



# New England District NMI Messenger

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## DUE DECEMBER

EMPHASIS—

Compassionate Ministries

1st—Care Kits Due  
Mail Christmas Cards to  
LINKS Missionaries

25th—Christmas

## DUE JANUARY

EMPHASIS—

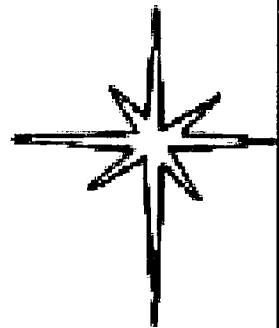
Volunteer Ministries

1st—District Missions  
Expense Allocation Due

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!



*Jesus is the Light of the World.*

*Rejoicing with you in the  
hope we have in Jesus - the  
everlasting light of the world.*

*Your District Servants,  
President Gerry Perry and District NMI Council*



## DECEMBER CHALLENGE

### Compassionate Ministries

Fast Facts:

- According to Evangelical Missions Quarterly, 2 billion people live on less than \$2.25 per day.
- In the last decade, the Church of the Nazarene has entered 22 countries through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM)
- A new Nazarene church is started every 12 days through disaster response efforts.
- According to Mission Frontiers, 6 million children under the age of 5 die every year as a result of hunger.
- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep ...you are richer than 75 percent of the world.

—Heartline

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### Compassionate Ministries

Packets of information on our *District Minute Christian* opportunities were received by all churches recently. Read the information carefully and contact Phil Smith if you have any questions.

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### January Challenge

#### Volunteer Ministries

Someone defined a volunteer as a person who shows up. Thank God for the 10,475 volunteers in Work and Witness last year who donated the equivalent of 370 years of labor.

Work and Witness: men and women, youth, families engaging in hands-on missions.

—Heartline

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### Focus on the Purpose of Missions

Why missions? Every 5 seconds, 3 people die, and only 1 of them has heard enough about Jesus Christ to make a decision to receive Him as Savior.

*Evangelical Advocate (Heartline)*

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"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV)



## LINKS & District Missionaries Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December

- 10 Birthday—Rev. David Restrict
- 16 Birthday—Judy Mann
- 21 Anniversary—Revs. John & Sandy Estey
- 25 Birthday—JESUS
- 28 Birthday—Marjorie Stockwell
- 30 Birthday—Rev. Roy Henck

### January

- 1 Birthday—Arlene Swain
- 4 Birthday—Rev. Jay Sunberg
- 4 Birthday—Lydia Sunberg
- 20 Birthday—Beth Restrict
- 29 Birthday—David William John Restrict



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### Million Hours of Prayer (MHP)!

Every Nazarene is challenged to pray (between Jan. and June) at least 2 hours for the General Assembly and Conventions. MHP promotional resources were sent to local churches in the Oct./Nov/December Mission Connection mailing.

The Million Hours of Prayer (MHP) theme for 2005 is "Pray...Partnering in the Gospel." The theme verses are Philipians 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)

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### Harvest Partners

#### JESUS Film Ministry (As of November 30, 2004)

JESUS Film Ministry Teams have reported 31,388,665 viewers of the JESUS Film through November 30, 2004. Of these viewers, 4,580,692 (14.6% of viewers) have indicated decisions for Christ and 1,727,292

(37.7% of decisions) are initial discipleship contacts. There have been 5,115 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.

