

Central Ohio District NMI - Bits & Pieces

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Monthly Emphasis

Prayer & Fasting

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

- Romans 12:6-8 NIV

- Victims of flooding in Brazil and Panama
- Political unrest in Bolivia and its impact on spreading the gospel
- Our district Work & Witness team headed to Brazil
- Our new LINKS missionaries, the Allens.

Additional details available on the district NMI web site at www.conaz.org, select the Nazarene Missions International Department.

January: Volunteer Opportunities

Contributed by Rev. George Watters, Volunteer Ministries

Volunteering has been described as the willingness of people to work on behalf of others without being motivated by any personal gains. Participants indicate that when they serve, they are not just ministering to people's needs to a project, but their personal faith has been affected and strengthened. As volunteers get involved, they find themselves being fulfilled in their hearts. Jesus commanded us to serve others by being a part of the opportunities made available to us. Let us take hold of this challenge.

We celebrate all our volunteers who have given of themselves this year and look forward with renewed excitement to a New Year of opportunities.

Did You Know

The Fawn Grove warehouse volunteers sent 14 forty-foot shipping containers out during 2008. People in Moldova, Karakastan, Ukraine, Armenia, Swaziland, Ethiopia, and Zambia received this tangible expression of God's provision.

February: Alabaster

contributed by Karen Kornmiller

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. It gives a sense of permanence, the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Eighty percent of the money is used in world mission areas, and twenty percent goes to multicultural congregations in the United States and Canada. In addition, Alabaster funds help provide land for most Work and Witness projects. The entire offering goes toward the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities and homes for missionaries and national workers.

Creativity is encouraged in promoting Alabaster. Missions DVD segments and skits are often effective. Some churches post their alabaster goal in the bulletin each week leading up to the offering and urge the people to "pray and ask what God would have you give." Other churches involve the children in this missionary endeavor. After decorating alabaster boxes, the children's church of one congregation gave a "pep talk" to the

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adults about the importance of Alabaster. Another church used decorated Pringles cans. The children circulated through the congregation and paused in front of each adult until everyone had given.

The Alabaster offering is more than fund raising. It's educating all ages about the importance of holiness evangelism around the world!

March: Easter Offering

from the Nazarene NMI web site

Stewardship Ministries provides a multitude of resources to assist local churches in promoting the Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism Fund (WEF). Offerings. Promotional material specific to the Easter Offering is available to be downloaded or printed, free of charge, and can be found on the Easter Offering page of the Stewardship Ministries website. Some of these resources include posters, bulletin inserts, clip art, and PowerPoint. (<http://www.nazarene.org/ministries/NFS/stewardship/offering/easter/display.aspx>)

Offering envelopes and posters to promote the World Evangelism Fund are now available, free of charge, through the Nazarene Publishing House.

The "HOPE Offering for World Evangelism" envelope design will be used through 2009 and can be ordered at any time. Any left over envelopes can now be used in your pew pocket to promote the World Evangelism Fund year round. The envelope set-up and printing charges are free to all churches.

Betty's Bits & Pieces

NMI Scholarship Fund

Do you have a high school senior or college freshman with a call to missions in your church? The district NMI uses bank interest to fund a scholarship for students attending (or will attend) a Nazarene college or university. Scholarship applications are due January 31st. Forms are available on the Central Ohio NMI web page at <http://www.conaz.org/departments/nmi/documents/NMI-Scholarship.pdf>.

New Years Resolutions

World Evangelism Fund Support

As of December 10th, the district only shows just over 54 percent of our WEF goal paid. Encourage your church to do their best to support our missionaries. Congratulations to Chester, Marietta First and The Plains-Athens Community for having already completely (or over) paid their World Evangelism Fund budget as of the Dec 10th posting.

Increase Missionary Awareness

Consider having a missionary speak at your church. To schedule one of the following speakers contact District Deputation Secretary, Frances Collins at 9339 York Rd SW, Pataskala, OH 43062, 740-927-4435, 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

Work & Witness Participation

While foreign trips are a great option for expanding a church's view of missions, local projects can be equally rewarding. Consider arranging day projects to assist your local community or join other churches to aid some of our needs on the district level. Contact the district office to find out about these opportunities.

Welcome

Karen Woods – Ironton Zone Coordinator

Bill Vinson – District Administrative Assistant

Child Sponsorships

Ron Stoll has 24 profiles from all over the world of children who are available for sponsorships. He has to turn them back February 20th. So if any of your people are interested in this ministry opportunity, please contact Ron via email at ljscrafts@columbus.rr.com.

Upcoming Events

Zone Rallies – Mar 11-25

Encourage your church to attend your local rally. You should be receiving additional information from your zone coordinator.

| Date | Zone - Church | Date | Zone - Church |
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| 3/11 | Jackson Zone - Jackson | 3/19 | Columbus East Zone - Whitehall |
| 3/12 | Circleville Zone - Circleville First | 3/20 | Columbus West Zone - Hilliard |
| 3/13 | Logan Zone - Logan | 3/23 | Portsmouth Zone - Cornerstone |
| 3/16 | Newark Zone - Pataskala | 3/24 | Ironton Zone - Ironton First |
| 3/17 | Zanesville Zone - Zanesville First | 3/25 | Gallipolis Zone - Gallipolis First |
| 3/18 | Marietta Zone - Marietta First | | |

District Convention – Apr 22-23, Grove City

This isn't limited to pastors, presidents, and delegates. Consider bringing members to the Wednesday night program which will interest people of all ages.

General Convention – Jun 24-26, Orlando

This also isn't limited to delegates. If your church cannot attend then please consider church prayer for the proceedings.

Radical Rehab – Jul 18

Get this on your church calendar. The 2nd annual event will occur during camp meeting. There will be service opportunities for teens, men, and women as well as a mission program for children. Registration is required for each service participant. More information will be available at District Convention.

Children's Rally for All Zones – Jul 18, with Josh & Robyn Allen

The Allens are new missionaries to Russia and one of our district Link assignments for this year and next. If your church has the Allens, this is an especially wonderful opportunity to put a live face to missions for your children. This will replace the fall rallies so don't miss out thinking there will be an opportunity later in the year.

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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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.

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| 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.

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).

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.

Global Glimpses is also going electronic. Current versions are available from the headquarters web site at <http://www.nazarenemissions.org/10038/story.aspx> with archives available via a link on the left side.