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Haiti update: The work ahead

Dear Nazarenes:

This is my last scheduled update on the situation in Haiti. In the future you will be able to follow progress at the web sites mentioned later in this update. I am going back to the country in March to again connect with our Nazarenes who are suffering and laboring in the aftermath of this disaster.

Having been in Haiti in January when an earthquake struck this impoverished country, it has become my privilege to build awareness for the needs of all 9 million Haitians, but in particular, the needs of our Nazarene brothers and sisters living through this horrific experience who require our prayers and support.

Managing the Transition

The situation in Haiti is moving toward a time of transition—from search and rescue with first responders to long-term assistance. In addition to responding to physical devastation, the medical needs of the earthquake victims are shifting away from trauma to post-operative care. This calls for nurses and therapists.

The time is coming soon for Work & Witness teams and other volunteers to enter the country. We know the church is ready to help on the ground in Haiti.

Those who want to go, however, need to keep in mind that conditions are very difficult in Haiti. Volunteers will likely be sleeping outdoors during their stay. There is continued violence, and safety is a matter of serious concern.

Though it has been over three weeks since the 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on 12 January 2010 killing over 150,000 people, geologists fear an even greater earthquake in the next few weeks or months. The danger is very real.

Contact Information

If you wish to donate to the Haiti fund or volunteer to help, go to [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries/Haiti Earthquake](#). Previous articles on the crisis in Haiti are at www.ncnnews.com.

Giving Thanks

There are many individuals who are responding with tireless effort and courage to the crisis. The church wants to express its deep appreciation to those listed below and the countless numbers of Haitian Nazarenes—pastors and laity—laboring in the name of Jesus each day.

Haitian Administration

- Dr. Lucien Jean Baptiste, president of the National Church in Haiti and Nazarene Seminary president
- Jean Robert Maitre, academic dean of the Nazarene Seminary
- Sadrack Nelson, director for Seminary Extension Studies and pastor of Tabarre Church of the Nazarene, assisting in the planning and logistics of disaster response
- Walliere Pierre, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries coordinator for Haiti, working with overwhelming conditions, needs, and volunteer responses while overseeing the direct care of hundreds of refugees

- who have been on the seminary campus for security and shelter
- Frankel Frometus, administrative assistant
 - Edwidge St. Ilvert, accountant
 - Frantz Lojeune, Work & Witness coordinator

Districts

- Central District — Dr. Lucien Jean Baptiste, superintendent. The majority of this district is in the most damaged area of the earthquake zone. The epicenter was on the west end of this district, which includes Port-au-Prince and the cities of Delmas, Petionville, Carre-Four, Croix-des-Bouquet, and Cite Soleil.
- South District — Rev. David Ellicent, superintendent. There was some damage on this district, with major damage at Ti Guave. Gran Guave has a lot of damage but is still standing. Rev. David lost his parsonage.
- LaGonave District — Rev. Beramon Honore, superintendent. The church at Anse-a-Galet, the district assembly site, collapsed. We have no other reports from LaGonave yet.
- South East District — Rev. Sanmerite Derisseaux, superintendent. There are reports of some damage, but no specifics yet. This is one of the most difficult places to reach and survey.
- Lower Artibonite District — Rev. Pierre Antoine, superintendent. We have no specific damage reports yet.
- Upper Artibonite District — No superintendent at this time. There are no specific damage reports yet.
- North Central District — Rev. Gary Jeudy, superintendent. Minor damage was sustained in the Gonaive area.
- Lower North West District — Rev. Livernier Doreus, superintendent. They report minor damage.
- North West District — Rev. Alcine Fresner, superintendent. Rev. Alcine lost his sister in Port-au-Prince and two cousins. Several churches experienced minor damage.
- Northeast District — No district superintendent at this time. There are reports of minor damage.

Caribbean Regional Office

Our gratitude also goes to John Smee (Caribbean regional director) along with Curt and Beth Luthye (regional Nazarene Compassionate Ministries coordinator) for their tireless efforts to help coordinate our relief work. Bill Dawson (field strategy coordinator) and his wife, Martha, will direct the church's ongoing work through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

In Closing

Let me say thank you for the many prayers and inquiries concerning my well-being when the earthquake initially occurred. I was never in any danger after the earthquake. I came out of Haiti because of the difficulty in getting flights as well as the need to free Haitian leadership to give attention to their people and not to me. Upon arrival in Miami, I immediately joined the Caribbean regional office in strategic planning to deal with the crisis at hand.

Perhaps you heard about the young girl who was recovered from the rubble of a home after being trapped for 15 days. French rescue workers identified her as Darlene, age 16. She was taken to a field hospital and airlifted to a military ship for further examination. Though drifting in and out of consciousness, Darlene was able to say thank you to those who rescued her; the doctor said it was a miracle.

There are countless others like this young lady who would want to say thank you for all you have done and are doing to help them in this very difficult time. We express our appreciation for your prayers and financial contributions. They are making a difference.

Continue to pray for the safety and protection of Haitians and medical workers, and remember the nearly 400,000 unaccompanied Haitian children. May God watch over them until help arrives.

More miracles are needed in Haiti.

In and for Him,

J. K. Warrick
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Nazarenes in the News: Haiti edition

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

Idaho woman survived Haiti quake by counting smiles and divine intervention

Boise, Idaho

([Boise NewsChannel 7](#), January 29) Katie Zook, the Northwest Nazarene University graduate who survived the Haiti earthquake talks. We first told you about Zook the day after the earthquake. We've kept you up-to-date on her progress. Now we hear her story in her words.

Scott Evans talked with her this afternoon via Skype. From the comfort of her hospital bed, Katie Zook took us back to that fateful day in Port au Prince. This is her story of the earthquake that killed over 100,000 people.

"It happened so quickly. The first thing that I remember was there was a very loud rumble," said Katie Zook.

It was the end of a long day for Katie Zook. She was four months into a two year mission for the Free Methodist Church. She was working on the top floor of a four story concrete building, when the now infamous Haiti earthquake struck.

"It started moving and I knew it was an earthquake, but you know, I've had earthquakes in Washington and this was nothing like that, it was horrendous, just so much movement," said Zook.

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

Heart to Heart to Stay in Haiti for Years to Come

Kansas City, Missouri

([NBC 41](#), January 30) More than two weeks have passed since an earthquake ravaged Haiti. Now, one million remain homeless and illness is spreading quickly.

Doctor Gary Morsch says the people manning Kansas City's Heart to Heart organization's several sites just can't do enough.

"Every day, our doctors see 500 patients, many of them with terrible injuries and illnesses," said Morsch. "Rubble (is still) everywhere. Still bodies (are) being found. The smell of death (is) everywhere."

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

(Note: Interviewees Gary Morsch, founder of Heart-to-Heart, and Gerald Smith, owner of Premier Studios, are both Nazarenes.)

For Haitians in Tampa Bay area hospitals, a taste of home

Tampa, Florida

([St. Pete Times](#), February 5) One woman brought plantains. Another donated rice. Someone took up a

collection and bought a 10-pound chicken. They met in the low block building behind First Haitian Church of the Nazarene and spread their groceries on the counter. They had enough food to feed 15. They didn't know who would eat their meals. They said it didn't matter. They had heard that 45 Haitians - people from their homeland - had been brought to area hospitals after the earthquake. They had heard they were hungry.

"Haitians do not really like American food," Mary Mesidor, 55, said Tuesday as she put her plantains in a pot to boil. Mesidor grew up in Haiti, moved to the United States 19 years ago. Like the other volunteers, she belongs to the church.

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

Susanville Nazarenes plan medical mission to Haiti

Susanville, California

([Lassen News](#), February 2) Disaster relief wasn't part of the plan when missions teams from Susanville Church of the Nazarene recruited people for trips to Haiti and the Philippines. But typhoons and the biggest earthquake in more than 100 years changed the plans.

"Every time we plan to go somewhere, they have a disaster," Pastor Joe Sturgeon recently quoted Steve Jones, a medical provider who went on a medical mission to the Philippines and attends the church, located north of Banner Lassen Medical Center on Highway 139.

The church is still recruiting to help fill a team for a medical mission to Haiti in March on the heels of the successful medical mission to the Philippines completed in November. Typhoons struck just before three teams of medical personnel and volunteers left for the islands in the Pacific. Plans for routine medical exams quickly evolved, allowing the teams to provide serious medical attention.

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

Husband, wife trade places working in Haiti

Burlington, North Carolina

([Times-News](#), January 29) Linda Stargel spent more than a week in Haiti helping the wounded but returned to her Burlington home Monday so her husband, Scott Stargel, could take her place.

While Linda is a registered nurse and was providing medical care with Heart to Heart International, Scott, who left Burlington Tuesday, will be working with the Church of the Nazarene to coordinate the distribution of food, water and medical supplies to the people in need in Haiti.

"There are a lot of donations coming in," Linda Stargel said. "Finding a fair and safe way to distribute it is really challenging. Hopefully, my husband is going to be able to help with that."

Before moving to Burlington five years ago, the Stargels spent nine years in Haiti working with the Church of the Nazarene. They both can speak French and Creole and is part of the reason that Linda Stargel hurried to Haiti following the earthquake on Jan. 12.

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

'Pray For Our Sweet Country, Haiti'

Boston, Massachusetts

([WBUR](#), January 18) In a place of worship no bigger than the room of a funeral parlor, the sweet chorus of 200 Haitian-Americans sing "I have a song in my heart" with enough grief to make the walls shake.

On River Street in Mattapan, in the heart of Boston's Haitian community, sits the Haitian Church of the

Nazarene. The converted former health clinic also serves as headquarters for the faith-based Greater Boston Nazarene Compassionate Center.

"God is good all the time," exclaims 25-year-old Ruth Pierre, who tries but can't keep from crying over loss that has touched everyone in her community.

"I just want to say thank you, God, for watching over all the ones who are alive and made it. And I pray that there are many more who are alive even though we don't know how many have made it. All I can do is pray."

For the rest of this story, which includes audio, [click here](#).

Curses or Praises?

Orangeville, Ontario, Canada

([Orangeville Citizen](#), January 28) Much has been said and written since the devastating earthquake that shook the island of Haiti on January 12. The magnitude of destruction wrought on the densely populated capital city and surrounding areas will go down in history as being catastrophic. The rippling affect around the world has been profound as there are Haitian relatives living in far flung areas, many of whom are still waiting to hear if their loved ones survived. Haiti has been a destination for caring churches and organizations around the world who have had long-term aid activities there, some for generations. Aid workers, missionaries, volunteers and their families are counted among the injured, dead and missing. It is difficult to imagine the depths of suffering.

Whenever there is tragedy, there will always be those who curse, lay blame and try to give explanation. Even some who count themselves as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ will often lay the blame on God, claiming was an act of God's wrath as punishment on the people affected.

For the rest of this column, written by Pastor Bob and Maxine McLellan from the Shelburne Grace Church of the Nazarene, [click here](#).

The following stories appeared in the January 29 edition of the [NCN Global News Summary](#):

Church of the Nazarene Foundation report

Olathe, Kansas

(January 28) The [Church of the Nazarene Foundation](#) (CNF) reports that approximately \$55,000 has been given through Donor-Advised Funds for Haiti relief efforts. Donors use non-cash gifts like stock and real estate to fund a Donor-Advised Fund (aka Family Foundation) and advise the distribution of those funds for ministry.

According to the IRS, all cash gifts that go directly for the relief of victims in Haiti from January 11, 2010, to March 1, 2010, are eligible to receive tax credit on the 2009 income tax return.

Two Nazarene chaplains serving in Haiti (updated)

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

([NCN News submissions](#), January 27) Two Church of the Nazarene U.S. Navy chaplains are now in Haiti. Chaplain Jeff Mason is aboard the [USNS Comfort](#) (the hospital ship) and Chaplain Richard Bonnette is with Marines of the 22nd MEU on board the USS Bataan. The photo accompanying this article, provided by the Bonnette family, is of Chaplain Bonnette distributing food and water near Port-au-Prince. Each person receives three MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and four bottles of water.

--Dwight C. Jennings, Chaplaincy Director for the Church of the Nazarene, and the Bonnette family

Children's Ministries International Haiti Lesson for Children

Global Ministries Center

(January 27) In light of the tragic earthquake that devastated the country and people of Haiti, Children's Ministries International is providing the following resource to enable children's leaders and teachers in Sunday School and other small group ministries to help children better understand this crisis event and respond. To view/download the lesson, [click here](#).

From Hong Kong to Haiti with Love

Hong Kong, Asia-Pacific Region

(January 27) Immediately after hearing the news about the tragedy in Haiti, Hong Kong District Superintendent Edmond Kwong wrote the Asia-Pacific Regional Office seeking more information about event to share with his churches. Upon reviewing the news articles and video clips run by NCM, NCN News, and Engage Magazine, Nazarenes in Hong Kong responded generously. Just this week, Rev. Kwong sent in an offering of HK\$31,650.10 (US\$4,080) for the relief of the Haiti earthquake victims.

Column: Local Haitian congregation still singing praises in aftermath of earthquake

Grand Rapids, Michigan

([The Grand Rapids Press](#), January 23) The photos of Haiti appear on the big screen like images from a nightmare.

The collapsed Presidential Palace. A mass of flattened buildings in Port-au-Prince. A woman weeping over her devastated country. Against the backdrop of these heart-breaking scenes comes a remarkable sound: singing. "You're the God of this city, you're the king of these people, you're the Lord of this nation, you are."

The congregation is on its feet, praising God and mourning families and friends killed by the mighty Haiti earthquake. "You're the light in the darkness, you're the hope of the hopeless, you're the peace to the restless, you are."

Pastor Mathieu Pierre conducts a prayer service for victims of the Haiti earthquake Friday at the West International Church of the Nazarene. To my left, a young woman cries quietly while her little boy explores the pew. Smartly dressed young men stand stoically. Across the aisle, a woman sings with closed eyes and tear-streaked cheeks. "There is no one like our God. Greater things have yet to come, greater things are still to be done in this city."

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

Church spirit shines in Haiti help

Mackay, Australia

([Daily Mercury](#), January 27) The Australian spirit was alive and well at Mackay's Church of the Nazarene yesterday, as volunteers rallied to assemble more than 100 crisis kits to send to Haiti.

The kits will be distributed to those affected by the 7.0-magnitude earthquake on January 12, which the Haitian Government estimates to have killed about 150,000 people.

Among those who gave up their Australia Day to assemble the kits was Betty Thomson.

"We all need to think of others at a time like this," Ms Thomson said.

"We can't really comprehend how bad it is over there, with buildings fallen over and a guy living on Coca Cola for 12 days, and people still stuck in the rubble.

"We're such a lucky country and it's up to us to help them."

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

Alabama church helps with Haiti relief efforts

Gardendale, Alabama

([North Jefferson News](#), January 27) A Gardendale church is joining in the international effort help the victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti.

Gardendale Church of the Nazarene is collecting items, mostly medical supplies, to send to the stricken country...

On Tuesday, Gardendale Church of the Nazarene pastor John Parrish was driving to Kansas City to drop off tents for shipment to Haiti. The tents, which are also on the disaster response needs list, will provide temporary shelter for people who have been homeless since the earthquake.

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

The following stories appeared in the January 22 edition of the *NCN Global News Summary*:

Illinois church energized by \$5,000 and mandate to 'gain all you can' for Haiti

Bloomington, Illinois

([Engage magazine](#), January 22) Pastor Scott Sherwood stared in dismay at the sermon he had planned to preach January 17.

Bloomington, Illinois, First Church of the Nazarene is in a sermon series on stewardship. Just days after a January 12 earthquake that devastated Haiti, Sherwood was about to preach about making money.

The series is based on John Wesley's mandate for believers to "Gain all you can, save all you can and give all you can." Sherwood was going to speak on Jesus' parable in Matthew 25:15-29 in which a master gave his servants bags of money with the instruction to invest it and bring back more than he had given them.

... Sunday morning, the congregation was surprised when each of the 260 in attendance received a sealed envelope with instructions not to open it.

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

For an additional story on this project, see the following: [Church puts on thinking cap to raise money for Haiti](#)

Asia-Pacific Nazarenes respond quickly to recent Haiti earthquake crisis

Johor Bahru, Malaysia

([NCN News-Asia Pacific](#), January 21) Late last year, Nazarenes around the world responded with prayer and generous offerings to natural disasters that struck four different locations on the Asia-Pacific Region. Now, in response to the recent earthquake in Haiti, Asia-Pacific Nazarenes are likewise interceding and giving to help the hurting people of Haiti. General Superintendent Jerry D. Porter was on hand in East Timor to help with the effort.

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

Bandage rollers help Haiti: Ravenna church group responds to aid request

Ravenna, Ohio

([Record-Courier](#), January 21) The "Bandage Rollers" at the Ravenna First Church of the Nazarene have always found treasure in what some people consider trash.

Now, the thrifty group is working overtime to meet the needs of people affected by the earthquakes in Haiti.

The group of seniors, which had been meeting every other Tuesday in the church basement for the past 14 years, has stepped up its effort. This week, the group has met daily to make and package thousands of bandages, made from torn, stained and threadbare sheets.

"They can be old, worn out sheets, white, solid, printed or colored," said Mary Anna Blankenship, who leads the group. "The only thing we can't use is flannel sheets or ones that are more than 55 percent polyester. They don't make good bandages."

The group typically makes bandages to send with doctors headed to Papua New Guinea. Bandages also are sent to India and Africa when there is a need.

This time, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries has made a request for bandages to be sent to Haiti. The group is mailing boxes of bandages to Florida, where a group bound for Haiti has agreed to take them on its ship.

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

St. Louis church's donations multiply - with more possibilities ahead

St. Louis, Missouri

([NCN News submissions](#), January 18) General Superintendent Emeritus James H. Diehl reports the St. Louis, Missouri, Harvester Church of the Nazarene held a special offering on Sunday, January 16, and approximately \$20,000 was collected for relief efforts in Haiti. In addition, Teri Craig, who collects medical supplies at the church, has packaged 20 boxes of medical supplies valued at over \$100,000. However, according to senior pastor Harold Wedel, the story doesn't end there. A lady at the St. John's hospital told Craig she would collect some things to send through the Harvester Church of the Nazarene. She later contacted Craig again and said, "If you will draw up an Email telling me what you will be doing with these materials, I will send it to every hospital in the St. John's network nation-wide asking them to send it through the Church of the Nazarene."

"It was a good day in the Lord!" said Wedel.

Local denominations do what they can to help out with relief in Haiti after earthquake

Butler, New Jersey

([NorthJersey](#), January 17) The massive 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12 at approximately 5 p.m. EST has displaced and affected hundreds of thousands of Haitians, marking the first natural tragedy for the decade, and one of the worst to occur since the Dec. 26, 2004 earthquake in Indonesia, and Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 28, 2005 in New Orleans.

But even though Haiti is approximately 1,500 miles from New Jersey, local religious organizations are doing what they can to help out with sending relief to the country. The houses of worship in Suburban Trends area are at the forefront in organizing and collecting donations.

Pastor Chuck Corradino with the Church of Nazarene in Butler said that the church held a special sermon on Thursday to discuss the impact, and will be taking collections on Sunday and reflecting on the incident.

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

Bedford County reaches out to help Haiti

Shelbyville, Tennessee

([Times-Gazette](#), January 17) Chesley Enloe of Shelbyville has been to Haiti three times, both on business and for mission work. He first went in 1980 with concrete contractor Reggie Smith to build an orphanage on Haiti's

central plateau.

Enloe is active in the Church of the Nazarene, serving as director of compassionate ministries for the East Tennessee District Missions Council. His third trip to Haiti was a sort of working vacation, during which he stayed on a Nazarene mission campus in Petion-ville.

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

Burlington nurse returns to Haiti to help quake victims

Burlington, North Carolina

([Times-News](#), [NCN News Submissions](#), January 16) Linda Stargel and her family were watching TV reports about the devastating earthquake that on Tuesday decimated Haiti when they heard that doctors and nurses were needed desperately.

It was Stargel's 12-year-old daughter who asked, "Mom, are you going?"

It was a logical question. Stargel is a registered nurse. She and her husband Scott are both very familiar with island nation's capital, Port-au-Prince. Before moving to Burlington five years ago so Linda could finish a master's degree at Duke Divinity School, the Stargels spent nine years in Haiti working with the Church of the Nazarene.

Linda Stargel, who can speak French and Creole, trained pastors in first aid and in community health because pastors are often the first to know about medical needs.

For the rest of the story, which was on the front page of the newspaper, [click here](#).

Atwater feels aftershocks of Haiti quake

Atwater, California

([Merced Sun-Star](#), January 16) This week, Dustin and Olivia Metcalf, co-pastors of Atwater First Church of the Nazarene, and their teen teammates watched images of horror unfold from the 7.0 earthquake that laid waste to the poor island.

They saw footage and photos of places they'd stood in front of in November, now crushed and broken. "I started to cry," says Olivia. "We were devastated." Adds Dustin: "People don't understand that Port-au-Prince was a mess before the earthquake. The level of poverty and what they deal with on a day-to-day basis -- the city was a mess."

For the rest of the story about this church who recently returned from a mission trip to Haiti, [click here](#).

PLNU Community Responds to Earthquake in Haiti

San Diego, California

(PLNU, January 15) As governments and nonprofit organizations from around the world offer assistance to those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti, [Point Loma Nazarene University](#) students, faculty, and staff are doing their part to help.

"Words are inadequate to express the devastation and pain that the people in Haiti are experiencing. We weep with those who weep in these days. Our thoughts and prayers are with all people in Haiti," said Dr. Mary Paul, PLNU's vice president for spiritual development.

Prayers are being offered in chapel and through e-mail. The university is encouraging people to give to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' disaster relief efforts. Gifts can be given online at www.ncm.org/haitiearthquake.

In addition, students are writing cards to the local Haitian Nazarene Church members, offering prayer and encouragement as many await word from extended family and friends during this crisis.

Clean the World prepares soap shipment for Haiti

Orlando, Florida

([Engage magazine](#), January 14) Acquiring soap and sanitary water was already a daily struggle for many of the 9 million Haitians living on an average of less than \$2 a day in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Tuesday's 7.0-magnitude earthquake in the capital city of Port-au-Prince dramatically worsened Haitians' prospects to avoid numerous preventable diseases as utilities are disrupted and people search in vain for adequate shelter.

However, an ingenious idea spawned by a Nazarene and his friend in Florida earlier this year may help Haitians offset some of the unsanitary conditions they're facing.

For the rest of this story, see Engage Magazine by [clicking here](#).

Stories to share? Send them to submitnews@ncnnews.com.

[Haiti: How to help](#)

Compiled by [NCN News](#)

Duarte witnesses church planting vision in Central America

In a tour of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Panama, Eugénio R. Duarte conducted his first district assemblies on the Mexico/Central America Region (MAC). Elected as the 37th general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene at the 2009 General Assembly, Duarte now has jurisdiction over the MAC Region. Traveling with Regional Director Carlos Saenz, he observed the fruits of the evangelistic thrust to plant new churches in Central America.

District superintendents are challenging churches to birth new churches, and districts are organizing church-type missions into official churches even as they are beginning new missions and preaching points. The Panama West District led the way with five new churches planted during the past year and the vision cast for 30 additional plants. Five of these are anticipated to be fully organized in 2010.

The Nicaragua South District organized two new churches, celebrating with awards to them and to the two mother churches that sponsored them. The district superintendent reported 22.7 percent growth in membership and gave special recognition to 15 churches that reported 10 or more new members. The Panama Central District reported one newly organized church, and the district goal was set for starting four new churches each year. The Nicaragua North District also organized one new church.

Of the 19 churches on the Costa Rica Central District, five saw more than 29 percent growth, and four others grew by 10-20 percent. The district's contribution to the World Evangelism Fund increased 31 percent over the previous year.

Duarte also attended the Board of Trustees meetings at the Seminario de las Americas (SENDAS) in San Jose, Costa Rica, where three global regions of the Church of the Nazarene were represented: Mexico/Central America, South America, and Caribbean. He spoke to board members on stewardship.

Ministerial preparation is a priority on the MAC Region for the growing number of church plants. Duarte

ordained one elder on the Nicaragua South District. SENDAS is playing an integral role in preparing pastors and anticipates a new school of leadership that will serve not only ministers but also lay persons who are preparing for ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. Ongoing education is being provided during district assemblies by Regional Director Saenz, who is teaching sessions on church administration.

Following Duarte's preaching on these districts, large numbers of people gathered at the altars. "The pastors shared good expressions of excitement about the future," he said. "It is evident that the newly planted congregations are the most excited about what God is doing."

--Board of General Superintendents

Tribute to Benjamin Langa, first Mozambican district superintendent

Benjamin "Benji" Langa, the first Mozambican district superintendent, went to be with the Lord on January 25.

Born on January 8, 1924, Langa accepted Christ at an early age. He attended the Bible college in Siteki, Swaziland, from 1947-1949 and his first pastorate was in Mangonde, Macuacua, Mozambique, where he opened a Portuguese middle school.

In 1951 he married Alice Isaias Nduvane, who had attended primary school in Tavane and Maputo.

The Langas were asked to move to the Tavane Mission station in 1952 when all the Nazarene schools outside the station were closed by the government. Benjamin Langa then taught at Tavane Bible College and served as pastor of the Magaiza church. He completed additional Bible college studies in 1956-1957 and was ordained in 1958.

Langa, along with Isaac Mandlate, was an evangelist in the great revival of Tavane in 1958. This was one of the greatest revivals the church has ever seen in Mozambique.

He was elected as the first Mozambican district superintendent for the Church of the Nazarene in Mozambique in 1964, overseeing the 85 churches of the Northern District.

When missionaries were forced to withdraw from Mozambique in 1975 due to the revolution, Langa told them, "I want you to know that whatever may happen in our country, we are going to be Christians."

The mission station was nationalized by the government in 1977 and everyone had to hand over the keys to their homes. With nowhere to sleep that night, they slept in the church; men on one side and women on the other. And they sang, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me." All of the mission books were declared "obnoxious propaganda" and the Christians were not allowed to keep any of them. Instead, the school children were ordered to collect and dump them into a large pit where they were burned.

During those difficult days, police often came to visit Langa to take his furniture, house, and car. They said the mission property now belonged to the revolution. Langa told them that God had given it all to him and that, "You can take everything, but you cannot take Jesus away from me." On their next visit they told him to stop preaching or he would be killed. His response was, "You can kill me, but there are 13,000 Nazarenes in this country who would rather die than stop witnessing about Jesus." The harassment then stopped. Langa reported in 1991 several Nazarenes on the district had been killed by terrorists. In 1994, the last soldiers left from the Tavane Mission, leaving it very much in ruin.

Langa retired as superintendent of the Manjacaze District in 1993. He would then serve for a number of years as the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Seminario Nazareno em Mozambique (SNM) in Maputo.

His daughter, Margarida Langa, now principal of SNM, said this of her parents: "As a member of the family of Rev. and Mrs. Langa I have learned a lot concerning the Christian life. I have learned to trust Jesus even in times of need, because He always cares about His people. My parents never complained about the ministry, even when they encountered difficulties and problems. They always praised the Lord even in times of need and suffering. My parents - throughout their lives - have also taught me to remain faithful to God even though it means paying a price and even if I would have to go to jail because of my faith."

Langa is survived by Margarida and seven other children: Veronica, Isaias, Violeta, Luisa, Maria, Bessie, and Benjamin, as well as a large number of grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Casimiro (1982), and wife Alice (1998).

"We commend this great and faithful servant of God into His hands."
--David Restrict, SNM academic dean, & Paul Dayhoff for NCN News-Africa

Trinidad Nazarene receives music award

Russell Leonce, worship coordinator and youth pastor at the Tunapuna Church of the Nazarene in Trinidad & Tobago and son of George Leonce, superintendent of the Windward Islands District, has won an award for an album he recently released.

Leonce's album "Culture of Love" was one of the winners at the 9th Independent Music Awards (IMA) announced on January 26. The album won in the gospel category. The winners of the awards were determined by a panel of 80 artists and industry professionals which included Tom Waits, The Black Keys, Ricky Skaggs, Pete Wentz, Mark Hoppus, Aimee Mann, The Apples in Stereo, David Garrett, Suzanne Vega, Bettye LaVette, Judy Collins, Zooey Deschanel, and M. Ward.

The IMA's are one of the most influential awards for independent bands and fans. According to Martin Folkman, the executive director of the awards, "The awards celebrate artists who follow their own muse and the true music fans who support them." He adds, "The artists who've been honored by the IMAs create some of the best music you may ever have heard." As part of this award, the music is featured on the IMA page at the iTunes store and on the iTunes Indie Spotlight page. In addition, year long marketing and sales support plus performance opportunities are available to the winners.

Leonce released his debut album "Culture of Love" in March 2009, and continues to enjoy considerable support locally and internationally. In December 2009, he was one of the featured artists in the Trinidad and Tobago Showcase at the Miami Music Festival.

Upon receiving the award, Russell had this to say, "I was surprised, it is a good addition to all the accolades for the album, and it is a reminder that this is just the start, as we still have so much more to accomplish. I give thanks to God for the opportunities being created for this album and for music from Trinidad, for my manager, Erica Ashton, the production team of Cleon Richardson and Keith Kirk and for the creativity and inspiration of Christopher Pierre."

For additional information about Leonce, see his web site at www.russelleonce.com.

Note: Leonce's album "Culture of Love" is out now on www.cdbaby.com and on digital download on iTunes, Amazon.com, and other digital music stores.

--NCN News submissions

Showing resilience, reaching out: Haitians helping Haitians

Nou sove. N ap serve. "We survive. We serve."

Countless news reports have focused on the overwhelming worldwide response to the January 12 earthquake that shook Haiti. The continuing generous response of Christians around the globe will be necessary to help the Haitian people rebuild their crumbled nation, but make no mistake: They are not hopeless, and they are not helpless.

Tens of thousands of people died in the quake, and close to a million people are without homes. Hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of members of the Church of the Nazarene in Haiti have been affected. Still, more than 30 Nazarene congregations are using volunteers from the congregations to distribute food, water,

blankets and crisis care kits to those with the greatest needs in their communities.

Right now, in tent cities and church distribution centers all over the capital city, Carrefour, and surrounding areas, church members are passing these lifelines to Haitian brothers and sisters. In the midst of such great need, simple acts of Christlike compassion are having a great and immediate impact.

A Church Delivers Hope

The Bel Air Church of the Nazarene is a stone's throw from the national cathedral and a short walking distance from the presidential palace, fallen buildings that have become iconic images of Haiti's brokenness and loss. The church is surrounded by block after block of devastation. Everyone in the area can point to collapsed buildings where their neighbors didn't survive. One woman gestured to the pile of concrete behind the church building to show where her pregnant sister had died. Before the earthquake, the area was home to one of the largest, busiest markets in the city, with people lining the streets. Now only a few people are out selling goods.

Resident and church member Marc Jean Louimette talked about his neighborhood in the days after the quake. The church lost eight members, and 50 more were injured. Some from the church recently visited 100 members who are sleeping in the streets. "[These people have] no food, no water. People are scared."

Prayer is bolstering many amid such fear, hunger, and loss. "It has strengthened people's faith," Louimette said. "People are praying harder and more." Still, he makes their practical needs clear: "People have to eat."

"It's hard," echoes Edgar, a neighbor from the area. "We all sleep on the street. Everybody." Although he says he's not a Christian, Edgar admits to praying more than he used to.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM), in partnership with Heart to Heart International, has delivered food, care kits, and blankets to this congregation. Members are distributing these desperately-needed supplies to those living in the underserved neighborhood that has historically been marred by the effects of poverty and violence. In such a grave situation, these life-saving partnerships are strengthening and sustaining people daily.

Haitian Youth Exhibit Servant Hearts

The NCM/Heart to Heart International partnership has found strong and willing hands to help in the distribution effort. In the days following the quake, Haiti's national NCM coordinator, Walliere Pierre, organized youth volunteers through Haitian Nazarene Youth International (NYI) to sort hundreds of boxes of goods delivered through Heart to Heart.

Pierre described their theme simply: "Nou sove. N ap sevi" ("We survive. We serve").

In just the past week, the young people loaded box after box of care kits, blankets, food, and water onto a school bus that was then delivered to area churches. Those churches, using their own volunteers, are now distributing those life-saving supplies to their neighbors.

Christians Offer Encouragement

A sister church to Bel Air, Tabarre Church of the Nazarene experienced some earthquake damage to their building, but it continues to stand. Several hundred families who lost their homes during the quake are living behind the building in a spontaneous tent city.

With support from NCM, the church responded to the need of these displaced families by setting up a distribution point in its building for supplies. The first day of distribution, more than 200 people from the tent city showed up to receive water and soup, blankets and hygiene kits.

Members wanted their neighbors to hear a simple message, Pastor Sadrack Nelson explained. "We wanted them to know that our church is concerned about the community," he said. "They can turn to the church when they need something."

"The church must be a source of encouragement," said Pastor Pierre. Setting up distribution points in churches all over the damaged city gives church members an opportunity to come face-to-face with their hurting brothers and sisters.

"It is our way to share in the suffering," Pierre said. "We feel as Christians it is our obligation to share in their suffering."

Building on Compassion

As we see the numerous ways our sisters and brothers in Haiti are doing what they can to ease one another's burdens, it issues a challenge to all of us: How can we do more of the same? The reality on the ground in Haiti is chaotic and daunting, and the nation's future is unsure. We are just at the beginning of the distribution efforts, and aid will be needed for months to come.

There are encouraging signs, and churches are finding creative ways to send aid. After Pastor Scott Walker from New Hope Church of the Nazarene in Fairfield, California, spoke to his congregants about specific earthquake needs, a church member called a contact at Far West Rice. After originally pledging 5,000 pounds, Far West upped its original donation to send an entire container—more than 40,000 pounds—full of rice. The company is also donating the container and covering the expenses of packing and shipping to Miami, where it will then be loaded onto a cargo container headed for Port-au-Prince.

The question is ever-present on the mind of our compassionate community: What can we do for our Haitian brothers and sisters? What lessons do we have to learn from the compassion that they are showing for each other in this time of need? The people are already resilient and resourceful. We can follow their example, both in Haiti and in our own communities, with generosity and ingenuity, encouragement and mountain-moving faith.

Now, more than ever, donations are needed to mobilize the necessary food and water to continue to meet the needs of Nazarene churches and their surrounding communities.

Persons and churches wishing to make a donation for Haiti Earthquake Relief online can do so through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries at ncm.org. Checks can be marked "Haiti Earthquake Relief ACM1204" and mailed to Global Treasury Services, PO Box 843116 Kansas City, MO 64184. In Canada, checks should be made payable and sent to the Church of the Nazarene Canada, 20 Regan Road, Unit 9, Brampton, Ontario L7A 1C3.

--NCM

JESUS Film Harvest Partners to have presence at Winter Olympics

The 2010 Winter Olympics will be held February 12-28 in Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia. It is estimated that 80 nations will have team representation at the games. While the athletes receive the justified spotlight there is another group of skilled participants who will be there - but without all the fanfare.

A pastor in Lake Placid, New York, home of the Winter Olympic U.S. Training Center, has been selected as one of 40 chaplains who will serve in the British Columbia Olympic villages. Their responsibilities include being available for prayer with the athletes, listening to their needs, holding Bible studies, leading worship services, being available for crisis counseling, and attending events to cheer on the athletes. While hundreds of athletes will be bringing their sports equipment to the games, Derek Spain will be packing his own special equipment: 100 special JESUS Film DVD's provided by JESUS Film Harvest Partners in Olathe, Kansas.

Campus Crusade for Christ has produced this special 36-language Olympic DVD version of the JESUS Film called *Struggle and Triumph: The Eternal Triumph*. This DVD contains the 83-minute version of the JESUS Film and also features a 26-minute segment about modern-day Olympians who convey the triumphs and struggles in the world of athletics in the pursuit of Olympic gold. Spain plans to have these DVD's with him to give out in the Whistler Village, walking around town, in small group meetings, and while talking one-on-one with athletes.

When asked why he feels this film will have an impact at the Olympics, Spain said: "The JESUS Film will give an opportunity for athletes who may not know Christ to hear the gospel so that their lives can be changed for eternity. It will truly be more than gold for them." He plans to ask Christian athletes to help him use this evangelistic tool with others who would like to know more about God's plan for their life.

JESUS Film Harvest Partners, with their 328 film teams around the world, continue to look for new opportunities to reach people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The 2010 Winter Olympics, with its motto of "Own the Podium," will be another podium from which the gospel will be preached.

For more information about JESUS Film Harvest Partners, visit www.JFHP.org.
--[JESUS Film Harvest Partners](#)

Nazarene MediaLibrary surpasses 10,000 users

According to the Global Ministry Center's Web Development Office, the [Nazarene MediaLibrary](#), launched in 2008, has surpassed 10,000 users.

The MediaLibrary, found at nazarenemedialibrary.org, offers free downloadable video, audio, graphic, and document files. The service is growing faster than anyone could have expected and new users are joining every day.

Several of its users, such as Audin Vasquez of the La Vid Verdadera Church of the Nazarene in San Antonio, Texas, have even started to help develop content.

Vasquez contacted MediaLibrary developers recently and offered a [Spanish version](#) of the [video of General Superintendent J. K. Warrick](#) talking about his experience in Haiti. As a result of this contribution, the translated video is now posted online allowing more people to hear and understand the emotional words spoken by Warrick. In fact, the Haiti videos are the most-viewed files in the MediaLibrary.

Another example is Harmen Meijer, who submitted the inspiring story [Thabo](#) translated into [Dutch](#). Meijer, a Nazarene Missions International president, has been a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Koog aan de Zaan, Netherlands, since 1986.

This type of open-sourcing can take MediaLibrary content to a whole new level. While no individual would be able to complete all the translation needed on their own, a pool of 10,000 users could easily handle such a task.

The Web Development Office wishes to thank all of the dedicated 10,000 (plus) participants in the MediaLibrary for helping them reach and resource as many people as possible on behalf of the Church of the Nazarene.

Note: For questions or more information about the Nazarene MediaLibrary, please write to medialibrary@nazarene.org.
--GMC Web Development

NNU sets transfer student record, reports strong retention in spring enrollment

Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) released enrollment figures recently indicating strong numbers for the spring. President David Alexander reported a record number of transfer students, an increase in graduate program students, and a 97.22 percent retention rate for fall-to-spring enrollment.

Transfer students converged on campus for registration, setting a nearly 30 percent increase over the university's 10-year average. NNU has prepared the way for community college students to continue their education and earn their bachelor's degree.

Graduate program enrollment was up by nearly seven percent from last spring, which is attributed to serving

an increased number of students locally and online in counseling, social work, business administration, education, pastoral ministry, and most recently, nursing.

The current economic conditions create opportunities for students, undergraduate and graduate, to pursue their educational goals.

"We seek to make an NNU education an accessible investment," President Alexander commented. "In uncertain economic times, students continue to find value and pursue goals for the future. I believe an NNU education is a value-rich experience that we work to make attainable to those who choose to invest in the development of the whole person - heart, soul, mind, and strength."

Fall enrollment nearly matched that of the record-setting fall 2008. Official figures for the spring 2010 semester are 1,261 degree-seeking undergraduates and 588 graduate students. These figures, combined with 7,752 continuing education and concurrent credit students, give NNU a total spring semester enrollment of 9,601. --[Northwest Nazarene University](#)

In Memoriam: 02.05.2010

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 February 1-5, 2010.

[Harold E. Adkisson](#), 82, of Bakersfield, California, passed away January 27. He was the husband of Kathryn (Johnson) Adkisson, a retired missionary in the Church of the Nazarene who served in Swaziland and South Africa.

Margaret E. Christensen of Calgary, Alberta, passed away June 30. She was the widow of Dr. C. O. Christensen, a former minister in the Church of the Nazarene who was ordained on [what was] the Alberta District. Dr. C. O. Christensen passed away in 1992.

[Telford J. Drigo](#) of Boston, Massachusetts, passed away December 1. He was a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, formerly licensed on the New England District. He is survived by his wife, Theodora Drigo. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Medora (Wiltshire) Drigo.

Carlton A. Heyliger of East St. Louis, Illinois, passed away January 27. He was a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in West Virginia and Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Heyliger.

[Benjamin "Beni" Langa](#), 86, of Mozambique passed away January 25. He was a pastor and district superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Mozambique, Africa. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Langa, who passed away in 1998. ([Story](#))

Norris Roberts of East Flat Rock, North Carolina, passed away January 19. Roberts was a licensed minister in the Church of the Nazarene on the North Carolina District.

[Ruth A. Sharpes](#), 72, of Springfield, Ohio, passed away January 30. She was the wife of Raymond A. Sharpes, pastor of the Springfield Maplewood Church of the Nazarene and Prime Time Ministries director for the Northwestern Ohio District. The Sharpes served in New York, Ontario, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

[Ross Dewey Stivison](#), 92, of Logan, Ohio, passed away January 23. He was a layperson in the Church of the Nazarene, serving as a Sunday School teacher, church board member, and treasurer for 39 years at the Logan Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Forrest Pearl (Spencer) Stivison.

Roger H. Ward of Nashport, Ohio, passed away February 3. He was a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Indiana and Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Ward.

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.

--Compiled by NCN News

South Africa Eastern District elects new superintendent

Approximately 287 delegates rejoiced in the election of Solomon Ndlovo at the 25th assembly of the South Africa Eastern District held at the Thulamahashe Church of the Nazarene in Hluvukani, South Africa, on January 9.

Ndlovo, who pastors the largest congregation on the district at Thulamahashe, reported 279 new members at the assembly.

He succeeds Walter Tshabalala, who served as district superintendent for 10 years. Ndlovo was elected on the second ballot, which indicated the confidence of the district delegation in him as a spiritual leader with character and integrity.

"He and his wife, Kgomotso Gloria, are loved across the South Field," stated Collin Elliott, Africa South Field strategy coordinator. "We wish them well in their new assignment as they lead the Eastern District into another level of growth."

--Collin Elliott, Africa South Field Strategy Coordinator, for NCN News-Africa

Groundbreaking ceremony for Africa Central Field Conference and Training Centre

On January 21 the Africa Central Field leadership team took a break from their field leadership conference to travel approximately 25 kilometers (15.5 miles) south of Lusaka, Zambia, to attend a special groundbreaking ceremony for the Africa Central Field Conference and Training Centre.

The centre will be located on a 20-acre Chipongwe Farm - church property donated by South African farmer J. W. Snyman in 1955 - and be the location for one of the first Nazarene churches in Zambia.

The centre will consist of several dormitory style buildings, a cafeteria, a multi-purpose hall, classrooms, and offices. A new water well was recently drilled and full construction on the multi-phase project will begin in 2010.

It will serve the countries of Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, and will host local, district, and field conferences, assemblies, and various training events for children, youth, and adults.

--Gary Sidle, Zambia Mission Coordinator, for NCN News-Africa

Moving Ministers: January 2010

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 January list and previous months, [click here](#).)

Moving Ministers

from 01/01/2010 to 01/31/2010

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Roles included: pastor.

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

Nazarenes in the News

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

[USA/Canada Region](#)

American success story builds dreams in Guyana

Coconut Creek, Florida

([Food for the Poor](#), January 27) Living in abject poverty in Guyana - one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere - can rob a person of their ability to dream. In contrast, Joe and Judy Roetheli's big dreams helped them achieve success and replace once crumbling shacks, and cries of suffering, into self-sustaining villages and tears of joy in that same country.

"After we sold the company [Greenies®], we had money to provide help for other people," said Judy Roetheli. "It makes you feel good when you can help people achieve their dreams through your dreams."

Joe Roetheli and his oldest son, Steffan, traveled from Kansas City, Mo. to Guyana, Jan. 14-19 to dedicate the New Haven Village and visit residents in that new village and the Lil Red Village which was dedicated in March 2009. They wanted to get to know the people that have benefited from their passion, commitment, and financial assistance.

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

*Note: Judy Roetheli is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University and is the sister of Linda Hill Walker. Ken and Linda Walker have been missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene since 1972.

Buying food at a heavenly price

Springfield, Illinois

([The State Journal-Register](#), January 19) When Joyce Workman was headed to Decatur for a TV interview about food savings available through the nonprofit bulk-buyer Angel Food Ministries, she wanted to show the amount of food that customers get in a standard \$30 box. So she stopped at a supermarket and bought identical items, some on sale. Her total: \$62.

"With the economy like it is, people need this more than ever," said the director of the program run through Springfield First Church of the Nazarene, one of about 20 area churches that host the nationwide ministry.

Angel Food Ministries is a nondenominational organization, based in Monroe, Ga., that provides food relief to more than a half-million families each month in 44 states, including Illinois. It's open to everyone. You don't need to belong to a church or fall into a set income bracket. There are no minimums, limits, applications or qualifications.

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

Stories to share? Send them to submitnews@ncnnews.com.

Compiled by [NCN News](#)

Barefoot Ministries acquires *The Journal of Student Ministries*

Barefoot Ministries, a company of Nazarene Publishing House, acquired *The Journal of Student Ministries*, a magazine for faith-based youth workers, from Student Ministry Partners of Nashville, Tennessee.

Chris Folmsbee, senior manager of Barefoot Ministries, states, "We are extremely excited to add another

initiative to our growing collection of innovative tools and resources aimed at helping youth workers guide students into spiritual formation for the mission of God. The acquisition of *The Journal of Student Ministries* will better help us serve the church by providing robust theological ideas and realistic methodological practices to work alongside all of our other youth worker training and publishing initiatives."

For nearly a decade, Barefoot Ministries has served hundreds of churches, a variety of denominational affiliates, and ministry organizations throughout North America by providing books, magazines, media, training events, curriculum, and web-based ministry solutions.

Smitty Wheeler, president of Faith-Based Media Group and the former executive director of *The Journal of Student Ministries*, noted, "This past summer we made the decision that *The Journal of Student Ministries* needed to team up with a larger ministry partner that not only shared our vision of empowering and equipping youth leaders, but had the experience and expertise to take us to the next level. We are excited that Barefoot Ministries shares our vision, and all of us associated with *The Journal of Student Ministries* believe that Barefoot is the perfect fit in helping us better serve our readers' needs and in ultimately growing the Kingdom."

Faith-Based Media Group will continue to coordinate the advertising sales efforts, and Managing Editor Tim Baker will remain in his current role of coordinating the content and serving the journal's authors. Mike King, president of Youthfront, Inc., a Kansas City-based not-for-profit youth ministry organization, and author of the acclaimed *Presence-Centered Youth Ministry* (Intervarsity, 2006), will be the new executive editor of *The Journal of Student Ministries*, which will now be called ***Immerse: A Journal of Faith, Life and Youth Ministry***.

King stated, "I'm really excited about working alongside Chris Folmsbee and the Barefoot Ministries team to explore new and fresh expressions for training, equipping, and resourcing youth workers for the changing landscape of North American youth ministry theology, philosophy, and practice."

"We realize that the success of a print magazine or journal in today's shifting economic and cultural times is a challenge, to say the least," says Folmsbee. "However, we feel confident that an innovative format to both the print side and to the web site, coupled with a fresh voice calling youth workers toward missional thought and practice, will help us emerge as a journal that youth workers feel the absolute need to engage with and contribute to."

For advertising information, contact Smitty Wheeler of Faith-Based Media at smitty@faithbasedmediagroup.com or by calling (615) 261-8048. For more information on Barefoot's acquisition of *The Journal of Student Ministries*, contact Audra Marvin, operations coordinator, at acmarvin@barefootministries.com or by calling (866) 355-9933.
--[Barefoot Ministries](#)

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 - Argentina

"She had no desire to live," said a team member in Argentina. "The owner of the house where we showed the JESUS Film is an old lady who was bedridden and depressed. Her name is Eva. After ministering to her with the word of God, she gave her testimony and said before she had no desire to live but now she sat up in her wheelchair and began to move around. Her spirit is renewed."

JESUS Film - Dominican Republic

"Many people visited the church," said a team member in the Dominican Republic. "The JESUS Film has been a blessing to the community. As the people watch the film, God touches them. Many want to know more about

Jesus and begin to attend church."

JESUS Film - Sudan

"He is our bread," said a viewer in Sudan. "We have not been able to harvest food for two years," said the team member. "God is good and we continue to see His power as He is moving in a mighty way. Following one JESUS Film showing, an old man prayed saying, 'God gives us hope for the future. Even if we have no food, He is our bread.' Such a hope is only through Jesus."

Radio Partnership

Praise the Lord for the partnership of World Mission Broadcast (WMB) South America and World Mission Broadcast Africa to produce a new radio program called *Dje da zu? (What's Next?)*. The program will be in the Fang (pronounced "fawn") language and is planned to air in Equatorial Guinea. Equatorial Guinea is the only Spanish speaking country in Africa and has just three FM radio stations. Pray for Daniel Esono, the program's host, and the WMB teams as they produce the new program and that listeners will hear and receive God's saving grace. (NMI)

HEALTH-RELATED PRAYER REQUESTS

Cornelius Diaz

Please pray for Cornelius Diaz who has been hospitalized with complications related to chronic kidney disease. Pray for God's healing touch. He is the husband of Ana Maria Crocker de Diaz, Mexico/Central America regional NMI coordinator, Global NMI Council members, and brother-in-law of Gustavo Crocker, Eurasia regional director. (NMI)

Frank Mills

Please continue to pray for Frank Mills, superintendent of the Ghana North District. He remains hospitalized and is being treated for acute renal failure and a blood clot in his leg. Please pray for God's healing touch on Frank. (NMI)

Rev. Chalema

Continued prayer is requested for Rev. Chalema, superintendent of the Malawi Central District, as he recovers from a stroke. He is improving and able to walk short distances.

GLOBAL CONCERNS

Haiti

Haiti will be in the recovery and rebuilding process for years. Please continue to lift the Haitian people in prayer. Pray for children who are now orphans. Pray for parents who have lost their children. Pray for the families that have been displaced and now call a "tent city" their home. Pray also for the safety of aid workers and that assistance reaches those in need. The church of the Nazarene in Haiti is strong and comprised of more than 115,000 members. Pray for Haitian Nazarenes as they gather to worship, that they will encounter the Lord in a mighty way. To keep in touch with how the Church of the Nazarene is responding to the crisis in Haiti, visit www.ncm.org/haitiearthquake. (NMI)

Nepal and Bangladesh Cold Wave

Continue to pray for those suffering from the current cold wave in Bangladesh and Nepal. (NMI)

MORE...

For more global concerns and continued requests, see the NMI Prayer Mobilization Line by [clicking here](#) or JESUS Film Harvest Partners by [clicking here](#).

To share additional praises or prayer requests, please use the comment section below.

GMC Flags of the Nations: Chile

Since September 1, 2009, the Church of the Nazarene's Global Ministry Center (GMC) proudly flies a flag each week 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: **Chile**

The Church of the Nazarene officially entered Chile in 1962.

Chile had a population of 16,601,707 in 2009. That same year, Chile reported 62 Churches of the Nazarene, 57 of which had been officially organized. Chile has 2,215 total members.

Chile has three phase two districts and one phase one district. It is a part of the South America Region. For more information, visit samnaz.org.

Previous flags featured:

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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.

Eastern Nazarene College holds winter commencement exercises

Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) held its winter commencement exercises January 31, as nearly 50 students received associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees from the Quincy, Massachusetts-based liberal arts college.

Held at the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene adjacent to the college's main campus, the graduation ceremonies were led by President Corlis McGee and featured a commencement address by Linda Nease Scott. A 1972 ENC graduate, Scott has a long association with ENC: Both her grandfather and father served

as presidents of the college, while her grandmother served as registrar and foreign student adviser for nearly four decades. Scott currently serves as an associate professor and elementary education coordinator at ENC.

Students receiving degrees at ENC's winter commencement exercises include:

ENC Main Campus:

Bachelor of arts: Timoy Gregory of Queens, New York, and Erin Prendergast of Hartford, Connecticut.

Bachelor of science: Sarah MacFee of Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Master of education: Melanie Attardo of Raynham, Massachusetts, Monica Babcock of Weymouth, Maria Coughlin of Quincy, Massachusetts, Neal Drew of Weymouth, Amanda Errichiello of Weymouth, Kerri Jacques of Braintree, Massachusetts, Ashley Joy of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Beverly Kenney of Assonet, Massachusetts, Peter Lang of Somerville, Massachusetts, Maureen Murphy of Quincy, Amy Paddock of Gardner, Massachusetts, Lorraine Principi of Braintree, Belinda Ranstrom of Quincy, Jennifer Wesinger of Pembroke, Massachusetts, and Marla Yanovitch of Quincy.

LEAD Adult Studies Program:

Associate of arts: Joseph Healy of Charlton, Massachusetts, Promise Anukem of Braintree, Massachusetts, Cuthbert Martinez of Brockton, Massachusetts, and Maritza Vazquez-Doyle of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Bachelor of arts: Sharon Butler-Loreus of Boston, Massachusetts, Kevin Cleary of Quincy, Massachusetts, Elizabeth Coughlin of Quincy, Deborah Farnum of Dorchester, Massachusetts, John Fish of Quincy, Cheryl Martin-Gloss of Brighton, Massachusetts, Richelle Smith of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and Anthony West of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Bachelor of science: Anthony Benigni of Weymouth, Massachusetts, Jaclyn Brogna of Quincy, Wilson Dolne of Brockton, Czarr Freeman of Brockton, James Maher of Dedham, Massachusetts, Wendelyn Mapson of Salem, New Hampshire, Shaun Needle of Abington, Massachusetts, Stephen Palleschi of Pembroke, New Hampshire, and James Purcell of Stoughton, Massachusetts.

Master of science: Tajuana Allison of Brighton, John Camara of North Easton, Massachusetts, Jamie Campbell of Weymouth, Melissa Cressman of Quincy, Kevin Dwyer of Quincy, Victoria Gill of Brockton, Brian Guzman of Quincy, and Dawn Vanessa Henry of Woburn, Massachusetts.

--[Eastern Nazarene College](#)

Israeli-Palestinian educator to speak on reconciliation at MVNU

Salim Munayer, former academic dean and current faculty member of Bethlehem Bible College, will deliver a lecture on understanding titled "Reconciliation Between Israelis and Palestinians" in Mount Vernon Nazarene University's (MVNU) R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium on Monday, February 15, at 10:20 A.M.

The event is free and open to the public; it is the next installment in the 2009-10 MVNU [Lecture/Artist Series](#).

Munayer is the founder and director of [Musalaha](#), a non-profit organization/ministry that works toward reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians through the biblical view of peace, love, and justice. Serving Bethlehem Bible College since its founding in 1979, Munayer has been academic dean for almost 20 years. He is the author of five books on reconciliation, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and Christian Palestinian identity. Munayer is also the first-time recipient of the Christian International Scholarship Foundation's Scholar-Leader of the Year award.

For more information about this event or the Lecture/Artist Series, call (740) 397-9000, ext. 4341, or visit www.mvnu.edu/lectureartist.

--[Mount Vernon Nazarene University](#)

ACBSP awards SNU accreditation of its School of Business

The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners recently awarded Southern Nazarene University (SNU) initial accreditation of its

School of Business.

"The School of Business at Southern Nazarene University is very pleased to have received accreditation from ACBSP and to be recognized as one of the highest quality business schools in the U.S.," said Tom Herskowitz, chair of the School of Business at SNU. "Although the School of Business at SNU has always had excellent business programs, the recognition by ACBSP acknowledges that excellence and reinforces our credibility as a high quality School of Business, both for undergraduate and graduate programs, including our new online MBA in health care. The two years of preparation and self-study leading to the final accreditation has already resulted in improvements in our programs by helping us to focus on identifiable educational outcomes as we continue our focus on student-centered learning approaches to prepare graduates for the business world."

ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the School of Business at SNU meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

According to the fall 2009 records at SNU, 26 percent of all SNU undergraduate students and 42 percent of graduate students are enrolled in the School of Business. Of the degrees conferred by SNU this past year (2008-09), 54 percent of all undergraduate degrees and 40 percent of all graduate degrees were awarded to graduates from the School of Business.

"Southern Nazarene University has shown their commitment to teaching excellence and to the process of quality improvement by participating in the accreditation process," said ACBSP Director of Accreditation Steve Parscale, who will present the Certificate of Initial Accreditation at the ACBSP Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California, on June 27. "This accreditation is evidence that Southern Nazarene University is committed to providing the highest quality business education for their students."

"We are excited to receive this recognition of our quality undergraduate and graduate business programs from ACBSP through initial accreditation," said Mary Jones, provost at SNU. "SNU is committed to continue to provide excellent teaching and learning experiences to ensure our program ranks among the highest quality business programs."

ACBSP is a leading specialized accreditation association for business education supporting, celebrating, and rewarding teaching excellence. Established in 1988, ACBSP is the only business accrediting organization for all associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree programs.

There are currently more than 664 member institutions, including 368 members from baccalaureate/graduate degree-granting institutions; and 89 institutions from outside the U.S. ACBSP member institutions represent 38 different countries.

For more information about SNU visit www.snu.edu.

--[Southern Nazarene University](http://www.snu.edu)

PLNU announces creation of regional business and economic institute, sets Economic Outlook Forum
San Diego has a new source for economic solutions: the Fermanian Business & Economic Institute (FBEI) at Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU).

The FBEI was known previously as the Fermanian Business Center. In addition to its prior services, the new FBEI will provide economic analysis, studies, and services to businesses and nonprofit organizations through contracts, fee-for-service consulting, publications, and events.

Currently, the FBEI is providing contracted analysis and services for the San Diego Zoological Society on their new biomimicry initiative and for the San Diego Military Advisory Council regarding military construction projects in the San Diego region. Additional work or strategic relationships have been developed with San Diego World Trade Center, San Diego Economic Development Corporation, Beacon Economics, and the International Facility Management Association, among other organizations.

Key FBEI staff will include Randy Ataide, executive director; Lynn Reaser, Ph.D., chief economist; Cathy Gallagher, director; Courtney Hamad, manager, and Dieter Mauerman as research assistant.

The FBEI has partnered with the San Diego Economic Development Corporation for a 2010 Economic Outlook Forum scheduled for March 4, at the San Diego Marriott. Bank of America has been named as the event sponsor. The event is titled The New Economic Reality: How 'New' and How 'Real'? Information on the event can be found at www.pointloma.edu/Fermanian.

About Lynn Reaser

Lynn Reaser, Ph.D., has deep experience in the financial services sector, including work during the past 10 years as chief economist of the Investment Strategies Group at Bank of America. In this role, she provided the global and U.S. economic framework for investment strategy for high net-worth, institutional, and brokerage clients, encompassing over \$500 billion (U.S.) under management.

At Bank of America, she delivered approximately 100 client presentations per year and conducted 200-600 media interviews annually.

Reaser is the current president of the National Association for Business Economics. In the past year, she has also been a member of the Boston Economic Club and the American Bankers' Association's Economic Advisory Council. Reaser received her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

About Randy Ataide

Randy Ataide brings considerable business experience to the executive director position, having worked for more than 20 years as an entrepreneur in developing several interrelated, diversified agricultural companies. He remains active in the business community through his involvement in several business startups, board membership, and business consulting. Ataide was recently named one of San Diego's 2010 Influentials by the San Diego Daily Transcript.

Ataide holds a bachelor of arts in speech communication, a master's degree in theology, and a Juris Doctor degree. He is a member of the California State Bar Association. He has also completed Stanford Graduate School of Business's Executive Management Program and Harvard Business School's Owner-President Management Program.

In addition to his duties as executive director of the FBEI, Ataide is also a professor of entrepreneurship teaching contemporary management, entrepreneurship, and leads the small business institute and entrepreneur enrichment program at PLNU. He has published extensively on entrepreneurship, business education, and related fields.

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NCN Sports Week

A recap of Nazarene colleges and universities competing in NCAA and NAIA athletics during the 2009 fall season (results from 1/29 - 2/4/2010, records and ratings as of 2/4/2010).

Record Key: Overall Wins-Losses-Ties (Conference Wins-Losses-Ties), national ranking.

[Ambrose University College Lions](#)

Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Alberta Colleges Athletic League

Men's Basketball: 3-3. Lost to Olds 1 81-71.
Women's Basketball: 0-4. Lost to Olds 69-38.
Men's Futsal: 6-0. No new results.
Women's Futsal: 6-0. No new results.
Men's Hockey: 7-2-2(SOL). Season complete.
Men's Volleyball: [Finished second at Western Canadian Championships](#). Season complete.
Women's Volleyball: [Finished fourth at Western Canadian Championships](#). Season complete.

[Eastern Nazarene College Lions](#)

Quincy, Massachusetts
NCAA Division III, The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC)

Men's Basketball: 4-16 (2-6). Lost to Anna Maria 92-65, Western New England 79-70.
Women's Basketball: 8-12 (2-6). Lost to Anna Maria 64-49. Defeated Western New England 54-51.
Women's Volleyball: 5-24 (1-9). Season complete.
Men's Soccer: 2-16-1 (1-10-1). Season complete.
Women's Soccer: 6-13 (4-9). Season complete.
Women's Tennis: 3-11 (2-9). Fall season complete.

[MidAmerica Nazarene University Pioneers](#)

Olathe, Kansas
NAIA Division I, Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC)

Men's Basketball: 13-9 (7-5), NAIA receiving votes (1). Lost to Benedictine 92-85.
[2-Time All-American Adam Hepker \(KC Stars, ABA\) feature](#)
Women's Basketball: 12-10 (7-5). Lost to Benedictine 60-57.
Football: 10-2 (9-1), NAIA No.8. HAAC champs. Season complete.
Men's Soccer: 7-11 (3-6). Season complete.
Women's Soccer: 8-9-1 (4-5). Season complete.
Women's Volleyball: 19-18 (4-6). Season complete.

[Mount Vernon Nazarene University Cougars](#)

Mount Vernon, Ohio
NAIA Division II, American Mideast Conference (AMC)

Men's Basketball: 11-13 (3-8). Lost to Roberts Wesleyan 86-81 (OT), defeated Houghton 79-69 (OT), lost to Point Park 88-86 (OT).
Women's Basketball: 16-5 (9-4), NAIA D-II receiving votes (1). Defeated Roberts Wesleyan 58-51, Houghton 75-63, Ursuline 86-58, Point Park 66-52 (6-game win streak).
Men's Cross Country: Season complete.
Women's Cross Country: Season complete.
Men's Soccer: 17-7-2 (6-2-1). Season complete.
Women's Soccer: 11-6-2 (8-3), NAIA receiving votes (1). [AMC Tournament Champs](#). Season complete.
Women's Volleyball: 34-9 (10-2), NAIA receiving votes (1). NCCAA Finalists. Season complete.

[Northwest Nazarene University Crusaders](#)

Nampa, Idaho
NCAA Division II, Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC)

Men's Baseball: 1-1. Split vs. Hawaii Hilo 1-2, 8-4.
Men's Basketball: 12-7 (4-4). Defeated AK-Anchorage 79-74.
Women's Basketball: 14-5 (4-4). Lost to AK-Anchorage 66-65, Western Washington 76-63.
Men's Cross Country: No.7 in regional poll. Season complete.

Women's Cross Country: No.8 in regional poll. Season complete.

Men's Soccer: 5-11-1 (0-7-1). Season complete.

Women's Soccer: 3-12-4 (1-10-1). Season complete.

Women's Volleyball: 15-14 (8-8). Season complete.

[Olivet Nazarene University Tigers](#)

Bourbonnais, Illinois

NAIA Division I, Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC)

Men's Basketball: 16-6 (5-0), NAIA No.13. Defeated Holy Cross College 94-61, IN-South Bend 84-70.

Women's Basketball: 9-15 (1-3). Lost to IN-South Bend 84-76.

Men's Cross Country: NAIA No.17. [CCAC Champs \(4th consecutive\)](#). Season complete.

Women's Cross Country: NAIA receiving votes (3). Season complete.

Football: 2-9 (1-6). Season complete.

Men's Soccer: 15-7 (7-3). [CCAC Tournament Champs](#). Season complete.

Women's Soccer: 18-3-3 (9-1), NAIA No.18. NCCAA Finalist. Season complete.

Men's Tennis: 4-0. Fall season complete.

Women's Tennis: 5-6. Fall season complete.

Women's Volleyball: 36-10 (10-0), NAIA No.12. [CCAC Tournament Champs \(4th consecutive\)](#). Season complete.

[Point Loma Nazarene University Sea Lions](#)

San Diego, California

NAIA Division I, Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC)

Men's Baseball: 4-0-1, NAIA No.2 (preseason poll). Took 3 from Savannah Art & Design, defeated UCSD 8-6. ([Former Sea Lion/Padre Mike Ekstrom signs with Tampa Bay Rays](#))

Men's Basketball: 7-14 (4-9). Defeated Hope Intl 69-65 (OT), Vanguard 68-57.

Women's Basketball: 20-2 (11-2), NAIA No.2. Defeated Hope Intl 67-52. Lost to Vanguard 70-53.

Women's Cross Country: NAIA No.9. Season complete.

Men's Soccer: 3-9-2 (2-6-2). Season complete.

Women's Soccer: 15-5-4 (6-4), NAIA No.12. [National Finalists](#). Season complete.

Women's Volleyball: 22-13 (9-11), NAIA No.15. Season complete.

[Southern Nazarene University Crimson Storm](#)

Bethany, Oklahoma

NAIA Division I, Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC)

Men's Basketball: 18-4 (13-1), NAIA No.6. Defeated Mid-America Christian 100-95, NW Okla State 67-63.

Women's Basketball: 14-8 (8-6), NAIA receiving votes (18). Defeated Mid-America Christian 83-79. Lost to NW Okla State 99-81.

Women's Cross Country: [Rosenau SAC individual champion](#)

Football: 6-5 (3-2). Season complete.

Men's Soccer: 9-6-2 (7-2), NAIA receiving votes (18). Season complete.

Women's Soccer: 17-4-1 (9-1), NAIA receiving votes (No.27/79). [SAC Tournament Champs](#). Season complete.

Women's Volleyball: 23-13 (8-6). Season complete.

[Trevecca Nazarene University Trojans](#)

Nashville, Tennessee

NAIA Division I, TranSouth Athletic Conference (TSAC)

Men's Basketball: 14-7 (5-3), NAIA receiving votes (No.29/23 votes). Lost to Mid-Continent 86-75.

Women's Basketball: 15-5 (7-1), NAIA No.12. Defeated Mid-Continent 82-59.

Men's Soccer: 6-10-1 (3-4). Season complete.

Women's Soccer: 7-10-1 (1-4-1). Season complete.

Women's Volleyball: 25-13 (11-3). Season complete.

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Key:

Record = Wins-Losses-Ties

[NAIA](#) - National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

[NCAA](#) - National Collegiate Athletic Association

[NCCAA](#) - National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association