



**WAPAC Local NMI Presidents Handbook**  
2025-2026

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# Yes, You Can!

I don't know if you needed to see those three words above, but from the get-go, I want to underscore that we are all in this together.

Maybe you've been serving as your church's Nazarene Missions International (NMI) President for years. Maybe you love it immensely and are so excited to share what you've learned over your time in the role. Or maybe you're wondering how long you can keep doing this with everything you've got going on. Perhaps you're contemplating bringing another person alongside you to learn what NMI entails. Or maybe you were just elected to (or even "voluntold" for) this role. It might seem a little overwhelming as you begin to figure out all that this role entails. You may have had help to prepare you for this role, or maybe you're stepping up to take on something with little or no direction.

Regardless of where you find yourself, my job as WAPAC NMI District President is to help you, because your job is very important in your church!

What job is that? You are tasked with mobilizing your church for missions. It may seem like your effort is wasted, that nobody cares. It may seem that things have always been done the same way and there is resistance to new ideas. Put all of that out of your head! We are just to be faithful to sow the seed of God's call to missions. There must be a time of sowing before the harvest, and we trust that God is at work germinating that seed and helping it spring to life at just the right time.



Every missionary, every pastor, every leader in your church (including you!), every person who has committed their life to God had a seed planted in their life that grew to what they are today. God will build his kingdom. Keep the faith! You just focus on spreading that seed!

If you have questions or need resources, please let me know.

Thank you for your willingness to serve God in this capacity! Together, let us continue to ask God to expand our vision for his mission in the world.

Blessings,

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# WAPAC District Resources

## Getting Current Information

### WAPAC NMI Website

This dedicated website is our WAPAC resource for Nazarene Missions International. It includes our missions priorities, WAPAC-related projects, and other important information for you. Check it out: [www.wapacnmi.org](http://www.wapacnmi.org). If it is missing a resourced that you'd find helpful, please let us know.

### WAPAC NMI Notes

This monthly newsletter is distributed by email and contains timely information for you to know and share with your church. If you have not yet received it, we do not have your email. To get added to the distribution list, email [WaPacNMIPresident@gmail.com](mailto:WaPacNMIPresident@gmail.com).

### Facebook

As one of our most timely communication sources, our Facebook page includes updates from our LINKS missionaries, learn NMI "facts" on a weekly basis, see what other churches are doing to generate ideas for your own church, and much more. The information contained on this page is easy to share from your own Facebook page. Join our WAPAC NMI Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/wapacnmi](http://www.facebook.com/groups/wapacnmi).

### Instagram

We have a WAPAC NMI Instagram account: [www.instagram.com/wapacnmi](http://www.instagram.com/wapacnmi)

## NMI Council

### Officers:

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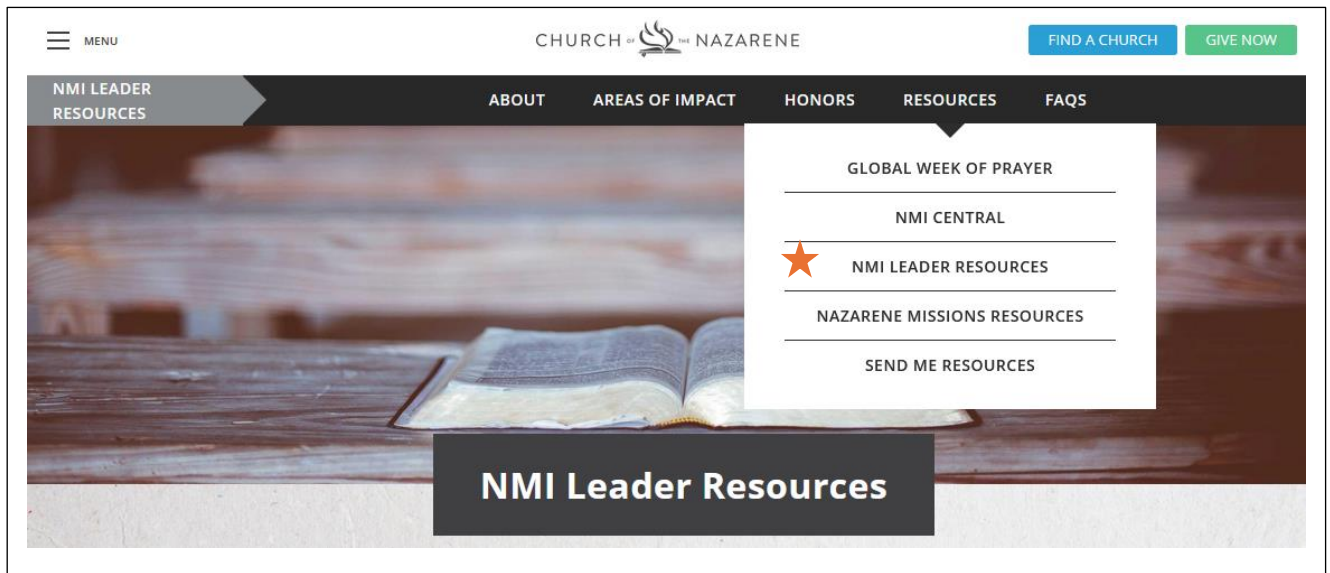
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# USA/Canada Regional Resources

## NMI Online

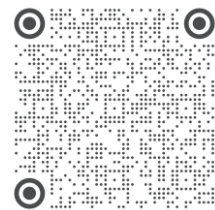
So much information about NMI is available online at [www.nazarene.org/nmi](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi). You are encouraged to explore this site. Under “Resources” are helpful tools for you, including promotional videos, stories, PowerPoint presentations, bookmarks, posters, flyers, logos and more. Resources are available in the top 5 languages of the Church of the Nazarene, including English, Spanish, Portuguese, French and Korean.

The site also includes information about our missions work, history of NMI, areas of impact, world areas, missionaries and projects, and answers to frequently asked questions.



## NMI Central

We invite you (and anyone who is interested!) to sign up for a weekly email publication focusing on the work of the Church of the Nazarene around the world (available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French). Every week, it contains stories, prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries, ways you can get involved



NMI Central also contains a monthly kids resource: Kids Kaleidoscope; this comes out in NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month with great ideas to incorporate for kids.

Sign up today: <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-resources/nmi-central>

## The Foundry

The Church of the Nazarene’s publishing company is The Foundry. Numerous NMI resources are available on this site, including Alabaster boxes, missions offering collection cards for children, Faith Promise commitment cards, group study curriculum, brochures, ebooks, audio books, posters and more. Visit <https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=NMI>

# What is Nazarene Missions International?

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) is the organization for mobilizing the local church in missions in the Church of the Nazarene and the denomination's representative for missions on the district and in the local church.

Since 1915, NMI has served Christ and his mission through the Church of the Nazarene in making Christlike disciples in the nations. NMI supports those called to go and serve as Nazarene missionaries, and NMI provides a place of service for those called to stay and support missions through their local church.

## NMI Purpose

NMI is the global missions advocate in every local church. The purpose of NMI is to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through praying, giving, educating, and engaging children and youth.



NMI is focused on the multicultural and multigenerational strategic objectives of being united in vision and moving forward in action, for the purpose of making an impact on the world for Jesus.

Nazarene Missions International:

- Helps produce missionaries.
- Assists in sending missionaries to the field.
- Supports missionaries on the field.
- Educates individuals and congregations as to the missionaries' work on the field.
- Welcomes and hosts missionaries when they return for home assignment.
- Helps equip missionaries to return to the field.
- Prays for missionaries at home and abroad.
- Helps provide for retirement needs.

We are all needed to further our missions work in the world!

## NMI Logo

Prayer, WEF, Alabaster, and Engaging Children and Youth are represented in our logo by the four different-colored sections meeting together in a circle. Connecting churches and missionaries through Links is represented by the lines coming together, unifying our focus as we are united in our vision.



The full circle reminds us we are a global (international) organization with actions and impact affecting the entire world. The intersecting lines form a cross at the center because the message of the Cross is the main focus of NMI as we tell the story.

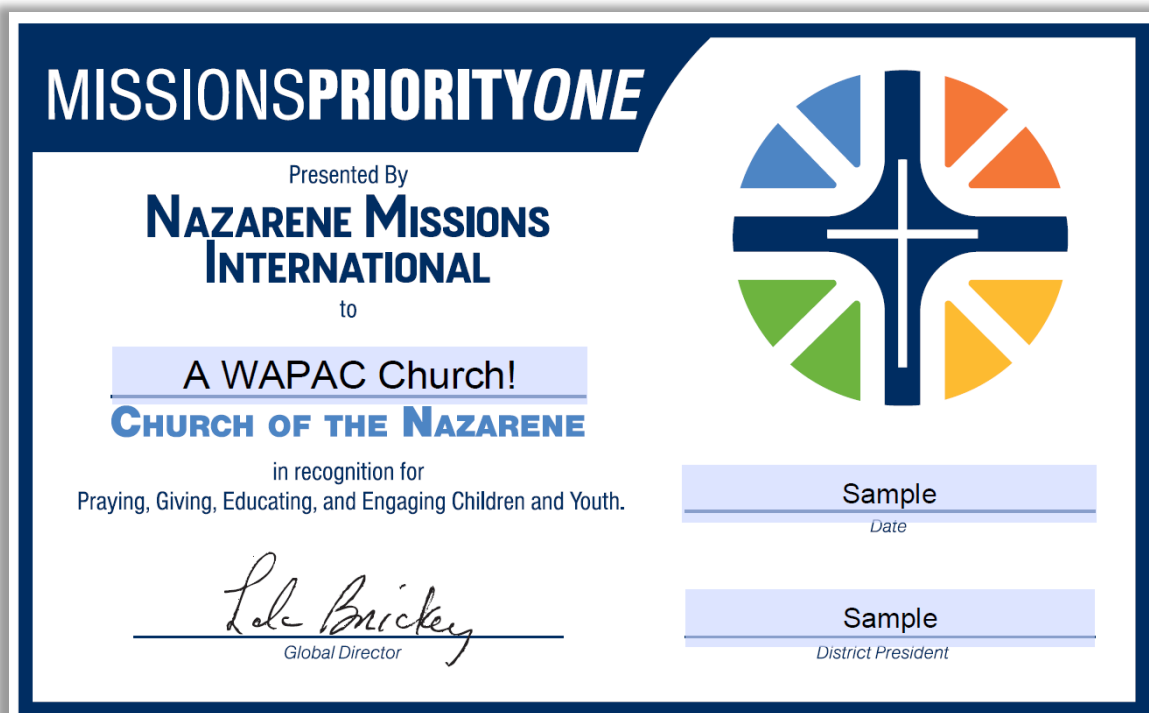
## NMI Five Areas of Impact

NMI focuses on five strategic areas where the local church can have maximum impact on missions in the Church of the Nazarene.

1. NMI gathers believers together for **Prayer** in the local church, linking us to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe.
2. The **World Evangelism Fund** fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining gifts from each person and church to fund ministries everywhere.
3. Through the **Alabaster Offering**, ministries around the world receive funds to purchase property and buildings.
4. We want to **Engage Children and Youth** through education and fostering calls to missions.
5. **Care & Connection** strategically connects Nazarene missionaries and Nazarene churches through prayer, personal contact, and generous giving.

The Five Areas of Impact were created for local presidents to better focus each year on the five priorities of NMI. Once a church has participated in these five areas and reported it on their end of year report, the local church will be acknowledged as a **Missions Priority One** church! This award demonstrates a more comprehensive commitment to missions than just the World Evangelism Fund.

Focusing on these five areas is the first step your church can take toward deeper involvement in missions. Every church is encouraged to participate in these five areas, and then supplement them with your own congregation's additional areas of interest for missions. By making missions a priority, we demonstrate God's passion for all people.



# WAPAC NMI Goals for 2025

As we all work on behalf of Nazarene Missions International, here are the seven goals for the WAPAC District in 2025. All of these goals are achievable! Information on the following pages will help you lead this work in your church.

## Goals Related to the NMI Five Areas of Impact

1. **Every church on WAPAC will join in praying for missions!** We are to pray for those who have not yet heard about Jesus. We are to pray for people to share the good news. We are to pray for people who are working for the Lord—for their ministry, their needs, their families and more. We are to pray for the strengthening of believers. We can *and should* all do this. Please join us this year in praying for missions.
2. **Every church on WAPAC will give to the World Evangelism Fund!** Join us this year in upholding our commitments (approved at District Assembly!) to support the World Evangelism Fund, which funds so much of the heartbeat of the Church of the Nazarene.
3. **Have 78% of our churches on WAPAC receive an Alabaster Offering (an increase of 10% from 2024)!** Through the Alabaster offering, ministries around the world receive funds to purchase property and buildings. Receiving an offering for people to support Alabaster gives people an opportunity to contribute to these physical property needs. Alabaster funds are even used in the United States. For example, following natural disasters like hurricanes and floods, Alabaster funds help churches rebuild. Will you present an Alabaster giving opportunity in your church?
4. **Every church on WAPAC will engage children and youth in missions!** We do this to educate and nurture our young people as they seek to respond to God's call. Not everyone is called to local missions, just as not everyone is called to global missions. In Mark 16, Jesus commands that we "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Let us continue sharing this with generations to come, so that all may hear and respond as God places a call on their lives.
5. **Have participation from 91% of our churches (an increase of 10%) in caring for and connecting with our missionaries!** Connect with our Links missionaries or invite missionaries who are on home assignment to come speak at your church! Bring people together in support of God's work in the world, learn what's happening, and help us support and encourage our missionaries.

## Additional Goals

1. **Each church give \$300 to the District Project in the Philippines!** Financial support for this project counts toward your church's 10% missions giving.
2. **For our 2025-2027 Children's Project, raise \$14,000 in funds (over two years) to support Shechem Children's Home** through renovations to the kitchen, new paint, and new appliances, new bedroom furniture for the children, weighted blankets, sensory room equipment, and play equipment.



# 2025-2026 WAPAC NMI Calendar

*Suggested planning for your church year!*

## June 2025

- Receive a World Mission Broadcast offering

## Summer 2025

- Work with Children's leaders to receive an offering during VBS or Sunday School to support our Children's Project

## July 10, 2025

- Links: Ruby Height birthday

## July 27, 2025

- Links: Jeremy & Reetu Height anniversary

## September 2025

- Consider receiving an Alabaster offering

## September 1, 2025

- Grant review deadline

## September 13, 2025

- Save the date! NMI Training with our Links missionaries Arnel & Christine Jotiz

## September 14, 2025

- Links: Kavya Height birthday

## November 23, 2025

- Receive a Thanksgiving offering for WEF

## January 1, 2026

- New Links missionaries announced (for January 1 – December 31, 2026)
- Plan your Faith Promise event

## February 2026

- Consider receiving an Alabaster offering
- Start collecting Crisis Care Kits for District Assembly

## February 1, 2026

- Grant review deadline

## February 5-18, 2026

- Pray for our WAPAC Nazarene Mission Team to the Philippines, their work, and the people they engage.

## March 1-7, 2026

- Global Week of Prayer

## March 15, 2026

- Local NMI Presidents Report Due

## April 5, 2026

- Receive an Easter offering for WEF

# What is My Role as Local NMI President?

## Engaging Your Church in Missions

As the NMI President in your local church, you are a member of your local church board who actively participates in the efforts of your local church to ensure the mission of God to "*Go and make disciples of all nations*" is lived out. Your role is to direct and facilitate the work of NMI in your church in cooperation with the pastor, church board and local NMI council to ensure that every person in your church has a deep passion to share Jesus with others in our communities and around the world. Read more about your role in the NMI Constitution at <https://tinyurl.com/NMI-Constitution> (pages 342-364 of the *Manual*, and with specific responsibilities on page 359).

You, along with the NMI Council in your church, are focused on supporting our NMI five areas of emphasis (Prayer, Alabaster, World Evangelism Fund, Engaging Children & Youth, Care & Connection). These are areas in which every church can participate, regardless of size, location or language.

You serve an important role, including:

- Encouraging people to pray for all efforts of world evangelism
- Informing people of the world's needs and what we are doing to meet those needs
- Challenging children and youth to actively learn about the mission of the Church
- Raising funds for the mission's outreach
- Nurturing a spirit of missions and mobilizing people into action



## Form an NMI Council in Your Church

**The local church should have an NMI Council.** Why would this be? A couple of reasons. First, no one should carry all the work themselves; we help others become engaged in the work of missions by taking an active role. Second, this provides opportunity for people of all ages to participate by brainstorming, planning, and bringing to fruition the work of NMI. When one person carries the load, people often don't engage because everything is "handled."

**My church is small; what do I do?** First, remember that all members of the Church of the Nazarene are members of Nazarene Missions International. The NMI Council is outlined more in the NMI Constitution (<https://tinyurl.com/NMI-Constitution>, starting on page 343). It could include a president and the number of officers and/or council members as agreed upon by the NMI president and the lead pastor, according to the needs and size of the church. If you have three people in your church, and you are the president, one of the others could take on an area of leading missions prayer, for example, or connecting with our Links missionaries.

**What can you do this month?** With the new church year barely underway, consider the NMI priorities for the year ahead, considering the 5 areas of impact for NMI (prayer, World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster, Care & Connection with missionaries, and engaging children and youth). Bring people together as you lead this work in your church. Delegate some tasks (or, if you're not quite ready to let go of all the duties, let people shadow and learn from you). Encourage those serving alongside you.

## Attend the District Assembly Missions Gathering

At District Assembly each year, we will have a break-out session for NMI. Outgoing and incoming local NMI presidents, along with any pastors from your church, are invited to attend. This is an important meeting for learning about current missions work and how your church can participate. We also provide missions resources.

## Facilitating a Call to Missions

Are you or someone you know feeling a call to missions? Talk to your pastor about it. Check out opportunities to respond to such a calling: <https://opportunities.nazarene.org>

## Educational Opportunity

We will hold a fall WAPAC NMI Training Day to help all local NMI Presidents strengthen their missions work in their local church.

Details and an agenda are forthcoming. However, among other great programming, we are delighted to feature our 2025 Links missionaries, Arnel and Christine Jotiz from Cambodia!

Please save the date for Saturday, September 13, and plan to join us!



## Complete NMI Reports for Your Church

Please complete the **Local NMI President Report** on the WAPAC website for your church in alignment with the reporting deadline set by the District each year. This generally should be by mid-March (latest!) so that all reports can be finalized before District Assembly.

Your Pastor may have to enter the information for you on the District website, but the information you will need to report on includes:

- Number of NMI Members (all Church of the Nazarene members in your church!)
- Number of NMI associate members (those who engage with NMI, but aren't church members)
- Questions related to NMI's Areas of Impact:
  1. Did your church PRAY for needs around the world as well as missionaries?
  2. Did your church give to Alabaster?
  3. Did your church pray for and connect with Nazarene missionaries this year?
  4. Did your church engage children and youth in missions? (If your congregation is without children or youth, would you have engaged them?)
  5. Did your church meet or exceed its World Evangelism Fund allocation?
    - WEF allocation amount: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Amount actually given to WEF: \_\_\_\_\_

*Only if you answered "yes" to all 5 of the preceding questions, you may answer in the affirmative that you are a Mission Priority One Church (all goals met!).*

- Is there an adult, youth, or child from your church considering a call to missions service?
- Did your church give at least 5.7 percent of its income to World Evangelism Fund? *If so, you are considered a "World Evangelism Church of Excellence."*

## Area of Emphasis: Prayer

Our NMI first area of emphasis is Prayer. NMI gathers believers together for prayer in the local church, linking us to our brothers and sisters in the Christ across the globe. Many times people feel that they have nothing to offer missions. The reality is that every believer can contribute to missions in a significant way through prayer. James 5:16 tells us that the “The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” God is listening!



- **We are to pray for those who have not yet heard about Jesus.** “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone... This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1,3-4)
- **We are to pray for people to share the good news.** “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38).
- **We are to pray for people who are working for the Lord, asking for their protection.** “No weapon that is fashioned against you shall prosper, and you shall confute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, says the Lord” (Isaiah 54:17). You can view our missionary profiles with prayer requests here: <https://give.nazarene.org/category/missionaries>
- **We are to pray for the strengthening of believers.** “To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thessalonians 1:11).

### Specific Prayers for Missionaries

- Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel, new ministries, and times when fear may come.
- Pray for the people they are ministering to that their hearts would be open.
- Pray for their education, as many are learning new languages, customs of the place they are serving, and building sustainability.
- Pray for their families, both immediate family and those they are far away from.
- Pray for their personal needs, physical and mental strength, strong relationships, time with family, effective use of time, and opportunities to relax.
- Pray for the virtues of perseverance, strength, wisdom, and peace.
- Pray for their protection.
- Pray for intimacy with Jesus.


## How Can Your Church Participate In Prayer?

Remember our missionaries (Links and otherwise) throughout the year in prayer. Many are often facing troubled times in the places in which they serve. They seek to be peacemakers and agents of transformation. They need your support through intercession. View all of our missionary profile pages and their prayer requests here:

<https://nazarene.org/missionary-profiles>


Another idea is to use the weekly NMI resource that is emailed out on Wednesdays. Each week, NMI Central features a different country, region or theme. This resource also includes prayer requests. It is a great touch point for your church and another way to bring the church together in prayer.

### Eurasia Region




### Pakistan

Much of modern-day Pakistan, the fifth-most populace country in South Asia, spreads over a wide region known as the Indus Valley. Here, one of the oldest civilizations in the world, the Indus Valley civilization, emerged and thrived from 5,000 B.C. During the second millennium, remnants of this civilization and culture were fused with the migrating Indo-Aryan peoples crossing these territories for trade and settlement. Subsequently, Persians, Greeks, Scythians, Arabs, Afghans, and Turks have introduced their cultures into the mix. The Mughal Empire flourished in the 16th and 17th centuries, and the British came to dominate the region in the 18th century. The 1947 partition of British India into the Muslim state of Pakistan (with West and East sections) and largely Hindu India generated tensions between the countries to this day. The Church of the Nazarene registered and established work in Pakistan in 1996. The future is bright!




#### PRAYER

- Pray that God would continue to bless the work in Pakistan and prompt his people to works of compassion, love, and grace that will make a difference.
- Pray that God will grant wisdom to church leadership as they care for their congregations and communities.
- Pray for the safety of the Christian community in Pakistan and for Pakistan as a nation currently struggling with economic and political crises.
- Pray for the Church of the Nazarene in Pakistan as it seeks to move into new areas to bring the love of Jesus.




#### PRAISE


- Praise God that there is growth in every area of the Church in Pakistan and for the encouragement of the Holy Spirit for the work.
- Praise God for three ordained women in the Pakistan District.
- Praise God for the message of scriptural holiness and the practical and impactful ways it is lived out in communities by Nazarenes.



24,563 Members



284 Fully Organized Churches



52 District Licensed and 32 Ordained Ministers on 1 District

## Example from NMI Central

## Ideas for Praying for Missions:

- Post missions-related prayer requests on the fridge, by the stove or on a bathroom mirror to draw them to mind regularly.
- Draw an outline of a hand on a notebook and write missions-related prayer requests for each day.
- Pray with a Sunday School class or small group for specific mission requests.
- Ask your pastor to include a weekly missions-focused prayer request in the bulletin.
- One Sunday a month, take a few minutes during the worship service to pray for your LINKS families. This will help the full church learn their names and be aware of their prayer needs.

For other information about incorporating prayer for missions into your church life, visit [www.wapacnmi.org/prayer](http://www.wapacnmi.org/prayer).

## Global Week of Prayer

From the beginning, Nazarene Missions International (NMI) has been praying for the work of the global church. As a global denomination that ministers in 165 world areas, we strive to be connected and lift each other up in prayer.

This desire is not unique to the Church of the Nazarene. A heart for missions and the work of God's kingdom here on earth has always been the heartbeat of the church. Beginning in 1887, there was a call to prayer for missions that bloomed into the World Day of Prayer. This movement is global and stretches across denominations. The World Day of Prayer falls on the first Friday of March every year.

In 1996, Nazarene Missions International joined this movement by observing a week of prayer focused on joining together as Nazarenes all around the world to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer. We are also joining with our brothers and sisters outside of the Church of the Nazarene by observing our week of prayer the same week as the World Day of Prayer. In 2026, the Global Week of Prayer is March 1-7.

On the NMI Global Week of Prayer website, you can find both adult and children's booklets to help people of all ages come together in prayer. Download the free resources at <https://nazarene.org/nmigwp>. New resources for the 2026 Global Week of Prayer are typically provided in January.



Thank you for participating in and encouraging your church to join in the Global Week of Prayer! May this week be a sacred time as we serve as the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.

## Area of Emphasis: World Evangelism Fund

The World Evangelism Fund (WEF) fuels the Church of the Nazarene's mission by combining gifts from each person and church to fund ministries everywhere. Every church is asked to give a portion of their yearly tithes/offerings for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

Giving our 'tithe' means giving the first 10% of our income. When we give 10%, we aren't just giving *to* God, we are acknowledging that everything we have is God's to begin with: it's *from* Him. Churches also demonstrate this by "tithing" on their tithe. In the Church of the Nazarene, we use this to support world evangelism.



This model of tithing is embraced by the local church in supporting missions, including a church WEF allotment and Ten Percent Giving. Learn more and access resources at <https://nazarene.org/wef>.

### What Your Giving Through WEF Accomplishes

WEF is how we fuel our global mission in the Church of the Nazarene. First and foremost, it funds our missionaries around the world. Many missionaries also receive medical insurance, a pension plan and other valuable benefits. But that is the tip of the iceberg!

Your giving through WEF provides resources and literature in over 90 languages to churches all over the world, including resources for pastors and Bible-based teaching materials for children, youth and adults. Your giving funds clergy development and ordination, making holiness education available worldwide through Nazarene institutions of higher education.

Through your giving, new congregations worldwide are able to positively impact their communities. Pastors and leaders are trained and equipped to serve in these churches. Further, the Church of the Nazarene develops and sustains worldwide communication, technology support and mission endeavors so that the unreached may hear the gospel. In addition, Nazarene Missions International (NMI), Nazarene Youth International (NYI), Nazarene Missions Teams and similar ministries are supported by WEF.

Sometimes it can be hard to trust God when we give. But God is faithful, and we trust he will steward these funds better than we will. Join us this year in upholding our commitments to support the World Evangelism Fund, which funds so much of the heartbeat of the Church of the Nazarene.

### My Church's WEF Allotment

All Nazarene churches are expected to contribute 5.5% of total tithes received to the World Evangelism Fund, which is more than halfway to that 10% for world missions goal.

#### **Example:**

A church receives \$100,000 in tithes each year. It's WEF allotment is \$5,500.

When your church gives, the money goes to the [General Treasurer's Office](#) where the funds are distributed to various regions, missionaries, and ministries around the globe. The World Evangelism Fund not only provides ministries on the ground with the monies they need, but the



money is used to ensure that legal, federal, and support needs are met so that ministries are as safe as possible and can be sustained for years to come.

A few examples of where funds are utilized:

- WEF supports more than 600 missionaries and key national works as they work in more than 160 world areas / countries.
- It provides financial help to more than 300 district organizations supporting more than 30,000 churches.
- It finances Gospel literature production in almost 100 languages.
- It is a lifeline for 43 Bible colleges and seminaries with almost 10,000 students, and for 3 vocational and training colleges with more than 200 students.
- It makes possible elementary and secondary schools serving almost 60,000 children.
- It supports more than 60 medical clinics and 2 Nazarene hospitals.
- WEF supports pensions for nearly 300 retired missionaries.

The easiest way for your church to pay its WEF allotment in full is to contribute monthly or quarterly based on the tithes and offerings your own church brings in.

Learn more about the World Evangelism Fund: [www.wapacnmi.org/wef](http://www.wapacnmi.org/wef)

## Ten Percent Approved Specials

If we are following the model of tithing, each church would give 10% of its received tithes as a world missions goal. WEF giving is 5.5% of that goal. Churches can give to other world mission approved specials throughout the year to reach that 10%.

Ten Percent giving is an endorsement of particular ministries and projects in our global church. These ministries and projects called Approved Nazarene Mission Projects provide an opportunity for churches and individuals to support specific ministries while providing a form of recognition for their ministry support. Recognition is recorded when the funds are reconciled in Global Treasury Services.

For example, all missionaries, whether sent on a global or sponsored deployment, benefit from World Evangelism giving. However, they are also responsible for raising a portion of their own support, which we call **deputation**. When you give to a missionary's deputation fund, they use it for things like travel expenses, purchasing a vehicle, ministry expenses, and educational needs for their children, among other specifically defined uses. This deputation given is not a part of a church's WEF giving, but does count as an approved special.

Other approved specials include our WAPAC Children's Project, Alabaster offerings, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, and Jesus Film Harvest Partners, registered Nazarene Missions Team projects, registered Compassionate Ministry Centers, and World Mission Broadcast, among others. You can search for projects to determine if they are approved specials here: <https://give.nazarene.org/category/global-missions-projects>

Giving toward approved specials reduces a church's tithe income. For example:

If a church has offerings totaling \$100,000 in a year, their WEF allotment is 5.5% (\$5,500 of that \$100,000).

If that church gives to \$1,000 for missionary deputation, \$750 for Alabaster, and \$703 for the WAPAC Children's Project, the total of approved specials is \$2,453. These reduce



the church's "income" through tithes to \$97,547. So the WEF allotment is 5.5% of that new "income" amount (or \$5,365.09).

If you are unsure about the status of a ministry, please call 800-544-8413 to find out more.

## Church of Excellence

If your church gives over 5.7% of its tithe (or an additional \$1500, whichever is less) to the World Evangelism Fund, your church is designated a Church of Excellence. WEF giving beyond 5.5% is invested in new world areas and new works in the USA and Canada.

### Mailing in Missions Funds?

Please note the updated address below! (Funds no longer go to a PO Box!)

Global Ministry Center  
Attn. Donor Services  
17001 Prairie Star Parkway  
Lenexa, KS 66220

Or submit online: <https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission>

## Faith Promise

The Church of the Nazarene acknowledges that Faith Promise giving is a biblical method used by many local churches for raising financial support for world evangelism. The main priority is reaching the world for Christ through the payment of a church's allotment for the World Evangelism Fund.

A Faith Promise is a FAITH commitment between a person and God to give above and beyond their tithe to the local church to support missions. Through Faith Promise, people are promising to give to God's mission around the world whatever he lays on their heart to give.



If Faith Promise funds are to be used for other missions projects (e.g., local projects, Alabaster, Nazarene Missions Team, Jesus Film, etc.) in addition to WEF, it must be clearly stated for your congregation how much will go to WEF and where the other funds go. Transparency is important!

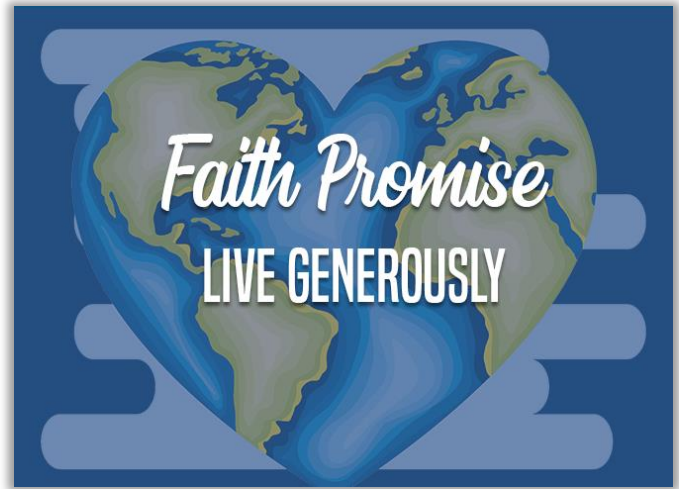
Faith Promise is NOT to be confused with:

- Tithe: A Faith Promise offering is a love gift to God, given beyond one's tithe.
- A Substitute for Missions Offerings: In addition to Faith Promise, opportunities should be given for people to give to missions. Such offerings allow those not participating in Faith Promise to give to missions. For those who are giving to Faith Promise, it provides additional opportunity to give as the Holy Spirit leads. Additional missions offerings include (but are not limited to) Alabaster, Jesus Film Harvest Partners, World Mission Broadcast, Nazarene Compassionate Missions, deputation and so forth.

## Planning a Faith Promise Event

To help people think through their own Faith Promise beyond their regular tithes and offerings, it is strongly encouraged that you hold an event (generally right before the start of your church's fiscal year).

Bring in an inspirational missions speaker (it doesn't have to be for the Sunday morning service!). Share the need to support Nazarene world missions efforts, and identify that supporting missions is an offering of thanks to God and a commitment to participate in his kingdom work in the world. Encourage people to complete Faith Promise response/pledge cards (they keep the portion with their name!).



Visit [www.wapacnmi.org/faithpromise](http://www.wapacnmi.org/faithpromise) to get ideas for planning a Faith Promise event, for help in arranging a Faith Promise speaker, and to access resources!

## Special Offerings

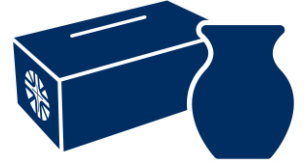
The **Easter Offering** and **Thanksgiving Offering** for the World Evangelism Fund have been a part of the Church of the Nazarene's history for nearly 100 years. The offerings provide the financial support the global church needs to fulfill its mission worldwide.

Encourage your church to take part in these annual offerings. Learn more at: <https://nazarene.org/generosity-easter-offering>



## Area of Emphasis: Alabaster

Churches lay the foundation through Alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year. Every Alabaster project is a joint effort of local contribution and labor, combined with global love and support in bringing tangible presence and a sense of long-term commitment to a community. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.



Through the Alabaster offering, ministries around the world receive funds to purchase property and buildings around the world (including in the United States).

- Purchase a property or convert property into a church gathering space
- Purchase or build a church building or parsonage
- Meet initial costs for renting a church meeting space for a limited period of time
- Purchase or build regional or field missions facilities (e.g., hospitals or schools)
- Build or repurpose buildings on Bible college campuses

Churches are encouraged to plan to receive an Alabaster offering when it is most convenient for the church calendar. These offerings are **over and beyond WEF**. When a local church gives these offerings through the appropriate channels, the church will receive credit for 10% given.

### How did this offering come about?

Following the end of World War II, in the late 1940s, the Church of the Nazarene was experiencing a need for more missions funding. At a meeting of the Global NMI Council, Elizabeth Venum was asked to find a way to raise funds for land purchases and building construction needs around the world.

As she rode the train home from that council meeting, she said the Lord gave her the details for the Alabaster Offering. The offering was based on the story of the woman pouring perfume on Jesus from a container carved from soft alabaster stone (Luke 7:37-38). Building on that biblical story, Nazarenes were asked to put off buying new perfume for themselves or postpone purchasing something for themselves and to give that money in the Alabaster Offering instead.

In much the same way that the woman gave her bottle of perfume to Jesus, we have been called to pour out a lavish offering for others. Alabaster was first promoted using this phrase: **"Give up a want to meet a need."** Alabaster, an offering that for more than 75 years has been a hallmark of Nazarene generosity and sacrifice, is still achieving great things, laying foundations where people worship, heal, and learn.

### Did you know:

- Nazarenes gave US \$2.8 million for Alabaster to fund projects in 2024. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions.
- Often, Alabaster giving goes hand in hand with Nazarene Missions Teams who help build structures funded by Alabaster and the contributions of Nazarene Missions Teams. NMI assisted 355 Nazarene Missions Teams, comprised of 4,664 participants for projects.

## Alabaster Resources

[www.wapacnmi.org/alabaster](http://www.wapacnmi.org/alabaster)

## Area of Emphasis: Children & Youth

We intentionally work to engage children and youth through education and fostering calls to missions. NMI encourages every church, every district to be encourage and engage every child and every youth in the mission of God in your community and around the world.



We do this to educate and nurture our young people as they seek to respond to God's call. Not everyone is called to local missions, just as not everyone is called to global missions. In Mark 16, Jesus commands that we "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Let us continue sharing this with generations to come, so that all may hear and respond as God places a call on their lives.

It's easy to think that the generations coming after us *see* our work and are inspired by it. While that is true, we also need to talk about missions, share why we engage in missions, and encourage our younger people to consider how God is uniquely equipping them for and calling them to his work in the world. This reflects what we see in Deuteronomy 6:6-8 about diligently teaching our children and speaking to them as we walk through life together.

Five ways you can involve youth and children in missions in your church:

1. Involve them in acts of service: community meals, VBS programs, compassionate ministries projects. The mission of God has always been based on loving God and loving people; any act that shows love to people and God should be one we engage our young people in.
2. Engage them in a local work-and-witness or cross-cultural mission trip. As they express additional calls to missions, help them explore what that means.
3. Guide them on the importance of global evangelism prayer. Find specific ways to involve them in praying for different countries and needs around the world.
4. Teach the importance of giving generously and supporting world evangelism. Provide opportunities for them to earn funds, such as through a car wash, donut sale, or other service project.
5. Open God's word. Show what he says in scripture about our mission to "Go!" Share about the missionary journeys recorded in the Bible. Being missions-minded has always been part of God's plan for us.



NMI continues to encourage churches to involve children and youth in all missions endeavors and to nurture them as they seek to respond to God's call. We encourage collaboration with Nazarene Youth International (<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-youth-international>) and Nazarene Discipleship International (<https://nazarene.org/ndi>) to best engage all ages of the church. We believe

nurturing and leadership development is best done in the local church and individualized to the needs of each person.

Learn more about engaging with children and youth at [www.wapacnmi.org/next](http://www.wapacnmi.org/next).

## Children's Missions eBooks

A variety of children's missions ebooks are available at The Foundry Publishing. Churches are encouraged to provide a selection of missions books that can be read to children during Sunday School or other educational opportunities.

<https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=NMI>



## Children's Project – Shechem Children's Home

Our two-year Children's project seeks to raise \$14,000 in funds to support Shechem Children's Home through renovations to the kitchen, new paint, and new appliances, new bedroom furniture for the children, weighted blankets, sensory room equipment, and play equipment.

Shechem Children's Home is a safe house and assessment facility for the children survivors of online sexual exploitation and abuse, a horrendous form of exploitation that is emerging worldwide and finds its epicenter in the Philippines. The name Shechem is derived from the Hebrew word meaning "shoulder." The home wants to be that shoulder or refuge to these children. Learn more about this home and it's work:

<https://ncm.org/shechem>.



### How You (in NMI) Can Help!

Connect with your children's leaders to find ways to engage kids in raising these funds. Kids don't need to know the gory details of what this home is, but they can understand the need to help other kids. Work with your kids programs, such as VBS or Sunday School, to encourage a children's offering. Have contests between classrooms to see which group can raise the most funds. Challenge another church in your Zone. There are so many ways to make this fun and engaging.

Access helpful resources: [www.wapacnmi.org/childrensproject](http://www.wapacnmi.org/childrensproject)

- Kid-friendly video to share with children
- Informational flyer
- Promotional slide (1920x1080)

**Questions?** Contact our Children's Project Coordinator:

- Cindy Whiteman (Aurora): [lowellwhiteman@comcast.net](mailto:lowellwhiteman@comcast.net) or 206-817-0480

### Send project money to:

WaPac District Office (2646 RW Johnson Blvd. SW, #108, Tumwater, WA 98512), and ensure it is marked "Children's Project." Note that this is **Project #134068**.

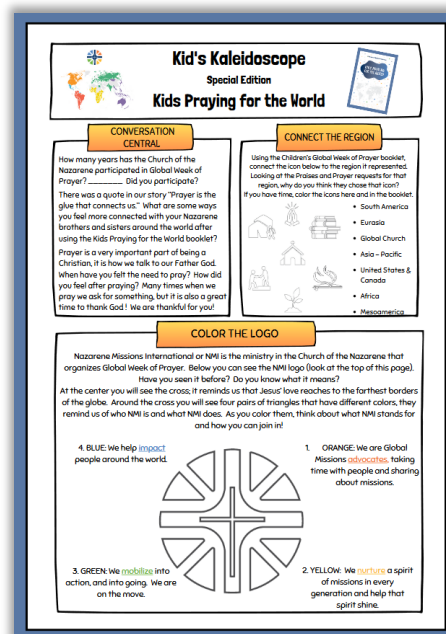


## Kids Kaleidoscope Curriculum

One way to engage with kids about missions is to use a monthly resource, called Kids Kaleidoscope. It is distributed through NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month.

This resource is created for kids ages 7-12. It includes a teacher's resource and kids activity page. The materials either reference a story included in NMI Central, or link to something on the web. It has information, activities, recipes, crafts, games and more to help you provide missions learning based on your needs and context. Use what you want from the resources provided.

For example, last June, the focus was on the Global Week of Prayer. There were directions to download a booklet that a leader could use to talk about the Global Week of Prayer. Then, the kids activity page featured questions related to the content, along with activities that underscored what was discussed. An additional teacher/leader resource included game and activity ideas to encourage active participation in praying for our church around the world.



Look for the next Kids Kaleidoscope issue in NMI Central!

Not working with kids directly? You are encouraged to share this information and resource with your church's children leadership. They also can subscribe to NMI Central!

## What is a Nazarene Missionary?

A Nazarene missionary is a Christlike disciple set apart by the Holy Spirit, prayerfully sent out by the church, and affirmed by Nazarene Missions to cross cultural barriers for the purpose of spreading scriptural holiness.

In our local churches, our NMI leaders and pastors are called to actively nurture a spirit of missions and mobilize people to action. As you learn of people (of any age!) who are feeling a call to missions or some prompting on their heart related to missions, you can help encourage them and provide them with resources. View the assortment of resources you can provide to people: <https://nazarene.org/send-me>.

Resources are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean and French. They include videos that share stories of those who have been called to missions, guides to pray through such a call, information to help people take the first steps and consider potential missionary opportunities, and much more.

Maybe you haven't heard from anyone about a call to missions. However, you can create a spark through regularly providing opportunities for people to explore on their own if they're feeling such a call.

## Area of Emphasis: Care & Connection – Supporting Our Missionaries

As one area of emphasis for NMI, we seek to strategically connect Nazarene missionaries and Nazarene churches through prayer, personal contact, and generous giving.



We have several ways to engage with our missionaries included in this section and on our website: [www.wapacnmi.org/cc](http://www.wapacnmi.org/cc).

### Deputation (Missionary Speakers)

We are continually connecting with missionaries and working on their deputation visits to WAPAC. This is a great opportunity to connect with God's work beyond our community.

What is deputation? The Church of the Nazarene funds its mission's enterprise, and supports missionary families, through the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), which is given by local churches around the world throughout the year. Missionaries supplement the WEF by traveling to their home country every few years (deputation) to raise money for specific ministry needs and projects, as well as to share with churches what God is doing around the world and inspire greater involvement with God through missions. The money they raise through deputation offerings is used for a variety of personal needs including medical expenses, vehicles and equipment for field ministry, educational benefits for the missionaries and their children, home furnishing, special mission projects, and more.

See our Deputation page at [www.wapacnmi.org/deputation](http://www.wapacnmi.org/deputation) for more current information about missionaries who are available to speak with your churches.

Remember that it is not essential to host missionaries on a Sunday or to be a large church to make their visit worthwhile! Many churches have successfully held lunchtime events, evening neighborhood barbecues and joint events with nearby churches. Missionaries appreciate opportunities to connect with small groups of interested people who want to learn more about what is happening through their field assignment. Missionaries are not concerned about the amount of the Deputation offering that might be given or the number of people in attendance—they are more interested in making personal people connections and sharing their story. What matters most is doing something instead of doing nothing.

### Guidance for Hosting a Missionary

- **Pray!** Ask God to prepare you and your group for sharing in your missionary's ministry—through prayer, giving and creating relationships with them and their families. Look for opportunities to become involved in their lives and offer support.
- **Advertise to your group.** If not provided, ask the Deputation Coordinator for biographical information and/or a picture for promoting the missionary's visit. **Be sure that if the missionary is serving in a secure area that you check with them on how to promote their visit to your church.** You may want to do some research about the country where the missionary family is serving for more information to share with your people. Your missionary may be able to provide information and photo. It's also helpful to check their Facebook account!

- **Housing.** You may need to provide housing the night (or night before) that the missionary speaks to your group. This can be in family's home, if available.
- **Meals.** Please provide necessary meals. Check with your missionary for food restrictions for all family members so they can be accommodated. Also be mindful that extended deputation visits can be hard on people trying to be healthy in their eating habits. Find healthy ways to support your missionaries.
- **Coordinate with your missionary.** Share about the technology available at your church (including type of computer and software like PowerPoint). Plan to give the missionary access to the sound/video technicians at least 30 minutes before the service.
- **Take an offering.** The offering should be sent to the Global Ministry Center in care of the missionary's deputation account. Mail to: Attn. Donor Services, Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220. Funds should be clearly marked with the missionary's full first and last names.

#### Upcoming Missionary Deputation Services for 2025-2026

- **June 15, 2025:** [Joshua and Kendall Stewardson](#), serving as sponsored missionaries in Kudjip, Papua New Guinea
- **July 20-30, 2025:** Collin & Shireen Elliott, serving as global missionaries on the Africa regional field (final home assignment; retiring after home assignment completed)
- **August 3-10, 2025:** Musa & Prudence Kunene, global missionaries in Kenya serving at Africa Nazarene University
- **September 7-14, 2025:** [Arnel & Christine Jotiz](#), serving as global missionaries on the Southeast Asia field in Cambodia (and our 2025 Links missionaries!)
- **October 5-12, 2025:** [Tim Eby](#), global missionary serving in South Africa as the Africa Region Jesus Film Coordinator
- **January 11-21, 2026:** [Ben & Hannah Ponder](#), global missionaries serving in Serbia.
- **March 15-25, 2026:** [Monte and Bethany Cyr](#), global missionaries in Guatemala and the Discipleship Ministries Regional Coordinator on the Mesoamerica Region (final home assignment; retiring after serving for 26 years in Africa, the Caribbean and the Mesoamerica Region).
- **June 7-14, 2026:** [Dr. Gift Mtukwa](#), Dean & Senior Lecturer at Africa Nazarene University. He also serves with his wife as a missionary in Kenya.
- **June 14-21, 2026:** [Larry & Lynne Bollinger](#), global missionaries serving in Philippines at Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary.



If you would like to schedule the missionaries to speak in your church, please visit [www.wapacnmi.org/deputation](http://www.wapacnmi.org/deputation) to view dates they are still available and reach out to the WAPAC NMI Deputation Coordinator.



**Did you know:** Deputation funds should not be given directly to the missionaries. Rather, they should be provided to Attn. Donor Services, Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220. Funds should be clearly marked with the missionary's full first and last names and "deputation account." (You also can submit online at <https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission>)

If the church gives the missionary \$600 or more and it does not go through their deputation account, a 1099 form must be given to the missionary. This includes for funds people call "a love" offering.

## Types of Missionaries

What is the difference between a Global Missionary and a Sponsored Missionary?

A **Global Missionary** is primarily funded by the global efforts of World Evangelism and called to serve up to a full career in the field. Affirmed by the Church of the Nazarene, Global Missionaries have prior ministry experience and still strategically serve in a global assignment wherever they are needed in the world.

A **Sponsored Missionary** is primarily funded by their local church community and called to serve a localized need in the field. Affirmed by the local church, district and Church of the Nazarene, they will serve a maximum of four years in the field and have no previous ministry experience.

Both types of missionaries are important to furthering God's work in our world. Are you or someone you know feeling a call to missions? Check out our opportunities around the world: <https://opportunities.nazarene.org>



## LINKS Missionaries

Each district is assigned district LINKS missionaries for a year (January through December).

A LINKS relationship cultivates a sense of involvement with Nazarene Missions through regular correspondence to and from missionaries, updates from their field of service, and presentations by LINKS missionaries when they are on home assignment. Your prayers, letters, gifts, and connection to our district-assigned missionaries will make a huge difference in encouraging them and the people they are reaching in the mission field!

Make sure connections go both ways. In addition to learning as much as possible about the missionaries and the fields they serve on, introduce them to your church. Share about your church, share prayer requests, and help the missionary feel connected to your local mission. Schedule video chats on occasion. Invite them to participate by video in your church's events.

The main focus of LINKS is ***praying*** for our assigned missionary: health, safety, work, connections with others, finances and so on.



Please note that monetary gifts for missionaries are processed through their deputation accounts (linked below).

To ensure the safety and privacy of missionaries, missionary address and phone information will not be shared by NMI or Global Missions. If you need this information for a missionary, please contact either your District NMI president or your District Links Coordinator.

### 2025 WAPAC LINKS Missionaries

In addition to the information provided below, learn more about our Links missionaries at [www.wapacnmi.org/links](http://www.wapacnmi.org/links). Regular updates on our LINKS missionaries are provided in WAPAC NMI Facebook group and in the WAPAC NMI monthly newsletter.

**Reetu and Jeremy Height** - global missionaries serving in Croatia on the Central Europe Field (Eurasia).

The Height family arrived in Croatia in July 2024 and it has been a (good) whirlwind of activity as they have jumped into life as a family and stepped into their ministry roles as Nazarene missionaries in Croatia and in Central Europe. They share it has also been humbling to see how God is at work in Croatia and how the faithfulness of Nazarenes around the world is leading to changed lives and new followers of Jesus in Croatia.



As Field Finance Coordinator, Reetu serves and resources the local churches and districts across the dozen countries on the Central Europe Field. Jeremy serves as the Nazarene Country Leader for Croatia and serves with local church and compassionate ministries. Prior to joining the Central Europe Field, Jeremy and Reetu have served the Church of the Nazarene in Nashville (USA), Accra (Ghana), Dakar (Senegal), and Indianapolis (USA) in various roles as missionaries,

NCM leaders, and university faculty and staff. As an ordained elder, Jeremy has also served as a pastor in a variety of local churches. The Heights are passionate about cross-cultural engagement, urban ministry, poverty alleviation, and sharing the story of God's work through the global Church.

The Heights have three young children, which keep them busy! As a family, the Heights enjoy playing board games, sharing meals with friends around their dinner table, and traveling together. They also enjoy many hobbies: Reetu: Reading, traveling, cooking, and trying new foods Jeremy: Reading (mainly theology and history books), running, writing, and board games Zane: Mario, Legos, reading books, and STEM projects Ruby: Reading, art, crafts, and Bluey Kavya: Bluey, arts and crafts, baby dolls, and cooking

### **Birthdays and Anniversary**

- Reetu: November 21
- Jeremy: April 30
- Zane: April 15
- Ruby: July 10
- Kavya: September 14
- Wedding Anniversary: July 27

They post ministry updates and prayer requests through their ministry newsletter platform (called Epistle). Subscribe here: <https://heights.epistle.org/subscribe>. They also share a monthly update video with prayer requests where Jeremy and the children share 8 prayer requests for the month. (And here you can get monthly updates and prayer requests: <https://smile.spokenote.com/access/cz8cnznfw328hqy52ppx5m54p>)

### **Preferred Contact Information**

Email:

Jeremy: [jheight@eurasiaregion.org](mailto:jheight@eurasiaregion.org)

Reetu: [rheight@eurasiaregion.org](mailto:rheight@eurasiaregion.org)

Social Media: Jeremy Sullivan Height: [www.facebook.com/jeremyheight](https://www.facebook.com/jeremyheight) (personal updates)

Learn more and deputation account: <https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/jrheight>

## **Arnel and Christine Jotiz – serving in Asia Pacific.**

The Jotiz's currently reside in Siem Reap, Cambodia, helping the district and starting pioneering work in Siem Reap City. In addition, they have other responsibilities in the Southeast Asia (SEA) field, including helping districts in the area of evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

Arnel and Christine were missionaries in Cambodia from 2008 to 2016. As missionaries they were engaged in evangelism and discipleship through teaching English to youth and children, and helped established ministry in the drug rehabilitation center in Siem Reap Province, helping drug dependents find freedom from drug addiction in



Jesus' name. Arnel and Christine also helped start the First Church of the Nazarene in Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, along with other Nazarene missionaries.

After seven years away, Arnel and Christine returned to Cambodia, helping with leadership and the growing district in the areas of development and resource identification.

Arnel and Christine have two grown children, Melody and JJ (John Jabez). The family also has two dogs, Juno and Wander, and two cats, Cloud and Sabrina. Arnel enjoys basketball, cycling, and reading. Christine's hobbies include home décor, gardening, and DIY crafting.

### **Birthdays and Anniversary:**

- Arnel - January 20
- Christine - May 16
- Melody – February 13
- JJ – May 1
- Wedding Anniversary: May 16

### **Preferred Contact Information**

Email: [ajotiz@apnaz.org](mailto:ajotiz@apnaz.org)

Social Media:

Arnel Mina Jotiz on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/arnel.jotiz>

Christine Dequito Jotiz on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090806445360>

## **Retired Missionaries**

We have five retired missionary families living on WAPAC, including:

- Fred and June Forster
- Gary and Kathy Hughes
- Daniel and Carol Ketchum
- Kathie Ketchum
- Ivan and Virginia Lathrop

These faithful servants need as much prayer as our active missionaries. Many are going through battles physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally and financially.

While they are “retired” in designation from the Church of the Nazarene, this doesn’t mean they have stopped participating in churches and ministry.

Your WAPAC NMI Council is coming alongside them in some of these areas, but we (and they) need help. Please join us in prayer for them. Pray for our retired missionaries as they continue to faithfully serve God. Lift up their physical and spiritual needs, trusting that God knows what they need before we even ask (Matthew 6:8). Pray for their encouragement. Pray for their families. And pray that their purpose will remain clear: to know God, to love him, to believe in him, and to worship him.



## Missionary Medical Plan

Missionaries often live in areas with higher health risks than in their homeland. Getting adequate health care in a global setting can also be a challenge. Even when proper care is available, the cost may be exorbitant. In some world areas, missionaries incur high travel costs to get to where they can receive needed medical attention. The Missionary Medical Plan helps provide for active and retired Nazarene missionaries and their families when medical needs and emergencies arise.



The Nazarene Missionary Medical Plan pays for insurance that typically covers diagnosis of physical conditions and diseases, dental/vision/auditory health care, evacuation by air and ground ambulance when needed, physical exams for Nazarene missionary families, treatment of childhood diseases and injuries for missionary kids, hospitalization, emergency care, prescription medications, surgical procedures, maternity care and mental health services.

There are several ways churches can support the Missionary Medical Plan.

- **Distinguished Service Award (DSA).** This is an award churches give in honor of people in their church who are living for a particular area of service (e.g., Sunday School worker, usher, staff member). Although the DSA is given through NMI, it doesn't have to be given in the service area of missions. These awards are presented by a church or a department of the church; individuals may not give this award. The cost of the DSA is \$125, and the funds go to the Missionary Medical Plan. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/NazareneDSA>
- **Memorial Roll.** This is presented by a local church, group or individual in memory of a deceased family member or friend. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church. The cost is \$75, and the funds go to the Missionary Medical Plan. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/NazareneMemorialRoll>
- **Freewill Offerings.** Your church can pick a month or week to focus on gifts to support the Missionary Medical Plan. All money given to the medical plan is used directly for Nazarene missionaries' health care and may count as 10% giving for your church. None of the money is used for administrative costs.

The Missionary Medical Plan provides comprehensive coverage to both active and retired Nazarene missionaries.

# WAPAC NMI Grants for Your Church

Through District NMI funds, we are pleased to offer three grants to support people and projects on WAPAC in alignment with our five focus areas.

1. **Together Across Generations (TAG) Grant:** This is a grant for young adults (ages 18-28) to join a Nazarene Missions Team trip. Applicants must have been members of a WAPAC church for at least 1 year prior to applying.
2. **Groups Going Glocally (G3) Missions Grant:** This grant helps provide encouragement and financial support for a youth ministry group to directly participate in local, national, or global missions and compassionate projects. Maximum grant amount is not to exceed 25% of the overall mission project experience or at the discretion of the WAPAC NMI Council. Monies can be used for transportation, supplies, food: anything that would lower the overall cost of the mission experience encouraging more youth to participate.
3. **Intentional Connecting Grant:** This is a grant to help local WAPAC Nazarene Churches reach into their neighborhoods and communities. The funds are meant to start, equip, expand, or enhance local ministries as they engage their neighborhoods and communities in Western Washington.



## Grant Applications

Access the grant applications online at [www.wapacnmi.org/grants](http://www.wapacnmi.org/grants).

Please be sure that your intended grant use aligns with the purpose articulated for each grant.

Grant applications are reviewed three times each year: February 1, May 1 and September 1. Applications received after each deadline will be reviewed as part of the next grant cycle.

# Nazarene Missions Teams

## Nazarene Missions Team: WAPAC Trip to the Philippines in 2026

WAPAC is sending a Nazarene Missions Team to the Philippines in 2026! We are excited to be working on the campus of Philippine Nazarene College in La Trinidad, Benguet.

We invite your church to financially support the project we have been asked to work on at Philippines Nazarene College. We will be renovating and updating their Hospitality Center, which receives guests and short-term mission participants. Our Nazarene Missions Team work includes (but is not limited to) adding bathrooms, painting, plumbing, putting up supporting walls inside and outside, and gardening.



The project cost is anticipated to be approximately \$20,000. While participants in the renovation project are paying for their own trip expenses, the project itself is a WAPAC project and needs financial support. Will you please consider adding funds in your church's 2025-2026 budget to support this project? It is our goal that each church on WAPAC give \$300 to the District Project in the Philippines!

Learn more about the project and the team: [www.wapacnmi.org/nmt](http://www.wapacnmi.org/nmt).

### How to Give:

1. When giving to this project, send funds directly to the District Office for "2026 Philippines Missions Trip."
2. Then, have your pastor or treasurer go to [www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission](http://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission).
3. After logging in, navigate to the "**Point to Point Giving**" (under "Track Giving"). Under category, select "**District Project**." Then, type "Washington" into the search field and select "**W&W-Washington\_Pacific\_District**." *Note: DO NOT use the "Work and Witness" category; be sure to use the "District Project" category!*
4. Enter the amount of funds you've submitted to the District Office in order to get 10% Missions Giving credit.

If you have questions about the project, please reach out to [Pastor Donabel Martin](#), our WAPAC Nazarene Missions Team Coordinator.

## Nazarene Missions Teams

You know it as “Work & Witness.” But to mark 50 years of missions work and better showcase the wider involvement of Nazarenes in projects around the world, this vital ministry is now known as **“Nazarene Missions Teams!”**

Nazarene Missions Teams captures all types of projects in which teams can participate, such as Work & Witness, emergency response, evangelism, medical missions, sports, education, compassion, and technology projects. Nazarene Missions Teams is a beautiful way to continue the legacy of the last 50 years and move into a space where more people can use their gifts and talents to serve people and places, joining the Lord and others in fulfilling his mission.



“One of the reasons we changed our name from Work & Witness to Nazarene Missions Teams is that that name implied for many that the team that went were the ones doing the work and they were also the ones doing the witnessing. In reality, the teams going are joining the work that is currently being done; they are joining in the evangelistic efforts already being carried out locally,” says Stephen Sickel, coordinator for partnerships, teams, and projects for Nazarene Global Missions.

From the beginning, it was generally true that the U.S. would send teams to the other regions. However, in the last few years, many other countries have been sending more and more teams all around the world to join God in missions there. In the past year, churches have sent 23 teams from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, South Korea, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Singapore, and Thailand to serve with other congregations seeking to establish stronger work or meet local needs in distant places.

“The name change also was needed due to stricter traveling restrictions,” Sickel explains. “If you say that you are going to do work, that changes the type of visa that is required. If you say that you will be witnessing, in some countries that is not allowed.”

In addition to the new name, the Nazarene Missions Teams registration process has had significant upgrades. Take some time to check out the Nazarene Missions Teams website at <https://nazarene.org/teams>. Find projects, resources for leading a team, trip insurance information, upcoming events, videos, and Nazarene Missions Teams logos for your church to use to customize your missions information.

Is your church planning a Nazarene Missions Team trip or are you interested in being part of one? Contact Rev. Donabel Martin at [pastordonabel@lifepointnaz.church](mailto:pastordonabel@lifepointnaz.church)



## Crisis Care Kits

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) has a legacy of hands-on participation. It was this rich heritage that resulted in the founding of NMI more than 100 years ago.

The passion to be directly involved in missions fostered the partnership between Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) and NMI, resulting in the ministry of Crisis Care Kits. These kits provide basic necessities to those who are displaced following a disaster. Thousands of Crisis Care Kits are made, stored, and distributed globally each year as needs inevitably arise around the world—such as to support refugees fleeing Ukraine due to the ongoing conflict.



While we often think of providing global help, even in our own backyard across the U.S., families are receiving basic necessities following disasters like hurricanes, tornados and flooding and more.

For example, shipments were made to Maui following the devastating wildfires, and to Tennessee and North Carolina following back-to-back devastating hurricanes in 2024. While we work together as the WAPAC District to contribute Crisis Care Kits, we rarely know where they are distributed. What truly matters is that we are stepping up to meet a need and serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

### Crisis Care Kits for District Assembly 2026

This year, we are working as a District to gather Crisis Care Kits. Can your church help? Learn more about our District goal at [www.wapacnmi.org/cck](http://www.wapacnmi.org/cck).

### Packing Instructions

Crisis Care Kit instructions and additional information are online. Learn more and stay up to date with current packing lists at [www.ncm.org/crisiscarekits](http://www.ncm.org/crisiscarekits).

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## Other Giving Opportunities

### Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) works to support local churches around the world in their efforts to actively live compassion as a lifestyle.

Following the example of Jesus, NCM partners with local congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. NCM exists in and through the Church of the Nazarene to proclaim the gospel to all people in word and deed.

**NCM Works Alongside NMI.** Nazarene Compassionate Ministries is not the same as Nazarene Missions International. However, your church is encouraged to support NCM. Funds given for NCM projects are approved specials that count toward a church's 10% giving goal. (See the WEF section for more information.) For more information about NCM, visit <https://ncm.org>.

### Child Sponsorship

The child sponsorship program is based on a Holistic Child Development model that seeks to simultaneously address key aspects of a child's life—spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social—through learning opportunities and developmental interventions. Through this model, children are encouraged to grow into the people God created them to be.

You can change the world one child at a time. Your church can sponsor a child, or families within your church can sponsor children.

Learn more: <https://ncm.org/sponsor-a-child>

### Jesus Film Harvest Partners

JFHP is a Kingdom-building ministry devoted to world evangelism through the *JESUS* film and other tools. JFHP equips and supports JESUS Film Teams of local people to do evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

Nearly 70% of the world's population lives in religiously restrictive countries. JFHP has teams showing the Jesus Film in 290 languages in 139 countries. Most of these films are shown outdoors in villages, introducing people to Jesus Christ and his transforming love.



Learn more: <https://www.jfhp.org>

## Where to Send Monies

To ensure your church gets proper credit for its WEF allotment and 10% giving goals, please ensure your offerings are sent to the right place.

Please share this page with your Church Treasurer and/or NMI Treasurer

<p><b>General Treasurer</b>  Church of the Nazarene  17001 Prairie Star Parkway  Lenexa, KS 66220</p> <p>Or submit online:  <a href="https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission">https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission</a></p>	<p><b>Funds to send:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Evangelism Fund</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Offering</li> <li>• Easter Offering</li> <li>• Faith Promise</li> <li>• Pensions &amp; Benefits</li> <li>• Prayer &amp; Fasting</li> <li>• Alabaster</li> <li>• DSA or Memorial Roll Certificate</li> <li>• Missionary Medical Plan</li> <li>• World Mission Broadcast</li> <li>• Deputation</li> <li>• LINKS Funds</li> <li>• Compassionate Ministries</li> <li>• Any 10% Approved Specials</li> </ul>
<p><b>WAPAC District Treasurer</b>  2646 RW Johnson Blvd SW, Suite 108  Tumwater, WA 98512</p>	<p><b>Funds to send:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAPAC Children's Project (10% giving credit))</li> <li>• Nazarene Missions Team funds for District NMT projects</li> </ul>

### Please Note:

Please note that monetary gifts for LINKS missionaries are processed through their deputation accounts. Also, deputation funds should not be given directly to the missionaries.

Both should be provided to Global Treasury Services, Church of the Nazarene, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220 (or submitted at [www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission](https://www.nazarene.org/funding-the-mission)). Funds should be clearly marked with the missionary's full first and last name and "deputation account."

# NMI Facts

## Living God's Mission

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 165 world areas with Belgium on the Eurasia Region recognized in 2024.
- The number of Nazarene churches in 2024 was 30,585, with over 2.78 million members, an increase of 2.11% from last year.
- In 2024, there were 473 districts and 29 pioneer areas around the world, with 31,688 credentialed clergy.\*

## Prayer for the Lost

- We encourage people to pray for all missions efforts of the Church of the Nazarene.
- Each week, NMI Central shares prayer requests and praises for a country where the Lord is working through the Church of the Nazarene. [www.nazarene.org/nmi-central](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)
- Since 1996, during the week that includes the first Friday in March, NMI has called the church to prayer through the Global Week of Prayer, with resources for adults and children in multiple languages. [www.nazarene.org/NMIGWP](http://www.nazarene.org/NMIGWP)

## Giving to World Evangelism Fund

- We inform our churches of the world's need and how the Church of the Nazarene is responding through the World Evangelism Fund. We encourage every church to faithfully participate in giving to the World Evangelism Fund.
- 50 educational institutions, including seven graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 14 liberal arts colleges/universities (13 with graduate programs), 18 undergraduate seminaries/theological colleges, eight certificate and diploma Bible colleges, two nurses training colleges, one teacher training college, and 1,023 education centers (approved extension centers) in 110 world areas had a 2023-2024 combined enrollment of 43,476 students globally.\*
- Persons in need were treated at community-based clinics and health care centers all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland).\*
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), raising \$4.8 million, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for 1,166 JFHP teams to share God's love through the story of Jesus. In 2024, teams reported over 2.3 million evangelistic contacts. Of these contacts, 688,936 indicated decisions for Christ with 394,969 new believers receiving initial discipleship follow-up. Teams started 12,866 Preaching Points in 2024.

- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise US \$38.5 million through the World Evangelism Fund during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.\*\*
- Churches globally gave US \$25.6 million for Nazarene Approved Missions Projects.\*\*
- In 2024, 109 districts gave 5.5 percent or above of their income to the World Evangelism Fund (63 of which were from regions other than the USA/Canada Region). WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.<sup>1</sup>
- Nazarenes gave US \$217,550 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB) , providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.\*\*
- NMI partnered with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to give more than US \$7.5 million for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support 10,000 children through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kids programs.\*\*

### **Giving to Alabaster**

- Churches lay the foundation through Alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year. Every Alabaster project is a joint effort of local contribution and labor, combined with global love and support in bringing tangible presence and a sense of long-term commitment to a community. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- Nazarenes gave US \$2.8 million for Alabaster to fund projects in 2024. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions.\*\*
- Often, Alabaster giving goes hand in hand with Nazarene Missions Teams who help build structures funded by Alabaster and the contributions of Nazarene Missions Teams. NMI assisted 355 Nazarene Missions Teams comprising 4,664 participants for projects.
- Alabaster videos are available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.  
<https://bit.ly/AlabasterVideo>

### **Engaging Children and Youth**

- We engage children and youth in learning about and participating in the mission of God. We collaborate with NDI and NYI to ensure that all children and youth have a spirit of missions within them.
- NMI provides Kids Kaleidoscope as part of NMI Central to help nurture a spirit of missions in children. Kids Kaleidoscope connects to the focus story in NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month. [www.nazarene.org/nmi-central](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)
- International Student Scholarship Fund (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided 85 scholarships for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.

## Providing Care and Connection to Nazarene Missionaries

- NMI provides care and connection between missionaries and local Churches of the Nazarene.
- All six regions participate in providing Care and Connection between districts and Nazarene missionaries through LINKS.
- In 2024, there were 466 missionaries originating from 60 world areas, serving in 81 countries. Of these missionaries, 339 served as global deployed and 127 were sponsored deployed. Last year, there were 38 new missionary deployments. Within these missionary families, there are 317 missionary kids.
- Nazarenes gave US \$4.2 million in deputation and missionary support offerings for missionaries.\*\*
- Missionary Health Care provided US \$336,275 in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts.\*\*
- 364 retired missionaries received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.\*

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<sup>1</sup> “New work” refers to new world areas, a geographical area, or new entities such as institutions. Pioneer areas or Phase 1 districts are considered new work. When a district reaches Phase 2, it is no longer a “new work.”

\* Supported either directly or indirectly by World Evangelism Fund (WEF).

\*\* Represents data for the fiscal year 1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024