

# LINKS

## NMI Area of Impact #5

Links is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarene districts around the world.

Participating missionaries are assigned to districts and, then on the district level, connected to local churches. This gives each church an opportunity to become personally acquainted with a missionary family and their field of service. A Links relationship fosters a sense of involvement with the global missions enterprise of the church through regular correspondence from the missionaries, updates from their field, and even through deputation services while the missionaries are on home assignment.

Missionaries and churches experience close relationships built over time linking them through a common bond.

NCO LINKS are assigned from 2019-2022. Information is attached as well as found at <https://www.ncodistrict.org/links>.

Each August, LINKS is the NMI emphasis and ALL NCO churches are encouraged to have completed their submission of their CASH LINKS assignments by August 31. There are several ways for a church to complete this:

- Bring the *GTS Church Remittance form* sent via USPS by Kathy Pelley, NMI president **OR DOWNLOADED FROM FUNDING THE MISSION SITE (MISSION SPECIALS)** with a check made payable to the **GENERAL TREASURER** to the **District Convention LINKS BOX**. ALL NAMES OF THE MISSIONARY FAMILY need to be included or complete a form for each family. Place both the completed form(s) and check in an envelope and marked with the Church's name and CASH LINKS on the front side. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE IN ANY OFFERING PLATES.**
- Send the *GTS Church Remittance form* sent via USPS by Kathy Pelley, NMI President with a check made payable to **Global Treasury Services** and mail to P.O. Box 843116 Kansas City, MO 64184-3116.
- Pay online via your church's **FUNDING THE MISSION** account. Complete separate contributions for each LINKS family as a *Missionary Special / LINKS-Region*. The First and Last name of the Missionary is also required.

Successful submission of the LINKS Cash allocation should ***appear similar to picture below*** when *your church treasurer, book-keeper and/or pastor* views the contributions made by the church via the church's **FUNDING THE MISSION** account. See the images below:

Mission Specials	Church name	LINKS-Retired Persons	Method of Contribution	07/24/2017	\$25.00	Details	Include name Betsy Scott
Mission Specials				07/24/2017	\$25.00	Details	Include name Ted Esseltyn

## Contribution Details

Donor Name

Amount \$25.00

Assembly Year 2017-2018

Amount,  
Assembly Year,  
and Date  
will vary  
This is an example  
ONLY

Date 07/24/2017

Method

Campaign Mission Specials

Fund Links-Retired  
Ted Esseltyn

To ensure gifts are given as intended, please clearly mark **all gifts, made online or sent by mail**, as follows: “Links – (missionary first and last name)”.

If you would like your church to receive 10% giving credit, please include the church name with the gift.

100% of all funds designated as Links gifts are given to the missionary through the payroll system and may be used for personal needs or wants not otherwise covered through World Evangelism Funds (WEF), deputation funds, or other mission funding. See the **APPENDIX** for a detailed description of using FUNDING THE MISSION.

Please do not send monetary gifts directly to the missionary as they may incur exchange rate fees or other complications.

NCO NMI encourages all churches to submit a single donation equivalent to the minimum suggested LINKS Cash allocation to the second area of LINKS: **Missionary Christmas Fund**. Missionary Christmas Funds provides a monetary Christmas gift for missionaries as well as subscriptions to Reflecting God and Holiness Today. Missionary Christmas Fund gifts, made online or sent by mail, should be clearly marked as MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS FUND and in this case only, NO NAME of the missionary associated with the submission. Again, if you would like your church to receive 10% giving credit, please include the church name with the gift.

**Missionary Care** is the third area of LINKS. Missionary Health Care provides monies used to subsidize missionary health care costs. There are several ways NCO NMI encourages all churches to participate:

- *The Memorial Roll*: a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church.
- *Distinguished Service Award*: a certificate presented to an individual to recognize outstanding service to God and the church. The presenter (usually a church or district) contributes \$125 to Missionary Health Care.
- *Gifts from the Heart*: donations of any amount given to honor and/or memorialize friends and loved ones; the money is designated for Missionary Health Care.
- *Offering collected during Missionary Health Care Emphasis Month* which is traditional in May but may be anytime that fits in the local church's calendar and/or may be incorporated into the church's Faith Promise goal.

### **So how does a local church make the connection with LINKS missionaries?**

- Make personal contact with the missionary.
- Agree on the best way to communicate.
- Introduce the missionary to your church.
- Learn as much as possible about the missionary and the field of service.
- Share as much as possible about your church with the missionary.
- Pray for each other regularly.
- Schedule a time to meet in person or via technology such as Skype, Facebook Live, etc.

Before sending parcels or gift cards, contact the missionary about their wants/needs, and for specific mailing instructions. Send items directly to the missionary following the given instructions to ensure best results.

Include your email address with sent items so a thank you can be returned.

Always remember the missionary will know best, so please communicate with them first.

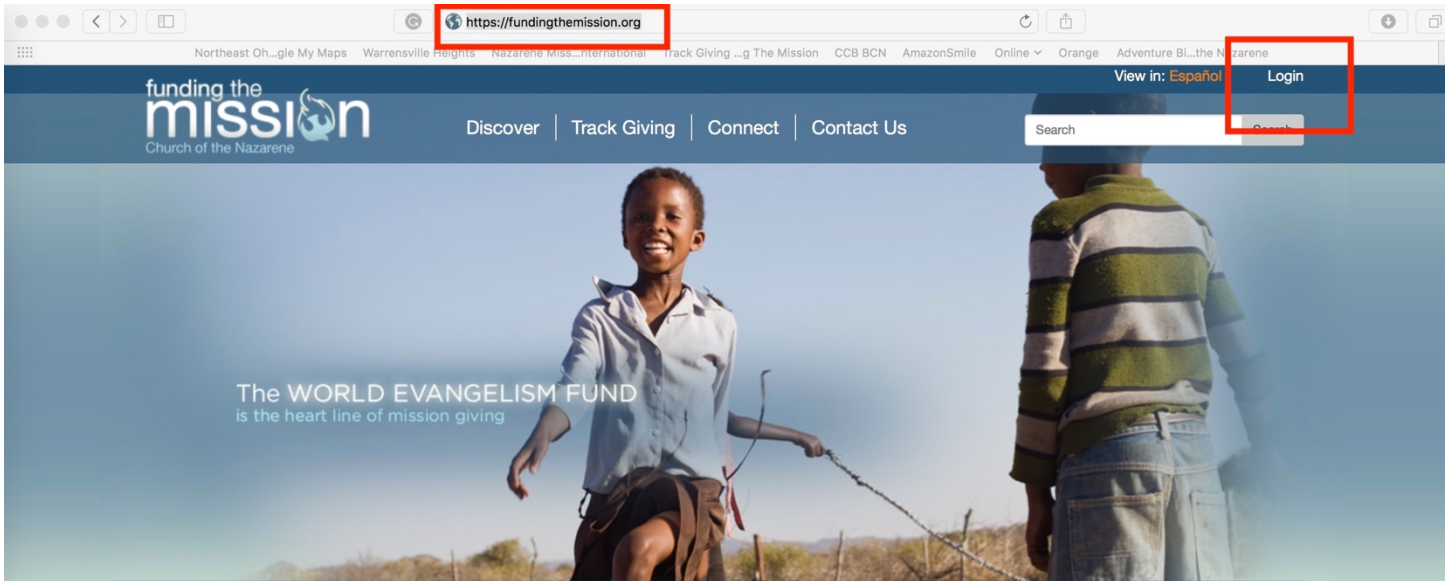
## **APPENDIX:**

- Using Funding the Mission for LINKS Cash assignments.
- Using Funding the Mission for Mission Christmas Fund
- 2019-2022 LINKS information.
- Cash Links suggested minimums for each missionary per church.

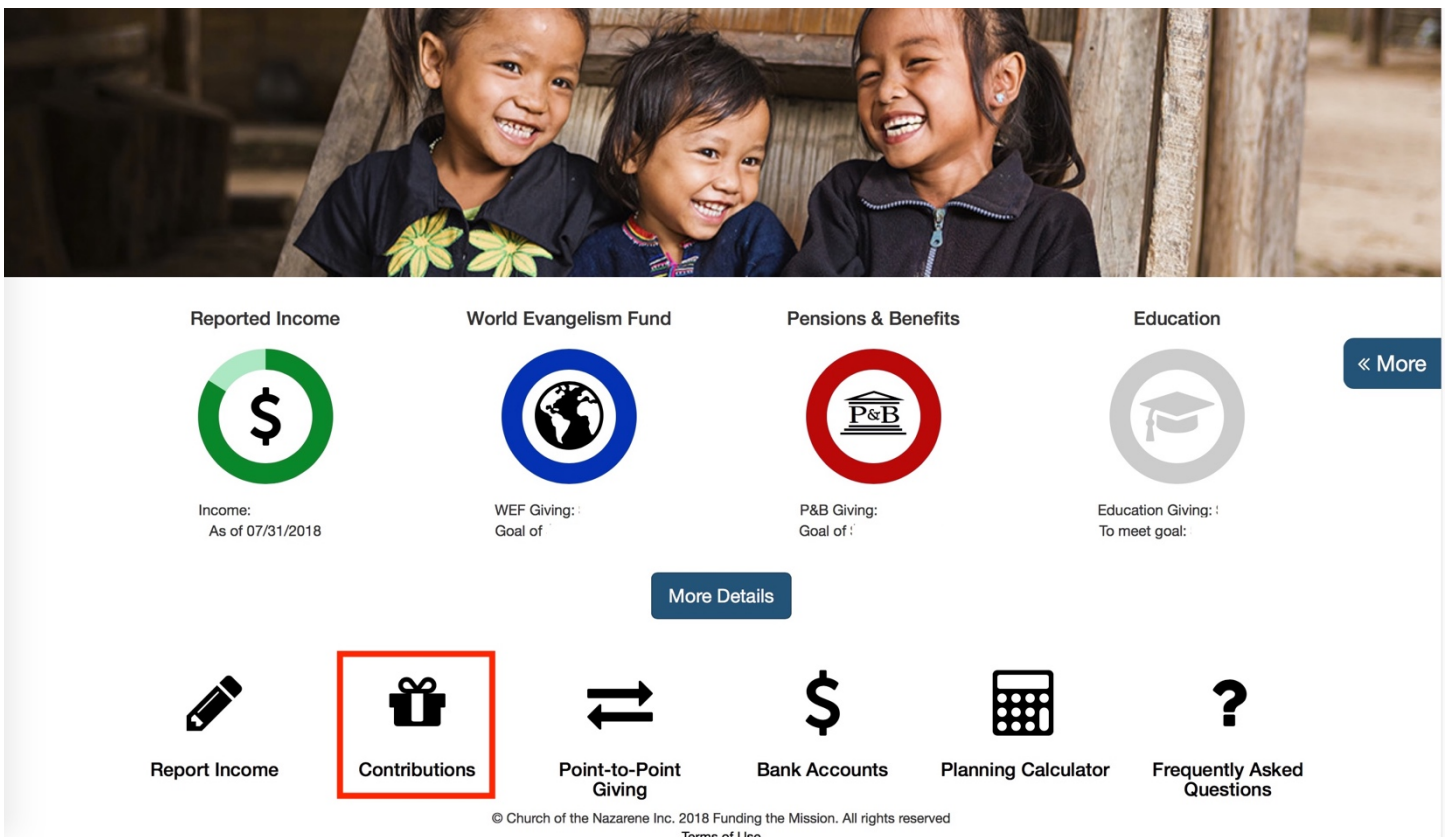
# Using Funding the Mission for LINKS Cash Assignments

Step 1: **Log in** to the **Funding the Mission** site at <https://fundingthemission.org> to arrive at your church's home page which looks similar to screen below.

*Note: only certain people in your church have the credentials to log in to the church account on Funding the Mission. Typically this would be your church treasurer, book-keeper or pastor.*



Step 2: Choose **Contributions** from the menu found at the bottom.



Step 3: Choose the green rectangle marked “**Make a Contribution**” found in the upper right-hand corner.

Step 4: At this step you have 2 choices.

- You can download a pdf of the Global Treasury form (GTS), complete it, add a check and mail it to the address found on the form.
- You can make on online contributions through your church’s account (ACH). To do this you choose **MISSION SPECIALS**.



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North Central Ohio - church name here Assembly Year: 2018-2019

### Funding the Mission Contribution (North Central Ohio - Church name here)

Recent	Alabaster	\$ 0.00
World Evangelism Fund	International Student Scholarship Fund	\$ 0.00
Pensions & Benefits	JESUS Film Harvest Partners	\$ 0.00
Mission Specials	Missionary Christmas Fund	\$ 0.00
NCM Mission Specials	Missionary Health Care	\$ 0.00
Write In	Vacation Bible School	\$ 0.00
	World Mission Broadcast	\$ 0.00

#### Contribution Details

Account

Assembly Year: 2018-2019

Schedule Date: 8/26/18

#### Contribution Totals

World Evangelism Fund	\$0.00
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Step 5: Choose **WRITE In**.

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### Funding the Mission Contribution (North Central Ohio - Church name here)

If you can't find the fund you need in the list above, you may use the write-in designation option. Write-in designations are useful for gifts to Mission Specials like LINKS and Mission Corps missionaries, Work & Witness trips, Memorial Roll (\$75.00 each), Distinguished Service Awards (\$125.00 each), and many more. Remember: the more detail, the better! If you have questions about what to type here, contact Stewardship Ministries at 800-544-8413.

NOTE: The write-in option should not be used for gifts to district or educational allocations. Please enter a description with any amount entered.

We recommend avoiding special characters like \*, ", @, &, <, >, and ? when typing a write-in.

**Write-In Memo** Links-Retired Ted Esseltyn

**Write-In** \$ 0.00

Delete Write-In

Add Another Write-In

1 more time

LINKS-Retired-Ted Esseltyn

#### Contribution Details

Account

Assembly Year: 2018-2019

Schedule Date: 8/26/18

#### Contribution Totals

World Evangelism Fund	\$0.00
Pensions & Benefits	\$0.00
Mission Specials	\$0.00
NCM Mission Specials	\$0.00
Write In	\$0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

After you click Continue, you will be asked to verify the contribution before processing

Continue

Step 6: **Type** LINKS: Name of Service country and Missionary Family One such as LINKS, Retired-Ted Esseltyn.

Step 7: Choose **Add another Write-in**.

Step 8: **Repeat** until both Missionary Families for NCO (?????unassigned as of 9/1/19 and Esseltyn) have been recorded.

Step 9: Choose the **account** you want the funds to be withdrawn from.

Step 10: Press **Continue**, **Verify** at the next page, **log out** when finished.

# Using Funding the Mission for Missionary Christmas Fund.

Follow the same steps as listed above for making a **CASH LINKS Contribution**. At Step 4, “MISSION SPECIALS” you should see **Missionary Christmas fund** listed. Type in the amount you are contributing. Suggested amount is the same as your Cash LINKS total for the year. Choose **account** where you want funds to be withdrawn from. Choose **Continue**. **Verify** at the next page. **Log out** when completed.

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North Central Ohio - church name  
Assembly Year: 2018-2019

Funding the Mission Contribution (North Central Ohio - Church name here )

Recent

World Evangelism Fund

Pensions & Benefits

Mission Specials

NCM Mission Specials

Write In

Alabaster

International Student Scholarship Fund

JESUS Film Harvest Partners

Missionary Christmas Fund

Missionary Health Care

Vacation Bible School

World Mission Broadcast

\$ 0.00

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Contribution Details

Account

Assembly Year

Schedule Date

Contribution Totals

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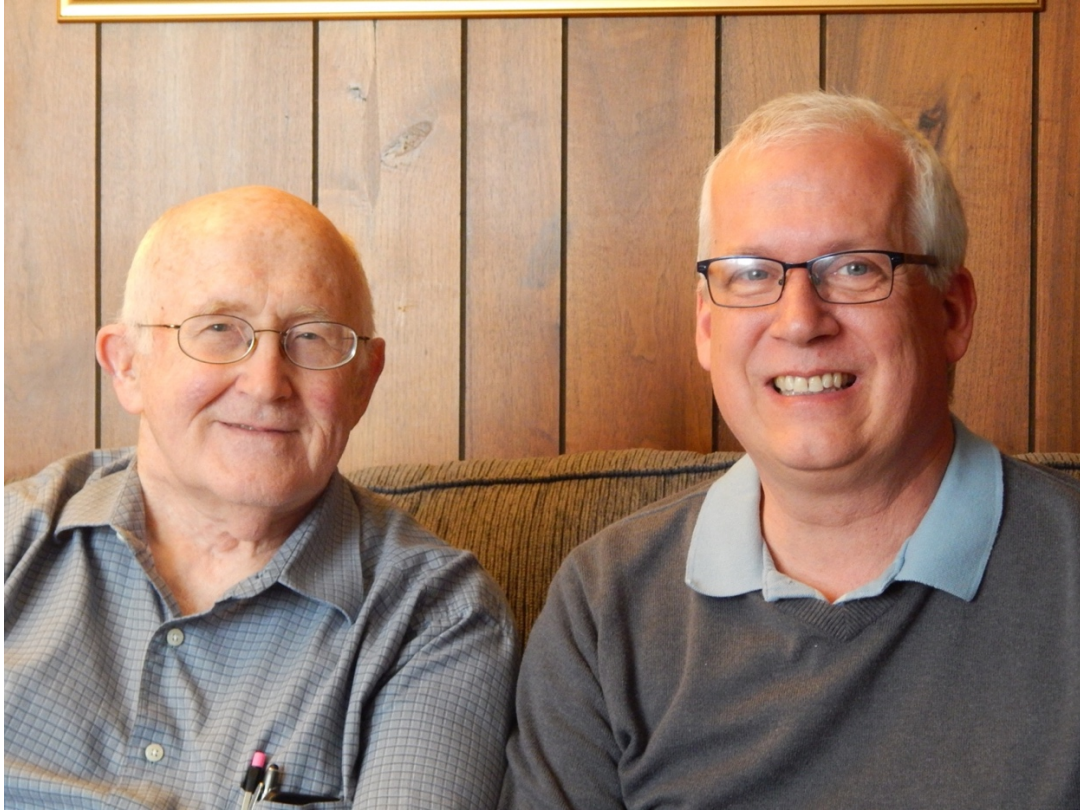
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**2019-2022**

***LINKS***

***Active Missionary for 3 years is unassigned as of 9/1/19. Unknown at this time when NCO will be assigned a new active global missionary. Until then please lavish our retired LINKS with your love.***



*Ted (left) in May 2018 during a visit at Ted's home with missionary Greg Crofford(right)*

**Ted Esselstyn**

**Retired**

**Africa Education Regional Director**

**Born in Swaziland (eSwatini) on March 7**

**Served 36 years in the Field with his wonderful wife Joan.**

- **RSA (North Field)**
- **RSA (European Field)**
- **1st Regional Coordinator for Education for the Africa Region**
- **One of the founders of Africa Nazarene University**

**Preferred email:** gwr371t@gmail.com

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**Home Church:** Mount Vernon Lakeholm

**Cash LINKS assignments due by August 31**

<i><b>Minimum Amount per <u>EACH</u> servant family</b></i>	<i><b>Church</b></i>	<i><b>Minimum TOTAL amount assigned per church</b></i>
<b>\$20</b>	Bucyrus Marion First Wooster	<b>\$40</b>
<b>\$10</b>	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 Painesville Sandusky Community Sunbury Wadsworth Willard	<b>\$20</b>
<b>\$5</b>	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	<b>\$10</b>

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

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

***<https://www.ncodistrict.org/links>***