



Nazarene Missions
INTERNATIONAL

MESOAMERICA REGION

NMI TOP FIVE AREAS OF IMPACT

1. PRAYER

“Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” Santiago 5:16

We want to keep the prayer line of the Mesoamerican region to sustain our leaders and congregations in their plans and purposes of ministry.

How will we do it?

- * Each NMI Field Coordinator will work with your districts to request and receive prayer requests.
- * A week before should be sent to the Regional Coordinator for requests to be included.
- * Each NMI district president must commit to forward requests to their local churches.
- * Keep active churches with special times of prayer: World Week of Prayer Nazarene, Concerts of Prayer promoted by the



General Superintendents, the Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost, the International Day for the Persecuted Church, among others.

“Prayer comes where we can not reach and God does what we can not do by our own efforts.”

2. WEF

“The World Evangelism Fund is the cooperative genius of the mission enterprise of the Church of the Nazarene. It is based on the concept that we can do more working together than could ever be done working alone.

We must be clear, according to what is said on behalf of our general leaders, **it is the responsibility of each pastor and board, the**

total shipment of your goal.

The responsibility of the leaders NMI is working hard to promote and encourage congregations to give beyond 5.5% with the Easter, Thanksgiving and Prayer and Fasting offerings.

Given that shipments of offerings has been very late, we have established some dates each year so that they are reaching the Regional Office and then sent to the Global Office:

January 15

May 15

September 15

The report of the last two years is as follows:

2014 - US \$ 510,154.54 //

2015 - US \$ 474,150.56, and if we assess the income of tithes and regular offerings of each church, we



need a lot to achieve.

3. ALABASTER



We encourage churches to continue contributing to Alabaster offerings.

Through Evangelism and JESUS Film new churches are being planted, which increases the need for land and buildings.

We also want to tell the stories of all those projects that are being carried out with funds Alabaster.

The NMI Global Office keeps a record of buildings and land projects are possible through Alabastro - recording the number of church buildings, schools, clinics, homes, etc., contributing money from this offering.

These records provide information for the promotion of Alabaster and information funded projects.

For that, you need to be documented with photographs or videos are sent to the Office of Global Mission or the offices of Communications of the Region. This will help us to encourage Nazarenes to continue supporting this offering.

4. CHILDREN & YOUTH



Some years ago, Dr. Carlos Helmer Juarez, NCM coordinator for the North Central Area, wrote the following: "Children generally are not considered in formal church programs."

He shared some thoughts of Dr. Wess Stafford, president and CEO of Compassion International in his book "Do not Forget the Children," which I want to share today.

Half the world and especially the developing world, are children and adolescents. Yet neither were a tiny part of the strategies of the conference. D.L. Dr. Moody had been enraged by this.

What proportion of the budget of the church is dedicated to children's ministry? If more than fifteen percent, has an exceptional church.

What proportion of the budget of the mission of the denomination is spent in the ministry for the world's children? Again, if it is more than ten percent, it is exceptional.

Have you heard a radio or television or a single important issue dedicated to children's ministry? Have you seen an edition of your

favorite Christian magazine dedicated exclusively to children? Who are the most difficult to recruit volunteers in the local church? They are often daycare workers and Sunday school teachers. Can you name one evangelical leader who is known as a spokesman for the kids, D.L. Moody today? I can not. No, the church simply can not wash your hands of this great omission.

What makes all this so urgent is that a study of the missions indicates that nearly two thirds of people who give their lives to Christ do so before the age of eighteen. So that if Christians twenty randomly selected is questioned, thirteen of them respond that they accepted Christ as Savior when they were children or youth. Research tells us that if people have not accepted Christ to the age of twenty-one, the probability that they do ever is one of twenty percent. However almost no funds to spend more responsive and strategic part of the harvest.

Almost the first thing we teach children in their first days of school is to stand in line. Eager to please, they do well. The tragedy is that too early at the end of the row of society. That's where they stay. While other larger influences and resources jump ahead of them. Most of us remember the bad kind that pushed us grimacing because we could not do anything to stop it. This is what happens to children in today's world all the time. Something must be done on your behalf!

We have programs and ministries where young people are involved, but ...

How can we add intentionally children in our programs missions in the region?

Thinking of this great responsibility, we want to start this year in districts where they have not done, starting with the CCO CHILDREN.

We have scheduled for the month of October from MNI Regional, perform one in the Area Central North, which will be recorded to share a video with the entire region and have the resources at hand to realize it in their districts and to awaken in children the missionary call.

5. LINKS

A network of personal connections between missionaries and churches around the



world.

Global missionaries, with special, internal and regional allocation are qualified to

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participate in LINKS.

The missionaries, who agree to be part of LINKS are assigned to districts, and then from the district level, are connected with local churches.

LINKS currently has a two-year cycle. **The new cycle - 2016 - 2018 - begins on the date of the District NMI Convention and continuing until the date of its convention in 2018**

The benefits of LINKS are many and include the fact that churches have a sense of participation in the mission of the Church of the Nazarene through regular correspondence with their LINKS, updates their field ministry, and through services deputation (Missionary Tour), while the missionaries are on (Home Assignment).

LINKS missionaries brings encouragement when their churches pray for them, correspond and send gifts, whether economic or

otherwise.

Because contributions to the World Evangelism Fund-WEF have not been expected, service missionaries at risk of not having resources for development ministry.

On behalf of the Global Office of NMI is requiring to the missionaries have a close relationship with the district assigned to LINKS.

Also that communication is established through social media like Facebook where they can provide their districts and churches LINKS a great place where they can publicize their activities and needs. However, it is not suggested for those missionaries serving Creative Access Areas or areas hostile to Christianity safety of themselves.

It is important that districts strongly support the missionaries during their missionary tour and its offerings in the LINKS program as this will help their ministries remain covered.

We encourage to districts and churches support their missionaries LINKS, not only with prayers, although it is the main thing, but maintaining close communication with them and giving offerings for their ministry.



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