

## Monthly Emphasis

### Prayer & Fasting

*“But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.”*

- Psalms 5:11 NIV

- Christians under attack in India - Churches are being burned, homes destroyed and people being killed for their faith in Christ.
- This year's hurricane season continues to impact the people of Haiti, Cuba and Texas. Haitians were already dealing with a food crisis and now have to deal with recovery from the hurricanes as well.
- Participants in the Vision Tour to Ethiopia.
- Our new LINKS missionaries, the Allens.

Additional details available on the district NMI web site at [www.conaz.org](http://www.conaz.org), select the Nazarene Missions International Department.

### October: Mission Priority One

From the September HeartLine

Praying, discipling, giving, educating—these are the core objectives of NMI. These are also the objectives churches strive to accomplish in order to become a Mission Priority One church.

The NMI Handbook and Constitution offers Mission Priority One ideas, and the redesigned NMI Web site is laid out specifically along the lines of the core objectives [www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org). The design of the site allows you to find additional, online resources with ease. For example, under “Giving”, you will find information about World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster, Missionary Health Care, Compassionate Ministries, World Mission Broadcast, Faith Promise, and more. “Discipling” includes information and resources about Mentoring, Understanding Gen-Next, and Developing Tomorrow’s Missionaries. And, don’t miss the Mission Priority One page [www.nazarenemissions.org/10086/story.aspx](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/10086/story.aspx). The explanation of “Why Mission Priority One” is a must-read.

NMI believes the Mission Priority One plan will increase a church member’s passion for God’s mission by raising awareness, and that it assists churches in taking the message of Christ to the world.

### November: Thanksgiving Offering – WEF

contributed by Tron Emptage

When is the best time to give to the World Evangelism Fund...Thanksgiving or Easter? It doesn’t matter because the best time is NOW! While we emphasize giving to World Evangelism through Faith Promise and the Thanksgiving and Easter missions offerings, there is never a bad time to give to our missionaries and their needs.

Over the last several months, the turmoil in the US has escalated. Hurricanes have ravaged our cities, even in central Ohio. Financial insecurity is rampant. Employment is questionable. Terrorism continues. In this time of world uncertainty, there is no better time to trust God for His certainty and His faithfulness. For there is no greater HOPE for peace than the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

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Monies given to the World Evangelism Fund are used to pay the salaries and expenses of our missionaries around the world. Missionaries spread the good news of Jesus Christ and His saving grace and the peace of His indwelling spirit in our lives.

To thank Him for His salvation, peace, mercies and grace, one of the tangible things we can do is to give to this offering during Thanksgiving as God directs us. As we pray and ask Him what He would have each of us to do in the area of giving to missions, He will be faithful and tell us. He will also then be faithful to allow us to meet that commitment. And as each of us obeys His leading, the needs and goals He has laid on the hearts and minds of our leaders will be met.

In this year's Thanksgiving offering, ask God what He would have you give to World Evangelism and as each of us obeys this leading, the goal will be met.

Thank you for your willingness to listen, obey and give to the spreading of the gospel. May God richly bless you for your obedience!

Give HOPE through giving to The Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism!

### WEF Update

Thank you to the churches who finished off their 2007-2008 WEF payments during the last quarter. The District World Evangelism Fund reached 90% of our goal.

## **December: Compassionate Ministries**

### **Christmas Project 2008 – Un-sponsored Children**

based on the current Compassion Magazine

Imagine that for the price of one tank of gas you could actually get two. Would you make the purchase? Now imagine you had a chance to double the reach of your gift to Child Sponsorship. Would you give? This Christmas season you have an opportunity to do just that! Every gift given to this year's Child Sponsorship Christmas project has the potential to be doubled. Up to \$50,000 will be matched and used to give additional children the chance to receive support through the global outreach of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Child Development Centers.

DONATE to the Un-sponsored Children Christmas Project online at [ncm.org](http://ncm.org) or send a check to the Global Treasurer (note the updated address below). Put "Un-sponsored Children ACM1851" in the memo line. Identify your local church to receive 10% giving credit.

## **Betty's Bits & Pieces**

### ***Tuxtla Training Center Update***

Buildings #1 and #2 of a Bible College being built in honor J. Wilmer Lambert, Central Ohio District Superintendent Emeritus, in Tuxtla, Mexico are nearly complete and expected to finish in October. The next challenge is building #3, a multi-purpose structure that will seat 200 people. It is intended to be a gathering place, a new start church and a student union. Work on building #2 is shown in the picture.

For more information or to participate either financially or on a W&W team, contact Don Baldwin or Dr. Lambert at Northwest Church of the Nazarene.



## ***LINKS – Meet the Allens***

Joshua and Robyn are new missionaries and have been assigned to our district as LINKS replacement for Ruth Matchett. They will be working in the area of church planting in the Commonwealth of Independent States [former members of the USSR]. They are not only recent (2008) graduates from Nazarene missionary school but have just celebrated two years of marriage (Sep. 28).

Joshua - Born Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup>, he's the oldest of 7. About his call: *"I have sensed God's call to missions my entire life and have continued to listen for his direction in fulfilling that call."* Email: [joshruussia@yahoo.com](mailto:joshruussia@yahoo.com)

Robyn - Born Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, she's the oldest of 3 sisters. How she describes herself: *"I am also very easy going and have a fun time with life."* Email: [robynruussia@yahoo.com](mailto:robynruussia@yahoo.com)

Josh & Robyn publish updates on the Internet at [joshrobynruussia.blogspot.com](http://joshrobynruussia.blogspot.com)

Additional details and Internet links are available on the CO Naz web site at [www.conaz.org/departments/nmi/Missionaries/LINKS-Allen.shtml](http://www.conaz.org/departments/nmi/Missionaries/LINKS-Allen.shtml)

## ***Missionary Speakers***

The following missionaries are available for scheduling. To schedule one of these speakers contact District Deputation Secretary, Frances Collins at 9339 York Rd SW, Pataskala, OH 43062, 740-927-4435, [rtcollinsjr@Juno.com](mailto:rtcollinsjr@Juno.com)

Nikolaj & Lydia Sawatzky (Switzerland)

April 28-May 10, 2009

Charles and Anna-Marie Lockard (South Africa)

May-July 31, August 12-December 15, 2009

## ***Radical Rehab Update***

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, 85 Central Ohio Nazarenes participated in the first Radical Rehab, a day of working and witnessing through community service. The group worked on 10 different projects both large and small. Needle workers completed 28 quilts for the Potter's House and 40 hats to be given to the homeless.

Missed the recap slide show on the web site? It can still be viewed at <http://www.conaz.org/departments/nmi/RadicalRehab-2008.shtml>

## **Upcoming Events**

### ***CCK/Pal-Pak Semi Loading***

There is an URGENT need for Crisis Care Kits. World events have depleted the warehouses. The district will be coordinating a single semi trailer shipment from the Logan Conference Center to the Pennsylvania warehouse. Loading is currently scheduled as follows:

#### **October 18, 25 and November 1, 9am-4pm**

Each church is responsible for covering the cost of shipping as follows:

For other arrangements contact:  
Ron or Leah Stoll  
[ljscrafts@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ljscrafts@columbus.rr.com) 614-866-1814

- Shipping a banana box from Logan to the warehouse via the semi is \$2.00 per box, paid to the District Treasurer.
- Shipping costs for getting the boxes from the warehouse to where they will be used is paid to Kansas City and depends on the box contents as follows:
 

Crisis Care Kits.....\$12.00	School Pal Paks.....\$10.00	Puzzles or Trucks.....\$8.00
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### ***District Council Meeting – Nov. 8***

The District NMI Council will be meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Chilicothe Westside Church of the Nazarene. Executive council will meet at 9:00 AM with the full council at 10:00 AM.

### ***Work & Witness – Brazil 2009***

This year's district Work & Witness trip is scheduled for February 26-March 10, 2009. The trip will involve traveling to Brazil to work on the Louie E. Bustle Communication Center. This center will include an auditorium honoring Bob and Frances Collins. Cost of the trip is expected to be \$1,750. For more information or to register contact district Work & Witness coordinator, Bob Collins at 9339 York Rd SW, Pataskala, OH 43062, 740-927-4435, [rtcollinsjr@Juno.com](mailto:rtcollinsjr@Juno.com)

**Anyone interested in participating must register by November 1<sup>st</sup>**

### ***Extreme Peru***

From August-September of 2009 three teams of 30 people of all ages will be sent to Arequipa to work on the training center, do Medical mission work and most importantly bring light to a place where there is darkness. If you are interested in one of three Short-term Volunteer opportunities you can sign up today on the Internet at <http://www.extremenazarene.org> or via phone by calling 1-877-RU-EXTREME (877-783-9873). You can also contact Rachel Kuhn, MVNU Zone Coordinator, for more information at [rkuhn@extremenazarene.org](mailto:rkuhn@extremenazarene.org) or 816-738-1725.

## **Suggestion Box**

God has given each of us different gifts so that when we work together, the result is more than any one of us could do alone. Suggestions and comments are welcome. Ideas for promoting missions are encouraged. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please send it to district NMI President, Betty Neighborgall.

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Via E-Mail:

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Please put "NMI Suggestion Box" in the Subject line

## **Updates from Headquarters**

### **Address Change**

As departments move from the old headquarters campus in Missouri to the new location in Kansas, mailing addresses change. The most recent and probably most critical change is the Global Treasury Services and recently moved. Please use the following address for all monies sent directly to headquarters to ensure proper reporting.

Global Treasurer Global Treasury Services Church of the Nazarene 17001 Prairie Star Pkwy Lenexa, KS 66220
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### **New Phone Number**

The Prayer Mobilization Line (PML) continues to operate a phone-in line where listeners can hear the current praise reports and prayer requests. With Nazarene Headquarter's move to the new Global Ministry Center, the phone number for the Prayer Mobilization Line changed on September 15, 2008. The new PML phone number is 913-577-2990. The bi-weekly e-mail version of PML will continue to be sent to subscribers as usual. If you don't subscribe to PML and would like to, log on to [www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org).

### **Mission Connection**

*Mission Connection* will be available in electronic format beginning with the January issue (to arrive in inboxes in December). The cover story of the October/November/December 2008 issue (to arrive in mail boxes in September) will explain the rationale of the change to NMI leadership, as well as providing some options for leaders who may not have access to the Internet. A card in that mailing will give churches an opportunity to send e-mail addresses to us via post; another option is to e-mail Mission Connection ([missionconnection@nazarene.org](mailto:missionconnection@nazarene.org)).

NMI Presidents with email access should register with the NMI Office to receive the *Mission Connection* in the electronic format. Churches and anyone else who wishes to register may also register to receive the *Mission Connection* in the electronic format.