERS FALLS, MA	-	\$110.00
BURLINGTON-WILLISTON, VT	-	\$91.00	NASHUA, NH	\$111.00	\$1,523.00
CAMBRIDGE, MA BETHEL HAITIAN	-	\$10.00	NEW BEDFORD, MA FIRST	-	\$410.00
CAMBRIDGE, MA BETESDA	-	\$34.00	NEW BEDFORD, MA, INTERNATIONAL	\$658.00	-
CAMBRIDGE, MA FIRST	-	\$261.00	NEWPORT, VT	-	\$77.00
CHELSEA HISPANIC	-	\$44.00	NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA	\$20.00	-
CONCORD, NH	-	\$509.00	NORTH HAVERHILL, NH	\$150.00	\$3.00
DALTON, MA BERKSHIRE FIRST	\$651.00	(\$350.00)	PAWTUCKET, RI, EBENEZER	\$80.00	(\$54.00)
DANIELSON, CT	\$135.00	-	PAWTUCKET, RI, EMMANUEL	\$21.00	(\$1.00)
DANVERS, MA	-	\$139.00	PAWTUCKET, RI EMBAIXIDORES	-	\$341.00
DENNIS, MA (CAPE COD)	-	\$302.00	PAWTUCKET, RI FILADELFIA	\$31.00	\$19.00
DORCHESTER, MA, AMIS DE LA SAGESSE	-	\$227.00	PRESTON, CT	-	\$90.00
DORCHESTER, MA, EBENEZER (Portuguese)	-	\$28.00	PROVIDENCE, RI FIRST	-	\$71.00
DORCHESTER, MA HAITIAN	-	\$3.00	QUINCY, MA, BETHEL	-	\$352.00
DORCHESTER, MA, IMMANUEL	\$30.00	\$34.00	QUINCY, MA, WOLLASTON	\$1,141.00	-
DORCHESTER, MA, SECOND	-	\$106.00	ROCKVILLE, CT	\$359.31	\$256.69
DUXBURY, MA	\$594.00	-	RUMFORD, RI BETHANY	-	\$277.00
EAST CHARLESTON, VT	-	\$38.00	RUTLAND, VT	\$58.00	-
FALMOUTH, MA (CAPE COD)	-	\$102.00	SAINT ALBANS, VT	\$41.00	(\$6.00)
FITCHBURG, MA	\$201.58	\$185.42	SAUGUS-CLIFTONDALE, MA	\$85.00	(\$11.00)
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER, MA HISPANIC	-	\$43.00	SOUTH WEYMOUTH, MA	-	\$945.00
FRAMINGHAM, MA	-	\$305.00	SPRINGFIELD, MA FIRST	\$205.00	-
HARTFORD, CT, FIRST	\$295.00	-	SPRINGFIELD MA FIRST KOREAN	-	\$166.00
HARTFORD, CT SPANISH	\$83.00	(\$34.00)	UXBRIDGE, MA	\$1,051.20	\$262.80
HAVERHILL, MA	-	\$145.00	WAKEFIELD, NH FAITH FELLOWSHIP	\$6.00	\$35.00
HINGHAM, MA FAITH	-	\$116.00	WAKEFIELD, RI	\$35.00	\$9.00
HOOKSETT, NH	-	\$70.00	WALLINGFORD, CT	-	\$117.00
JOHNSON, VT LAMOILLE VALLEY	-	\$468.00	WALLINGFORD, CT Spanish	-	\$11.00
KEENE, NH	\$323.00	-	WALPOLE, MA, EMAUS	\$260.00	-
LAKEVILLE, MA	-	\$54.00	WALTHAM, MA, HAITIAN	-	\$72.00
LEICESTER, VT	-	\$177.00	WAREHAM, MA EMMANUEL	\$600.00	-
LISBON, NH	-	\$23.00	WATERVILLE, VT	-	\$89.00
LONDONDERRY, NH	-	\$108.00	WEST SOMERVILLE, MA	-	\$138.00
LOWELL, MA FIRST	\$809.00	-	WEST SOMERVILLE, MA HAITIAN	-	\$1.00
LOWELL, MA HISPANIC	-	\$51.00	WILLIMANTIC, CT	-	\$27.00
LYNN, MA	\$82.00	-	WOLCOTT, VT	-	\$53.00
LYNN, MA CAMBODIAN	-	\$12.00	WORCESTER, MA	\$192.00	-
MALDEN, MA FIRST	\$502.00	-	WORCESTER, MA HISPANIC	-	-
				<u>\$10,156.09</u>	<u>\$9,777.91</u>

## Did You Know?

- Information about World Mission Mobilization and volunteer ministries is available on the WM Mobilization Web site <[www.nazareneglobal.org](http://www.nazareneglobal.org)>.
- The motivating sermon shared by Dr. Nina G. Gunter at the 20th General NMI Convention is now available to order from Nazarene Publishing House. Dr. Gunter's booklet, entitled The Cross: Seize It! Share It! (order #U-52), is available from Nazarene Publishing House <[www.nph.com](http://www.nph.com)> for \$2.50.
- Community Missions ideas are available on the NMI Web site <[www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org)> under Volunteer Opportunities.
- One of every five Nazarenes live in Africa, and the membership for the Church of the Nazarene in Africa now exceeds 300,000.

