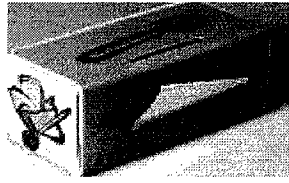




NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL
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MESSENGER

February Challenge—Alabaster Offering



We have opportunity twice a year to give our coins or dollars to literally build the Kingdom. Thank you to those of

you who have given in September to purchase land and construct places for people to worship, heal, learn, and grow spiritually.

The Alabaster Offering is a “God-thing” in the Church of the Nazarene. These much-needed offerings funded right at six projects every week in 2004. Can you imagine where our church would be without Alabaster support? Across the years (1949-2004) 7,018 building and land Alabaster projects have been the means of thousands coming

to know Christ.

We encourage every church to participate this February in this valuable ministry. No amount is too small. 100% of the offerings go to construction. 20% is used for multi-cultural ministry in the US and Canada and 80% goes to other lands. Several churches on our district have benefited from Alabaster - Brockton Haitian, Pawtucket Embaixadores, Dorchester Amis de la Sagesse and Quincy Chinese to name a few. When we give we help our neighbors as well as many others around the world.



March Challenge—Easter Offering for World Evangelism

Jesus
THE HOPE
EASTER OFFERING FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

Easter and Resurrection – Siamese twins. I have witnessed Resurrection. Looking into the faces of Roma, Oksana, Andrei, Sergei, Ivan, Valentina, Maxim, Vitalik, and Misha, I saw new life. Each a former alcohol or drug addict in Ukraine – and dozens like them, everyone has been delivered and resurrected by the awesome power of God from death in their transgressions and sin. And through Nazarene missions, in 149 world areas, thousands upon

thousands upon thousands have experienced resurrection.

Easter and giving – Siamese twins. For Nazarenes, we cannot think of the Resurrection without considering generous offerings for missions. This Easter, may we give sacrificially, even beyond what we think we can, so millions more will know firsthand this resurrection power.

Wes Eby, General NMI Office

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February Events

- *Alabaster Offering*
- *Feb 26th—Mar 4th—Nazarene World Week of Prayer*

March Events

- *March 4th—NMI Prayer Luncheon at Lowell*
- *Easter Offering / World Evangelism Fund*

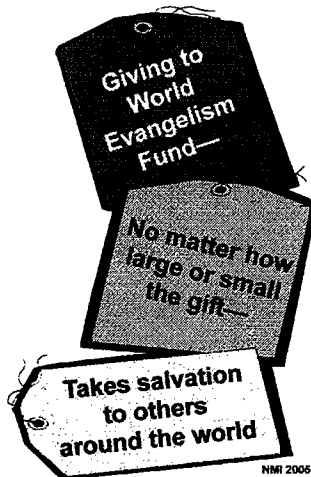
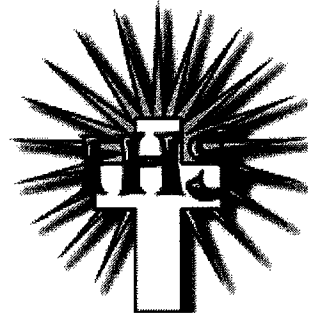
Change to Easter Offering Promotional Resources

! IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE !

Stewardship Ministries changed the distribution method for Easter Offering promotional resources. In January 2006 a Stewardship packet was sent to every local pastor (USA/Canada). The packet included a Stewardship/World Evangelism Fund (WEF) Resource DVD. Which offers videos, as well as a variety of materials to assist local churches in promoting the Easter offering for WEF. Most

of the resources are also available on the Stewardship Web site www.stewardship.nazarene.org.

From this point forward, envelopes and posters will **NOT** be sent to churches unless the church orders them. To order Easter Offering envelopes and posters, please contact: Stewardship Ministries, Phone 816-333-7000, ext. 2757 Or E-mail: stewardshiporders@nazarene.org.



WEF

Presently according to the KC report on 12-30-05 the churches on the New England District have paid 58.21% towards the WEF. Even though Easter is in April this year we still need your participation to meet our obligation of 100% payment. When sending in funds make sure you mark them for the 2005-2006 church year. Pray, plan and prepare early to make the Easter offering a special time of giving to Jesus, Our Savior.

Birthdays & Anniversaries of LINKS & District Missionaries

March

28 Birthday—Gloria Henck
28 Birthday—Rhonda Restrick

April

1 Birthday—Neal Estey
14 Birthday—Merritt Mann



Leadership Tip

“You must be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

Mahatma Gandhi

Harvest Partners—JESUS Film Ministry (as of January 17, 2006)

JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported the following:

35,808,419 viewers of the JESUS Film
5,201,053 (14.5% of viewers) decisions for Christ
2,014,494 (38.7% of decisions) initial discipleship contacts
8,037 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

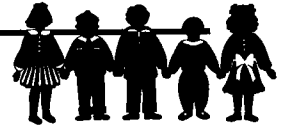
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KIDS

CHILDRENS NEWS—for children & their leaders



REMINDER: The Children's Project goal this year is \$5,000.00 for "Books for Pastors – Tools for Ministry".

Please send your money for the project to Rick Smith, District Treasurer. Make sure you mark it "Children's Project – Books for Pastors" and include your church name to receive 10% credit.

Work & Witness Update

By the end of February New England will have sent three teams officially-one from Nashua and two from Uxbridge, MA. Encounter 2006 will travel to the Gulf Coast July 8-15, 2006. Dalton Church of the Nazarene is scheduled to take a team to

Sun Valley Indian School, April 22-29, 2006. There will also be trips to Bulgaria, June 16-29, and Russia, July 19-31, this summer. Anyone interested in either one of these trips should contact Frank Turner for information— <RTU1750553@aol.com>.

Scripture

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

(Isaiah 43:19, NIV)

Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry

We only have a few weeks left to complete our participation in the "Books for Pastors" offering. I know that some of you are making a special emphasis of this excellent project and will be remitting your money soon. You should send your remittance directly to the General Treasurer in Kansas City and be sure to mark that it is for "Books for Pastors". If you are participating in the Children's Project please send the money to Rick Smith, District Treasurer. As of 12-20-

05, our district had only achieved 46% of our goal (30 churches have participated) so we need everyone to do one more "push" so we can go over the top!

A new DVD for promoting "Books for Pastors – Tools for Ministry" will be sent to local churches (USA/Canada) as an enclosure in the April/May/June 2006 Mission Connection.

Prayer Requests

- Sally Zink's family as they mourn her passing.
- Janice Pittsley-Smith on the passing of her husband, Harry.
- Dick & Louise Clifford on the passing of their son, Jack.
- South Asia tsunami victims at the 1-year anniversary of the disaster.
- For the safety of missionaries worldwide.
- Dr. Daniel Ketchum, the newly elected General NMI Director.
- February Alabaster Offering
- Believers in Kosovo who are facing persecution.
- General NMI Council Meetings, February 15-17.

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

Mission Encounter is happy to announce that The Bahamas District Superintendent Pastor Daniel Small, will bring a work team from The Bahamas to Pascagoula, Mississippi July 9 - 15 to help Restore the Hope. The New England team will be working with them. Many of the previous members of the New England team worked with Pastor Small and his teens when they went to the Bahamas a couple of years ago. Pastor Daniel will speak each day and Mrs. Small will sing. What a wonderful time it will be!! This is the first time Mission Encounter has brought an international work team to the United States to help!!! Praise the Lord!!! 42 from New England have applied to go on the Gulf Coast Work and Witness.

