

GOOD MORNING!

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Praise on a New Morning . . .

**We look behind at all You've done.
We trace the path on which we've come.
Holy Father, You are mercy!
Lord, everywhere we see Your hand,
The pattern of Your loving plan.
Holy Father, You are mercy!
Holy Father, You are mercy!
You are mercy!**

**Through all the wanderings of life,
You daily lead us in the light.
Loving Father, You are faithful!
Through all the sin we cannot hide,
You claim us as your holy bride.
Loving Father, You are faithful!
Loving Father, You are faithful!
You are faithful!**

**We look ahead, O Lord, and see
A glimpse of all that is to be.
We exalt You! Alleluia!
Almighty God, Eternal Truth,
All life is always only You!
We exalt You! Alleluia!
We exalt You! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

—Ken Bible

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

2005—2009



Seated l. to r.: James Diehl, Jerry Porter, Paul G. Cunningham. Standing: Nina G. Gunter, J. K. Warrick, Jesse Middendorf.



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IT'S 2008 . . .

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Go ahead, pour your first cup of coffee and step out on the porch for your all-important Quiet Time. Ignore the rolled-up morning paper; just sit there for a few moments with your steaming mug in one hand and your Bible on your knee.

It's good to be on your own front porch with the morning sun in your eyes and the green aroma of cut grass. In such a setting you read,

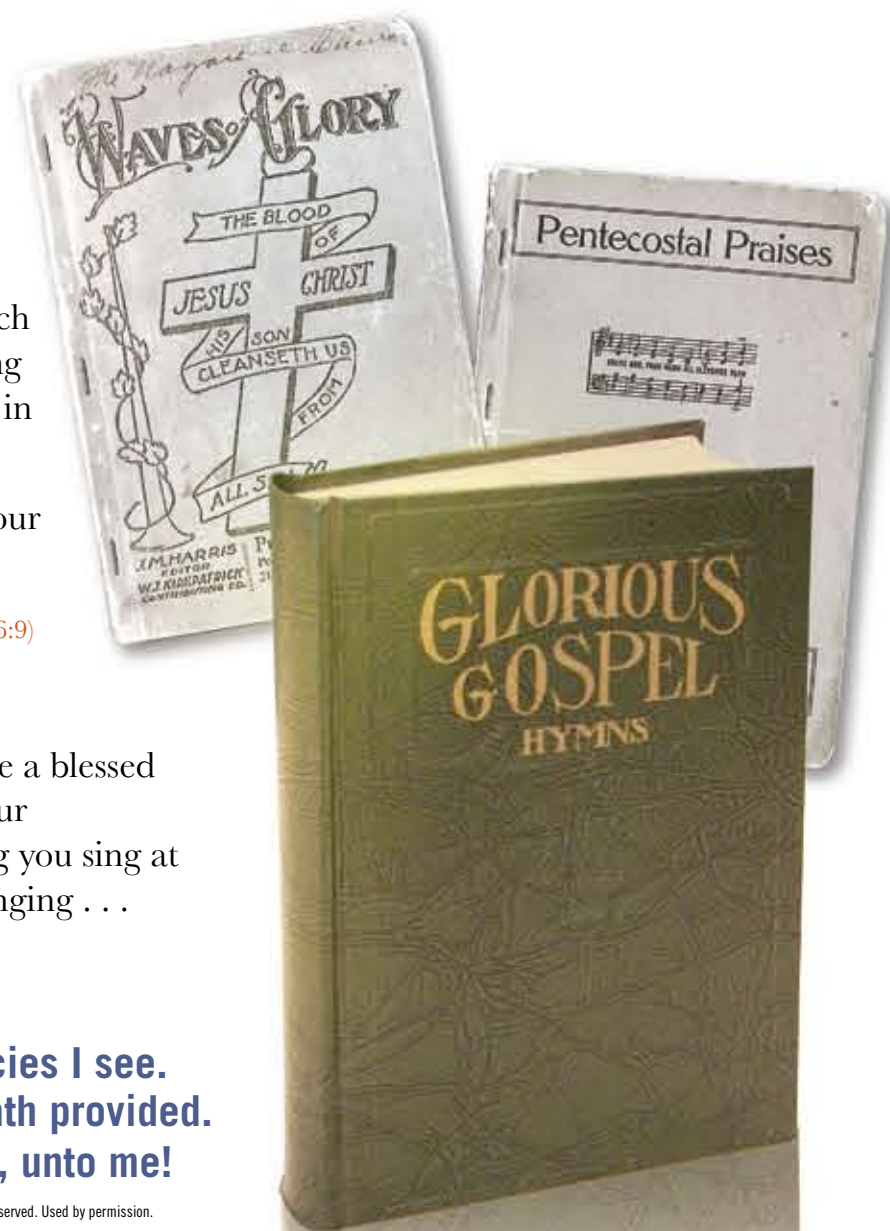
“Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness” (Ps. 96:9)

to the accompaniment of your neighbor's lawnmower.

Morning thoughts can be worrisome, but they can also be a blessed tune playing wordlessly in your mind. Say, what's that your humming? . . . “I don't know” . . . Sure you do, it's a song you sing at church. . . . “Hmmm, oh sure, I remember” . . . Softly singing . . .

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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IN THE RURAL MIDWEST,

a new day starts early when a light is switched on in a milking barn and the family begins its chores.

In Piggs Peak, Swaziland, a hungry goat nudges his shepherd boy to move the herd out to find breakfast.

While somewhere in the state of Chihuahua, down Mexico way, a rooster's “doodle-doo” rouses a gaggle of sleepy children up and out and on their way to escuela.

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In another part of the globe, the long fingers of light streak across the sky and silhouettes the domes and minarets of war-ravished lands where courageous men and women and kids awaken to thank God for another day of life.

While a Christian deejay in Chanute, Kans., nudges his sleepy-eyed listeners out of the bedclothes with an order to *“Rise, shine, and give God the glory!”*



GOOD MORNING, WORLD!

IN 1908 IT'S FRONT PORCH NEWS . . .

The president of the United States is Theodore Roosevelt, who is about to relinquish his office to William Howard Taft.

The fourth Olympics of the modern games is being played out in London, with women competing for the first time.

China celebrates its new emperor—a two-year-old named Pu Yi.

The horse and buggy has been replaced by the Model-T Ford, available in any color you want—as long as it's black. (Gasoline is a nickel a gallon.)

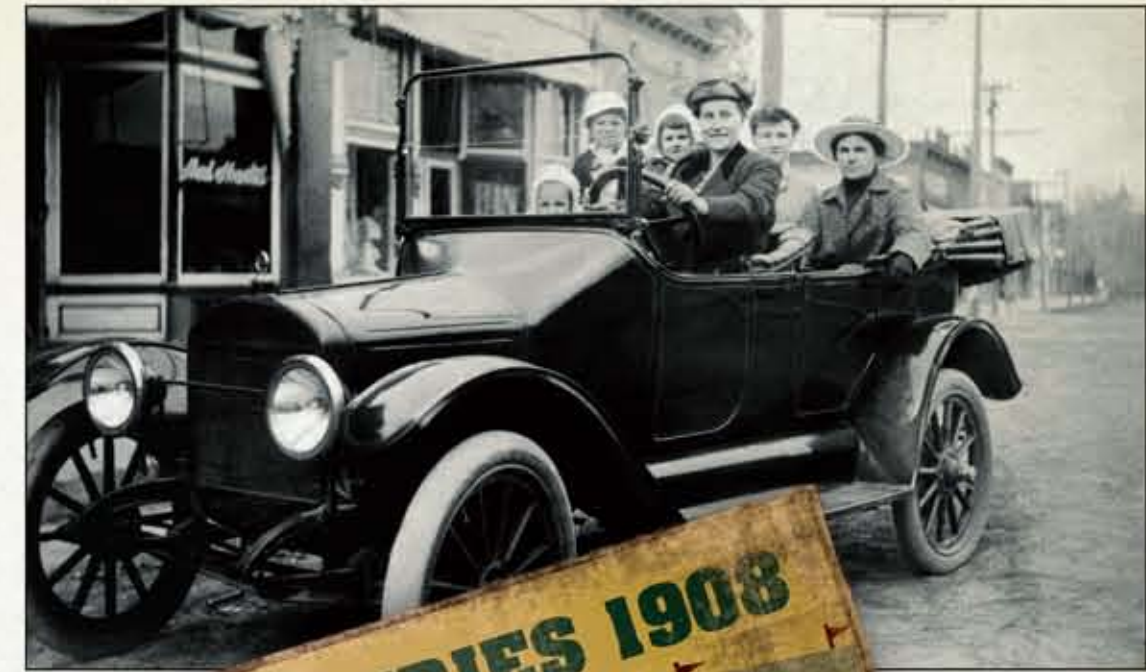
“Take Me Out to the Ball Game” is first sung, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Detroit Tigers 2-0 in the World Series.

The Boy Scouts is founded in Britain.

The U.S. Bureau of Investigation has been established. (Later the name will be changed to Federal Bureau of Investigation.)

Mother's Day is observed for the very first time, and Hallmark cards are just about to be launched in Kansas City.

Grand Canyon is designated a National Monument.



It was that same year, 1908 . . . In a giant canvas tabernacle

outside of Pilot Point, Tex., holiness folks from denominations and independent congregations from across the country gathered for celebration and worship and to ratify formation of the Church of the Nazarene.

At the moment of union, the tent sides went up and Nazarenes had a “hallelujah march,” singing to the tune of “Dixie”:

With faces all united
We'll win! We'll win!
We'll preach a gospel o'er the land
That fully saves from sin,
Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!
For Full Salvation!
Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!
For Full Salvation!

It was that event that provides us in 2009 with this, our own 100th anniversary celebration of the Church of the Nazarene . . .

Today Nazarenes express the hope of “Full Salvation” in more than 150 world areas during peace and wars, times of terrorism, natural disasters, and the scourge of a life claiming virus.

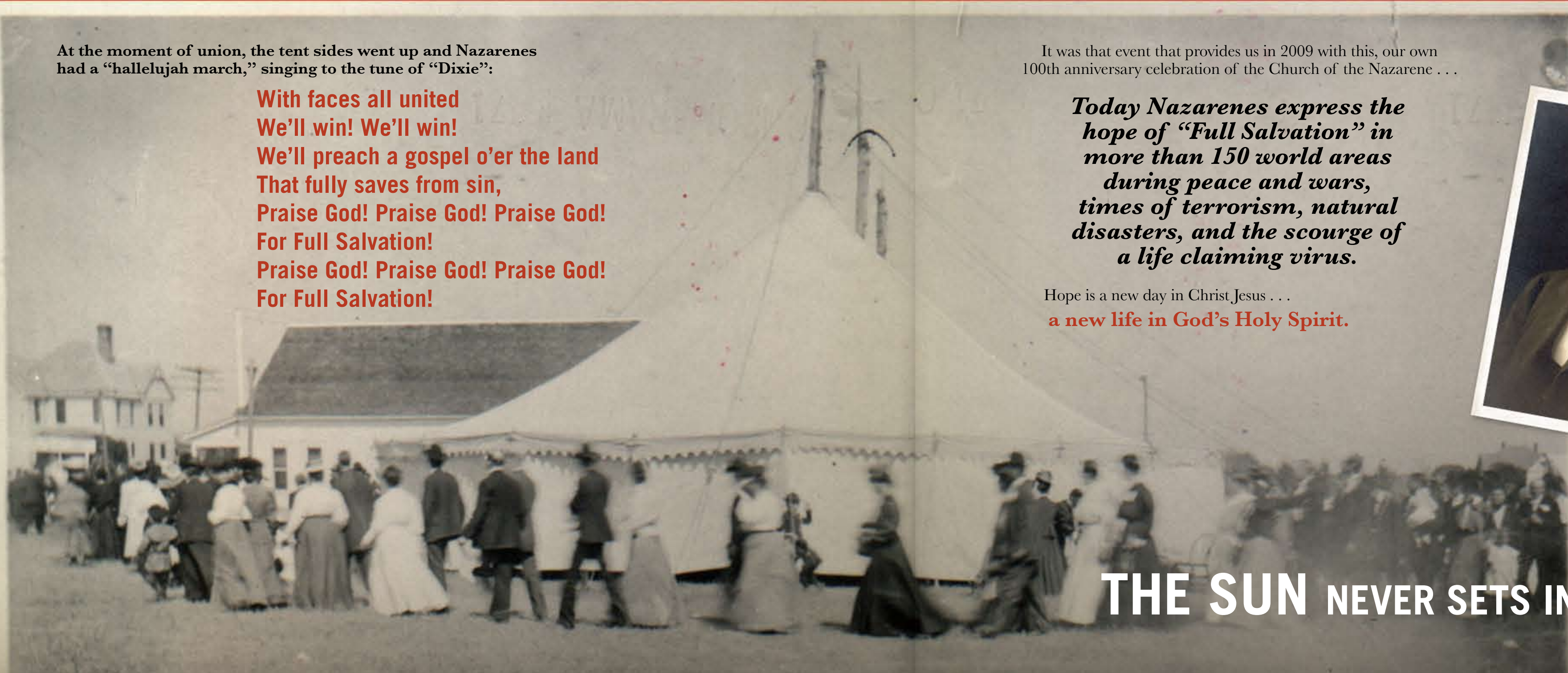
Hope is a new day in Christ Jesus . . .

a new life in God's Holy Spirit.



It was our visionary founder, **DR. PHINEAS F. BRESEE**, who, 100 years ago, observed that the Church of the Nazarene is in the morning of its existence, and . . .

THE SUN NEVER SETS IN THE MORNING.



FACT 1

At the Pilot Point union in 1908 the official name of the new denomination was the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

FACT 2

From the very beginning there were congregations outside the United States that became Nazarene when their church or society or camp meeting association signed the uniting charter.

FACT 3

As early as 1925 the Nazarene Church was concerned about retiring missionaries. Out of those early plans came Nampa House and Casa Robles Retirement Center.

FACT 4

Dr. Bresee discouraged preachers from making too much an issue of the way church women dressed.

FACT 5

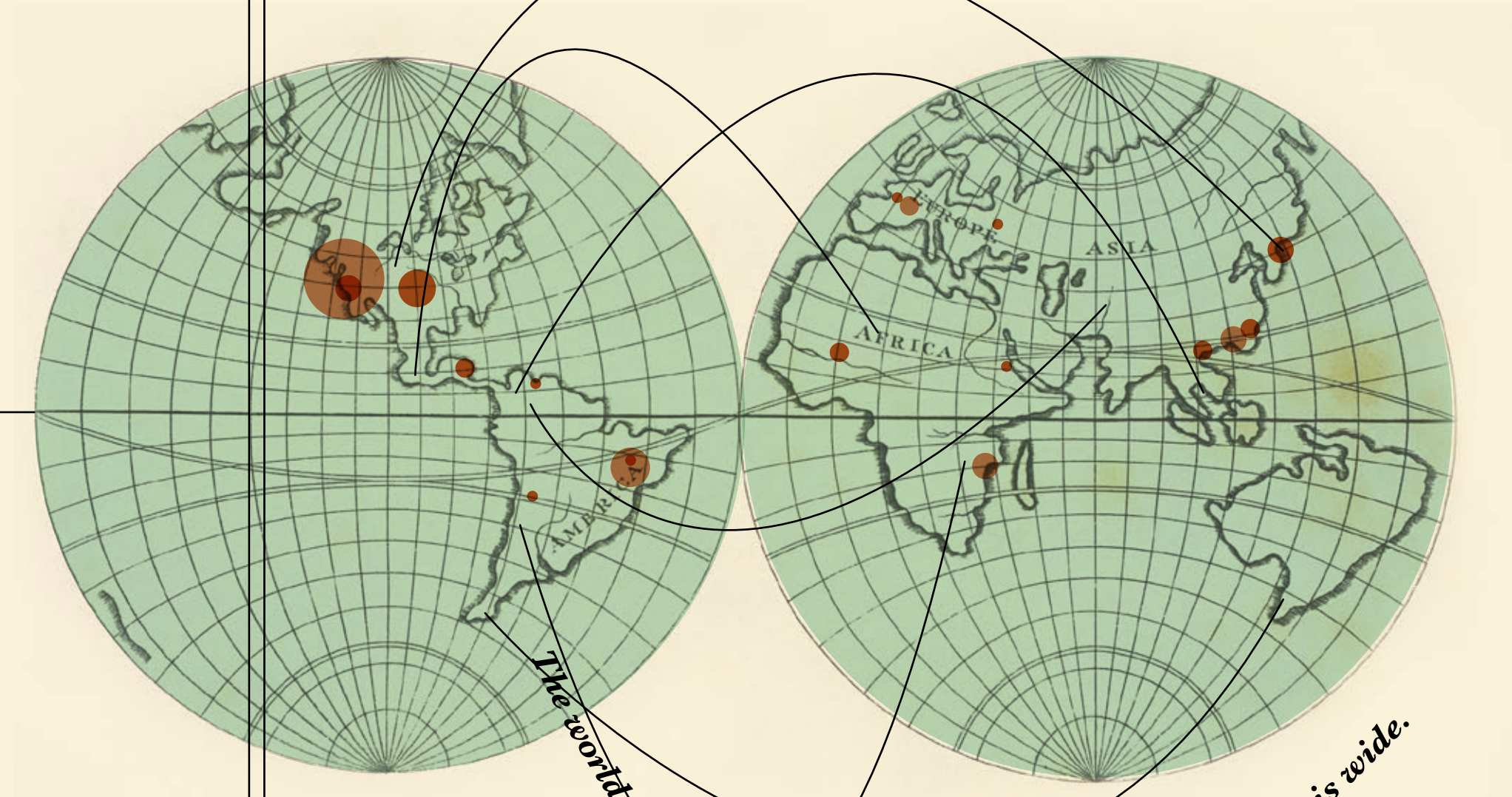
The Nazarene Church was launched with three general superintendents: P. F. Bresee (California), H. F. Reynolds (Vermont), and E. P. Ellyson (Iowa).

FACT 6

There have been a total of 36 general superintendents from 1908 to 2009. As responsibilities increased, the Board expanded from the original three members, to four, to five, and then to the current six.

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Going Global



IT WAS THE POET
EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY
WHO WROTE,

Board of General Superintendents, 1908—1911 (l. to r.):
Edgar P. Ellyson, Phineas F. Bresee, Hiram F. Reynolds.



GOING GLOBAL

Freedom is an undisputed goal for all people. For all born-again Christians there is a freedom that is found only in God’s Holy Spirit. Jesus’ words give hope to all who seek freedom of the spirit: “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).

To Nazarenes, this all-embracing heart-freedom has been best expressed in a classic holiness hymn by our own writer, Haldor Lillenas:



*“Glorious freedom!
Wonderful freedom!
No more in chains of sin I repine!
Jesus, the glorious Emancipator—
Now and forever He shall be mine.”*

Haldor Lillenas, Nazarene composer and lyricist of “Glorious Freedom.” Lillenas compiled the first Nazarene hymnal, *Glorious Gospel*, when H. F. Reynolds, John W. Goodwin, R. T. Williams, and J. B. Chapman comprised the Board of General Superintendents. The music department of Nazarene Publishing House is named for Haldor Lillenas. See related story page 89.

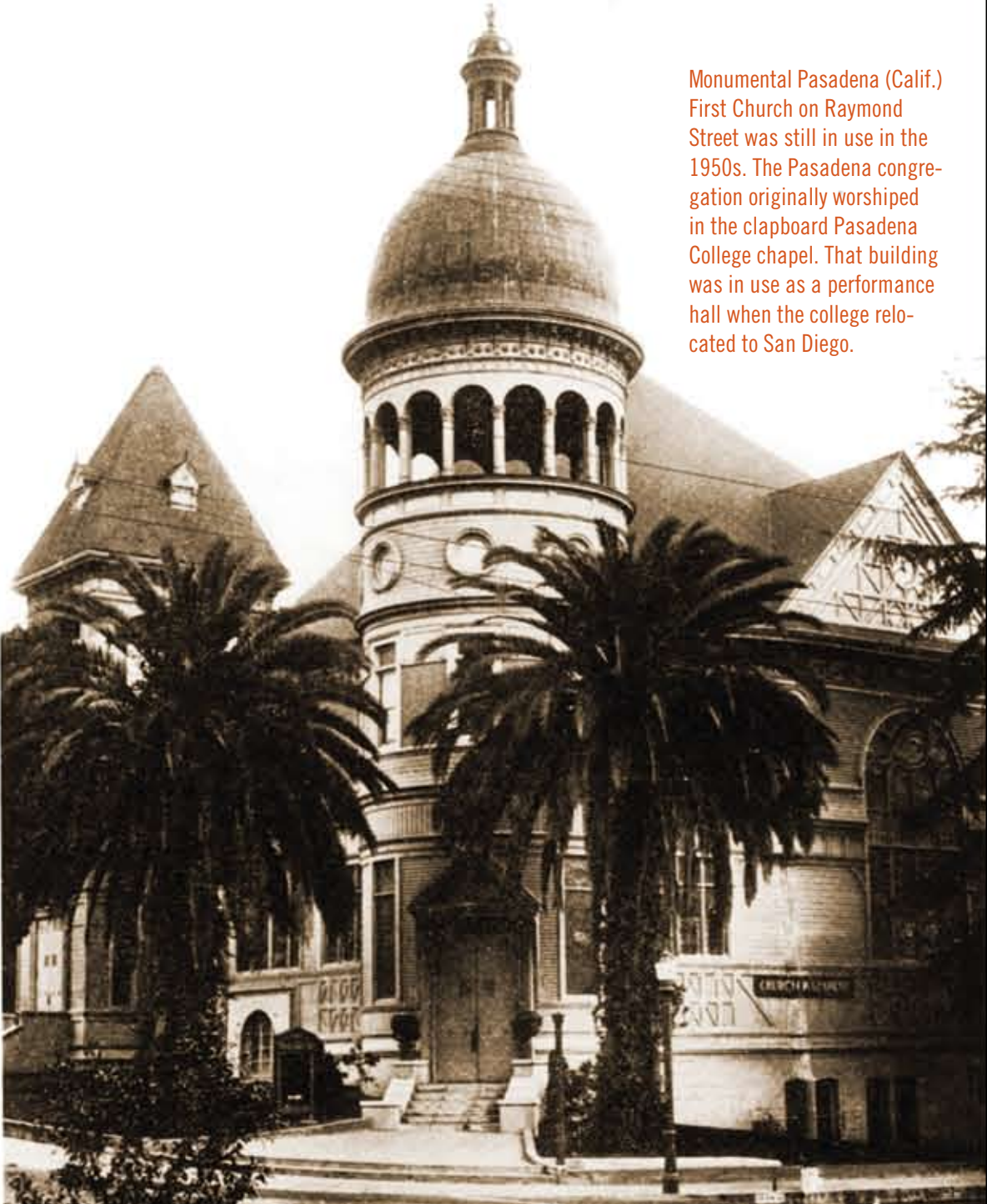
Today, this heart-freedom is being experienced, testified to, shared, and sung about around the whole wide world—it is a global experience.

To founding leaders like P. F. Bresee, H. C. Morrison, Joseph P. Widney, C. B. Jernigan, Lucy Knott, Howard Hoople, and others, there was a vision for the “global” spread of this “glorious freedom.” While not a foreign word, “global” was more often expressed in the familiar phrase from Acts:

*“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
uttermost parts of the earth”* (Acts 1:8).

One would think that the vision of those 1908 Nazarenes was pretty much concentrated on their “Jerusalems,” like Nashville, Los Angeles, Boston, and the panhandle of Texas. But, in relatively short time “all Judea and Samaria” filled in the gaps of Middle America, the Northwest, and the Eastern Seaboard. From the beginning, Nazarene “uttermost parts” included Scotland, England, Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America, the result of additional holiness groups entering the fold. And now, 150 world areas!

Monumental Pasadena (Calif.)
First Church on Raymond
Street was still in use in the
1950s. The Pasadena congre-
gation originally worshiped
in the clapboard Pasadena
College chapel. That building
was in use as a performance
hall when the college relo-
cated to San Diego.



Dr. E. S. Phillips and family.



THE PLIGHT OF PREACHING IN SOMEONE ELSE’S LANGUAGE:

World Mission executive, the late Dr. E. S. Phillips, told this as an example of miscommunication. While sharing a favorite illustration about a caterpillar climbing up the stem of a beautiful rose, his rapt Latino audience gasped and his interpreter stopped midsentence, exclaiming,

“I don’t believe it!”

Come to find out, while Phillips was describing a fuzzy little insect, his translator was describing the behavior of a piece of yellow heavy equipment.

Bresee’s original Los Angeles First Church, known to all as “The Glory Barn.” It is considered the mother church of the denomination. Unfortunately the structure no longer stands.

An Inevitable Conversation

“We’re having a missionary speaker tonight.”

“Oh, great, I love those services. They make me proud to be an American.”

“What do you mean by that?”

“Makes us Americans look so altruistic; you know, ‘Give me your tired, your poor . . .’”

“Your huddled masses yearning to breathe pollution!”

“Do you think the U.S. has a corner on the missions market?”

“Well, don’t we?”

“What would you think if someone from another part of the world came to our church to evangelize us?”

[Long pause.]

“Yeah, sis, what do you say to that?”

“Would that non-North American person be a missionary then?”

[Another long pause.]

“Well, how can someone be a missionary if he . . .”

“Or she, sis.”

“ . . . doesn’t come from here?”

“That team of Brazilian Nazarene young people who raised the funds to come and preach ‘Jesus’ to young people here in the U.S.—weren’t they doing the work of missions?”

“Well . . .”

“And the girl from Switzerland whom you met in New York City at the Nazarene International Youth Conference—the one who helped you understand sanctification, wasn’t she . . .”

“What time is the service tonight?”



Youth gospel teams had been the life's blood of Nazarene evangelism in China from the start—before Japan invaded China and the country disappeared behind a political curtain and World War II, Chinese youth were a Christian force to be reckoned with.

NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS



Young men and women, members of Nazarene Youth International, have exhibited their global passions for leadership and evangelism in what is known as the Third Wave Conferences. The first was in Quito, Ecuador, in 2004; the second conference site was Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2007.

Today, many of those places in the world that we once called mission fields provided the global community with hardworking committed laypeople and ordained Nazarene elders and deacons. Many of these leaders have been responsible for developing some of the fastest-growing Nazarene populations on the face of the world.

Might be a bit hard on the North American ego, but understand, non-North American Nazarenes outnumber the English-speaking variety. So why shouldn't they have the impetus to send "laborers"

from their shores to needy people in a harvest field a half a world away? It's been said many times over, a goal for the church is to put the professional missionary out of work. That is, we should be seeing men and women called to ministry from the ranks of Nazarene churches on every continent.

There was a time in Nazarene circles when pastors reported the number of young people who said "yes" to a call to ministry. In many ways it was as good an indicator, as average Sunday School attendance.

JOSEPH, AN AFRICAN BROTHER

Permeating what David Livingstone and Harmon Schmelzenbach once called the “dark continent,” is the bright light of healing and education. Christian values and personal salvation has transformed “the people who walked in darkness.”

Where once Harmon stood overlooking a vast landscape and villages, contemporary believing men and women are still asking, “Watchman, tell us of the night!” and in their hearts they hear, “I see the Morning Star still aglow, but greed and disease attempts to snuff it out. Never fear, though, ‘My grace is sufficient for you’” (2 Cor. 12:9).

That divine promise of grace was wonderfully realized by one Joseph (Josefa) Mucina Mkhwanazi, a singularly bold and courageous Swazi man, of high rank in the police force, whose contribution to the Kingdom and the future of the then infant Nazarene Church in Africa cannot be overstated. (And whose story younger Schmelzenbachs have related from thousands of Nazarene pulpits).

Joseph was Harmon’s strong right arm in the continuing battle between darkness and light. Together they tramped over northern Swaziland, from kraal to kraal, evangelizing and attempting to plant a church. Among the tribesmen, Joseph’s nickname was Nguzondokubi (“the one who hates evil”). It is said that he preached until people wanted to kill him, but instead, many surrendered their lives to Jesus . . .



In God’s time Joseph Mucina Mkhwanazi became the area overseer and evangelizing pastor to thousands.



After a year of independent holiness missionary work in Port Elizabeth, the Church of the Nazarene’s union was ratified at Pilot Point, and Harmon Schmelzenbach was added to the missionary roll. In turn, Harmon married Lulu, a mission coworker who had come over to South Africa on the same ship. The trek from Port Elizabeth to the Mountains of Swaziland was a near impossible dream. To start, the skills of a Port Elizabeth wagon maker was needed. The Schmelzenbach wagon, loaded with all kinds of housewares, church and outreach paraphernalia, as well as newly married Lula and Harmon, headed northeast to the Switzerland of Africa—Swaziland, a British protectorate with a king who had more than one wife.



HEARTBREAK FOR ALL NAZARENES

The global interests of the prince of darkness seem to have increased a thousandfold since the era of Harmon and Joseph’s pioneer work. Where a Pastor Joseph could fight the influence of the witch doctor’s black magic by prayer and fasting, today’s Joseph has the added responsibility of praying at the bedside of adults and children dying from the ravages of the HIV/AIDS pandemic that has given Harmon’s beloved Swaziland the “distinction” of amassing the highest prevalence level of HIV in the world.

According to UNAIDS and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, HIV infection in Swaziland was identified for the first time in 1986 and the first AIDS case in 1987. The 2007 census places the actual population of Swaziland at 954,524; of that number there are approximately 100,000 AIDS orphans. Children ages 0-14 years make up 40 percent of the Swazi population. That means of the entire Swazi population 1 in 4 children is an orphan as a result of AIDS.

So “who is my neighbor?” What responsibility does the global Nazarene community have to this pandemic? Ask the eight leaders from Swaziland, representatives of Southern Nazarene University, and Bethany (Okla.) First Church, who in past months have formed a partnership that will work with the Swaziland government, Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital, and 17 connected rural clinics. Their goal is to provide care and education, in an effort to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in this small country.

Swaziland leads the world in the number of HIV/AIDS cases per capita. Young, old, men, women, druggies, and homosexuals are all candidates for this plague. The church’s medical personnel and facilities must have the church’s support in prayers and finances.





THE GENERAL BOARD AND GLOBALIZATION

In recognition of God's global plan for evangelizing and ministering in His world, the General Assembly, the General Board, the Board of General Superintendents, and every department are committed to a Scriptural worldview. We have included international representation on all governing boards and councils.

- The General Board is made up of 11 non-North American ministers and the same number of laypersons.
- The constitution of the youth organization, Nazarene Youth International, calls for a global council.
- The Missions International organization incorporates council members from the six world areas and North America.



“YOURS AND HIS FOR PERU”

Esther's letters home to “Mama” are examples of her caring and her abiding sense of responsibility.



In her November 1, 1917, missionary appointment acceptance letter to E. G. Anderson, Foreign Missions Secretary, Esther Carson (not yet Winans) writes:

Praise the Lord! I have begun to get ready to go to Peru. I have a typewriter, a kodac [sic], plenty of clothes, nearly all the books that I ought to take with me & the assurance of \$5 a mo. to start on; and I am getting everything in order as fast as I can.

In another letter Esther writes:

I am praying in dead earnest, with a growing conviction that He will answer our prayers for the needed passage money & support to be secured.

And still elsewhere:

It was God's second great gift to me (the first was my Salvation & Sanctification)—a love for languages. Dear Mama, do not think I'm boasting, but all that language study [Greek, Hebrew, German, French, and Spanish in high school, Pasadena, Olivet, and Northwest Nazarene colleges] has benefited me in translating Scripture into the Aguaruna Indian language.



This unassuming woman possessed remarkable linguistic ability and is credited with having reduced to writing the language of the Aguaruna Indians of the upper Amazon jungles of Peru, during the five brief years she labored in that country.

Though unseen by the rest of the world, Esther Carson Winans’s vital contribution to what is now the global vision of the Church of the Nazarene cannot be overstated.

The school work, the translation, & the extension of the mission down the river were big in her vision. On Sunday, the 4th, her time arrived to be delivered. After the baby was born (Nov. 6) she tossed from side to side relentlessly, complaining of pain. Finally she asked me to call her father and mother & pray. She rallied just a little, but shortly after one o'clock lost consciousness & sank rapidly, passing away at 1:20 p.m. . . .

Yesterday we laid her body away in a grave on a hill-top overlooking the mission & the river. Father Carson [Esther's parents came to be with her during her pregnancy] with the aid of a Peruvian improvised the coffin from a soapbox & an old chest. Two white flowers which baby Frank had gathered for her the day before when she was yet alive were laid on her breast. At 1 p.m. we gathered about her in the schoolroom. The school children joined in singing the Spanish hymns that she had taught them. . . .

Yours as ever in Christ's service,
Roger S. Winans

To the Department of Foreign Missions,
Kansas City, Mo.

I feel it is my sad duty to notify you of the death of my wife on the 6th of this month, at 1:20 p.m. She has been unusually active in the school & household duties during the last few months, & no one dreamed that the end was so near. Under her care the little school had taken on new life. The attendance was larger & more regular. The boys were learning the Lord's Prayer & a few Spanish hymns, & one of them had been clearly converted.

Esther Carson Winans accomplished in barely two years what others may never have been able to do in a lifetime: she translated the Bible into the Aguaruna language, taught, mothered, "wifed," and reminded the people around her "they will know we are Christians by our love."



Missionary Roger S. Winans



AFTER HEARING ROGER WINANS

A conversation heard at one Nazarene kitchen table in the early 1970s.

“I really liked the Peru costumes.”

“Peruvian, dear. Peruvian costumes.”

“Yeah, those. They were really old, weren’t they?”

“The costumes or the missionary couple?”

“The guy who spoke.”

“He and his wife are the Winans. They are retired and live in Casa Robles.”

“Where?”

“Casa Robles is a lovely five acres of cottages in Temple City, Calif., where Nazarene missionaries can live after retirement.”

“But they still seemed excited about wanting to tell us that Jesus was really at work in Peru.”

“What do you remember that Rev. Winans told us?”

“I still remember how he buried his 37-year old wife . . .”

“Mrs. Winans died two days after the birth of her second child.”

“Her name was Esther. And, she was younger than you, Mom.”

“That’s right.”

“It was so sad when he told us how he put her in a little grave on a steep hillside overlooking a river . . .”

“And how an old Indian regularly brought flowers and laid them by her headstone.”

“That old Indian was the man who told Mr. Winans that Peru was honored to have Mrs. Winans’s remains.”

“And then he said, “I have found that, even though she died, she still lives.”

“Rev. Winans believes the day is coming, when every nation under heaven will have heard about Jesus.”

“And that someday people from Peru will become representatives of Jesus to tribes and people who may now be enemies.”

“Dad, what would you think if someday I was a missionary?”



GLOBAL: FROM THE *MANUAL*



China’s Bresee Memorial Hospital, completed in 1932, was the realization of C. J. Kinne’s dream and the promise of a strong Chinese Nazarene Church. The hospital was an example of compassionate globalism, but the Japanese invasion of China caused leaders to question the stability of a “native” church.

“Historically, Nazarene global ministry has centered around evangelism, compassionate ministry, and education. The evangelistic impulse was exemplified in the lives of H. F. Schmelzenbach, L. S. Tracy, Esther Carson Winans, Samuel Krikorian, and others whose names symbolize this dimension of ministry. Around the world, Nazarene churches and districts continue to reflect a revivalistic and evangelistic character.

“The international roots of Nazarene compassionate ministry lie in early support for famine relief and orphanage work in India. This impulse was strengthened by the Nazarene Missionary Union, organized in the early 1920s to build Bresee Memorial Hospital in Tamingfu, China. An extensive medical work has developed in Swaziland, and other compassionate ministries have developed around the world.

“Education is an aspect of world ministry exemplified early by Hope School for Girls, founded in Calcutta by Mrs. Sukhoda Benarji in 1905 and adopted the following year by the Church of the Nazarene. Outside North America, Nazarenes have established schools for primary education and for specialized ministerial training. There are graduate seminaries in Costa Rica [and] the Philippines; . . . liberal arts institutions in Africa . . . [and] Korea; one junior college in Japan; one education college in Africa; three nursing schools in Africa, India, and Papua New Guinea; and thirty-seven Bible/theological institutions around the world.”

“Historical Statement,” the 2005-2009 *Manual*, 25-26.

GOOD MORNING!

**Thanks be to God
in whose providence
a holy way has been provided
that binds us together as His
family—a worldwide family. Amen.**



Foreign monies are always part of an overseas business trip. Match the following pre-Euro currency with their country of origin. Answers are on page 31.

Denmark	Baht
Italy	Peso
India	Bolivar
Thailand	Krone
Mexico	Rupee
South Africa	Lira
Germany	Rand
Venezuela	Yen
Japan	Mark



“W. A. Eckel distinguished himself in Japan. He gave first attention to the building of a national church and ministry. Eckel built the Japanese mission on three Japanese preachers who had been converted in America and educated at Pasadena College—J. I. Nagamatsu, Hiroshi Kitagawa, and N. Isayama.”—Timothy L. Smith, *Called Unto Holiness*, Vol. 1.



Dr. Reynolds visits Japan, “Land of the Rising Sun.” Nazarene archives overflow with 100 years of General Superintendents’ passports.



While on his around-the-world missions trip, General Superintendent Reynolds wrote to his wife almost daily. His collection of notated maps and passports can be seen in the Nazarene archives.

Match the following currency with their country of origin.
Answers are on page 31.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Brazil | Ringgit |
| Malaysia | Real |
| Sweden | Wo |
| Greece | Schilling |
| Portugal | Drachma |
| Austria | Escudos |
| South Korea | Krona |
| Netherlands | Guilder |



General Superintendent Ellyson (1908-1911) was no ballpoint pen man—even when they were finally invented. Son Joe Ellyson, longtime member of Kansas City First Church, gave what he believed to be his father's fountain pen to a fellow church member. Joe said he remembered seeing this pen in his dad's breast pocket and that he signed many a report card with it.

A suitcase is one of a pioneering missionary's "best friends." This Samsonite two-suiter belonged to Roger Winans and accompanied him on countless deputation tours.

The Church Organized for Global Ministry



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Hallelujah Village: India Nazarenes welcome General Superintendent Reynolds during his monumental around-the-world mission fields visit.



Page 30,
General Board of Foreign Missions, 1914: (seated)
P. F. Bresee and Hiram F. Reynolds (middle, far l.) Lucy P. Knott,
C. N. McConnell, E. G. Anderson (top, far l.) Leslie Gay,
(3rd from l.) C. B. Jernigan, J. B. Chapman, R. B. Mitchum.
Foreign Missions Board executive E. G. Anderson is in the
middle row, center.



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Film re-enactment of the Harmon Schmelzenbachs' arrival in Swaziland, where a work was firmly planted, and today has blossomed into a thriving nation-wide church of 11,000 members. Actor D. Paul Thomas portrays the missionary.

CURRENCY ANSWERS			
Denmark	Krone	Brazil	Real
Italy	Lira	Malaysia	Ringgit
India	Rupee	Sweden	Krona
Thailand	Baht	Greece	Drachma
Mexico	Peso	Portugal	Escudos
S. Africa	Rand	Austria	Schilling
Germany	Mark	S. Korea	Wo
Venezuela	Bolivar	Netherlands	Guilder
Japan	Yen		