



# Dallas District NMI Newsletter

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“I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you My power and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”

Exodus 9:16

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## District President's Corner



### *Only What's Done for Christ Will Last*

“Only one life – it will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last.” Like me, you have probably seen this simple poem many times, but have you taken its implied advice to heart? This is the beginning of a New Year. 2008 has many exciting things in store for us, as children of the Most High God!!

What will you do for Christ this year that will last? Will you wisely take advantage of every opportunity to let the people you come in contact with know that Jesus loves them? Will you disciple a new believer? Will you take a trip to a mission field? – if so, will it be across the ocean, or just across the street?

Remember the visual representation of what the church situation in the U.S. and Canada would look like if the North Africa worker-to-need ratio were applied here? .....seven churches for ALL of the USA and Canada....



Can we determine once again today, at the beginning of this New Year, that we will **Speak It Boldly** wherever we go, and pray and give so that the whole world may know that **Jesus loves them!!?** – Cheryl Adams

## January Challenge:

World Mission Mobilization

World Mission Mobilization is committed to reaching our world with the love of Christ through his church. From short-term volunteer opportunities to full-time careers in missions, World Mission Mobilization can help people on our district find a place of service.

During January, please make your people aware of the opportunities available through World Mission Mobilization.

The five ministries that comprise World Mission Mobilization are:  
Work & Witness, Mission Corps, Youthserve, Mission Candidate Opportunities, and Youth In Mission.

For more information, log on to:

<http://wmmobilization.org/>

## URGENT NEED— USED CHOIR ROBES FOR

South Asia Nazarene Bible College!

Please see the attached flyer about an urgent need you can help with that will encourage our brothers and sisters in India.

If you know of some used robes that can be donated, please read the attachment and then make contact with the college as instructed.



Mark your calendars  
for the next Children's  
Mission Day:

January 19<sup>th</sup>  
At Richardson

## Have you thought about how we all work together to build the Kingdom?? And how essential we all are??

This is an excerpt from an article written by Dr. Daniel Ketchum, General NMI Director -

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Our Nazarene *Manual* refers to Nazarene Youth International, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries and NMI as “auxiliary” arms of the general church. In limited usage today, auxiliary\* is defined as “a person or group engaged in supplementary service, but not part of a regular team.” Synonyms for “auxiliary” include: secondary, spare, back-up, trivial, nonessential.

By contrast, essential\* is defined as “part of the essence of something, giving a cause or group necessary, significant, and unique qualities.” Synonyms for “essential” include foundational, vital, indispensable, integral.

NYI, SDMI, and NMI are essential, not auxiliary. They are part of the core team. Can you imagine a truly dynamic church lacking passion for next generations, disciple-making, or global mission?

NYI. SDMI. NMI - From auxiliaries to essential ministries.

Essential influence.

\*Definitions gathered from several sources.

## Did You Know

- ✦ In 2008, World Mission Broadcast (WMB) will be 64 years old. Begun in 1944 as the Nazarene Radio League, WMB ministers to millions of people each day via radio, television, Internet, texting, and podcasts. The WMB Office has collected prayer requests and produced a simple document called 64 Ways to Pray for WMB. Contact the WMB office at [wmb@nazarene.org](mailto:wmb@nazarene.org) for your copy.
- ✦ On Sept. 29, 2007, the first Work & Witness team since the 1980s entered Colombia

## Did You Know

The **JESUS Film Project** (a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ) celebrated the 1000<sup>th</sup> translation of the *JESUS* film recently. In fact, as of January 6, 2008, the original *JESUS* film is available in 1014\* languages The children’s version of the film is now in 129 languages, and the audiodrama version is available in 411 languages. [www.jesusfilm.org](http://www.jesusfilm.org)

\*an increase of 10 languages since my last newsletter (all figures reflect increases in number of languages)

## **IMPORTANT**

### **Mailing International Packages to Missionaries**

As of May 13, 2007, the USPS has changed the way they mail packages internationally. All packages now are sent airmail—**no more ground delivery**. This rule makes heavy packages very expensive. You can find out exactly what your package will cost by going to <http://postcalc.usps.gov>. Select the destination country, size of your package, and weight (or zip code within the U.S.A.). Packages less than 20 pounds can go in a “Priority Mail Flat Rate Box” if no written correspondence is included for \$37 (except for Canada and Mexico which is \$23). See instructions on the USPS Web site.

## **Child Sponsorship Challenge Update**

### **4477 New Sponsors since October, 2006!**

A check of the most recent stats reveals that **the Dallas District is number 4 out of the top 10 districts, with 110 children sponsored** through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. Since October of 2006!

Thanks to all of you who have sponsored children – if you have not sponsored a child, please take the time to visit the NCM website!!

To sponsor a child through NCM online, log on to [www.ncm.org/cs/](http://www.ncm.org/cs/)

## Global Prayer Initiative

The following is an abbreviated version of a prayer guide the Board of General Superintendents (BGS) has developed as part of the BGS Global Prayer Initiative. A full, detailed version is posted on the NMI web site under "Prayer"—  
[www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org).

### Prayer Guide

1. Begin with thanksgiving, praise, and worship.
2. Respond honestly; receive God's grace.
3. Intercede for personal needs.
4. Ask God to reveal his will, strategies, and plans for you and through you.
5. Trust God to pour the Holy Spirit into the Church.
6. Intercede for ministry needs.
7. Seek God's glory.
8. As an intercessor, repent over the involvement of people in sin.
9. Intercede for reconciliation.
10. Ask and trust God to intervene in global challenges.
11. Intercede for next generations and emerging leaders globally.
12. Conclude your time with God in thanksgiving, praise, and worship.

*A good place to find requests for prayer for our global family is the*

## **Prayer Mobilization Line, brought to you by NMI**

## Access **the NMI Prayer Mobilization Line**

at 816-444-PRAY For more information, contact the General NMI Office at 816-333-7000 x2397 or via e-mail at [nmi@nazarene.org](mailto:nmi@nazarene.org).

**Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."**

Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

### **My Thoughts On Missions**

By Margaret Cash  
District Publicity Chair

The very first time I read a mission book my heart was filled with a love for missions.

The life of a missionary seems adventuresome, at times perilous and most exciting.

Have you ever thought, what if you too could be on the mission field.

You are on the mission field! Right in your hometown, right in your church, right in your workplace there are people who need to know the Lord and who need to know that they are loved. We participate in the mission fields everyday and rightfully so. The work of the Lord will never be done until the end of our days.

If you help your church make their budgets you are helping the mission field on foreign ground. If you open your heart to your neighbors, you are doing the work of the Lord on the home mission front. When you pray for the missionaries you are working the mission field.

These are exciting times for us to be a part of. Let the Lord lead you to help in the best way you can. God bless all of our supporters. Isn't our God an awesome God?



**Cynthia Downey**

**Missionary From Argentina  
Is touring the Dallas District this month!!**

January, 2008

13 AM Kilgore  
13 PM Marshall  
14 Mt Enterprise  
15 Monte Ararat  
16 Commerce  
17 Faith - Irving  
18 Spanish Rally- Primera  
19 Children's Mission Day/RCN  
20 AM Denison  
20 PM Bruton Terrace

If she is not going to be in your church, you might want to travel to one close to you where she will be speaking.

We are looking forward to her ministry on our district! Pray for safe travel during her tour, for her effectiveness in each meeting, and for the generosity of our people toward her.

## USED CHOIR ROBES NEEDED!



Choir robes (used or new, stoles, if included) are needed for South Asia Nazarene Bible College (SANBC), Bangalore, INDIA, for their graduation ceremony in January 2008.

Please note these important steps to take that will assist the Academic Dean, Mr. Simon Jothi, when he is notified that the robes have arrived at the Bangalore post office. **He will not be allowed to accept these used choir robes without the following stated information from you:**

1. A typed letter on official church or district letterhead stating these robes (how many) are a "donation of used items."
2. They are a free gift to SANBC for the college's intentional use.
3. They are not for resale, and do not have a commercial value.
4. Include the pastor's signature in closing.
5. Mail letter air mail to SANBC at the following address. An e-mail will not suffice.
6. Label boxes with this address:
 

South Asia Nazarene Bible College  
#7, 7th A. Main 1st Block  
Kalayan Nagar  
BANGALORE - 560 043  
India
7. Colors of robes (and/or stoles) does not matter. The students will appreciate the gift with joy!
8. Estimated cost for 5 adult sized robes/stoles:  
\$35 per box (not to exceed 84 inches at largest measurement/check with new intl. postal sizes/weights)
9. Label box "USED ITEMS"
10. Insert a sheet with your church address and the SANBC address. This helps if it should be opened at customs.

**Additional mailing tips:** You can check the postal rates online before you encounter "sticker shock." Go to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), then click on "Calculate Postage" at the top of the home page. When that page comes up, click on "Calculate International Postage" (middle of page). Under "Select a Destination," select the country from the drop-down list. (Note: It is important that you start at the top with the instructions and ignore the zip code boxes below; this confused several of us in the office when we experimented with it. The zip code boxes will disappear when the country is selected.) After that, all you have to do is fill in the weight to find out how much the postage will be.

*Thank you for your contribution to help SANBC with graduation robes. The Lord is helping these 1,400 + students in five nations prepare for ministry. Your donation is a blessing!*

