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## **NCN News**

### **Top Stories for the week of November 06, 2009**

#### **Surprising 2009 enrollment growth in USA/Canada Nazarene schools**

The late John A. Knight, who faithfully served the Church of the Nazarene as pastor, teacher, writer, editor of the *Herald of Holiness* (now [Holiness Today](#)), president of two Nazarene universities, and finally as general superintendent, often stated, "Holiness, mission, and education are the hallmarks of who we are." He was passionate in his conviction that "education and evangelism walk hand in hand. Without evangelism, education can become rationalistic and sterile. Put them together and they are a powerful force for changing people and society."

Multiple challenges continue to face Nazarene institutions as they seek to integrate academic scholarship and Christian service with biblical faith and holy living. In a year of severe economic downturn, E. LeBron Fairbanks, education commissioner and administrator of the International Board of Education (IBOE), expressed pleasant surprise that the USA/Canada colleges, universities, and seminary witnessed an increase over the previous year in the total of undergraduate (+226) and graduate (+430) degree seeking students. He continued, "The increases were strongest in part-time undergraduate students and full-time graduate students."

Fairbanks concluded, "The presidents of the USA/Canada Nazarene colleges, universities, and seminary passionately lead their institutions with intense missional resolve and deep Christian humility. The students they serve are, indeed, increasingly becoming powerful forces globally for "changing people and society" with the love of Jesus and the message of holiness.

The Church of the Nazarene is blessed with a worldwide system of education. The denomination supports 54 schools in 35 countries offering academic programs at various levels. The resources of these schools, including the USA/Canada colleges and universities, are linked together in a great network of support and collaboration under the IBOE. The school with the largest enrollment this year is Korea Nazarene University with approximately 6,000 students.

The details of the 2009 enrollment on the USA/Canada schools have been made available and can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

--International Board of Education

#### **Kudjip Nazarene Hospital moves to new medical complex**

Pushing rolling hospital beds loaded with pharmaceuticals, medical instruments, and even patients, doctors and staff at Papua New Guinea's Kudjip Nazarene Hospital on November 4 began a carefully choreographed three-day relocation from their 40-year-old, crumbling hospital into a recently completed new medical complex.

The new 25,000-square-foot, 136-bed hospital creates more space for patients and visiting families. "Old hospital," as the team now calls it, was 15,000 square feet and accommodated just 90 beds.

The relocation has been in the works for five years, including three years of construction. The Highlands of Papua New Guinea receive more than 200 inches of rain a year. As a result, the original hospital structures - built in 1967 with wood and plaster - were falling apart. Ceilings drooped, walls leaned inward, mold permeated the buildings, electrical wiring frayed, and small windows allowed little natural light.

The new facility, constructed with concrete, will resist the wet climate more effectively and provide extra space to treat more patients.

"In the past we have sometimes overflowed to the point of patients sleeping on mats on the floor," said Steph Doenges, a missionary doctor in the hospital. "Hopefully that will no longer be a problem."

According to hospital administrator Bill McCoy, the staff packed and moved approximately 60 percent of the hospital in planned sections during the six weeks leading to November 4. The rest must be completed in three days.

"We're only 100 feet from old hospital to new hospital, so we're mostly carrying (supplies and equipment) by hand and by trolley to get them across," McCoy said. "There have been a couple of very heavy pieces of equipment. We used a backhoe with one of the anesthesia machines to get it up on a palette and back down and out. And we used a lot of manpower - a bunch of real strong guys for heavy stuff."

On Wednesday, November 4, the team was to be joined by students from the Nazarene College of Nursing to move patients, ward by ward, and then move their beds.

The rest of the relocation will be completed by Friday. The hospital will be closed to new patients until Monday, November 9, although a plan is in place to treat emergency, life-threatening cases if any arrive.

Running a fully-functioning hospital at the same time as designing, constructing, and moving into a new one comes with great stress, McCoy admitted.

"A couple of months ago I was discouraged and stressed to the point where I asked Marsha, my wife, if she would be the move czar, and she has been the main player in coordinating the details of the move," he said. "That took a lot of stress off me."

The hospital staff and other mission personnel conducted a prayer walk through the new complex on November 1, sharing Scripture and asking God's anointing on the facility, the medical team, and the patients who will seek treatment there. (Read more about the prayer walk and see photos in Erin Meier's story by [clicking here](#)).

"Steph (Doenges) read Ephesians 6:10-13 and asked that we pray for the spiritual battles that go on around us," wrote missionary doctor Andy Bennett in his blog. "Many of the results of Satan's attacks end up in the operating (room), with domestic or tribal violence and violent crime. Many of the perpetrators of this evil are bound in the darkness of sin. ... Steph urged us to pray that God would use us to 'restore broken bodies, broken lives, broken spirits, broken families.'"

To learn more about Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, visit [www.kudjipnazarenehospital.org](http://www.kudjipnazarenehospital.org).

To see a photo essay of the move and Bill McCoy's reflections on the journey to build the new hospital, or to hear a recorded interview with Susan Meyer about the move and her call to medical missions, visit [Engage magazine](#).

--Engage Magazine (Slideshow available)

For additional information regarding the move, please see the following links:

["Journey to new, updated hospital lasted three years"](#) (Engage magazine)

["Preparing Kudjip Nazarene Hospital's new facility with prayer"](#) (Engage magazine)

[Audiocast: "Susan Myers: 'There isn't anywhere else I would rather be'"](#) (Engage magazine)

[Photo essay: "Photo essay: Kudjip Nazarene Hospital moves to new medical complex"](#) (Engage magazine)

**Hispanic Mission Office hosts second District Superintendents and Coordinators Conference**

The Hispanic Mission Office convened and celebrated its second District Superintendents and Coordinators Conference October 7-9. The purpose of the conference was to introduce resources developed by the Hispanic Mission Office, share evangelism/discipleship best practices and information about ministerial education, as well as dialog for the future advancement of the Hispanic Ministries in the USA/Canada Region. The conference also served as a time to fellowship, network, and foster collaboration among districts, educational regions, and across the U.S. and Canada.

Those attending the event included the three Hispanic district superintendents, 26 Hispanic-Latino coordinators, some spouses, and other Hispanic leaders for a total of 45 participants. Mission Strategy Office Director Oliver Phillips, Nazarene Missions International Director Daniel Ketchum, and USA/Canada Regional Office Director each shared a devotional during the conference. On the last day of the event, the group met at the Global Ministry Center and had a tour of the facility.

A day prior to the conference, the new Hispanic Strategic Readiness Team (HSRT) met. The HSRT is comprised of a representative from each of the university regional zones plus the three Hispanic district superintendents. The main purpose of the HSRT is to serve as an advisory committee, strategize, develop resources and events, and support the Hispanic/Latino district superintendents, coordinators, pastors, and congregations. The committee members serve for four years and meet once a year. Right after General Assembly the new committee is formed to serve for the new quadrennial.

At the October meeting, the HSRT was structured into three committees - education, evangelism/discipleship, and communication - in order to continue to provide resources for the advancing of the Hispanic ministries in the USA/Canada Region.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the vision to establish the goal of doubling the present number of congregations for a total of 1,000 congregations by the year 2020. The vision and goal was embraced by the participants of the conference.

Also, information relating to the 26 Hispanic Ministerial District Training Centers in the USA/Canada was updated. There are currently 845 students enrolled in the ministerial programs.

**HSRT Members:**

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**Committee Chairpersons:**

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--Submitted by the [Hispanic Mission Office](#)

**Moving Ministers: October 2009**

Compiled by the General Secretary's Office, *Moving Ministers* is a monthly listing of Nazarene ministers in new assignments on the USA/Canada Region.

Roles included: pastor.

(For a full October list and previous months, [click here](#).)

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Roles included: pastor.

(For a full October list with all roles, as well as previous months, [click here](#).)

## **In Memoriam: 11.06.2009**

The following is a weekly listing of Nazarene ministers and leaders who have recently gone home to be with the Lord. Notices were received from November 2 - 6, 2009.

[Russell E. Adams](#), 87, of Pontiac, Illinois, passed away October 25. He was a former minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Illinois. He was preceded in death by his wife, Emma Jean (Harris) Adams, who passed away in 2007.

[William M. Dorough](#), 85, of Bethany, Oklahoma, passed away October 27. He was a retired pastor and evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Oklahoma and Texas. He is survived by his wife, Katherine (Waller) Dorough. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Velma R. (King) Dorough, who passed away in 2005.

**Hollis E. Foster** of Lantana, Florida, passed away October 29. He was a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Florida and Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Mary Foster.

[Thelma \(Miller\) Herman](#), 83, of Lenexa, Kansas, passed away October 25. She was the widow of Dean E. Herman, a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Nebraska. Dean E. Herman passed away in April 2008.

**Dolores B. Jantz** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed away November 5. She was married to Lawrence E. Jantz, a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Colorado, Michigan, Missouri, and Illinois. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence E. Jantz.

[Robin B. Mahany](#), 64, of Saint Albans, Vermont, passed away November 2. She was married to Walter T. Mahany, a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Vermont, Maryland, Minnesota, and Massachusetts. She is survived by her husband, Walter T. Mahany.

**Robert R. Quanstrom** of Bend, Oregon, passed away October 29. He was a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Oregon, Texas, Illinois, and Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Noreen A. Quanstrom.

**Wilford N. Vanderpool**, 91, of Bothell, Washington, passed away October 5. He was a retired pastor, evangelist, and chaplain in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Washington, and Idaho. He was also the son of Dr. D.I. Vanderpool, who served as general superintendent from 1949-1964. D.I. Vanderpool passed away in 1988. Wilford N. Vanderpool was also preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Vanderpool, who passed away in 2005.

[Robert L. Wasson](#), 80, of Bethany, Oklahoma, passed away October 31. He was a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana. He is survived by his wife, Freda Wasson.

*Note: Click on names for full stories, local online obituaries, or guest books (if available). To submit an entry of a minister or church leader, send to [submitnews@ncnnews.com](mailto:submitnews@ncnnews.com).*

--Compiled by NCN News

## **Nazarenes in the News**

*Nazarenes in the News* is a compilation of online news articles featuring Nazarene churches or church members.

### [Africa Region](#)

**Missionary plays football against Rwanda's First Lady**  
Kigali, Rwanda

[\(Engage magazine\)](#)

On October 10, missionary April Baggott found herself playing a fierce game of football (called soccer in the United States) in front of several thousand people in the Rwanda National Stadium in Kigali. Along with women from seven different nations, Baggott represented international non-government organizations against a team of Rwandan women who work for the nation's Parliament.

The competition was organized by the National Women Council as a fundraiser for the One Dollar Campaign, which supports orphans of the 1994 genocide. The council set a goal for the event to raise \$10 million in Rwanda Francs (\$17,605 U.S. dollars).

"The president's wife was on the Rwandan team and she played the whole game," Baggott said. "I actually gave her a high five at the end of the game."

For the rest of the story and a photo, [click here](#).

--Engage magazine, NCN News submissions

### ***Eurasia Region***

#### **London crew launches breakfast church**

London, England

With a sideboard spread with coffee, croissants, and cereal, the Thomas Memorial Church of the Nazarene in Battersea, London, England, kicked off its latest venture on October 11 - Breakfast Church. In an attempt to live as a "church with a difference," the weekly interactive worship service includes free food and discussion oriented fellowship, plus games and activities for children - an appealing offer for the middle-class community in which the church is located.

"With Breakfast Church we are aiming to provide time and space for people to explore and discuss issues of life and faith," the promotional flyer explains. "We are a Christian community looking at ways in which we can better serve and interact with local people."

--Eurasia Region Communications

### ***USA/Canada Region***

#### **Worshipping God, representing African culture**

(First anniversary for Iowa City African Church)

Iowa City, Iowa

[\(The Daily Iowan\)](#)

The smoky aroma of grilling goat meat seeped through the open door of the Church of the Nazarene in Iowa City on Oct. 31. Inside, 50 Christians praised their savior.

Since they received formal approval last fall to legally practice Christianity at their 1035 Wade St. address, membership has more than doubled. Now, the 70-member group can focus on service projects and spreading diversity throughout the community.

Lenvo Mabikulu, who gives the opening prayer for every service, said Oct. 12, 2008, was a crucial day for the organization.

"It was very important because now we're recognized by the state as a church," he said. "It was imperative for us to acquire a license to practice for our membership to increase."

For the rest of the story from the *Daily Iowan*, [click here](#).

Note: Another story was written on the church by the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* and can be found here: [A year of](#)

[worship in their own culture and language](#)

### **Building on**

Jacksonville, North Carolina

([jdnews.com](#))

Pastor Bill Crane believes that even in the toughest circumstances, God always has a way of turning a bad situation into a good one. It has been five years since the Faith Church of the Nazarene of Jacksonville, North Carolina, was [destroyed by a fire](#) one early morning in March. Despite the loss, the church has forged a closer bond with the community over the years and is on a new path toward restoration.

"We're looking forward to putting a sign up that says, 'future home of Faith Church of the Nazarene,'" said Crane at his temporary office building. Crane was out of town visiting family that somber morning back in 2004 and immediately came back to Jacksonville to see what was left of the building. Crane said that board members had previously discussed a need to expand their property as the church began to grow. "It was a shock and you didn't expect it ... It's a sick feeling in the pit of your stomach," Crane said. "Several years before the fire we had discussed plans that there would be a need for expansion at some point and we had been working toward that."

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).

--[jdnews.com](#)

### **Marriage savers getting to work**

Charlevoix, Michigan

([Charlevoix Courier](#))

With the Lake Charlevoix Area Marriage Covenant signed, and local church leaders armed with a plan, pastors are ready to get to work on saving marriages. Pastors Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, and Chip Sauer of the Community Reformed Church are working together with the Charlevoix Ministerial Association to help reduce Charlevoix's higher than national divorce rate of nearly 60 percent. ...

A minimum of four months of premarital counseling will be required to get married at any of the eight churches which signed the marriage covenant.

"We need to make it harder to get married - not as an obstacle, but so we do not have people doing this as a whim," Gilmore said. "We want them to understand what they are doing."

Sauer added, "Right now, it's easy to get married and it's easy to get divorced."

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).

--[Charlevoix Courier](#)

### **Nazarene authors featured at Community Christian Fair**

St. Paul, Minnesota

Christian family counselors and Nazarene authors Dr. David and Lisa Frisbie will be featured authors at the Community Christian Fair in St. Paul, Minnesota, an annual event which draws ten to twenty thousand attendees during the weekend. The Frisbies will be greeting guests and signing their books from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Saturday, November 14. The author appearance and signing area is on the main floor of the event arena.

This year's venue is RiverCenter in St. Paul, part of the Xcel Energy Center and host to large conventions from around the world. The event offers FREE ADMISSION TO ALL. Coupons for discounted parking are available

at the event website here: [christianfair.com](http://christianfair.com).

Dr. and Mrs. Frisbie serve as executive directors of The Center for Marriage and Family Studies in southern California. They are the authors of 10 books and dozens of articles on topics in marriage and family life. David Frisbie teaches family studies and gerontology in the Graduate and Professional Studies program at Southern Nazarene University. Since March 2009, the Frisbies have served as coordinators of Marriage and Family Ministries for the Nazarene denomination, under a consulting contract with Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International.

For more information, [click here](#).

--NCN News submissions

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*Compiled by [NCN News](#)*

### **EMed Nazarene schools continue reaching children**

When it opened in the 1950s, Amman Nazarene School (ANS) started small, offering classes for younger students and slowly adding grades as it became financially viable. Today, students from K-10 study in the school in Jordan's capital, with the hope that someday the education will extend through grade 12. But for older students now occupying classrooms originally intended for much younger ones, the cartoon murals covering the walls have long felt out of place.

A Work & Witness (W&W) team from Chicago helped remedy this in April. While the team installed 14 heating units, four ceilings, and built a safety rail to protect children from neighborhood traffic, they also polished hallways and repainted the classrooms with new, more mature colors and curtains. Though it was the school's Easter break, 20 students visited the campus each day to help paint and move sand piles, inspiring them to make a pledge: in 15 years, they want to return as a group to do their own work project.

Around the same time, 35 of Eurasia's regional leaders helped spruce up Jordan's neighboring Zarqa Nazarene School. More than 60 years old, the school had never welcomed a W&W team before, and the repairs and freshly-painted walls have made a lasting impact on the staff and students. "They were inspired to see people having so much fun and getting a lot of satisfaction out of spending their time serving the school and the community, the students, and the Lord," said Rod Green, who coordinates [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](#) (NCM) for the Middle East.

The two teams represent the newest wave of support for a ministry that started more than half a century ago and has become one of the most diverse outreaches on the Eastern Mediterranean Field. Nazarene schools, also located in Beirut, Lebanon, and Damascus, Syria, all draw children from a wide range of ethnic and religious backgrounds into a solid education that includes exposure to the Bible and emphasizes loving one another. They minister to middle-class, underprivileged, and refugee families. All benefit from the support of the global church through NCM, who provides basic supplies and enables [Nazarene Child Sponsorship](#) (NCS) to further the opportunities for students. And even in the midst of financial challenges, the communities continue to see Christlike character developing in those whose lives they touch.

The school in Beirut has been rebuilt in a number of places following wars, and despite the current economic struggles of the city, each student still brings one dollar a month as an "offering of love" to help those more needy than themselves. The funds help cover tuition for families unable to afford it, and helped 15 families this year.

Last Christmas, the students in Beirut made gift boxes full of small items and attended a party for 50 former street children who live together in a group home run by a local evangelical non-profit organization. This year, the students are also working toward sponsoring their own child somewhere else in the world, choosing another area that NCS supports. "A place once caught in the middle of hate and violence is a place teaching children the power of love," Green said.

When the school day ends in Damascus, the ministry is just beginning. The school continues to welcome Iraqi students to the sanctuary in the afternoons - even though they can't attend traditional classes, they continue to come for a few hours each day for remedial instruction, spiritual encouragement, and a snack. Sudanese students arrive later for more activities, and four evenings a week, volunteer doctors provide care and referrals to 240 patients a month through a free clinic located on campus. "It is natural for patients to leave the clinic and join prayer meetings already in progress, to seek spiritual healing to go along with the physical care and medicines they have just received for free," said Green. "It's a church that rarely closes or rests."

The presence of the schools has become a source of hope in the midst of what is, for many, uncertainty. "For many parents, the schools are providing an intangible service," said Green, "an invisible quality they can't quite discern, but know they want for their children."

-- Eurasia Region Communications

### **First Arabic Nazarene television show to premier**

After a year of planning, praying, and producing, the Nazarene Broadcasting and Communications Ministry in the Middle East is premiering the first-ever Nazarene television show on the largest Christian channel in the Middle East this month.

The team just finished production on 26 episodes - a complete first season - of "Aktar Min Kalam" ("More Than Words"), a 30-minute program that contains interviews, discussions, music, and biblical teaching on a different topic each week.

The show will start airing on SAT-7 on Monday, November 9, and will re-run four times each week (See schedule at bottom of page).

"Let us pray that the Lord will use this program to allow many to experience His love through Jesus Christ," said broadcast director and host Ayman Kafrouny, "and may this step help the ministry of our church to grow in this part of the world."

Related: To listen to Ayman's story on the World Mission Broadcast podcast, [click here](#).

-- Eurasia Region Communications

### **USA/Canada Region discontinues *GROW*, invites input for new magazine**

Recently, the USA/Canada Region made the decision to discontinue *GROW* Magazine, with the last issue being Summer, 2009. Since *GROW*'s inception in 1989, a lot has changed. Models and thinking about how churches grow, mature, and proliferate have become more dynamic and diverse.

Changes in Nazarene denominational structures and attitudes, the recognition of the U.S. as a mission field, and cultural changes have prompted the need to reassess how to think and talk about church development and ministerial practice in a new century. Even the organization that "conceptually" shaped the creation of *GROW* has recently been renamed from the American Society for Church Growth to The Great Commission Research Network.

In an effort to better serve the church, the USA/Canada Regional Office feels it is time for a new publication to resource Nazarene clergy and church leaders. The magazine will be teamed with a more dynamic web site presence. With this in mind, an online survey has been created to solicit input from Nazarene clergy and church leaders about their interests and preference for the new publication. The survey, which can be

completed quickly and easily, can be found in two ways:

- 1) Visit [www.usamission.org](http://www.usamission.org), and click on the survey link at the top left of the page
- 2) Or you may [click here](#) to be taken directly to the survey.

"We thank clergy and church leaders for taking the time to provide this information," said Bob Broadbooks, USA/Canada regional director. "As the Church of the Nazarene enters its next 100 years, we want to provide resources that will continue to encourage your heart and empower your ministry."

--USA/Canada Regional Office

### **First official meeting of the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Council**

James Upchurch, dean of the School of Education at Olivet Nazarene University, chaired the first official meeting of the Nazarene Educators Worldwide (NEW) Council. This meeting occurred October 23-26 at the King Conference Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

The council is composed of two representatives from each of these areas: public schools, Christian schools, homeschools, preschools/child care, university/college education departments, and global and international schools. Representatives for 2009-2013 are: James Upchurch, Cindy Alsip, Marilyn Dominick, Midge Simpson, Jan Wilton, Lance Howard, Becky Ramsey, Brad King, Janine Wilkins, Esther Swink, James Kiper, Tammy Condon, and Stephen Gualberto. Ex officio members are Lynda T. Boardman, Anya Motley, Beula Postlewait, and Woodie Stevens.

Upchurch challenged the council to respond to the call and lead with significance based on Mark 9:35 and Matthew 23:11-12. Council members shared their vision and committees set goals for the next four years. The council selected the theme for this quadrennium: "Educators Supporting Educators." They also developed a mission statement: "To embrace, encourage, and empower through a network of Christian educators."

The council approved changes in the membership fees, including adjusted fees for student teachers and retired teachers. NEW recognizes the vast knowledge and experience of retired teachers, stating emphatically there is a place of service for retired teachers within the organization. For information about membership, go to [www.naznew.org](http://www.naznew.org). NEW will conduct a special membership emphasis during the month of November.

In 2011, NEW plans to take a group of educators on a mission/education trip to do teacher training and work projects at some Nazarene schools in another world region. In 2008, this organization sent a group to Belize for a similar purpose. A committee is working to establish the site for 2011. During the 2009-2010 school year, NEW will support "The Hope Project," a children's mission offering for street kids around the world.

For questions about Nazarene Educators Worldwide, contact James Upchurch at [jupchurch@olivet.edu](mailto:jupchurch@olivet.edu) or Beula Postlewait at the Nazarene Education Office (birth-secondary) at [bpostlewait@nazarene.org](mailto:bpostlewait@nazarene.org). The Nazarene Education Office encourages each church and district to name a Nazarene Education Director who serves on the Children's Ministries council and supports educators.

Of note: NEW sends a quarterly E-mail with articles related to educators. To obtain the NEW e-Link, contact Anya Motley at [amotley@nazarene.org](mailto:amotley@nazarene.org).

--Children's Ministries International (Slideshow available)

### **GMC Flags of the Nations: Haiti**

Since September 1, 2009, each week the Church of the Nazarene's Global Ministry Center (GMC) proudly flies a flag of one of the many nations in which the denomination is present in ministry. Leaders were invited to send a national flag to be flown at the GMC alongside the flag of the United States\*. The national flags rotate weekly, and photos of them raised are sent to the church leaders of that country.

This week: **Haiti**

The Church of the Nazarene officially entered Haiti in 1950.

Haiti had a population of 8,871,445 in 2008. That same year, Haiti reported 555 Churches of the Nazarene, all of which had been officially organized. Haiti has 108,015 total members.

Haiti has eight Phase 2 districts and three Phase 3 districts. It is a part of the Caribbean Region.

For more information on the history of the Church of the Nazarene in Haiti, see the Caribbean Region's web site by [clicking here](#).

### **Previous Flags:**

[Cape Verde](#) (9.1-4.2009)

[Aruba](#) (9.7-11.2009)

[Cuba](#) (9.14-18.2009)

[Dominican Republic](#) (9.21-25.2009)

[Ethiopia](#) (9.28-10.2.2009)

[Germany](#) (10.5-10.9.2009)

[Guam](#) (10.12-10.16.2009)

[Guyana](#) (10.26-30.2009)

NOTE: Some countries cannot be represented in this project in order to maintain security of those working there.

\* = The weekly highlighted flag is raised on the middle of three poles in compliance with U.S. government protocols. It flies to the left of the GMC host-nation United States flag, which flies above the host-state flag of Kansas. The Christian flag flies on the third pole.

The Global Ministry Center is the mission and service hub of the Church of the Nazarene.

### **Global praise reports and prayer requests**

This week's praise reports and prayer requests from Nazarene Missions International, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, and NCN News include:

#### **PRAISES**

##### **JESUS Film - Bangladesh**

"Give thanks to God for the miraculous healing of Babu," said a team member in Bangladesh. "Babu's parents were worshippers of idols and made vows to their gods and goddesses for their son's healing but nothing worked. After seeing the JESUS Film, Babu's parents told us they believed Jesus was God and could heal their son. On their request, we prayed for the boy and anointed him with oil. To God's glory the boy was healed and many in the village asked to know more about Jesus."

##### **JESUS Film - Costa Rica**

"We are very excited about the open doors here," said a team member in Costa Rica. "The JESUS Film has given us a great entry into this community. We are beginning the work with youth and adults. One young man became a new believer and his family wants to know about Jesus too."

##### **JESUS Film - Philippines**

"They have bamboo seats and a place to worship," said the team member in the Philippines. "In one area where we showed the JESUS Film, the people are gathering for regular worship and young people are being trained as helpers. One member of the group provided a sound system. This church has a strong testimony in the community. The people are raising money for food to help others."

## **John Haines**

John Haines, who fell and broke his arm October 5 while in South Africa for meetings, has been released from doctor's care. He returned to his home in Zurich November 1. He is appreciative of everyone's prayer support. John is a missionary serving on the Eurasia Region.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **Asia-Pacific Typhoon**

While residents of the Philippines were still cleaning up from multiple storms in the last month, they were hit with another typhoon this past week. The storm left minimal flooding in the Philippines, but caused dozens of deaths in at least one other Asia-Pacific Region country. The Church of the Nazarene in Arenda, Philippines, remains flooded from Typhoon Ondoy. (NCN News)

### **Fort Hood, Texas Shootings**

Prayer is requested for the families of those affected by the shootings at Fort Hood, Texas, on November 5. A gunman opened fire at a military processing center at Fort Hood, killing one civilian and 12 soldiers. (NCN News)

### **Mexico Flooding**

According to [CNN](#), Mexican federal officials have declared a state of emergency in two cities in Tabasco state, which along with Veracruz state has suffered heavy flooding that has displaced more than 30,000 residents. No news concerning Nazarenes has been reported at this time. (NCN News)

### **Northern Europe Field Youth Conference**

Pray for the team of young people in the Netherlands who are planning for the upcoming Northern Europe Field youth conference. The Northern Europe Field Nazarene Youth Conference takes place December 28, 2010-January 2, 2011. The team would love to host 450 participants. Pray also for the young people across the region who continue to seek new ways of participating in the Kingdom. (NMI)

## **HEALTH-RELATED REQUESTS**

### **Belinda Alder**

Please pray for Belinda Alder, a missionary from Australia who has been serving in Thailand. While on home assignment recently, she was diagnosed with cancer. Aggressive chemotherapy will start soon and continue for an initial three months. Pray for Belinda's healing and for her parents, Bruce and Jacque Alder. Bruce serves as the Australia and New Zealand field strategy coordinator. (NMI)

### **Daphne Mathebula**

Pray for Daphne Mathebula, who underwent surgery in South Africa on October 29. The procedure went well, but she is experiencing a great deal of pain. Pray for God's healing touch on Daphne. She is the coordinator for Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International for the Africa Region and formerly served as the Nazarene Missions International regional coordinator for Africa. (NMI)

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### **Spaulding named provost at MVNU**

Henry Spaulding, Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU) vice president for Academic Affairs, was named university provost at a Board of Trustees meeting this week. His responsibilities in this new position begin

immediately.

As provost, Spaulding will serve under the direction of President Dan Martin, leading institutional efforts in pursuit of academic excellence and the University's mission. The provost serves as a member of the Senior Leadership Team and, in the absence of the president, assumes the responsibilities of chief executive officer.

"The nature and demands of the University Plan detailing MVNU's guiding philosophy and holistic focus of its academic and student experience, necessitate the role of provost," explained MVNU President Dan Martin. "Given this, the provost, beyond leading academic planning, programming and operations, will serve as the operational leader and provide oversight and coordination of campus ministries, Student Development and Enrollment Management. Spaulding is a gifted professor, highly respected scholar and experienced administrator, which makes him perfect for this critical position."

Other activities for which the provost is responsible include providing a vision for leadership, operational and strategic planning for the academic enterprise; all undergraduate and graduate operations related to curriculum, faculty, instructional programs, educational policy, and development of innovative and effective pedagogical methods and skills; and academic resourcing.

"Assuming the role of provost is a great privilege which I take with utmost seriousness. The combination of academic leadership in partnership with spiritual/student development and enrollment management presents a real opportunity for me to practice theology," Spaulding commented. "Mount Vernon Nazarene University is an exciting place to be, especially in light of the privilege of working with President Martin to fashion a vision for Christian excellence."

Serving as the vice president for Academic Affairs at MVNU since May 2009, Spaulding previously served as director of the master of divinity program and professor of philosophical theology and Christian ethics at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He has also taught at Trevecca Nazarene University and Eastern Nazarene College.

Spaulding holds a bachelor of arts in religion and history from Trevecca in 1974, a master of divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1977 and a doctor of philosophy in religion studies/humanities from Florida State University in 1982. He is married to Sharon, a second-grade teacher. They have three children.

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