



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



*NMI Convention*  
*July 14, 2021*



*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*  
*Psalm 133:1*



# NMI

Greetings Presidents, Pastors, Delegates 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

## Dr. Gary Morsch



Dr. Gary Morsch is a family physician who believes that each of us longs to make a positive difference in our world, and that every person is uniquely gifted to do so.

In 1992, Dr. Morsch's vision and energy helped found Heart to Heart International where he now serves as Chairman of the Board. This network of volunteers mobilizes resources to help address some of the most critical needs around the world.

To support his involvement in humanitarian work, he also founded an organization of family physicians, who, like himself, desire the flexibility to practice medicine and devote time to volunteer opportunities. Docs Who

Care now provides Family Practice and Emergency Room staffing for rural hospitals in 7 states.

While traveling in Asia as the pandemic began to intensify, Dr. Gary Morsch recognized the unprecedented strain that would soon be placed on healthcare systems around the world. Quickly developing a mission to send healthcare volunteers to hotspot areas and provide support for frontline workers, Dr. Morsch recruited doctors and nurses to travel to New York City during the height of the city's crisis. Lending their services to local hospitals, and working hard to serve those in their greatest time of need, COVID Care Force was born.

Dr. Morsch has served with distinction in the military, enlisting at the age of 17 during the Vietnam War. He retired in 2012 at the rank of Colonel in the Army Reserve and has served in Iraq, Kosovo, Germany and Kuwait.

Dr. Morsch has written 6 books. His latest release is titled *You'll Never Be The Same: Transform Your Life By Serving Others* – this book is a follow up to the bestseller, *The Power of Serving Others: You Can Start Where You Are*.

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[www.garymorsch.com](http://www.garymorsch.com)   

Heart to Heart International | [www.hearttoheart.org](http://www.hearttoheart.org)     

Docs Who Care | [docswhocare.com/dwc-legacy](http://docswhocare.com/dwc-legacy)

Covid Care Force | [covidcareforce.org](http://covidcareforce.org)     

# DELEGATE INFORMATION

VOTING AVAILABLE 11:30AM-2:30PM JULY 14, 2021

LINK TO VOTE: <https://j.mp/2QUYYK2>



## Electing for a 2-year term via a Yes/No Ballot

### President

Kathy Pelley  
CLE Victory

### Secretary

Sharron Sankovich  
Bedford

## Electing for a 2-year term. Voting for no more than 8. District Council

Judy Bean CLE Victory	Barbara Bohland Loudonville	Vicki Champer Shelby	Jessica Dawes Jefferson	Michelle Edwards Crestline
Helen Fisher Elyria Community	Kathy Greenich Mount Vernon New Life	Olivia Greenich Apple Valley Shepherd's House	Todd Gully Willo-Lake	Brindha Gajendran Willo-lake
Robyn Harriman Mount Gilead Fresh Faith	Kevin Hughes Mount Vernon First	Pat Martin Ashland	Kim Metevia Elyria Community	Rebecca Moisio Jefferson
Sharon Oberlander Bucyrus First	Amanda Saunders Doylestown			

Results will be published to [www.ncodistrict.org/nmi2021](http://www.ncodistrict.org/nmi2021) and  
[www.facebook.com/NCOhioNMI](https://www.facebook.com/NCOhioNMI) within 48 hours.

Instructions on how to vote electronically found on the next page.

Assistants are available in the lobby a half hour before and after the NMI convention if  
you should need assistance.

# INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO VOTE ELECTRONICALLY

1. On July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am, visit the link below or the QR to the right to go to the official Ballot page. The election is open until 2:30pm on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

<https://j.mp/2QUYYK2>



If your church entered a valid email address for you when submitting their *Local NMI Annual report*, an email will be sent with a direct link to vote when the election opens.

2. At the official Ballot page (see image below), enter your *Voter Id* and *Voter Key*.
  - a. Each voter has a unique *Voter Id* and *Voter Key*.
  - b. These were mailed via USPS the week of June 23 to the local contact entered in the Annual NMI Report submitted to the district.



**If you do not know yours, please do the following:**

- i. Connect with your Local NMI president or lead pastor.
- ii. Check your email. If one was entered for you when submitting names to the district, the *Voter Id* and *Voter Key* will be included in the email automatically sent when the election opens. Don't forget the spam folder.
- iii. Visit the lobby before or after the NMI convention, look for Pastor Bernie Dickson or call him 419-934-2468 if participating remotely.

3. Once logged in follow the directions provided and make a selection for all **THREE questions**:
  - a. Vote *Yes or No* for NMI president, Kathy Pelley by selecting the radio button of your choice.
  - b. Vote *Yes or No* for NMI secretary, Sharron Sankovich by selecting the radio button of your choice.

## District NMI Council

Vote for **NO MORE** than **eight, 8**.

All elected positions are for a two year term, 2021-2023

### INSTRUCTIONS

Select between **1** and **8** options from the list below. \* Required

3 of 8 Selected

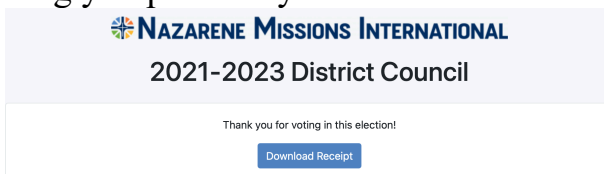
c. Vote for **NO MORE than 8** for district council.

d. You must select at least one and the program will keep count for you and it will not allow you to submit more than 8.

4. When finished with your selection to all **THREE questions**, choose the **Submit Ballot** button found at the bottom of the ballot.

Submit Ballot

5. Successful submission should bring you to screen like the image below where download receipt is available providing you proof of your vote.



# Papua New Guinea & COVID



Dear Friends,

Kathy and I have been asked to return to serve at the Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea this summer. We are joining a team from Heart to Heart who were asked by the WHO to assist the PNG health department response to the Covid crisis there. This illness has caused some of the government hospitals to shut down as they could not cope. There has been a real surge in cases and deaths and Kudirj Nazarene Hospital is responding by opening up two covid wards and becoming a vaccination center. The medical staff there has been working very hard this last year and needs some relief as well. Other former medical missionaries have joined these teams too. We left Columbus on May 25th and will be in PNG for two months, returning at the end of July.

Please join us in prayer for our time there to be with God's anointing, enablement and inspiration through our spirits, hands, words, and thoughts. We want to be a blessing to the station families and to the people of PNG. We need the Lord's strength in new ways for the trip and the duties there. Kathy will be assisting in the vaccine clinic, and I will help in the hospital hopefully with some surgery and general medicine. Please pray for our minds to be sharp, our hands to be nimble, our feet to be swift and our spirits to be sweet.

We are traveling with three other volunteers who have long term experience in PNG, Dr. Scott Dooley and Dr. and Mrs. Scott Pringle. Warren Neal who teaches nursing at MVNU is already in PNG having left with an earlier team.

We appreciate your prayers very much. Please feel to share this request as you feel led. We are trusting Jesus to use us both medically and spiritually. Pray too please for the medical and supplies we are taking for the hospital and mission family to get there safely and without duty.

Going "Outside the Camp" with Jesus (Hebrews 13:13),  
Kathy and Jim Radcliffe

## Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **164 world areas**. During the 2021 General Board, **Luxembourg**, on the Eurasia Region, became the latest world area to receive approval for official entry.\*
- In 2020, there were **531 missionaries** originating from **64 world areas**, serving in **96 countries**. Of these missionaries, **361 served as global deployed** and **170 were sponsored deployed**. Last year, there were **66 new missionary deployments** (some of whom are awaiting their departure for the field, due to COVID-19 travel restrictions). Within these missionary families, there are **302 missionary kids**.\*
- The number of Nazarene churches grew to **31,049 churches**, an increase of 0.56 percent, with **2.64 million members**, an increase of 0.90 percent increase from last year.\*
- In 2020, there were **489 districts** around the world, with **30,184 credentialed clergy**.\*
- **51 educational institutions, including 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 2020 combined enrollment of **49,244 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).\*
- **406 retired missionaries** received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.\*\*
- **NMI membership was 1,058,137**, with the number of organized local NMIs rising to **19,143**.
- **JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP)**, raising **\$3.67 million**, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for **847 JFHP teams** to share God's love. In 2019–2020, the teams reported **1.9 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **511,097 indicated decisions for Christ** with **314,924 initial discipleship follow-ups**. The teams started **8,632 preaching points** in 2020.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise **US \$37.09 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.\*\*
- Churches globally gave **US \$25.88 million for Approved Mission Specials**.\*\*
- In 2020, **77 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund (52 of which were from regions other than the US/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>
- **Missionary Health Care** provided **US \$304,671 in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts.\*\*
- Nazarenes gave **US \$233,667 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.\*\*

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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."

- Nazarenes gave **US \$3.07 million in deputation** offerings for missionaries.\*\*
- NMI has more than **269 districts worldwide participating in Links**, contributing **\$186,051**, and 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 \$2.4 million for Alabaster**, to fund construction projects in 2020. 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 **86 scholarships** for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
- NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$4.3 million**, for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **11,951 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs.\*\*
- NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$1.01 million**, to deploy **270 teams**, an **average of 4.82 teams per week**. **2,659 volunteers** participated in Work & Witness in 2020, donating **173,023 hours of labor (or 86.5 years of labor)**.
- Nazarene churches around the world operated **1,353 pre-school, primary, and secondary schools** with a **total enrollment of 162,797 students**.


God has blessed the efforts of the Church of the Nazarene during the COVID-19 pandemic, extending grace, bringing hope, and ministering peace to those in need of Him around the world. Thank you for your faithfulness in these uncertain times.

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

\*\* Represents data for the fiscal year (1 October, 2019 through 30 September, 2020).

Denominational statistics for 2020

NMI 3/2021  
www.nazarene.org/nmi



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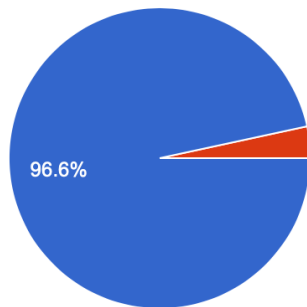


# Year End Stats. . . .

59 reporting churches  
59 Local NMI reports submitted (100% reporting—Awesome JOB NCO!)  
Accurate as of 6/14/21

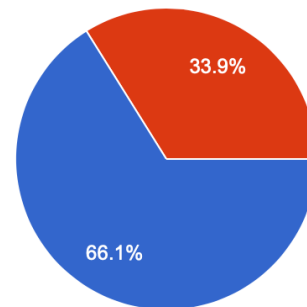
## Pray

96.6% yes



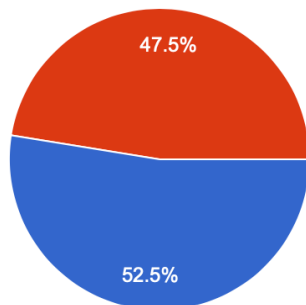
## Alabaster

66.1%yes  
33.9%no



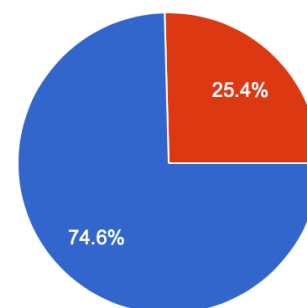
## LINKS

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47.5%no



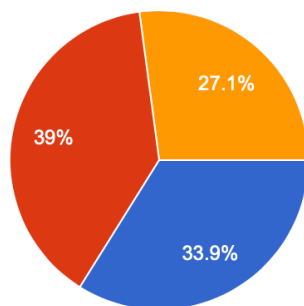
## Engaging Children & Youth

74.6%yes  
25.4%no



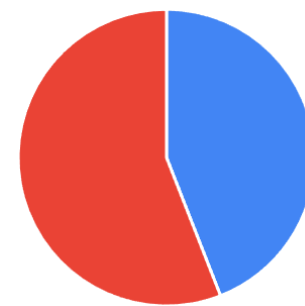
## WEF

33.9% Yes, Exceeded  
39% Yes, Met  
27.1% No



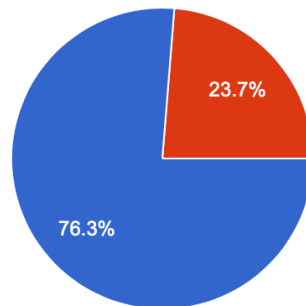
## Mission Priority One

44.1%yes  
55.9%no



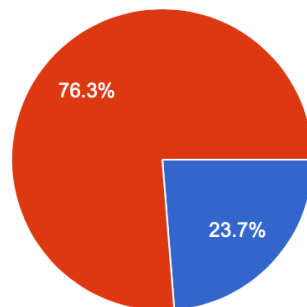
## Mission Participation: Teaching

76.3%yes  
23.7%no



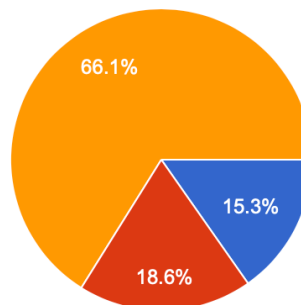
## Mission Participation District Work & Witness

23.7%yes  
76.3%no



## Mission Participation: NMI buddy Plan

15.3% Yes, sent in already  
18.6% No, but plan to send in by Sept 30, 2022  
66.1% No



# Mission Priority One

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



Andover Cherry Valley  
Ashland  
Bedford  
Brunswick  
CLE Garfield Heights  
CLE Victory  
Clyde  
Coschocton  
Crestline  
Doylestown  
Elyria Community  
Fremont  
Jefferson  
Lexington Journey  
Loudonville  
Marion First & the Kensington  
Campus  
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith  
Mount Vernon First  
Mount Vernon Lakeholm  
NOW Church | Wadsworth &  
the Orville Campus  
Painesville  
Port Clinton  
Shelby  
Warsaw  
Westlake Parkside  
Wooster  
*(as of 7/10/21)*

*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 The River  
Andover Cherry Valley  
Ashland

Ashtabula Edgewood

Bucyrus First

Cleveland Victory

Cooperdale

Coshocton

Crestline

Doylestown

Fostoria First

Kelloggsville

Lexington Journey

Marion First

Mount Gilead Fresh Faith

Community

Mount Vernon First

Mount Vernon Lakeholm

Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House

Port Clinton

Sandusky Community

Westlake Parkside

# SHARING YOUR STORY

When was the last time you told someone your story? When was the last time you prayed about sharing your story? When was the last time you practiced the delivery of your story? Do those closest to you (friends, family, neighbors, co-workers) know what Christ has done for you personally?

Think about these questions and write your responses down:

- Think for a moment about the circumstances of your life. What was your life like before you knew Christ?
- How did you find Christ? What circumstances and people are unique to you? Who has He put in your path? How did you learn of Christ's love for you?
- How did you receive Christ? What did you say? What did you do?
- How has your life changed since finding Him? How has your faith in Him brought meaning and purpose to your life?

Now practice sharing your story so you can briefly articulate it. Practice with another Christian close to you so that you are prepared to share it whenever you need to (1 Peter 3:15). Then, as opportunity allows, prayerfully commit to sharing your story with a few non-Christians you know.

What if your story has more power than you ever dreamed! The enemy wants you to feel as if someone else's story is better than yours. The enemy wants you to feel inadequate because he knows the power of your testimony. Make no mistake, God can use your testimony to change someone else's life. What if your story helps someone to overcome adversity or struggle in his or her life? What if your story helps that person find salvation in Christ? There is only one way to find out!

Paul reminds us that "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). May God use your testimony powerfully so that others will believe that God can work in their lives as well!

**Wendell Brown** is district superintendent of the North Central Ohio District Church of the Nazarene. He is also the founder of Tragedy Into Triumph, a nationwide simulcast reaching hundreds of thousands of people over the last 12 years for the gospel of Christ. (<http://www.tn2tsimulcast.org>). He is passionate about discipleship and finding new ways to tell the story of God's love!



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# 2021 NCO



## & School Pal Pack Collection

**9:30AM-3:30PM OCTOBER 1-6**

**9:30AM-3:30PM OCTOBER 8**

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### QUESTIONS?

Visit [www.ncodistrict.org/nmi-resources-for-churches](http://www.ncodistrict.org/nmi-resources-for-churches)

Contact Kathy Pelley at (440) 446-9330 or [kathypelley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathypelley@sbcglobal.net)



The **COVID “Jedis”** have vaccinated over 100 people in the last couple of months as they work to save lives and lower the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the COVID vaccines, The Well Health Center continues to serve school-aged children in need of vaccines to protect both the children themselves and their fellow peers. In fact, on May 4th, The Well team went to Dalhart to offer the students the necessary vaccines to continue their public school education. This service is so vital as many of the kiddos who come from other countries either have not been vaccinated or are very far behind. Your monthly donations to the health center provide the salaries to our staff to enable them to keep doing what they do.

If you feel prompted to give monthly to The Well Health Center and help save lives in Cactus and the surrounding area, visit the address below and give or send your check to The Well Health Center P.O. Box 387 Cactus TX. 79013 and signify monthly donation in the memo line.

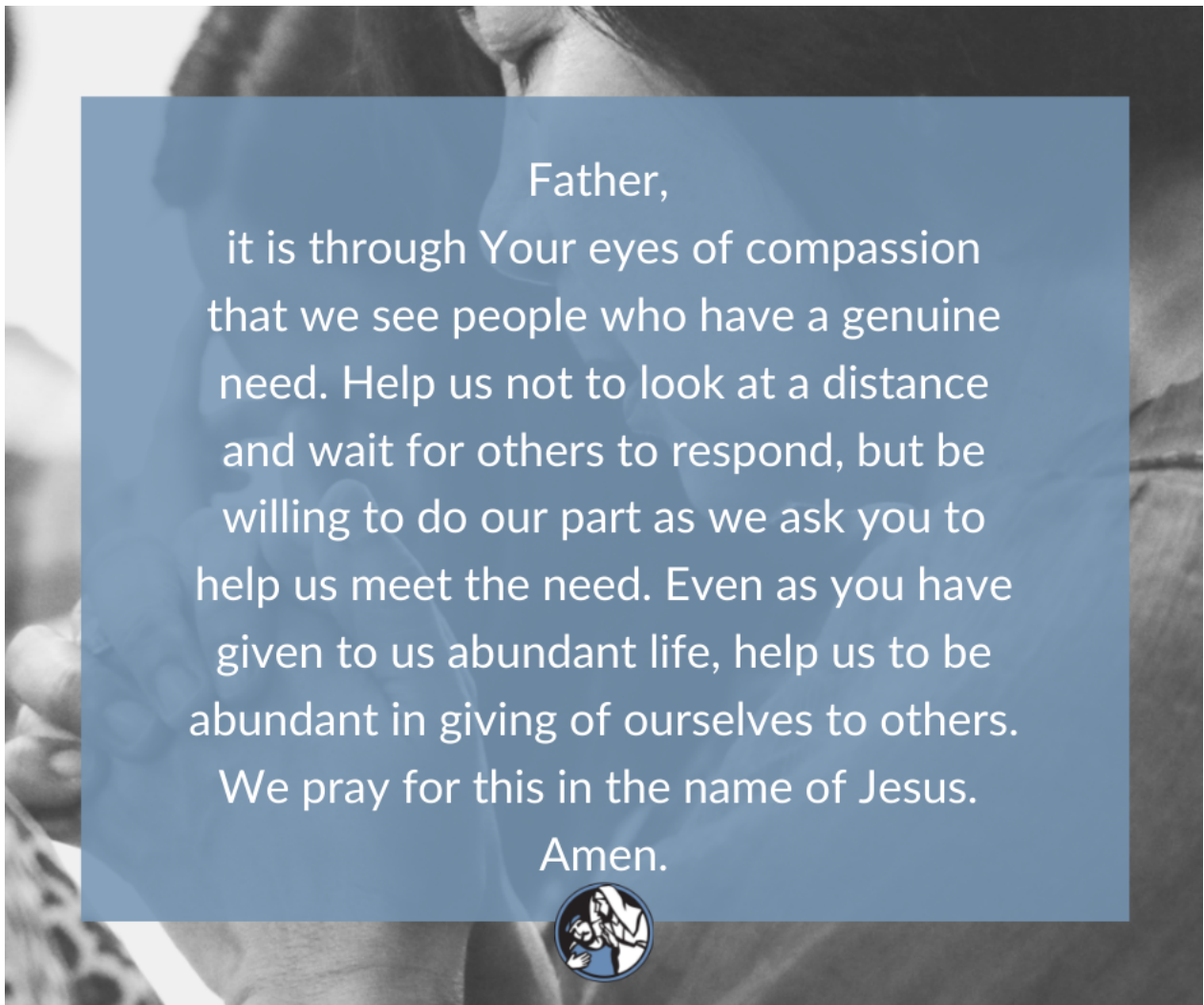
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# Serving the Most Vulnerable During a Pandemic



In the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio, in the United States, 55 percent of people live below the poverty line (which in the U.S. is defined as a yearly income of \$26,200 for a family of 4), and almost 1 in 4 adults are unemployed. Compared to other areas in the state, Franklinton residents have the lowest life expectancy, a sign of the socioeconomic inequities and barriers to health care access that are a constant challenge for people living in poverty.

To remove those barriers, Lower Lights Christian Health Center (LLCHC), serves the people of Franklinton and five other neighborhoods in Columbus with high quality medical, vision, dental, behavioral health, and nutrition care, regardless of the ability to pay and with or without insurance. LLCHC is a Nazarene compassionate ministry center, and therefore provides care for both the body and spirit.

Food insecurity, a measure of both availability and access to nutritious food, is an ever-present reality in lower-income urban neighborhoods has a direct impact upon the health of a community. Supporting and improving health through nutrition is part

of the ministry of LLCHC. In May of 2018, the center opened the Jubilee Market and Café, a non-profit grocery store that brings fresh and high-quality food to the residents of Franklinton at an affordable cost. The Café accepts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and WIC benefits, and provides discounts for customers with greater financial need.

Throughout the pandemic, LLCHC has remained open for patients, meeting needs first by pivoting to telehealth visits during the initial lockdown period, and later by providing coronavirus testing services at two of their locations. Now, LLCHC is operating as a coronavirus vaccine provider, and while appointments are open to anyone, the staff are committed to ensuring that their most vulnerable neighbors are able to make it in for a vaccine if they desire. The center offers scheduling on their website and also by phone to better meet the needs of those without internet access. As of April 16, the center had provided over 5,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses.



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, communities of color have been among the hardest hit in the United States. By providing affordable care, testing, and vaccines, LLCHC is working to ensure a patient's race, economic status, or zip code is not the determining factor in their ability to fight the virus.

Lower Lights Christian Health Center (LLCHC) is a faith-based, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit community health center that exists to minister the love of Christ as a full-service medical home, focused on quality whole person wellness. As a nonprofit organization, volunteers are always needed. If you'd like to know more about the ministry of LLCHC, visit their website or follow the center on Facebook.



NAZARENE  
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This article was written April 28, 2021 by Amy Heckman and previously published at <https://www.ncm.org/blog/servingthemostvulnerable>.

# 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

North Central Ohio NMI

Bedford

Elyria Community

Lexington Journey

Mount Gilead Fresh

Faith

Mount Vernon Lakeholm

Painesville

Wooster

Kenna Williams

LeRoy & Ponce Peterson

Reverend George and Linda  
Gribben

Iada Weaver

Dave & Judy Dye

Jerry Scott

Lola Kilgore

Mike Thompson

more information available at [www.nazarene.org/nmi/memorial-roll](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi/memorial-roll) or  
[www.nazarene.org/nmi/distinguished-service-award](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi/distinguished-service-award)

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:

North Central Ohio District NMI	Rev. Wendell Kizzee
Ashland	Hilda Gribble
Ashtabula First	Betty Colby Earl Coby Ivan Simmons Kathie Watts
Bedford	Linda Friske Sammy Braylock Howard Anderson Edna Hochstedler Eldon Hochstedler
Brunswick	Arthur Thomas
Bucyrus First & the Upper Sandusky Campus	Hazel Daiber Pat Champion Charles Assenheimer John Kalb Jr. Anna Patchett Betty Oney Rachel Miller David Coover Bill Wisterman Martha Owsley Doris Lee
Coshocton	Chester Barrick Sharon Henry Eileen Priode Harold Spang Bill Wells Vickie Wells Sandra Williams
Crestline	Jesse Bayless Guy R. Hamlin Jessie M. Hohenbrink
Fremont	Ralph Billow
Lexington Journey	Ann Dettmer Josephine Glick Barbara Pue Rev. Eugene Whitmer
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith	George E. Edwards Ralph Miklovik
Mount Vernon Lakeholm	Adah Keeton Lincoln Stevens Gladola Driftmyer Steve Doenges Millard Burnside Ethel Langdell Geneva Beck Joanne Bowman
North Royalton State Road Community	Roger McCullough
NOW Church   Wadsworth, Orrville & Rittman	Michael Mast
Painesville	John Skiba
Tiffin	Jim Fey Ester Perkins

# Mount Vernon, OH to Cactus, TX

In April our Cactus Nazarene Ministries Executive Director Phil and his wife Denise were speaking in Mt. Vernon 1st Church of the Nazarene in Ohio, when Phil jokingly claimed he had to do most of the maintenance on the ministry center with his pocketknife. The comment opened the flood gates.



The very next day Danae Riffle brought a couple of new tool boxes filled with new tools to take back to the Center. But that wasn't all. Janice McCament's (pictured left) husband passed away a few months ago and Janice was praying about what to do with the 2 garages of tools she now had no need for. She came to Phil and gave them all to CNMC!

However, if that wasn't enough, another family approached Phil and Denise and gave them a check for \$5,000 to buy more tools and or build a tool shed to store everything in. The shed is a desperate need as all of the paint supplies and other maintenance items are stored along with the Medical Clinic's and the After school program's supplies.

Now, we're praying for the right ministry team, with the skill and time to come and build a tool storage shed. We are continually amazed at how God provides for hte ministry in Cactus through wonderful, obedient, giving partners.

Thank you Lord and thank you to all who faithfully provide for the ministry needs of Cactus Nazarene Ministry Center!

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Daniel\* has been sponsored through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in the Philippines since he was young. When the pandemic hit, the 8th grader wanted to serve other families who were part of child sponsorship, too. And serve he did.

For the last year, he has visited the Nazarene church next-door to his house to help pack relief goods and distribute them to those struggling through the necessary lockdowns. He shared that it made him happier to be able to help other children have enough to eat.

Even as he continued to volunteer, Daniel also had to adapt to his own remote learning. He attends a public school, and keeping up with the modular learning was proving to be a challenge. That's where a new holistic child development program served him, too.

As part of child sponsorship, Daniel attends a child development center in his community, a slum area in Manila. The center is part of a Nazarene church that provides holistic care that meets needs and empowers long-lasting change, a vital combination.

In October of 2020 the center started a tutoring program to help students with modular learning classes. The sessions follow specific guidelines and schedules, meeting with small groups of children Monday through Friday to both help with academic pursuits and keep track of their wellbeing. Through the tutoring, Daniel stayed motivated to continue doing well in his classes. He switched from struggling with his modules to understanding and finishing them all, determined to do well and pursue his dream of becoming a policeman.

Throughout the Philippines, other churches and centers have hosted similar relief programs to care for children along with their families. A leader in one church remarked, "The realization that the church was able to do more compassionate ministries during this pandemic compared to the time prior is a great testimony [to] the provision and faithfulness of the Lord." 🇵🇭💙❤️

#livecompassion

\*Name is changed for protection.



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# COVID-19 RESPONSE: THANK YOU FOR SHOWING COMPASSION

## Your Impact Through Pandemic Relief

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic has altered everything. Through it all, churches have been and will continue to be vital. Without local Nazarene churches, fewer people would have received the food, income assistance, mental health support, and spiritual ministry they needed when they needed it.

Through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, you have come alongside churches that have witnessed great needs within their communities. They have seen hunger, fear, and illness. And instead of becoming immobilized, they have pivoted existing projects and started new ones to reach those in need.

COVID-19 projects are active in all six regions of the Church of the Nazarene. Many are supporting those reeling from economic crises. Others are providing crucial health supplies like soap and masks. Still more are working with communities who were already facing great need, including those living as refugees. Their responses are just the beginning: as the needs grow, so too will ministries of compassion.



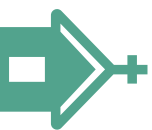
Nearly 500,000 people\* are being served by new COVID-19 ministries or adapted projects.



Close to 200 new projects\* have been developed and approved.



88 countries\* have an active response to the pandemic.



More than 6,900 churches\* are participating in those projects through NCM.

\*These numbers increase weekly.



During the pandemic, churches and ministries in Liberia adapted quickly to support others.

## Stories from Liberia

Sao, 41, loves to have fun. When she was learning catering through the Empowering Women With Dignity project in Liberia, she said her favorite part was the camaraderie among the women in the class. Several Nazarene churches participate in the project, which teaches women vocational skills like sewing, catering, soap-making, and tie-dye.

Just before the COVID-19 pandemic started, Sao's husband lost his job. The couple and their three children, ages 8, 13, and 17 years old, found themselves without any income. Sao put to use the skills she had learned in class and began making food to sell. Despite a 3 pm curfew, she and her children regularly sold out of the goods she made. "Had it not been for the vocational skills, my family and myself would have died of hunger because we had nowhere to turn," she said.

Nazarene churches in Liberia have acted quickly in the face of the pandemic. Women who are part of the vocational skills classes distributed hygiene products to more than 150 families, and the Nazarene district distributed food and hygiene supplies to 250 people. Church-led taskforces also set up hand-washing stations and raised awareness in the communities.

Continue to help make a difference and learn more at [NCM.org/covid19](https://ncm.org/covid19)

# 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—Buddy Plan, AMS 1069 ; September 30, 2021 \$5.00*

*Missionary Christmas Fund; December 1: \$10*

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 <http://www.ncodistrict.org/LINKS>.**

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

**NCO recommends each church submit an 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**

<i>Minimum Amount per <u>EACH</u> servant family</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Minimum TOTAL amount assigned per church</i>
<b>\$20</b>	Bucyrus & the Upper Sandusky Campus Marion First & the Kensington Campus Wooster	<b>\$20</b>
<b>\$10</b>	Ashtabula First Ashland Bedford Burton North East Community CLE Richmond Heights Coshocton Delaware Newstart Elyria Community Fremont Galion Real Life Jefferson Kelloggsville Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Mount Vernon First Mount Vernon Lakeholm Mount Vernon New Life Now Church   Wadsworth & Orrville Campus Painesville Sandusky Community Sunbury Willard	<b>\$10</b>
<b>\$5</b>	Amherst The River Andover Cherry Valley Apple Valley Shepherd's House Brunswick CLE Garfield Heights CLE Nueva Luz CLE Victory Cardington Carey Ridge Chapel Crestline	<b>\$5</b>

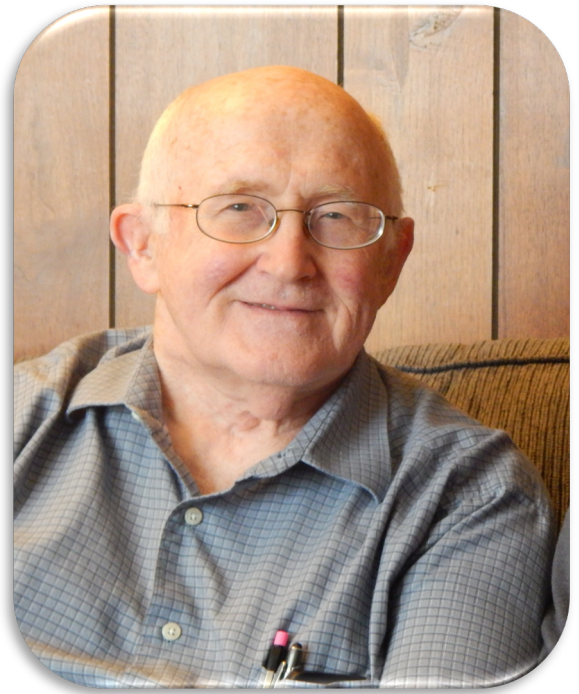
<i>Minimum Amount per <u>EACH</u> servant family</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Minimum TOTAL amount assigned per church</i>
<b>\$5</b>	Doylestown Eastlake Willo-lake Fostoria First Geneva Lexington Journey Loudonville Mansfield Heart City Marion Life Link Medina North Ridgeville Starting Point North Royalton State Road Community Port Clinton Shelby Tiffin Vermillion West Lafayette Westlake Parkside	<b>\$5</b>
<b>\$2.50</b>	Ashtabula Edgewood Clyde CLE Arabic CLE Aviva Cooperdale Grafton Harvest Fellowship NOW Rittman Sullivan Strongsville Centered Life Orwell Resurrection Life Warsaw	<b>\$2.50</b>
<i>Minimum Amount per <u>EACH</u> Servant family</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Minimum TOTAL amount assigned per church</i>

**Churches should submit their CASH LINKS via their churches Funding the Mission online account.**

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

*<https://www.ncodistrict.org/links> or found in the NMI presidents packet mailed June 23 with the delegate information.*

**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](http://www.ncodistrict.org/LINKS)

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Please continue to pray for the people of all the countries of South America, SA. Some are still contracting and recovering from COVID. The numbers are rising and many of our church people and families have died and are suffering, especially in Venezuela where the health system has collapsed. Pray that they will get the medicine and medical attention that they need. We are not sure the number of deaths or how many are sick.



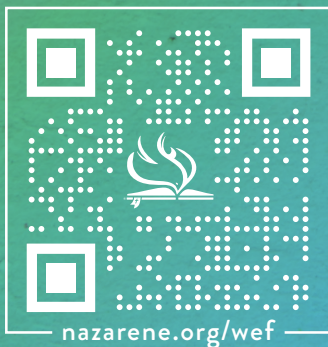
Please pray for all SA missionaries as they minister in the middle of the pandemic. Some countries in SA have implemented a weekend lockdown and put curfews in place during the week to help the hospitals. The vaccination phase is slow and it may be the end of the year before some will be able to be vaccinated.

Please join the North Andean Field in prayer that God will provide the resources to provide the necessary protocols for when the churches are able to open again. ~

May 15, 2021 North Andean Field Prayer Line, [naf.prayerline@samnaz.org](mailto:naf.prayerline@samnaz.org)



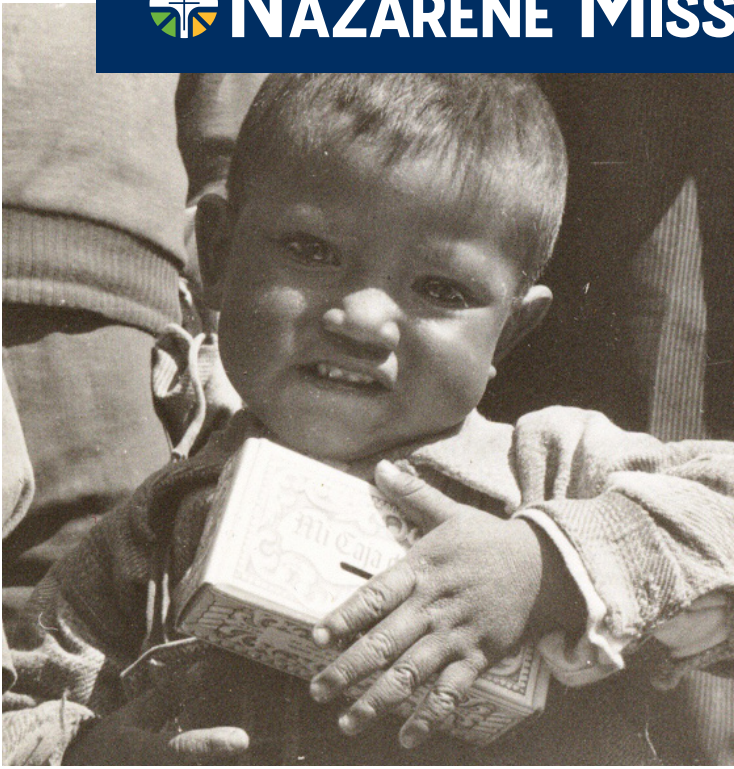
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# July 2021

**Indianapolis, IN– June 26– July 3**

**South Texas– July 10-17**

**Appalachia– July 17-24**

Please pray for the NCO NYI leaders, teens and families as they participate in the various mission projects listed above.

Connect with Shannon Wilson, NCO Encuentro coordinator at 419-357-1093 or [reagannesmom@yahoo.com](mailto:reagannesmom@yahoo.com) for updates or interest in future Encuentro trips.

[www.encuentromissions.org](http://www.encuentromissions.org) 





# PUERTO RICO

SUMMER 2022

[www.encuentromissions.org](http://www.encuentromissions.org)

Team Registration now open  
Trip details coming August 1, 2021



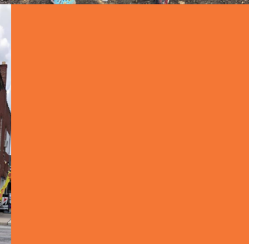
## Engaging Children & Youth | Top 5 Impact



Indianapolis

Westlake  
Parkside

June 26-July 3, 2021





Dear friends, supporters, and prayer partners,

Andy and I would like to share with you some changes that are coming up for us and The Well. This has been quite a journey! In a few months, I will be stepping back as the full time doctor for The Well. This was not an easy decision, but I feel that it is time for a new provider with fresh energy and passion to take over the daily duties of caring for our patients. I will likely continue to be involved on a volunteer basis as we are currently planning to stay in the area.

That being said... we are now looking for a provider (physician, NP, or PA) to join us! Do you know someone who has an interest in or a call to medical missions? The Well Health Center is a faith-based charitable clinic with the mission of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with our neighbors by providing quality, compassionate, and affordable whole person and community health care. We serve a largely uninsured population of immigrants, refugees, and other folks in our area. The entire world has come to Cactus--quite literally! We are currently providing primary care three days a week. With recent increase in patient volume and expected growth of the community, there is potential to open more days per week. Please contact our Executive Director, Phil Anderson, at [p.anderson@thewellhealthcenter.org](mailto:p.anderson@thewellhealthcenter.org) for more information.

Thank you for all the ways you have cheered us along the way. We hope that you will continue to pray for and support Cactus Nazarene Ministry Center and The Well. We will be! God has done great things, and has great things ahead for these ministries and for Cactus.

Love to you! ~ Dr. Steph for the Diehlmanns



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Hi,  
I'm Jennifer Caplinger, and I am the new administrative assistant for Appalachia Reach Out. I am so excited to be a part of what God wants to accomplish through the work of ARO. If you have questions about how you can partner with ARO, service opportunities, or other ways to get involved and be a part of the mission of ARO, you can reach me during my office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00AM-2:00PM EST or at 812-322-6643. You can also reach me at our email which is [jennifercaplinger15@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercaplinger15@gmail.com).




I look forward to hearing from you!  
-Jennifer

Will you commit to pray for ARO in the coming summer months? Many teams will be visiting the campus of ARO. We will have more than 20 teams this summer as well as groups coming with Encuentro. Please pray for the many people we will be in contact with, and that God will receive all the glory!

Bluffton Nazarene is our 1st Work & Witness Team for our West Virginia site, and they arrived on June 12th.

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[www.appalachiareachout.com](http://www.appalachiareachout.com)

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*District Fall Tour: October 23 - 31, 2021*

Gary & Penny Sidle  
Global Missionaries to Zambia, Africa



*District Fall Tour:  
September 25 - October 2, 2022*

Monty & Bethany Cyr  
Guatemala  
MesoAmerica Region Global Deployment  
Global missionaries

*Retirement Tour: May 15-22, 2022*

David & Sylvia Potter  
Global Missionaries to Vanuatu  
Asia Pacific Region



Signup at the NMI display in the foyer today or contact Kathy Pelley,  
[kathypelley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathypelley@sbcglobal.net)!

# **NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL** 2021-2022 Calendar

## **NMI Top 5 Impacts:**

[nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/areas-impact/nmi-areas-impact](http://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/areas-impact/nmi-areas-impact)

- Prayer
  - Alabaster
  - World Evangelism Fund, WEF
  - Engaging children & youth
  - LINKs
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## **July - International Ministries, Bible Schools & Seminaries,** [nazarene.org/iboe-institutions](http://nazarene.org/iboe-institutions)

- 3 | CLE Missionary James & Emily Laker's Anniversary
- 10-17 | Encuentro South Texas, [www.encuentromissions.org/riograndevalley](http://www.encuentromissions.org/riograndevalley)
- 13 | District Assembly from 1-4pm at Wooster Nazarene with GS Dr. Carla Sunberg, presiding
- 14 | NMI Convention from noon-2pm with Dr. Gary Morsch, voting available 11:30am to 2:30pm.
- 14 | SDMI Workshops from 2:30pm to 4:30pm with JR Briggs
- 14 | Family Camp Kickoff service at 7pm with Dr. Lee Strobel
- 15 & 16 | Family Camp services: at 7pm with Dr. Bob Broadbooks  
Details & Children's activities found at [www.ncodistrict.org/assembly](http://www.ncodistrict.org/assembly)
- 17-24 | Encuentro Appalachia, [www.encuentromissions.org/appalachia](http://www.encuentromissions.org/appalachia)
- 24-26 | Primary Camp for grades 1-3, details at [www.ncodistrict.org/kidscamp](http://www.ncodistrict.org/kidscamp)
- 26-Aug 2 | NCO District Work & Witness trip to Camp Maranatha, Big Lake Alaska
- 27-29 | Pre-Teen Camp GIRLS for grades 4-6, details at [www.ncodistrict.org/kidscamp](http://www.ncodistrict.org/kidscamp)
- 29-31 | Pre-Teen Camp BOYS for grades 4-6, details at [www.ncodistrict.org/kidscamp](http://www.ncodistrict.org/kidscamp)

## **August – Links**

- [nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-links](http://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-links)
- 31 | Cash Links Due to General Treasurer/Funding the Mission, [www.ncodistrict.org/links](http://www.ncodistrict.org/links)

## **September - Alabaster,** [nazarene.org/alabaster](http://nazarene.org/alabaster)

- 19 | Freedom Sunday, [www.ncm.org/freedom-sunday](http://www.ncm.org/freedom-sunday)
- 21 | See You at the Pole, [syatp.com](http://syatp.com)
- 29-Oct 2 | USA/Canada Work & Witness Conference  
[attendify.co/usacanada-regional-work--witness-conference-BfBpo82](http://attendify.co/usacanada-regional-work--witness-conference-BfBpo82)

## **October - Mission Priority One**

- 1-31 | Pastor Appreciation Month
- 1-6 | CCK/Pal-Pak Drive – 9:30-3:30 at the NCO District office
- 8 | CCK/Pal-Pak Drive – 9:30-3:30 at the NCO District Office
- 23-31 | NCO Fall Deputation tour with Gary & Penny Sidle, [www.ncodistrict.org/district-tours](http://www.ncodistrict.org/district-tours)

## **November - Thanksgiving Offering**

- [nazarene.org/generosity](http://nazarene.org/generosity)  
[nazarene.org/stewardship](http://nazarene.org/stewardship)

7 | International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church  
[www.opendoorsusa.org/idop/](http://www.opendoorsusa.org/idop/)  
[www.persecution.com/idop/](http://www.persecution.com/idop/)

25 | Thanksgiving Day

### **December - Compassionate Ministries**

1-31 | NCM Christmas Project [www.ncm.org/christmas](http://www.ncm.org/christmas)  
Missionary Christmas Fund, [www.ncodistrict.org/links](http://www.ncodistrict.org/links)

16 | CLE Missionary James Laker's birthday

11 | Heaventrain Christmas, [lighthousecle.org/heaventrain/](http://lighthousecle.org/heaventrain/)

25 | Christmas Day

### **January - Volunteer Ministries, [nazarene.org/send-me](http://nazarene.org/send-me)**

1 | Happy New Year

### **February - Alabaster Emphasis, [nazarene.org/alabaster](http://nazarene.org/alabaster)**

27-March 5 | Nazarene World Week of prayer, [www.nazarene.org/prayer](http://www.nazarene.org/prayer)

### **March - Easter Offering**

[nazarene.org/generosity](http://nazarene.org/generosity)

[nazarene.org/stewardship](http://nazarene.org/stewardship)

2 | Ash Wednesday

7 | Links Missionary, Ted Esseltyn's birthday, [www.ncodistrict.org/links](http://www.ncodistrict.org/links)

### **April - Mission Education Emphasis**

1-30 | 30 days of Prayer for Muslims, [www.30daysprayer.com](http://www.30daysprayer.com)

10 | Palm Sunday

15 | Good Friday

17 | Easter

### **May - Missionary Health Care**

Memorial Roll

[www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-memorial-roll](http://www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-memorial-roll)

Distinguished Service Award

[www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-distinguished-service-award](http://www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-distinguished-service-award)

5 | National Day of Prayer, [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

15-22 | Retirement Tour for David & Sylvia Potter, [www.ncodistrict.org/district-tours](http://www.ncodistrict.org/district-tours)

31 | Memorial Day

### **June - World Mission Broadcast, <https://nazarene.org/wmb>**

1 | New Church Year Begins

7 | 2021-2022 NMI President's Local Report due, [www.ncodistrict.org/nmi-resources-for-churches](http://www.ncodistrict.org/nmi-resources-for-churches)

Middle School & High School Youth Camps

### **Mark your Calendars:**

July 17, 2022 - District Assembly

September 25-October 2, 2022 NCO district Fall Tour with Monty & Bethany Cyr,

[www.ncodistrict.org/district-tours](http://www.ncodistrict.org/district-tours)



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- NCO Nazarene Mission International on Youtube, <http://bit.ly/NCONMIYoutube>; Facebook, [www.facebook.com/NCOhioNMI/](http://www.facebook.com/NCOhioNMI/) and Twitter, [www.twitter.com/NCOhioNMI](http://www.twitter.com/NCOhioNMI)
- NCO Nazarene Youth International on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/NCOhioNYI](http://www.facebook.com/NCOhioNYI)

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**September 19, 2021**

Visit [www.ncm.org/freedom-sunday#resources](http://www.ncm.org/freedom-sunday#resources) for more information and resources