



New England District NMI Messenger

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DUE FEBRUARY

EMPHASIS—
Alabaster

2nd—16th—Deputation
Dan & Melody Anderson,
African Region, Uganda

27th—World Week of
Prayer Begins

DUE MARCH

5th—NMI Prayer
Luncheon in Lowell

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20TH GENERAL NMI CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

**MARRIOTT HOTEL, INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER,
AND RCA DOME**

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

JUNE 21-24, 2005

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

- District Presidents and General Council: NMI Constitution Meeting—4-5 P.M.
- International Delegate Registration—2:30-5 P.M.
- Registration for the United States and Canada—7-9 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

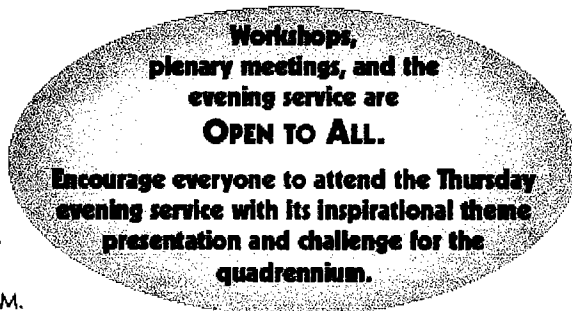
- Legislative Committee Meetings—8:30-9:30 A.M.
- Prayer Brunch—10 A.M.-NOON
- Workshops—1-4:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

- Caucus meetings—8:30-9:30 A.M.
- Plenary Meeting #1 and Missions Celebration—10 A.M.-NOON
- Plenary Meeting #2—1:30-5 P.M.
- NMI Night Service: Theme Presentation and Challenge—7 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- Plenary Meeting #3—8:30 A.M.-NOON
- Plenary Meeting #4—1:30-5 P.M.
- Children's Mission Activity—6:30-9 P.M.
- District Presidents' Reception—9:30-11 P.M.



All NMI plenary meetings and the Thursday evening NMI service will take place in the **RCA Dome**. Most of the other meetings are planned for the **Convention Center** and the **Marriott Hotel**.

A detailed schedule and room designations for NMI events will be announced two to three months before the Convention.

FEBRUARY CHALLENGE

Alabaster

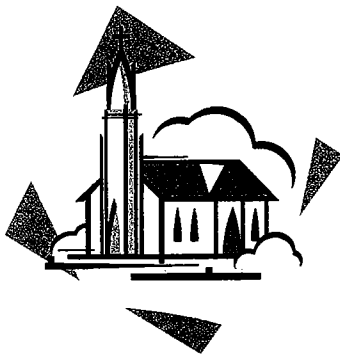
In its 55-year history, Alabaster has funded 6,733 (as of 2003) projects. Where in the world would the church be today without Alabaster? The story continues. Last year, Alabaster funded five projects every week.

One example of the ongoing need is the 5,207 JESUS film mission churches. We are privileged to be used of God to help meet these building needs.

The Church of the Nazarene is growing at a phenomenal pace in world mission regions. God has blessed us with the resources and the ministries by which to meet the needs. Alabaster is one of these God-anointed resources. It is needed now more than ever.

We challenge every church to give prayerfully and sacrificially in the February Alabaster Offering.

—Heartline



News From Our Churches

Maynard set a goal of \$200 for their Books for Pastor's project, and as of Sunday they raised over half of that amount using the film canisters.

Congratulations!

LINKS & District Missionaries Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

6 Birthday—Dr. Andy Bennett

8 Birthday—Drew Bennett

12 Birthday—Miss Brenda Gould

16 Birthday—Sophia Sunberg

17 Birthday—Judy Bennett

22 Birthday—Teanna Sunberg

March

28 Birthday—Rhoda Restrick

28 Birthday—Gloria Henck

LINKS CHANGE!



We just received word from

Kansas City that John and Janice

Nielson have been removed from the LINKS

list. The moneys already sent in will go to the

Nielsons but all further moneys will go to

Brenda Gould. We found out that she has a

great need for repairs on her car. We are

transferring churches from the Nielsons to

Brenda Gould. See NMI Handbook pages

42-43. We appreciate those who have paid

their assignment to date. If you have not it

would be great if you could get it in as soon as

possible to help Brenda with this great need.

Harvest Partners

JESUS Film Ministry (As of January 25, 2005)

JESUS Film Ministry Teams

have reported 32,000,081

viewers of the JESUS Film

through January 25, 2005. Of

these viewers, 4,661,845 (14.6%

of viewers) have indicated deci-

sions for Christ and 1,767,861

(37.9% of decisions) are initial discipleship contacts.

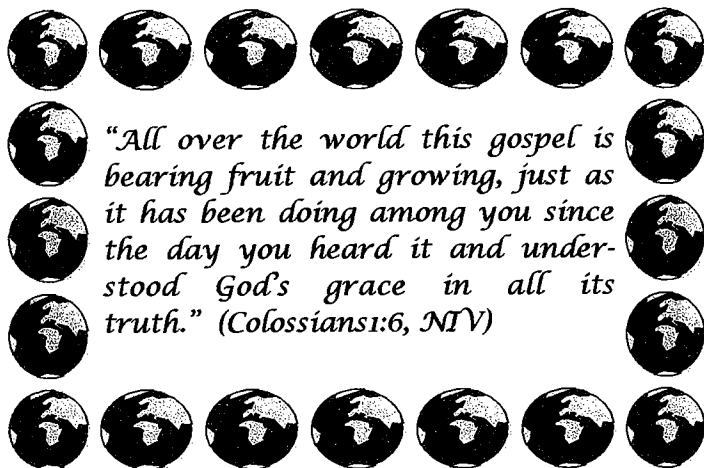
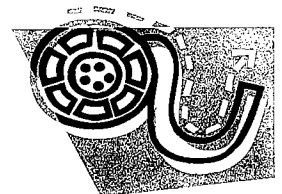
There have been 5,422 new churches started and

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.



"All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth." (Colossians 1:6, NIV)

Prayer Requests

Regularly follow the prayer requests at http://www.nazarenemissions.org/prayer/prayer_mobilization_line.htm

- For Sally Zink, Chad, Corey, Wendy and Families on the passing of Dr. Chuck Zink Pray for Sally as she continues cancer treatments.
- Christians in Iraq who face persecution. Our soldiers and the situation in Iraq
- Return of religious freedom to North Korea.
- February Alabaster Offering
- 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 90th 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.
- General NMI Convention preparation & District NMI Convention & Assembly preparation



The Power of United Prayer by Kathy Bourgault

- Nazarene World Week of Prayer—February 27 to March 5, 2005
- World Day of Prayer—Friday, March 4, 2005

There is no greater work, no greater joy, and no greater privilege, then joining with others in united prayer, partnering with God to accomplish His will on earth. When our unified prayers rise up to God they produce eternal value in reaching a lost world for Christ. We may never know (this side of heaven) the effect of those prayers but God promises that "the prayer of a

righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16b)

When we unite in community prayer not only do our prayers produce eternal benefits but also we benefit as the Holy Spirit ministers to our needy souls. We grow in intimacy with God and God brings revival—He starts by reviving us! God chooses to work through prayer.

Paul Billheimer said, "God has made us His partner and entrusted a hurting, lost, and dying world to us." Will you partner with God, Nazarenes and

Christians worldwide during the Nazarene World Week of Prayer (which coordinates with the interdenominational World Day of Prayer) to re-ignite prayer flames, deepen commitment to prayer and fasting, and precipitate revival?

Don't forget the grand finale!! The District Prayer Service and luncheon at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, March 5th. See details on the enclosed flyer (for your church bulletin) and RSVP in the *Messenger*. See you there!

**All Churches Are Invited
to the NE District NMI
Prayer Service & Luncheon
with Cinda Kammermann - Russia
& Uxbridge Worship Team**

Saturday, March 5th, 2005
Lowell Church of the Nazarene
Service 10 AM (Registration & light refreshments 9 – 9:45 AM)

\$7.50/person for lunch

RSVP by Monday, Feb. 28th – Kathy Bourgault
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**Alabaster—
Growing Mission
Buildings Worldwide**

NMI 2005

Books for Pastors TOOLS FOR MINISTRY



NMI 90th Anniversary Project

BOOKS FOR PASTORS / TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

Africa - Our up-country visit served as a very strong reminder of the great need for the NMI anniversary project "Books for Pastors / Tools for Ministry." Most of the pastors are in rural areas where books are just not available; they can't get any. Even if they had anything like "disposable income" they couldn't buy any books because there are no bookstores. I have been meeting with our country and field leadership to put together the proposal for how we will make the project happen here

for our pastors. It will require us to import hundreds of books, to translate, adapt and print hundreds of others. One of the trickiest steps will be distribution, how to get them to the most remote parts, but we WILL get them there! If Jesus tarries, and if everyone gives to this noble project, the improved preaching of the Word from every wooden or clay or bamboo pulpit will reap benefits forever and ever. We are sooooo-o-o excited about it.

— Margaret Scott

Books for Pastors

World Mission reports there are 10,944 new pastors in training in world mission regions. Is it any wonder that God has inspired our hearts for the NMI 90th Anniversary Project: "Books for Pastors – Tools for Ministry"?

God has impressed on all of us – The Board of general Superintendents, World Mission, International Board of Education, Nazarene Missions international, World Mission literature, USA/Canada

Mission/Evangelism – that the equipping of pastors is the greatest need in the church today. God has brought all of this together for such a time as this.

I challenge you to focus passionately on the purpose and plan. Believe God for the results which will equip thousands of pastors for ministry and make a difference for eternity.

— Heartline

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

We thank you in Jesus name for the contributions you have given to Compassionate Ministries for the Tsunami Response Relief in the Indian Ocean.

This report from the Wollaston Church is just one of many on our district...

- "The Wollaston Church scheduled an offering for the Tsunami Disaster response through NCM on Sunday and over \$4800.00 was given." Paise the Lord!

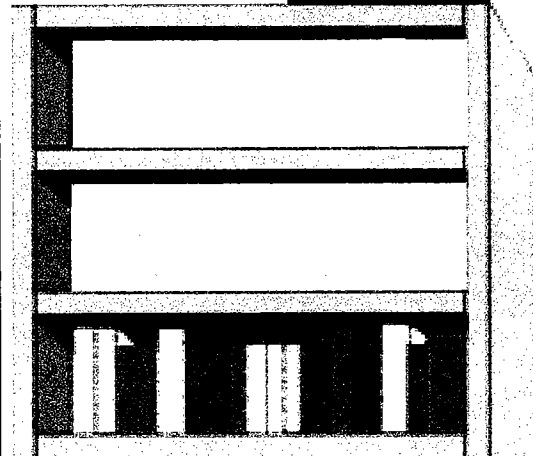
- Providence First reported \$370.00.

We are so proud to be a part of a great district that has a compassionate heart for those who are suffering. I know churches all over the district are taking offerings and we thank you for the great response.

To date world wide over \$550,000.00 has come in for the Tsunami Disaster response and that is not counting the Sunday offerings.

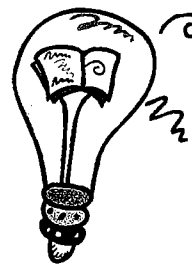
Let's fill up the bookcase!

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



IDEA: One pastor locked up most of his library having to use the local library for most of his study. Each book has a

price to release them. They are taken out of the locked library as the money comes in for "Books for Pastors. Tools for Ministry."



JESUS FILM TEAM RESCHEDULE FOR MARCH — TEAM MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!



The February Jesus Film Work and Witness team trip to Mexico had to be cancelled due to emergencies of two of their members. We would like to reschedule sometime in March. We need six members to complete the

team. If you are interested and can go 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 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.

Million Hours of Prayer (MHP)!

Pray...Partnering in the Gospel. Every Nazarene praying at least 2 hours total from now until June 2005 for the General Conventions and Assembly.

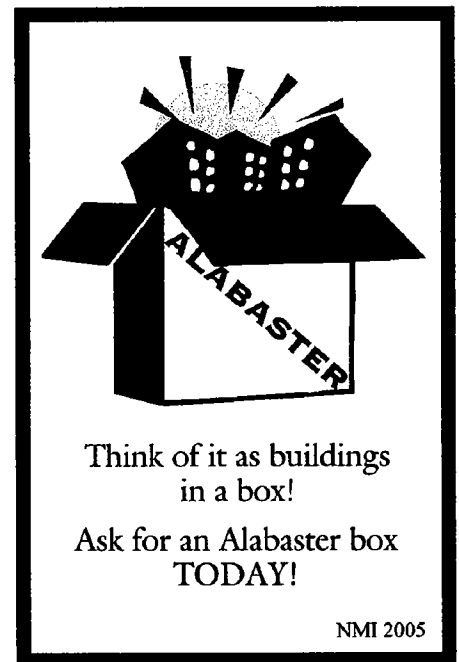


Every Pastor received a packet with a prayer calendar to follow as we pray for the General Conventions and Assembly. (See the Oct./Nov/December *Mission Connection* for mailing).



IDEA: PASTORS: If you are on the Pastor's E-mail list you will receive the weekly request from the Prayer Calendar from Kathy Bourgault, NMI Prayer Chairman. We would encourage you to put the weekly request in your bulletin and pray for that request publicly. Then ask the congregation to pray for the request in their private devotions. 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)



Think of it as buildings
in a box!

Ask for an Alabaster box
TODAY!

NMI 2005

Did You Know?

- Over 150 boxes of CCK's and Clothing (mostly CCK's) are being shipped to Fawn Grove, PA in January.
- The April/May/June 2005 *Mission Connection* mailing – which will be sent to local churches in US/Canada – will include a poster providing information about General Convention.
- 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

We thank you for your support of the WORLD EVANGELISM FUND. We congratulate those who have met their goal and are continuing to go over their goal as God provides. Easter Offering is coming up and your giving at that time will help us pay 100% of our WEF offering. (See the enclosed report from Kansas City, dated 1/19/05)



FROM THE HEART – *Dr. Nina Gunter*
See the Victory in the Mission

Florence Chadwick prepared and conditioned herself according to the swimmer's disciplines. She slicked her body with oil and began the 27-mile swim across the English Channel. Florence was almost to the shore when suddenly she summoned for the boat to pick her up. She couldn't make it. Her friends said, "Keep on." Florence replied in desperation, "I can't make it."

get cramps in your arms and legs? Did the current get stronger?" To both questions, Florence replied, "No."

"What happened?" they asked. Florence replied, "The fog. The fog was so thick I lost sight of the shore. I couldn't see the shore." She was so close to victory but lost perspective.

—Heartline

After they helped her into the boat, they asked, "Did you

NAMING THE BOAT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Three years ago our Children's Project was to buy a boat for the Philippines. At that time we thought it was not going to happen but it did! The children raised \$3000. for the project. The following letter was received from David Phillips...

Dear Robert Douglas,

I want to start with an apology. Perhaps this has been one of the most confusing projects that we have undertaken and I have been incredibly slow about reporting any kind of progress to you. I am very sorry for that and I hope that this letter will make up partially for the neglect.

When we first received this letter we had a vibrant discussion on how to use it. 3000 dollars was not enough to purchase a boat and even if we could there were potential liability issues to take into account. Who would own the boat? Who would manage it and so on. For several months we kicked this around. Do we hang on to the funds hoping for additional contributions? Do we join a business or some private fisherman and let them own the boat? How do we work these details?

After many months of discussions between the Region and the Field and

between the Field and the Panay District we decided to form a cooperative to purchase and own the boat. The Pastors in the Panay District formed a business association. This association then purchased a fishing boat with the purpose of self support and evangelism. In other words, the costs of operating the boat would be met by fishing while the boat would be able to reach many of the villages strung along the coastline that cannot be reached through land based vehicles. This boat is now in operation. I will be going to Panay soon and try to get some of the stories from the men who are operating this ministry.

The boat was named "Fishers of Men Express". The name was submitted by Jessica Howard, Newport, VT.

Thanks for the participation!

Yours in the Living Christ,
David Phillips



**THANK YOU
AMBASSADORS
(CHILDREN) ON
THE NEW
ENGLAND
DISTRICT...**

We thank the children on the New England District for raising \$7,414.00 (NMI - \$4,671. and VBS \$2,743.) for the Witness On Wheels project.



January/February/March 2005

NAZARENE SCENE

Pastors Help Assess NMI Programs and Products

A dozen pastors from the U.S.A. and Canada gathered in Kansas City in October. Dr. Nina Gunter, general NMI director, invited the participants to assess the effectiveness of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) in resourcing Nazarene churches as well as brainstorm ideas for the future.

Hurricane Update

In August, several hurricanes pounded the eastern coast of the United States and the Caribbean Region. Although Caribbean Nazarenes suffered loss of lives and property, they held fast to their faith, thanking God for blessing them. The Caribbean Regional Communications Office produced a video to tell the stories of a few hurricane survivors. To view the video, visit <www.caribbeannazarene.org>.

Nazarenes Respond to CCK Shortage

In August, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc. (NCMI), sent thousands of Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) to assist hurricane victims, depleting their supply of CCKs. The General NMI Office sent an E-mail to district NMI presidents, asking Nazarenes to respond to the immediate need for

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CCKs. As of October 28, NCMI, received 13,620 CCKs, which is enough to fill two 40-foot containers!

NMI 90th Anniversary Project

Pastor Jason Matters at New Vision Church of the Nazarene in Raymore, Missouri, came up with a creative idea for raising the NMI 90th Anniversary Offering. "I volunteered to take all the books in my personal library (almost 500), lock them in a 'jail,'" said Pastor Matters. "I will redeem them as we raise the money towards our offering goal. So, until we raise enough money I will be working in the school libraries or with just a few books."

New Church Dedicated in Bulgaria

Nine years ago, the Montana, Bulgaria, congregation worshipped on the side of a mountain to avoid persecution. The Lord gave them a vision to reach all of north-west Bulgaria, and at the center of that vision was a church building. How could they have imagined that God meant the house of a former Communist mayor to be the fulfillment of that vision? With heartfelt joy the Montana Church of the Nazarene was dedicated on Sunday, December 5.

Jay and Teama Sunberg,
missionaries to Bulgaria

World Mission Broadcast—A new World Mission Broadcast program, *Foshat Amal* (Journey of Hope), began broadcasting in the Middle East on November 1. Please pray that the program will give hope to listeners in this war-torn, volatile area of the world.

Nazarene World Week of Prayer

Nazarene World Week of Prayer (NWWWP) is scheduled for Feb. 27-March 5, 2005. Specific prayer requests for each region will be featured on the NMI Prayer Mobilization Line during NWWWP. For more information, visit <www.nazarenemissions.org/nwwwp>.

WORLD SCENE

South Korea—Missionaries from South Korea have begun targeting Muslim lands. The British Broadcasting Corporation reports that South Korea has 12,000 missionaries worldwide, and each year 1,000 new ones join them.

Brazil—The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a suicide epidemic in Brazil. According to the WHO, more than 300 of 30,000 Guarani Katova Indians in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, have killed themselves since 1985; 54 succeeded in 2003.

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)

Churches from more than 130 countries observed IDOP on November 14, 2004. The World Evangelical Alliance and the National Association of Evangelicals partnered to join churches worldwide in prayer for those suffering for their faith.

Nigeria—Church Around the World reports violent raids on Christian villages in the central state of Nigeria left more than 20 Christians dead and prompted Nigeria's president to declare a state of emergency. Since 2001, more than 2,000 people have

been killed, and thousands of people have fled the area due to the escalation of religious violence.

JESUS Film in Siberia—In October, thousands of citizens of Tomsk, Siberia, united for one event—to watch the JESUS film in their own language. Several weeks prior to the 10-day film-showing campaign, the citizens had seen commercials on TV, observed banners and posters in the streets, and received personal invitations to watch the film that had everyone talking. At the cinema in the center of town, a big banner announced "Historical Film JESUS...Admission Free."

The JESUS Film Project,
Campus Crusade for Christ

Peru—The World Food Program (WFP)

says many people in the southern region of Peru are getting only half of the food they need each day. October snow storms and severe frost in Peru's Andean mountains were the worst recorded in three decades. Many of the households' animals died during the severe weather, either killed by a lack of food or the cold. More than half of Peru's population live below the poverty line, and some 6.5 million people—25% of the population—live on an income of less than \$1 per day.

Catch a Glimpse of This—

- JESUS Film Harvest Partners Ministry reports 31,100,748 people have viewed the JESUS film and 4,537,736 have made decisions for Christ, as of November 2004.
- According to Church Around the World, over three-fourths of Malawi's population identifies itself as Christian.
- Sudan, the largest country in Africa, is home to more than 38 million people. Less than 5 percent are Christians.

Global Glimpses is a publication of Nazarene Missions International and can also be found at <www.nazarenemissions.org>.