



DO!

Virtual NMI Convention
July 11, 2020



 **NCO** NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
James 1: 22



NMI

Greetings Presidents, Pastors, and Friends of the North Central Ohio District!

Thank you for your participation in mobilizing the church in missions. The impact we are able to make in our world is significant. Your involvement in praying, engaging children and youth in missions, telling the story of changed lives and giving financially is transforming lives.

May your time today be uplifting and encouraging as you celebrate things accomplished and look forward to the future. I appreciate the leadership that Kathy is giving to your district. We have been friends for many years and my life has been enriched by her friendship.

Thank you for all you are doing connecting everyone to the mission of spreading the message of Jesus around the world. Never forget, people know Jesus because of your efforts.

Lola Brickey Global NMI Director

Welcome



Thank you to all of you who have gone the extra mile during these days to meet your financial obligations for mission. Most missionaries have stayed on the field during this time, and their work and ministry has continued, as ours has. I know they appreciate, as I do, your continued support.

I have just a few reminders before we move onto the messages of the day. First of all, even though we are not together for you to give an offering for the Armstrong's, we encourage you give to their ministry – either online or through your church. Each church has been sent information on how to do this. Also included is information on how to contribute to the Radcliffe's ministry.

Since we are not meeting together, we were unable to collect Crisis Care Kits as a district. But that doesn't mean they won't be collected! Please see your NMI president for information, or look on the NMI resources page of the NCO website – ncodistrict.org – for information on Crisis Care Kits.

If we had been together today, we would also have been raising money for the Buddy Plan, an offering we take every four years to assist NMI delegates in attending the Global Convention next summer. For many, the cost of coming to the states is more than they would earn in a year – or more. Again, check with your NMI President for more information if you wish to contribute to this fund.

Kathy Pelley
District NMI President
KathyPelley@sbcglobal.net

www.ncodistrict.org/nmi
www.ncodistrict.org/nmi-resources-for-churches

2020 Virtual NMI Convention

July 11, 2020 | Schedule

Premiering as **individual posts** at www.facebook.com/NCOhioNMI

On-Demand & available for download by July 13 at www.ncodistrict.org/VC2020

- 8:30 am Welcome
- Kathy Pelley, North Central Ohio District NMI president
- 8:45 am GLOBAL MISSIONARIES | Scott & Emily Armstrong Video 1
- 9:05 am Hospital in Papua New Guinea | Asia Pacific
- 9:15 am GLOBAL MISSIONARIES | Ben & Katherine Radcliffe & family
- 9:35 am Intentionally Reaching our Neighbors | Bless Every Home
- 9:40 am NCO IMPACT FOCUS | Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer in 5 Languages
plus, link to Adult Mission Education Lesson 1
Freedom Sunday
NCO prayer calendar & links to other prayer resources
- 9:50 am NMI IMPACT FOCUS | Children
- Shine & Serve
God's Story: Paul
Pursue God Kids: How to grow as a Christian
- 10:10 am GLOBAL MISSIONARIES | Scott & Emily Armstrong Video 2
- 10:30 am *Interactive Poll! Prize Patrol*
- 10:35 am NMI IMPACT FOCUS | Alabaster
- Alabaster 2019
Blessed to Be a Blessing
- 10:45 am NMI IMPACT FOCUS | Links—Interview with Ted Esselstyn
- 10:55 am Nazarene Missions | Dwight & Carolyn Rich
- 11:00 am NMI IMPACT FOCUS | Youth
- ENCUENTRO 2021 | Shannon Wilson & Ashley Huber
- 11:10 am Conclusion | Pastor Wendell Brown

Missionary Spotlight | Scott & Emily Armstrong



Scott and Emily Armstrong are global missionaries and ordained elders in the Church of the Nazarene. They have been ministering in the Mesoamerica Region since January 2004 and have lived in the countries of Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama. Their son, Elijah, was born in May 2003 and was 7 months old upon their arrival to the mission field, and their daughter, Sydney, was born in Guatemala in February 2005.

Currently living in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Scott and Emily are coordinating the ministries of Mesoamerica Global Mission and Mesoamerica Genesis, as well as overseeing the construction of the new Center of Missionary Formation, which

is being built on the campus of the Dominican Nazarene Seminary. They especially enjoy ministering with children, youth and young adults as they discern God's call to mission in their lives.

- Global Mission seeks to discover, develop and deploy missionaries from the countries of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.
- Genesis is a regional initiative to make Christ-like disciples in the urban centers of Mesoamerica. Teams of volunteer missionaries are sent to strategic sites in order to develop and organize new urban churches and existing urban congregations are trained to more effectively reach their communities.

Scott and Emily also host a bilingual podcast to help educate on urban realities and missional topics. Find The Worthless Servants Podcast (or Los Siervos Inútiles Podcast) on iTunes, episodes are released every other Thursday.

To know more about the various ministries, please find us online:

Giving link – nazarene.org/missionary/mesoamerica/scott-and-emily-armstrong

Genesis – www.MesoamericaGenesis.org, Facebook: MesoamericaGenesis

Center of Missionary Formation – www.NazareneCMF.org, Facebook: Nazarene CMF

Armstrong Family – www.PrayforScottandEmily.org, Facebook: Armstrong Update

The Worthless Servants – www.MesoamericaGenesis.org/podcast

Facebook: Worthless Servants Podcast (*Facebook: Siervos Inútiles Podcast*)

Missionary Spotlight 2 | Ben & Katherine Radcliffe

We are the Radcliffe family and since February 2015 we've been serving the Lord as physicians at the Nazarene General Hospital. The hospital is located at Kudjip, Jiwaka Province, in the highlands of Papua New Guinea.

Ben grew up at Kudjip where his parents served as missionaries at the Nazarene Hospital for over thirty two years. Ben's parents retired from missionary service in December of 2017 but Ben is grateful to have the privilege of continuing the surgical service and training that his father started.

Although Katherine is trained as a family physician, she spends her days in the home caring for and schooling their four children, Simeon (born 2012), Matthias (born 2014) and twin girls Tabea and Naomi (born 2016). Baby Luka arrived at 3:29 AM May 12th, and weighed in at 8lbs 9ozs. Katherine also coordinates all the volunteers, trainees, and students who join us in service at the hospital.

Pray for us as we seek provide medical care and to share the good news of Jesus with the people of Papua New Guinea.



To support the Radcliffe family and the ministry at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital visit <https://give.nazarene.org/donate/f/130877>

USA Mailing Address:

Ben and Katherine Radcliffe
104 Park Road
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

PNG Mailing Address:

Kudjip Nazarene Hospital
Ben and Katherine Radcliffe
P.O. Box 456
Mount Hagen, WHP, 281
Papua New Guinea

Their blog:

<https://scriptandscalpel.com/about/>



If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14

Resources

Find resources such as the annual NCO Prayer calendar, Nazarene World Week of Prayer, National Day of Prayer, Global Day of Prayer, 30 days of Prayer for Muslims, prayer for the Persecuted church and more. Visit www.ncodistrict.org/nmi-resources-for-churches today.

Don't forget to subscribe to the NMI Prayer mobilization line at <http://bit.ly/NazarenePML> available in English, Spanish & Portuguese.

FREEDOM SUNDAY

GOD'S PEOPLE
WORKING TOGETHER
TO END HUMAN
TRAFFICKING

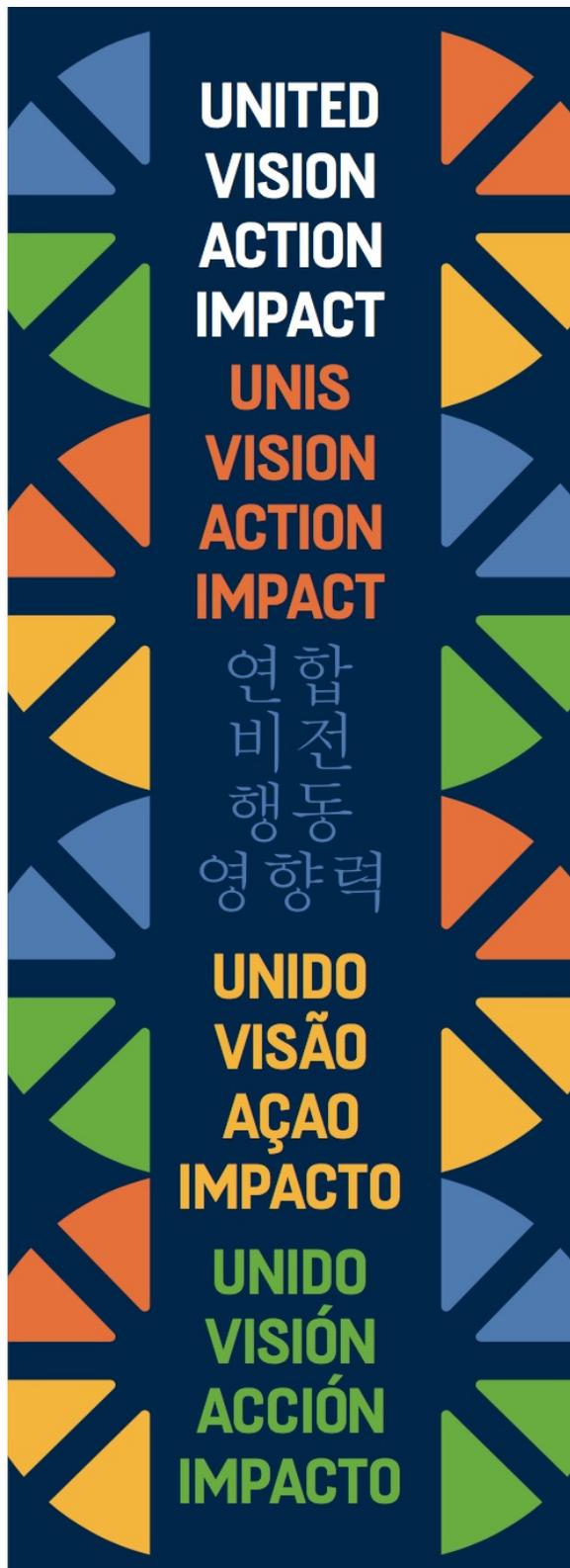


September 20, 2020

Visit <https://www.ncm.org/freedom-sunday> for more information & resources

Mission Priority One

Participating in God's mission means that we are engaged in global . . .



Ashland

Bedford

Crestline

Doylestown

Elyria Community

Grafton Harvest Fellowship

Jefferson

Lexington

Loudonville

Marion First

Mount Gilead Fresh Faith

Mount Vernon First

Mount Vernon Lakeholm

North Royalton State Road Community

NOW

Painesville

Port Clinton

Sunbury

Vermillion

Warsaw

(as of 6/15/20)

*Make mission more than a program.
Make it a priority.*

CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE

We thank God for the churches below who gave 5.7% or more for World Evangelism Fund, WEF. WEF giving beyond 5.7% invests in NEW WORLD areas.

Amherst
Andover Cherry Valley
Apple Valley The Shepherd's House
Ashland
Ashtabula Edgewood
Brunswick
Bucyrus First
Cooperdale
Crestline
Elyria Community
Fostoria First
Grafton Harvest Fellowship
Kelloggsville
Lexington
Loudonville
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith
Community
Mount Vernon First
Mount Vernon Lakeholm
Painesville
Port Clinton
Sandusky Community
Warsaw



ELECTION RESULTS

North Central Ohio Delegates and Alternates 2023 General NMI Convention

Read the Board of General Superintendents statement on
30th General Assembly & Conventions at
nazarene.org/article/board-general-superintendents-statement-30th-general-assembly

Delegates

Sharron Sankovich
Todd Gulley
Kevin Hughes
Kenna Williams
Rebecca Moisisio
Ashley Huber
Olivia Greenwich
Connie Sharrock
Jessica Dawes
Amanda Saunders
Kathy Greenwich

Alternates

Vicki Champer
Donna Buell
Judy Bean
Pat Martin
William Patch
Michele Edwards
Donis Williams
Helen Fisher

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James 1:22

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An extremely important mentor in my life, once told me that his favorite phrase is, “Activity is not the same as accomplishment!” He went on to tell me, “A lot of people talk about how busy they are, but what matters is what you get done!”

THIS IS MISSIONS...doing the will of God and sharing the message of Christ’s salvation. It is in the act of doing, that people respond. In fact, James goes on to say in chapter 2, “Someone might say, “You have faith, but I have deeds.” Show me your faith without doing anything, and I will show you my faith by what I do.” As we celebrate Nazarene Missions International, let us celebrate what we have done, and may we also declare that we can ALWAYS do more!

In Christ,
Wendell D. Brown
District Superintendent



A
MOVEMENT
OF GOD
THROUGH
THE PEOPLE
OF GOD

*“As the Father
has sent Me,
I am sending you.”*

JOHN 20:21

NAZARENE  MISSIONS

Discover how you can
JOIN THE MOVEMENT
by visiting

nazarene.org/missions

HEALTH CARE IS FOR EVERYONE!

The cost of keeping servants healthy so they can do their jobs is quite high, and the cost continues to rise. To help defray those costs, Nazarene Missions International developed the NMI Health Care.



Health Care helps pay for the medical expenses of Nazarene servants. It accounts for about 23% of the total medical expenses. *Memorial Roll* and *Distinguished Service Awards* are part of Health Care and the money received will help provide much-needed medical care for servants.

The *Distinguished Service Award* is a tribute to church people who are living and for their service to the church at a cost of US\$125. Our district has honored the following individuals this past year

Greg Catrow Sue Catrow	Coschocton
Katherine Laura Morales Jane Marie Baldwin	Mount Gilead Fresh Faith
Bill and Jennifer Forney	Painesville
Beverly Trent	Port Clinton

The *Memorial Roll*, established in 1919, is a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones through the purchase of Memorial Roll certificate at a cost of \$75 per certificate. Our district has honored the following individuals this past year:

Ashtabula First	Joan Moorefield
Bedford	Richard Barnes, Ethel Blair, Ruby Schofield
Brunswick	Lawrence Galt
Coschocton	Michelle Allen
Crestline	Kenneth Snider
Lexington	Rev. John Sgro
Marion First	Thelma Erwin
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith	William G. "Bill" Burke
Mount Vernon Lakeholm	Victoria Jane Youngman
North Royalton State Road Community	Al Grady and Robert Demming
Painesville	Bill Soss
Warsaw	Amanda Kilpatrick, Jake Klink

6 NCO churches contributed \$1625 to Missionary Health Care via MR & DSA (as of 6/23/20*)
Visit www.nazarene.org/nmi/memorial-roll or www.nazarene.org/nmi/distinguished-service-award

Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **163 world areas**. In February, the 2020 General Board approved official entrance into the following world area: Africa Region—**Central African Republic**.*
- In 2019, there were **586 missionaries** originating from **67 world areas**. Of these missionaries, **360 served as global deployed** and **226 were sponsored deployed**. Last year, **86 new missionaries** were added. Within the missionary families, there are **312 missionary kids**.*
- Churches numbered **30,875 churches (0.53 percent increase)** with **2.61 million members** (increase of 1.45 percent from last year).*
- **487 districts** have been established around the world in 2019 with **29,723 clergy**.*
- **5 graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 13 liberal arts colleges/universities, 30 undergraduate seminaries/theological/Bible colleges, 2 nurses training colleges, 1 teacher training college, and 1,411 education centers (extension)** had a 2019 combined enrollment of **51,342 students globally**.*
- People 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).*
- **196 retired missionaries** received pensions.*
- **NMI membership was 1,062,516** (an increase of 2.27 percent), and the **number of organized local NMIs have risen by 1.78 percent to 18,764**.
- **JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP)** reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for **773 JFHP teams** to share God's love. In 2018–2019, the teams reported **3 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **685,338 indicated decisions for Christ** with **409,585 initial discipleship follow-ups**. The teams started **8,770 preaching points** in 2019.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise **US \$37.6 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2019 fiscal year (FY).*
- Churches globally gave **US \$25.98 million for Approved Mission Specials**.
- In 2019, **85 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund**. WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.¹

¹ "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."

- **Missionary Health Care** provided **US \$429,257 in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries.
- Nazarenes gave **US \$325,628 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.
- Nazarenes gave **US \$3.85 million in deputation** offerings for missionaries, up 2.81 percent from FY 2018.
- NMI has more than **205 districts worldwide participating in Links**, creating personalized connections between local churches, districts, and missionaries around the world. Each connection is vital in continuing to share about the impact of missions.
- Nazarenes gave **US \$2.54 million for Alabaster** (up 1.55 percent) to fund construction projects in 2019. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- **International Student Scholarship Fund** (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided **66 scholarships** for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
- NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$3.98 million** for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **11,750 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs.
- NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$1.2 million** to deploy **429 teams**, an average of **8.25 teams per week**. **6,409 people** participated in Work & Witness in 2019, donating the equivalent of **342 years of labor**.
- Nazarene churches around the world operated **1,379 pre-school, primary, and secondary schools** with a **total enrollment of 153,328 students**.

NMI TOP 5 AREAS OF IMPACT

PRAYER PRIÈRE 기도 ORAÇÃO ORACIÓN	WORLD EVANGELISM FUND (WEF) FONDS POUR L'EVANGÉLISATION MONDIALE (FEM) 세계 선교 기금 FUNDO DE EVANGELISMO MUNDIAL (FEM) FONDO PARA LA EVANGELIZACIÓN MUNDIAL (FEM)	
ALABASTER ALBÂTRE 옥합헌금 ALABASTRO ALABASTRO	CHILDREN & YOUTH ENFANTS ET JEUNES 어린이와 청년 CRANÇAS E JOVENS JÓVENES Y NIÑOS	LINKS LIENS 링크스 ELOS ESLABONES

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



LINKS

The LINKS program of the Church of the Nazarene is a network of personal connections between Servants of Jesus and Nazarenes around the world

When sending money to the General Treasurer at the Global Ministry Center, it cannot be credited properly without the servant's name. Each time you send a monetary gift, notify the recipient beforehand:

1. The reason for the gift (birthday, Christmas, love offering, etc.)
2. When the gift will be sent
3. The amount of the gift.

Examples: *Birthday—LINKS, Retired; Ted Esselstyn; March 7 \$25.00*
Mission Specials—LINKS, Retired; Ted Esselstyn; August 31; \$50.00
BUDDY PLAN—AMS1069; September 30; \$40.00
Missionary Christmas Fund; November 1: \$40

Contact your church's LINKS servants regularly (at least two or three times a year). Servants love to receive cards and notes; however, don't expect a reply to every correspondence. The servants are encouraged, knowing people care and pray for them. Visit <http://www.ncodistrict.org/LINKS> for more information on hobbies and likes.

NCO recommends the minimum suggested Cash LINKS allocations PER SERVANT for 2019-2022 found on the next page as well as www.ncodistrict.org/LINKS.

All churches are assigned for 2019-2022(Note 3 years). The smaller amount LISTED below is for EACH servant family.

NCO recommends each church submit the annual CASH LINK gift for each servant family by August 31. In order for the Global Treasury to properly credit the servant this CASH amount, please submit amount listed below for EACH servant family.

Cash LINKS assignments due by August 31, Buddy Plan due September 30

<p><i>Minimum Amount per <u>EACH</u> LINKS missionary & Buddy plan</i></p>	<p><i>Church</i></p>	<p><i>Minimum TOTAL amount assigned per church (One Link Missionary Plus Buddy plan)</i></p>
<p>\$20</p>	<p>Bucyrus Marion First Wooster</p>	<p>\$40</p>
<p>\$10</p>	<p>Amherst Ashland Bedford CLE Richmond Heights Coshocton Delaware Newstart Elyria Community Fremont Galion Real Life Jefferson Kelloggsville Marion Life Link Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Mount Vernon First Mount Vernon Lakeholm Mount Vernon New Life NOW Painesville Sandusky Community Sunbury Willard</p>	<p>\$20</p>
<p>\$5</p>	<p>Andover Cherry Valley Apple Valley Shepherd's House Ashtabula Edgewood Ashtabula First Brunswick CLE Garfield Heights CLE Nueva Luz CLE Victory Cardington Carey Ridge Chapel Crestline Cooperdale Doylestown Eastlake Willo-lake</p>	<p>\$10</p>

\$5	Fostoria First Geneva Lexington Loudonville Medina North Ridgeville Starting Point North Royalton State Road Community Port Clinton Shelby Tiffin Vermillion West Lafayette Westlake Parkside	\$10
\$2.50	Burton North East Community Clyde CLE Arabic Grafton Harvest Fellowship Sullivan Orwell Resurrection Life Warsaw	\$5
<i>Minimum Amount per EACH Servant family</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Minimum TOTAL amount assigned per church</i>

Total contributed to Links by 25 NCO Churches is \$2675 (as of 6/23/20)*

DUE TO COVID19 and NO INPERSON CONVENTION/NCO FAMILY CAMP for 2020 all funds submitted to the GLOBAL TREASURER are the responsibility of the local church. Please check the appendixes for instructions on how to submit via their churches Funding the Mission online account or via a GTS Global Remittance form.

Information above as well as instructions on how to submit via Funding the Mission online church accounts available at

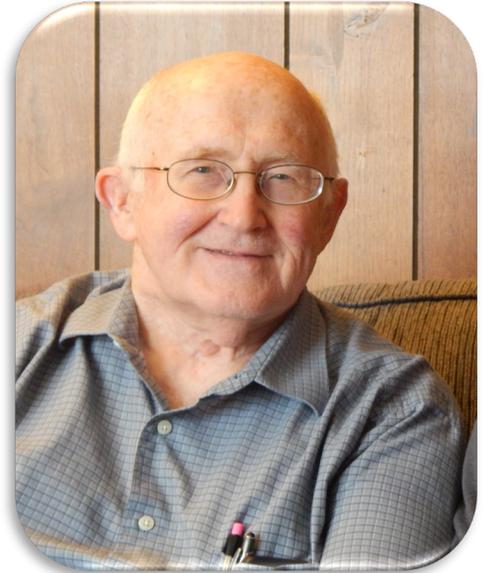
www.ncodistrict.org/links

(as of 6/23/20=data obtained from FundingtheMission.org)*

2019-2022 LINKS

Ted Esselstyn
Africa | Retired | Lifetime assignment

Preferred email: gwr371t@gmail.com
Address: 213 Lakeview Heights Dr. Howard, OH 43028
Phone: (740) 397-8228
Home Church: Mount Vernon Lakeholm
Birthday : March 7
More details found at www.ncodistrict.org/LINKS



AFRICA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY

21st Century CLASSROOM PROJECT
Technology to Transform Learning

East Central Regional Project
ANU 25th Anniversary Classroom Project

BEFORE

AFTER

The complex block contains the Africa Nazarene University logo, the 21st Century Classroom Project logo, and two side-by-side photographs of a classroom. The top photo, labeled 'BEFORE', shows a classroom with rows of desks and a whiteboard. The bottom photo, labeled 'AFTER', shows the same classroom after renovation, featuring a large screen and updated furniture.

Update

Vision tour in October 2020 has been cancelled due to the pandemic.
The East Central Region is still encourage member to support the classroom project .
<https://nazarene.org/projects/africa/anu-21st-century-classroom-projects>
GIVING CODE: 133141

REUNIONS

Supported by
Buddy Plan

Global NMI
Convention 2021



Buddy Plan facilitates attendance for
international delegates to
Global NMI Convention
in Indianapolis, June 22-26 2021

**Offering due to Global Treasurer
by September 30, 2020**

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Please clearly mark all donations with "AMS1069 – NMI Buddy Plan"



**2020 East Central Regional
Work & Witness conference**



October 2 & 3
Ariel Arena at MVNU

Jay & Teanna Sunberg
Eurasia Central Field

For more information visit
www.wwmvnu.org

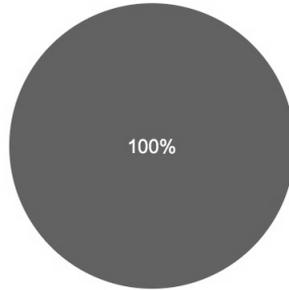
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questions: paulondera@yahoo.com



Year End Stats. . . .

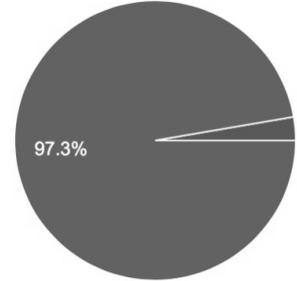
57 registered churches
37 Local NMI reports submitted (65% reporting)
Accurate as of 6/15/20

Praying



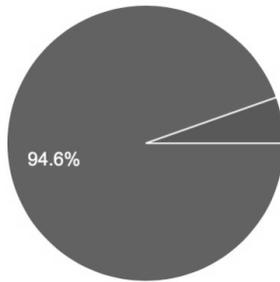
Engaging children & youth

97.3% Yes
No



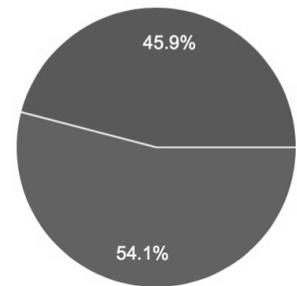
Teaching

94.6% Yes
No

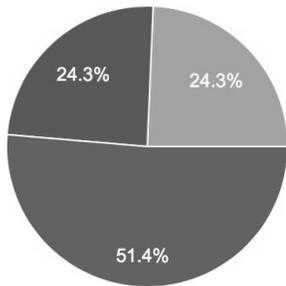


Mission Priority One

54.1% Yes
45.9% No

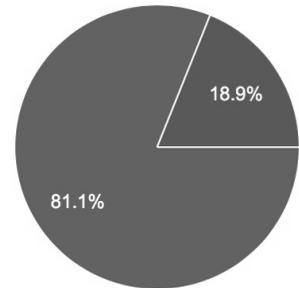


WEF

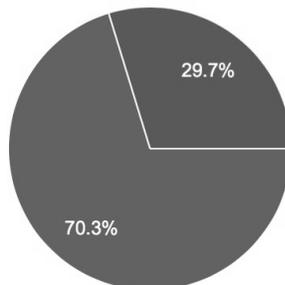


- Yes, we EXCEEDED our WEF ALLOCATION
- Yes, we MET our WEF ALLOCATION
- No, we DID NOT meet our WEF ALLOCATION

Alabaster



Links



- Yes
- No



Costa Rico Trip
July 2021

- Still time to join! Application & payment of \$700 due by December 2020
- COST: \$700 plus airfare

Individual registration covers insurance, training materials, meals, lodging and onsite transportation.

Connect with Shannon Wilson, NCO Encuentro coordinator at 419-357-1093 or
reagannesmom@yahoo.com.

(www.ncodistrict.org/e-ncuentro-2020-info)



**Book
Recommendations
on Racial Injustice**

Nazarene Compassionate
Ministries
June 12, 2020



www.ncm.org/blog/booksracialinjustice

THE WORLD IN YOUR KITCHEN: RECIPES FROM SPONSORED CHILDREN

Words and Photos *By Brandon Sipes*

Around the world, Nazarene child development ministries meet the needs of children through spiritual, educational, physical, and relational care. We believe holistic care also includes supporting a loving, healthy family. While food at child development centers fill in nutritional gaps, family togetherness often revolves around meals. So we asked children who are part of NCM-supported ministries to share their favorite recipes to cook at home.

In Ukraine, children can attend a Nazarene child development program where they learn English, practice computer skills, and receive a wide variety of other educational support. Klara*, age 15, says that she enjoys cooking with her parents. Her father makes cheese sandwiches and *deruny*, a small potato pancake. “I like his *deruny* best of all,” she says.

recipes

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 large potatoes
- 1 small, yellow onion
- 1 egg
- 3 Tbs. of all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbs. of sour cream
- 1 tsp. of salt and pepper to taste
- oil (for frying)

PREPARATION:

1. Peel potatoes and onion and grate into a large mixing bowl.

2. Mix in flour, egg, and sour cream. Add salt and black pepper. (The mixture should be the consistency of pancake batter: thick, but liquid enough to spoon.)

3. Heat a lightly oiled skillet over medium/high heat. Add 1 heaping Tbs. of mixture at a time to the skillet. Fry on one side until golden brown in color, then flip to other side and fry for the same amount of time. Repeat until the batter is gone.

4. Serve *deruny* warm with sour cream.

45 NCO churches contributed \$49,319 to NCM’s Child Sponsorship

Children share favorite recipes



*Deruny
(Ukraine)*



COMPASSION — THROUGH — PRAYER

PHOTO BY AARON PHELPS

everyday compassion

The writer Richard Rohr says, “Prayer is not primarily saying words or thinking thoughts. It is, rather, a stance. It’s a way of living in the Presence.” In the face of hunger, sickness, and poverty, jumping to action might come easier than prayer. But both are necessary. They are ways of seeking the face of God in those around us.

1 LOOK FOR NEW CALLS TO PRAYER.

There are things to pray for all around us, and we are called to participate. As you read or watch the news, view the stories as calls to pray. Then, if something causes a reaction in you, whether it be sadness, joy, fear, or something else, ask God what your role could be in that subject. How are you called to live in the presence of God through it?

2 CHANGE YOUR POINT OF VIEW.

Seek to learn from those around you. 1 Peter 3:8 tells us: “Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” The world is full of distinct biases, prejudices, and responses. Is there something you could practice seeing in a new way through prayer? Ask God to show you where you can see something differently.

3 SEEK OPPORTUNITIES.

God has called us to show compassion to each other. Look for opportunities to act, and remember to pray as you do. Seek volunteer opportunities but also consider praying as you interact with everyone you meet. Pray for a mind that sees opportunities to serve.

**20 NCO churches contributed \$19,177.83 to
Compassionate Ministries Projects (as of 6/23/20*)**

Andy & Steph Diehlmann
Cactus Nazarene Health Center
Cactus, Texas



Psalm 67
So that your ways may
be known on earth, your
salvation among all nations.

THE FUTURE IS
NOW

GLOBAL
OFFERING

34 Languages^[SEP] 72 Countries^[SEP] 140 Programs
\$4.00 per minute CAN change the WORLD!
14 NCO Churches contributed \$3544 (as of 6/23/20*)
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2021 NMI Convention Saturday, July 17

Special servant from the most populous country in the world with nearly 1.4 billion residents



2020 Crisis Care Kits
NO NCO DISTRICT COLLECTION

ALL NCO CHURCHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS TO EITHER

MAIL OR DROP OFF ANYTIME DIRECTLY TO

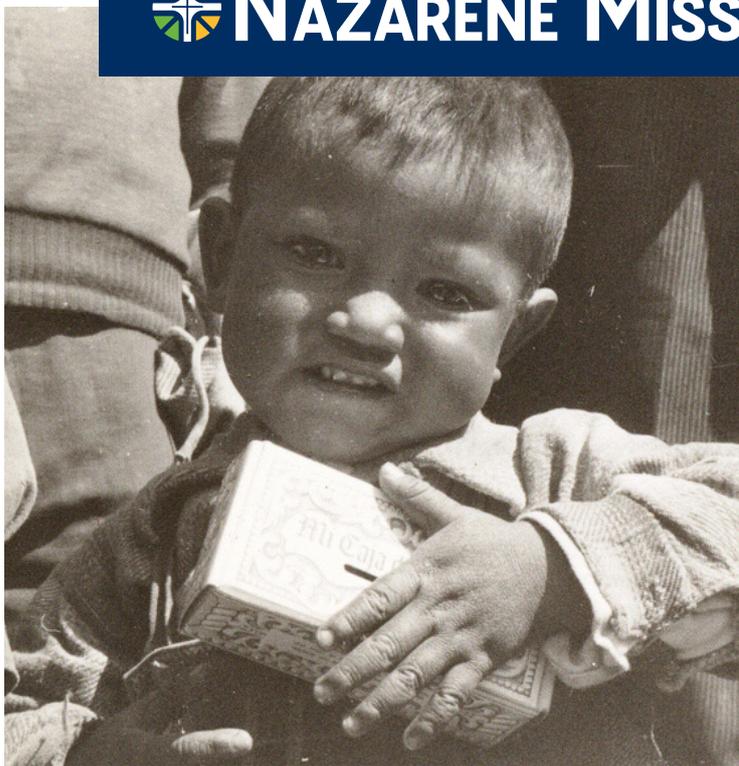
FAWN GROVE
COMPASSION CENTER
DETAILS MAY BE FOUND AT
WWW.FAWNGROVECOMPASSIONCENTER.ORG/PAGES/CRISIS-CARE-KIT.ASPX

OR

 DROP OFF DIRECTLY TO
LOGAN CONFERENCE CENTER
OCTOBER 3 (9AM-3PM)
OR OCTOBER 10 (9AM-2PM)
CONNECT WITH JOHN KARG ABOUT DETAILS
BY CALLING/TEXTING AT (614) 376-6494 OR AT JKARG@YAHOO.COM

Don't forget! Send \$12 per box to Global Treasury or via Funding the Mission marked Nazarene Relief Shipments ACM1297 for transport to final destination. (10% giving credit available)

If dropping off to the *Logan Conference Center*, bring a check made out to the **SCO District NMI Treasurer & add in memo line SEMI/CCK/SPP. \$2.50 per box (NOT available for 10% giving credit)**



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# ALABASTER OFFERING

Your gift to the Alabaster offering is a gift of hope to thousands in every corner of the world, because you choose to pour out the love God has lavished on you.

34 NCO churches provided  
\$21,163.55 this past year  
(as of 6/23/20)

**GIVE NOW**  
[nazarene.org/alabaster](http://nazarene.org/alabaster)

# Bless Every Home

Interested in Intentionally Reaching Your Neighbors?  
Check out Bless Every Home at [www.blesseveryhome.com](http://www.blesseveryhome.com)

Free for individuals via **Global Nazarene Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International's Discipleship place** Bless Every Home dashboard at <https://blesseveryhome.com/light/?cust=10518>.

Free for 2 months for churches (bless partners) with no credit card required.  
Connect with John Comstock from SDMI at 888-243-2767 or [jcomstock@nazarene.org](mailto:jcomstock@nazarene.org) for details.

## FOUR WAYS YOU CAN BLESS EVERY HOME



Being a light to your neighbors begins with prayer. When prompted, learn how to pray specifically for the families that you have adopted.



Being a light to your neighbors includes caring for them. Learn how to naturally and intentionally care for families, especially during times of need.



Being a light to your neighbors means sharing Jesus with them. Learn how to generate conversations that lead to a Gospel presentation.

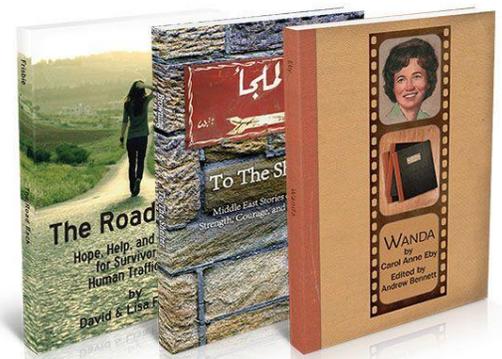


Being a light to your neighbors means that you will help them in their spiritual journey. Learn how to start and lead small group Bible studies in your community.

Subscribe this 10 day devotional from Bless Every Home through Back to the Bible to help you discover why and how the Lord wants us to pray for, care for and share the Gospel with our neighbors. . . <https://bttb.org/Be-a-light-to-your-neighborhood>

## Mission Education 2020-2021

- Order form and descriptions of the 2020-2021 NMI resources available for purchase this year from the Foundry Publishing. ([www.ncodistrict.org/nmi-resources-for-churches](http://www.ncodistrict.org/nmi-resources-for-churches))
- Mission reading Books--There are three adult books for this year for adults & YOUTH. All are available for you to download, read/listen, and recommend to your district. You will find them on our NMI site in PDF and mp3 formats at <http://www.nazarene.org/nmi/mission-books>.



- Lessons one through four of the 2020-2021 Adult Missions Education: *Fine-Tuning Our Focus on Mission*, are now available for **FREE** download. You may access this first set of lessons, along with associated videos, from the NMI site at <https://www.nazarene.org/nmi/curriculum>

Mission reading Books—This year, there are 6 Children's books, 3 for Advanced readers and 3 for All Readers and the kids mission curriculum focuses on South America. All are available for purchase at [www.thefoundrypublishing.com/](http://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/) or call at 1-800-877-0700.



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