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NCN News

Top Stories for the week of March 08, 2010

Nazarenes respond after devastating earthquake strikes Chile

A deadly earthquake struck the South American country of Chile on Saturday, February 27, killing more than 700 people. The 8.8-magnitude quake was followed by over 90 significant aftershocks, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless. In all, the quake affected more than 2 million people before sending tsunami waves and warnings throughout the Pacific Ocean.

At last report, the Church of the Nazarene had 62 churches in Chile, 57 of which had been officially organized. There are over 2,200 church members in this country.

According to Juan Badilla, a pastor and district superintendent in Chile, "The situation for [Nazarene] pastors' families and laypeople in general is good - they are in good health." Badilla reports some churches sustained mild damage. Several homes of Nazarenes also were damaged.

Jose David Acosta, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) coordinator for South America, reports many roads and bridges were destroyed, complicating the arrival of immediate government aid to areas needing it the most.

In addition, Acosta states affected towns and cities are dealing with looters striking stores for food or items to sell for food, gas stations for fuel, and even Fire Department vehicles for water.

In Pelluhue, a tsunami with waves 10-15 meters (32-49 feet) high destroyed between 200 and 300 homes as it crashed into the city's waterfront. Pelluhue is located 400 kilometers (250 miles) south of Santiago. The official death toll in Pelluhue is unknown as many remain missing.

Acosta reports cities such as Concepción and Temuco Bio Bio and the surrounding district were hit the worst by the earthquake.

The South America Region was able to reach "Pastor Richard" in the Concepción area, the earthquake's epicenter. Richard reports his church in Hualpén withstood the earthquake, though many church members suffered damage to their homes. When the region was finally able to get through to Richard, it was during the church's worship service. "The congregation was delighted and sent their love 'live,'" reported the region.

Badilla reports the parsonage of the church of Pelantaro, which he says was old and made of wood, has been found to be unsafe for habitation and the pastor's family "has been living in a precarious wooden building adjoining the house." Badilla states money is needed to buy prefabricated components as a partial solution.

The Church Responds

Disaster relief efforts in Chile are being coordinated for NCM by Acosta and missionaries Timothy and Susan McKeithen, who oversee the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Chile.

According to Badilla, the major needs for Nazarene families and for people in general in Chile right now are drinking water, non-perishable food items, and fuel as vehicles are invaluable for getting water from tanker trucks that are sporadically placed in different parts of cities.

Badilla also states there is a need for diapers for babies under two years of age, topical cream, powdered

milk for infants and small children, flour to make bread, baking powder and/or yeast, oil and rice, noodles, AA and AAA batteries, and flashlights.

"The restoration of drinking water is very slow and is only in some of the downtown areas of Concepcion," he states. "Other cities have not had any drinking water restored. Electricity has started to be restored to some streets and neighborhoods in Concepcion but ours does not yet have any."

Acosta reports churches in the region's Southern Cone (Chile, Argentina, Uruguay) have been planning their joint response to the disaster and will attempt to move from Argentina into the affected areas despite difficult access.

Southern Argentina churches have been asked to collect non-perishable food items, which will be brought by truck to Concepción and Temuco with water, medicine, first aid, tents, and blankets this weekend.

Acosta states pastor Juan Jose Zany has been integral in coordinating collection efforts in the southern areas.

Nazarene leaders in Chile are aware of further needs and together with NCM are coordinating the mobilization of aid to these needy areas. However, this effort is dependant on alternative transportation routes opening as damage to current routes has been determined to be too dangerous to travel through at this time.

In Chile's Northern District, Nazarenes are being asked to pray and the district is offering its help, though it too is battling communication and transportation difficulties due to the disaster.

Acosta requests prayer for all those affected by the earthquake, as well as the relief efforts now underway. He asks Nazarenes to pray for financial support and the health of Chileans exposed to the elements as they enter their fall season, as well as transportation routes to be opened to places in need.

March 5 Update from the South America Region: **Our church taking aid to Hualpén**

The districts of Chile and the Southern Cone Area, accompanied by efforts of the SAM Region and the International Nazarene Church, are working to coordinate and achieve all the help possible for our churches in the Bio Bio District.

There is a high level of mobilization and efforts to obtain the items of basic necessity that are being taken to Bio Bio. All districts of the Southern Cone are mobilized to collect and send relief to the affected areas.

Barry Carney and George Sisler are coming to Chile. They are part of our International Church of the Nazarene, although officially they are coming to represent the humanitarian aid organization Heart to Heart. Our brothers will be leaving Santiago for Concepción/Hualpén, God willing, on Saturday with the aim of achieving a site assessment. They will also be taking all the supplies that can be fit in their tuck. Significant support has already been mobilized to arrive in Santiago by air.

Also, brother Jose David Acosta, South American coordinator of Compassionate Ministries, will be arriving in Santiago on Saturday. God willing, he will be part of the caravan that will be traveling south on Saturday. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries has raised a significant gift that is being used to buy basic necessities to be included in a trip that will leave on Monday to the earthquake zone.

The church is praying around the world. From all parts we are hearing messages of solidarity. Many are in prayer and fasting.

We continue in prayer and pray that our Lord will strengthen, encourage and comfort all families who have been affected as a result of this terrible earthquake.

How You Can Help

"On behalf of the Church in Chile, we ask for your prayers for our brothers and sisters that are suffering the consequences of this terrible earthquake," stated Gloria Morales Z. of the Chile North District.

*Persons and churches wishing to make a donation for Chile Earthquake Relief online can do so through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries at ncm.org. Checks can be marked "**Chile Earthquake Relief ACM1276**" 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.*

For more information on this disaster, see the South America Region web site by clicking here: samnaz.org.
--NCN News (Slideshow available)

Cuban Church shows growth and generosity

The visit of General Superintendent J. K. Warrick to Cuba was characterized by celebration and praise to God for what Nazarenes there are doing to make Christlike disciples in the nations. Joined by Global Mission Director Louie Bustle and Regional Director John Smee, Warrick and his wife, Patty, observed inspiration and sacrifice among the Cuban Nazarenes.

An opening district rally at the Cubano Seminario Teológico Nazareno filled the sanctuary to standing room only with nearly 500 in attendance, many of whom were outside looking in at every window. The music was lively and joyful, and a gracious altar response followed Warrick's message.

The district assembly began with a devotional message from Bustle and included the report of District Superintendent Leonel Lopez. The district has experienced growth over the past year among Cuba's churches, including an increase of 399 in Sunday School attendance and 229 in membership. Warrick called their growth over the decade "incredible" from 35 churches to today's 71 churches, more than 100 percent increase. Decadal statistics also include +1,225 in Sunday School attendance, +1,429 in worship attendance, and +2,705 in membership.

During the district assembly, with over 400 people in attendance, Warrick ordained five new elders. With the plight of Haiti on these dedicated Nazarenes' hearts, they received a special offering for their Haitian brothers and sisters. The district superintendent had challenged pastors to join with him in giving a week's salary if possible. On their limited income, they gave an amazing \$1,835 (U.S. dollars).

Warrick is jurisdictional general superintendent for the Caribbean Region. Of the Cuban Nazarenes' sacrifice and dedication, he said, "I was moved beyond measure."
--Board of General Superintendents

North East India District rebuilds fire-ravaged center

A crowd gathered in the darkening streets of a town in Manipur, cheering the procession of believers carrying torches that illuminated the twilight.

The warmly glowing tongues of fire symbolized the light of hope that came to this part of the northeast when missionaries first arrived bearing the gospel in 1910.

In January, Nazarenes joined the interdenominational Christian community to celebrate 100 years of faith in Jesus Christ.

As the torches proceeded through the streets, flames of a different form licked at the North East India District Center in another part of town.

While everyone was occupied at the celebration, seven men wearing masks forced their way into the building, threw petrol on the furniture and files, and set fire to the center. The building burned to the ground, destroying documents, receipts, a block making machine, and some JESUS Film equipment - an \$8,500 loss. ([Story](#))

The lost documents and equipment somewhat slowed district ministry, particularly Nazarene Youth International, Nazarene Missions International, and Sunday School ministries, said District Superintendent Kim. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries has continued without interruption.

Fortunately, most of the JESUS Film equipment was being used in the field, thereby avoiding its loss.

The attack united believers in the community, Kim added.

"The church community has strongly condemned the act of the members who did this. Some of those who had silently supported came out boldly against them to condemn their various agendas and acts even before this fire incident."

Originally, the district intended to seek reparations from the community leaders who would in turn hold the attackers responsible. However, district leadership decided against it, as the formal complaint process would require locking up the church until the case was closed.

Even so, community leaders have assured Kim they will deal with the attackers and ensure the men do no further harm.

The district immediately began building a temporary structure for continued ministry. The project has united the church.

"People have developed a renewed burden for the Lord and His church," Kim said. "All who truly love God and the church have come forward with donations and contributions in cash and labor. Those churches a further distance have sent their donations. So it is really encouraging to see the work progressing faster than expected."

--Eurasia Region Communications (Slideshow available)

Nazarenes providing a safe place for kids in Haiti

Walk down the streets of Port-au-Prince, and you'll see survivors who carry physical scars from Haiti's deadly January 12 earthquake. What's not as easy to see are the emotional scars inflicted by the disaster. This is especially true for the children who lived through the trauma and may not have the skills to process their grief.

The Church of the Nazarene in Haiti is responding to this need through the creation of Safe Place children's camps, where kids are encouraged to work through some of their stress through play therapy. The camps are part of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' (NCM) holistic child development approach, which focuses on helping children from Nazarene churches and their neighborhoods socially, emotionally, mentally, and physically. After the earthquake NCM in Haiti has been working to create safe places for the children of Nazarenes churches and their neighborhoods. One such camp is currently hosting 100 kids on the Nazarene Bible College campus on the edge of the capital city for two weeks.

"The purpose of the camp is to let children act like children again," says Frantz Pierre, a 24-year-old volunteer who is helping lead the camp. They get to do this through activities such as sports, games, music, dance, reading, and art.

Thirty young adults volunteered to help with this camp, and NCM hosted training in how to work with children who have experienced trauma so that they could create a truly safe place for children to work through their feelings.

According to volunteer Sarah Faustin, "Children are the future of a country, it is important to help them to enrich themselves mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. But after the earthquake, it is important to help

them understand the aspect of the earthquake and to help them to resume their courage."

Volunteer Richard Domestoy admits that it's not common to talk about feelings in Haitian culture, but he believes it's important to provide a place where children can share what they're going through. "The first day of camp, there were kids who didn't want to play or talk," he said, "but after a week they now talk and play. They can say what they're feeling."

Valerie, a camp participant, added, "I really like the camp. I have some new friends after the earthquake. ...I was so sad because I know a lot of children who lost their parents. I just started to see things another way during this camp because we laugh together, play, and learn new things."

The volunteers who work with the children say that the camp has been a safe place for them as well. Domestoy, 26, is a first-grade teacher who offered his time because the schools in Port-au-Prince have not yet resumed. He is also a university student studying accounting. He was on his way to class when the earthquake struck, destroying the building he was traveling toward and killing more than 100 of his classmates and friends.

"I was very stressed before this camp," Domestoy said, "but I have been able to share my feelings as I ask the children to do that, and I feel better."

In a session Domestoy facilitated with a group of older children, a boy named Geoff stood to share his experience. "I can feel the first earthquake every time there is a tremor," he said. "I don't feel well sometimes. I don't feel normal. I ask God for help."

After pausing for a moment, he added, "I'm not better than those who died, but it's grace." It's that same grace that NCM wants to help churches share with the children in their communities.

NCM Earthquake Relief funds have been used to help fund Safe Place camps.

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.

--Caribbean Communications Office (Slideshow available)

Moving Ministers: February 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 February list and previous months, [click here.](#))

Moving Ministers

from 2/1/2010 to 2/28/2010

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Roles included: pastor.

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

2009 General Secretary/GMC Operations Officer report

Highlights of the 2009 General Secretary/Global Ministries Center Operations Officer report, presented to the

General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010:

David Wilson, General Secretary/GMC Operations Officer

In his third report as general secretary, David Wilson lists the following:

2009 Highlights:

The most significant event in 2009 was the 27th General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in Orlando, Florida. The spirit of these meetings was extraordinary due to an unusual prayer effort, unprecedented cooperation among Global Ministry Center personnel, and a willingness to work on the part of the delegates. Many have said to me that the worship during convention week and on Sunday was the best they could remember, and set the tone beautifully for business. The first moments of the initial plenary meeting were spent in corporate prayer and God honored us with His presence every time we gathered. We had some surprises throughout the week and some challenges, but God had His hand on the whole experience.

I will never forget the joy on the faces of the African delegates when Dr. Eugenio Duarte was elected general superintendent and the emotions that stirred in my heart as I escorted him to the platform - our first non-North American general superintendent! I will always remember the affirmation I felt as Dr. David Graves and Dr. Stan Toler were elected to the Board of General Superintendents. God has blessed us with an outstanding group of men to lead our denomination in these early days of our second century.

Another highlight in 2009 was the work of the General Board on legislation stemming from the "white paper" and approval of a new apportionment plan for the denomination. The General Secretary's Office has cooperated with the Board of General Superintendents and others to implement these changes. The General Board bylaws recommendations reflect the efforts made to execute the Board's decisions.

A third highlight of the year was the initial effort in globalizing the General Secretary's office. A new Annual Pastors Report (APR) was developed for implementation in the spring of 2010. This report will be used by all pastors around the world.

I had the privilege of traveling to the Asia-Pacific Region to meet with regional leaders to discuss ways for the General Secretary's Office to interface more with regional personnel. My visit coincided with a leaders' conference in Malaysia that enabled me to meet nearly every district superintendent, field strategy coordinator, and regional program coordinator for Asia-Pacific. Regional Director Verne Ward and his wife Natalie were outstanding hosts. Regional visits are currently scheduled in 2010 for Eurasia and Africa.

The outstanding team in the General Secretary's Office is determined to serve the church well and to be a source of blessing and vital information for all who contact us.

Statistics

Statistics are important because they are one measurement of progress for an organization. For the year 2009 the Church of the Nazarene reports the following:

- 17,277 organized churches - 6.59 % net gain
- 1,945,542 members (1,749,223 full and 196,319 associate members); 5.89 % gain
- 165,661 new Nazarenes
- \$938,972,000 was paid for all purposes
- \$482.63 is worldwide per capita giving
- 712 new ministers credentialed
- 31 additional ministers' credentials recognized
- 34 new deacons ordained

There are 438 districts of the Church of the Nazarene around the world. Of these, 183 are Phase 3; 101 are Phase 2; and 129 are Phase 1. There are also 25 pioneer areas. Our office provided most of these districts

with services, supplies, and assistance in organizing for their annual assemblies and in reporting their work. The accompanying chart shows additional statistics (pdf): [click here](#).

2009 Global Mission report

Highlights of the 2009 Global Mission report, presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010:

Louie E. Bustle, Global Mission Director

Filimao Chambo, Africa Region Director

Gustavo Crocker, Eurasia Region Director

Christian Sarmiento, South America Region Director

Luis Carlos Saenz, Mexico/Central America Region Director

John Smee, Caribbean Region Director

Verne Ward, Asia-Pacific Region Director

David Anderson, Global Communications and World Mission Broadcast Director

David Hayse, Global Nazarene Publications Director

Larry Bollinger, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Director

Statistical Highlights:

Last year...

- 462 Career Missionaries served in 155 world areas, including 9 creative access areas
- 262 Mission Corps volunteers served in 48 world areas
- 246 serving 91 or more days
- 16 tentmakers (volunteered while employed in the country)

83 Youth In Mission participants served in 28 world areas 786 Work & Witness teams served globally

- 10,752 participants
- 606,915 labor hours
- 292 years of labor

Every week...

- 20 new churches were organized
- 98 preaching points were started
- 2,080 new Nazarenes were received into membership
- 112 radio broadcasts were aired to 74 countries, in 31 languages
- 5.5 books on holiness, pastoral training, and development were produced
- 11,946 children were fed through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries child sponsorships
- 71,089 evangelistic contacts were made through the JESUS Film, and through those contacts alone 12,936 people (more than 1 per minute) stepped from darkness into light and accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Ten years ago, the Church of the Nazarene's total membership was just over 1.3 million. Now, 10 years later, we are well into the 21st century - the century for which God raised us up. Now, with more than 600,000 new members (half of them were received in the last 3 years), we are poised to cross the 2 million member mark at

some point during this calendar year. We celebrate the vitality and strength we enjoy because of the multitude of talents these new Nazarenes bring. The past ten years have seen us grow by 45%. Just imagine what the next ten will bring.

Additional Highlights

2005 Tsunami Update: Kalumnai House Rehabilitation Project

Tholipodi and his wife were married just before the tsunami came. Their house was 100 meters away from the beach, and they lost everything, yet they survived. With the help of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) Lanka, in partnership with their community, the couple and their new baby are now moving into their new house.

NCM also recently dedicated 50 homes in Karaitivu and is in process of building another 30 homes in nearby Akkaraipattu. They also hope to provide Child Development programs that include vocational and skills training for the parents.

World Mission Broadcast

World Mission Broadcast in South America has released the third season of *Mujer Valiosa TV (The Valued Woman)*. This television ministry was launched in 2007 after the unprecedented success of *Mujer Valiosa* radio. *Mujer Valiosa* radio airs on more than 1,400 stations in 24 countries. Like its predecessor, the television ministry exploded into television markets, now airing on more than 1,000 channels in 20 countries. The potential audience is estimated at more than 150 million viewers each month. These statistics are exciting and clearly show the tremendous impact programs like *Mujer Valiosa* can have.

Border Initiative

JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) is working to supply 30 sets of equipment along the border of the United States and Mexico. We are working with leadership to distribute this equipment on both sides of the border, impacting two regions: USA/Canada and Mexico & Central America.

Global Nazarene Publications

A partnership between Global Nazarene Publications (GNP), Children's Ministries International, and Nazarene Publishing House will produce the first-ever simultaneous release of current children's Bible Study and Quizzing materials in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. Children's Ministries International designated the 2009 Vacation Bible School offerings to be used for the translation and cultural adaptation of the quizzing materials for one complete six-year cycle. GNP will secure the necessary translators and administer the joint venture. The materials will be made available to the regions for translation into as many languages as desired.

Youth In Mission

God continues to use Youth In Mission to develop and impact young church leaders. In 2009, Youth In Mission sent 83 participants to 28 world areas. Of this group, 20 of the Youth In Mission students were from outside of the United States and Canada.

Regional Highlights

Bustle reports:

To describe the size of the Church of the Nazarene, we have often said that the sun never sets on our church. Another way might be to say that the work of the church extends all the way from here to Timbuktu. This year we present to you the opportunity to make those words become literally true, as we recommend the West African country of Mali - the home of Timbuktu - as the 156th world area of the Church of the Nazarene.

Africa is pursuing a solid strategy of leadership development, with the goal of having 20,000 trained pastors and ministers and 20,000 churches by 2012. The fruit of that effort can be seen in East Africa, where in October, Dr. David Graves presided over the ordination of 47 new elders - more than doubling the number of elders on that field.

Africa's story is one I have seen published already - Pastor Cooper from Liberia who was made fun of because of his lack of education so he went back to school and began a successful radio ministry that surprised all the people in his home village.

As a denomination, we firmly believe that God does great things and begins great movements through the obedience of just one person. The "Golden Youth" group at the Bayanihan Church of the Nazarene in Antipolo, Philippines, **Asia-Pacific**, demonstrates this. In November of 2008, one of the leaders of the youth group used a personal-sized EvangeCube to present the gospel to his friend, Angelo. Angelo responded and prayed to receive Christ into his life. Two months later, when Angelo was baptized as a new follower of Jesus, he began the outreach at his home. He soon had 14 young men meeting with him each week. He felt God's call to preach, and in June of 2009 moved to Cebu, Philippines, to begin his studies at the Visayan Nazarene Bible College. Then he asked some of the young teens in the Golden Youth to carry on the work when he left. Several of the teens leading the current ministry efforts are 14 years old. Two are in their first year of high school at San Jose. These young people actively lead this outreach each week, as well as minister in the Bayanihan Church two nights of the week and twice on Sundays. In the meantime at the Bible College, Angelo is praying for those in his home neighborhood, and he is ministering every weekend in two different places and helping to start a new church plant where they have started an outreach to street kids in Cebu, the city where they are studying.

In the large Haitian city of St. Marc in the **Caribbean**, the pastor of the local church is also the district superintendent. His local church averages over 2,000 in weekly attendance - and continues to grow. When asked how his church became so strong, he replied, "At first, I didn't know where to begin. I tried preaching in the street but people were so busy, and it was so noisy, I didn't know if anyone was listening to me. So I started an FM Radio Station in the back of the church.

From that beginning, this local pastor and his small congregation began broadcasting Christian music, ministry and discipleship messages, and the pastor began his "Midnight Prayer Ministry." Every night at midnight, he is "on the air." Some people began writing in to request prayer, and he prayed for them on the radio at the midnight radio service. As the availability of cell phones became a new source of communication, people would telephone the "Nazarene Radio Prayer Pastor" to ask for prayer. He took the opportunity to speak about many of life's deepest needs - and the audience grew. He said, "I wouldn't miss a night praying and preaching - I was on the air last night and I'll be there tonight."

Dr. Gustavo Crocker has given great leadership making **Eurasia** a fast growing region. The Eurasia Region is vast in so many ways: vast in geography, vast in cultural diversity, vast in economic strata, and vast in evangelical challenges. Despite all of this, Eurasia again reports double-digit percentage growth, with a net gain of over 15% and nearly 20,000 new members. This translates to 55 new members each day. What is not shown in those numbers is the fact that people are not saved and then brought immediately into membership; there is a growth and discipling period that must take place. These 55 new daily members were once new converts. Imagine what we'll see in a very short time as a result of the new converts on the region.

One indicator of the growth and maturity of the region was the largest and most diverse delegation of Eurasian delegates ever to attend a General Assembly. The Regional Advisory Council (RAC) approved the request for implementing mail balloting for electing the new General Board and RAC representatives. Thanks to this alternative provided by the *Manual*, 100% of the elected delegates were able to vote for the first time in electing their representatives. Furthermore, this was the first time in the history of the region that a representative from South Asia was elected to the General Board, and we are privileged to have Rev. Sukamal Biswas serving as one of our leaders. We are also pleased to see a South Asian elected as the regional NYI president.

The power of one extends not just to one person; it encompasses the life-transforming power that comes through the actions of one church or one district. When churches catch a vision of becoming full partners in the global work of the Great Commission, incredible things happen at all levels.

The **Mexico/Central America** (MAC) Region is seeing this happen through its involvement in the Isaiah and Caleb Projects. Seven volunteers have been trained to serve as missionaries in Spain and the Middle East

over the past four years. In July these seven missionaries came home and told the story of the lives that have been transformed. These stories were not owned by just the missionaries; they were stories that were shared and celebrated by the local churches as well. As we evaluate their ministries, their training, and their opportunities for new ministry, we are simultaneously inspired by them to continue the work they have begun. Through initiatives such as Projects Isaiah and Caleb, MAC is truly becoming a sending region.

Pedro knew a life of drug and alcohol addiction that led him to a life of crime. He became known as one of the worst criminals in Derqui, Argentina, **South America**. He had been imprisoned several times, but all that did was slow down his criminal activity. Nothing seemed to stop him, and even the local police were afraid of Pedro.

Through a new Nazarene church plant, Pedro's wife received Christ as Lord and Savior and started attending Sunday School and church activities. A Nazarene missionary visited the community and showed the short film of the conversion of Felix Vargas and visited Pedro's home. Pedro thought that God could never forgive him. After seeing the video about Felix, who was saved from a life of murder, drugs, and crime, Pedro said, "If God can forgive him and change him, he can do it for me." Pedro was wonderfully saved. His life has changed dramatically. A few weeks ago he went to visit the police station where he was imprisoned many times. Immediately the police officer put him behind bars, afraid of Pedro. Pedro told the story of his conversion and presented the Felix video to the policemen. The chief of police said that he had been praying for many years for Pedro; now he can see the results of his prayers.

It has been a joy to work with Dr. Bob Broadbooks over this past year in his new role as director of **USA/Canada**. Recognizing that the traditional definition of missions had changed, the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board declared the United States and Canada a mission field in 1997. Twelve years later, we have the equivalent of seven regions with the addition of the United States and Canada, called the USA/Canada Office, which serves nine educational regions. This completes the restructure of the global mission and creates a truly global denomination.

McArthur Jackson was saved out of the "drug culture" of Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 27. McArthur quickly sensed a call to preach and began holding outreach worship services in the front lobby of the (Memphis Neighborhood Christian) Center. The focus was on reaching back into the drug culture of Memphis and to "deal with the struggling of the people." Early in his ministry, McArthur recognized that impacting the city of Memphis would require leadership development from within and starting many new ministries. McArthur and his wife, Millie, both completed their ordination educational requirements at the Tennessee District Memphis Bible Institute (MBI). They were ordained together at their district assembly in 2006. All those that God calls are encouraged to enroll in MBI as a place of clarification of the "calling." McArthur intentionally empowers his developing leaders to begin a new outreach ministry. Some of these ministries will develop into new churches. McArthur's 10-year-old church and the four newer churches they have sponsored have a combined worship attendance of about 300 people every Sunday morning. Each week they touch the lives of many times that number through as McArthur Jackson would say: "dealing with the struggling of the people."

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

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2009 Nazarene Financial Services report

Highlights of the 2009 Nazarene Financial Services report, presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010:

General Treasurer Marilyn J. McCool and the leaders of the various Nazarene Financial Services ministries and services report:

- Giving to the World Evangelism Fund totaled \$45,906,503, a 5.6% decrease from 2008
- Giving to Mission Specials totaled \$22,005,165, a 24.82% decrease from 2008
- Faithful Nazarenes raised a total of \$67,911,669 (all figures USD) for the World Evangelism Fund and Missions Specials, reflecting a 12.82% decrease from 2008
- USA Churches paid 89.27% of their accepted WEF allocations, a decrease from 93.52% the prior year
- The Global Ministry Center debt is being serviced from donor pledges, gifts, and non-World Evangelism Funds; no World Evangelism Funds have been, or will be, utilized for debt service
- The former Nazarene Headquarters campus at 6401 The Paseo remains on the market and all sale proceeds will be applied to the Global Ministry Center debt
- Donor Services handled 250,000 transactions and Online Giving transactions exceeded \$5.5 million
- The USA Church of the Nazarene Loan Fund ended the year with assets of \$29,854,124, an increase of \$1,247,254 over the prior year
- Pensions and Benefits International's retirement program for clergy and lay employees grew to over 800 participants and \$2.0 million in assets; and Pensions and Benefits USA touched the lives of nearly 14,000 ministers and their families with an array of services in 2009
- Funding the Mission, the new method of funding the Global Mission, educational institutions, pension plans, and districts is being taught to 19,000 churches worldwide; Stewardship Ministries is facilitating the process through marketing, web development, onsite teaching events, and an online tracking tool

Miracle at Beulah

The following first hand report was submitted by the [Beulah Church of the Nazarene](#) in Brooklyn, New York. According to the church's web site, the Beulah Church is a melting pot of many cultures, with members drawn from over 26 different countries. In fact, Beulah has the distinction of being the largest Nazarene congregation of African Americans (& West Indians) in North America and Canada. The report reads:

Miracle at Beulah

It was a typical Sunday morning filled with the anticipation of a baptismal service. The praise team was enthusiastically singing "It Was All Because Of God's Amazing Grace," one could sense a fresh wind blowing over Beulah Church of the Nazarene. The minister read from the *Manual* about the grace of Christian baptism as the congregation rose to greet those who were being baptized. We are truly grateful for the work that God has done in the lives of the new converts.

After the baptism, Pastor Wenton A. Fyne remarked about the conclusion of the 21 days of prayer and fasting and gave God thanks for the fruits of our labor.

Instantly the spirit of the Lord fell upon our pastor and he asked anyone who had their sins forgiven and needed a new cleansing to respond and approach the baptismal pool. One could truly sense the anointing in the room as a woman responded to the call, quickly followed by another, who told the story of her children being at home in a fire and how God had saved them. She had lost her husband to the fire, but gave God thanks for saving her children and for granting her the opportunity to be with them again.

Fyne began to pray for her and by that time, there was a line of people waiting to be baptized. People shared stories of how God had delivered them, some talked about how God had touched their lives, and others rededicated their lives to God.

There was a long line of people waiting in tears as they brought their cares and concerns to almighty God. We saw mothers, daughters, sons who had long wandered away from God, husbands, and wives rededicate themselves to God. Little children in tears confessed their love for God and thanked him for their successes in school. They also asked Him for blessings on their mothers and fathers.

A call was made for young people who wanted something more from God, and without hesitation they responded. They shared testimonies of how great God had been to them, some confessed their sins and their desire to follow God wholeheartedly. Others who had decided that the Christian life was no longer for them, returned and rededicated their lives to Christ.

At one point during the service, a young man walked in from the streets and asked one simple question, "What must I do to be baptized?" He was ushered to the waiting area where many were already patiently waiting in line to be baptized. He shared his testimony of losing his job because of a bad decision he had made and how he was now seeking forgiveness and restoration in his life.

This was indeed one of the most memorable moments of the service. There was an air of anticipation and expectancy as the congregation remained glued to their seats. God was definitely at work, and by the end of the service 60 people had been baptized.

Beulah Church of the Nazarene is in a revival and we are praying for God to continue to pour out His Spirit upon our church and our community.

--Beulah Church of the Nazarene via [NCN News submissions](#) (Slideshow available)

In Memoriam: 03.05.2010

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 March 1-5, 2010.

Juanita Anderson, 79, of Salem, Oregon, passed away February 23. She was the wife of Dr. Loren C. Anderson, a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene who served in Illinois. Juanita was active in leading homebound ministries, teaching Sunday School, and Work & Witness projects.

Keitha N. (Ward) Arnold, 86 of Midway, Iowa, passed away February 3. She was a layperson for 60 years at the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, First Church of the Nazarene, where she taught Sunday School, had a tremendous card ministry, and served on several committees. She was also the mother of Rev. Daniel M. Arnold, pastor of Council Bluffs First Church and Dr. Dave Arnold, professor at Indiana Wesleyan University and Doug Arnold of Center Point, Iowa. She is survived by her husband of almost 64 years, Madison Arnold, and her sons.

Lucy Elizabeth Browning of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, passed away March 2. She was a retired missionary in the Church of the Nazarene and the widow of David F. Browning. The Brownings served in North Carolina, Belize/British Honduras, Guyana, and the Philippines. [David F. Browning](#) passed away in 2007.

[Donald R. Dunn](#), 78, of Bartlett, Ohio, passed away February 26. He was a retired minister and evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Dunn, who passed away in 2001.

Bessie Hall of Ajax, Ontario, passed away February 26. She was the widow of S. Roy G. Hall, a former minister in the Church of the Nazarene who served in Ontario and British Columbia. S. Roy G. Hall passed away in 2006.

Mabel Jennings of Appleton, Wisconsin, passed away February 28. She was the widow of Leon E. Jennings, a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene who passed away February 20. He served in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Among those surviving her is her son, Dwight Jennings, director of Chaplaincy Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene.

[Richard R. Kylo](#), 56, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, passed away February 25. He was a minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving in Oklahoma and Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Laura (Glaneman) Kylo.

Martha Madison of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away February 16. She was the wife of Archie C. Madison, a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene. The Madisons served in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and Alabama.

Kittie Wilson of Buffalo Gap, Texas, passed away February 19. She was the wife of O. W. Wilson, a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene. The Wilsons served in Iowa, Oklahoma, Indiana, Alabama, and Texas.

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

Global praise reports and prayer requests: 03.05.2010

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

PRAISES

JESUS Film - Brazil

"Their home is known as the 'House of Blessing'," said the team member in Brazil. "The Nogueira brothers opened their home for a showing of Magdalena. The men and their wives all became believers of Christ. They are involved in the local church and continue to open their home each week to others."

JESUS Film - Cuba

"She was crying as she testified," said the team member in Cuba. "We drove many miles to show the JESUS Film. It was worthwhile because many people believed in Christ. One young lady testified that she was going to stay away from sin and follow Jesus. Everyday we have the chance to see God working through the JESUS Film in Cuba."

JESUS Film - Democratic Republic of the Congo

"I left my heart in the hands of Christ," said Justin in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. "Before seeing the JESUS Film, I did not know I could find help and hope in a Savior. I am making efforts to grow in my faith."

Okinawa Earthquake

Praise the Lord that there are no reports of damage from the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Japan on February 27, 53 miles off the coast of Okinawa. (NMI)

William Stewart

Former national director of the Church of the Nazarene Canada, William Stewart, underwent heart surgery recently; the surgery was a success. Praise God for this wonderful outcome.

NAZARENE WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER

The annual Nazarene World Week of Prayer was observed Sunday, February 28, through Saturday, March 6. During this week, Nazarenes are asked to dedicate themselves to interceding for our church and our world. Following are requests for each world region. Additional requests are available on the NMI web site by [clicking here](#).

Africa Region - Pray for the ministerial education institutions as they intensify the multiplication of programs to train pastors and leaders for the fast-growing church in Africa.

Asia-Pacific Region - Pray for the development of new literature committees, writers, translators, and editors for the many literature projects on the Asia-Pacific Region.

Caribbean Region - Pray for Nazarenes in Haiti who are attempting to reach the masses of displaced people as a result of the January earthquake. The people have spiritual needs and trauma from the loss of family members and their dwellings. Therefore, our Haitian pastors and leaders need guidance and wisdom as they work with the displaced people.

Eurasia Region - Pray for the new English Café outreach ministry of Moscow First Church. Pray also for the mission work of a small group that is meeting in the city of Belgorad, Russia.

Mexico/Central America Region - Pray that local churches and leaders in the MAC Region grasp God's vision and the urgency of training, supporting, and sending missionaries to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

South America Region - Praise the Lord for the revival that has begun on the Southern Cone Field, and pray that it continues and grows. The Southern Cone Field is comprised of Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay.

USA/Canada Region - Pray for the region's 11 Nazarene universities, colleges, and seminary, as they prepare young men and women to impact our world for Jesus Christ.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Philippine Children Leadership Summit

Please pray for the first Philippine Children Leadership Summit to be held at Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary on April 27-30. The participants are third-and fourth-year high school students from both the Pastor's Kids program and Holistic Child Development projects. Pray for the safe travel of participants from all over the Philippines, as well as for the speakers and facilitators. Pray that God's spirit will be poured out on participants and many will come to know Him in a new and personal way. (NMI)

Teachers for Asia

Please pray for the current recruitment underway at Nazarene universities in the U.S. for Nazarene teachers for Asia - www.asiaserve.org/go/. Bill Patch, who served for 26 years as president of Korea Nazarene University, is visiting campuses during the months of March and April to talk with interested students. (NMI)

GLOBAL CONCERNS

Uganda Mudslides

Pray for the people who have been affected by mudslides in eastern Uganda. As of March 2, at least 45 people have been killed and hundreds are missing. Pray also for relief teams as they reach the area of the slide and administer help. (NMI)

Chile Earthquake

Please continue to pray for the people affected by the earthquake in Chile. The South America Region offers

these specific requests:

- Pray that the borders will be opened for humanitarian aid and that the aid can be delivered to people in need.
- Pray for the necessary financial support to be received.
- Pray for the health of thousands of Chileans who are exposed to the elements.

For more information and ways you can help, [click here](#).

HEALTH-RELATED REQUESTS

Phil Anderson

Please pray for Phil Anderson who is suffering from pneumonia. Phil is on home assignment with a busy travel and speaking schedule. Please pray for God's healing touch. He and his wife, Denise, are missionaries in South Africa. (NMI)

BEREAVEMENT

Family of Matje Kanis-van de Werfhorst

Matje Kanis-van de Werfhorst passed away on March 1 in the Netherlands. She was 104 years old at the time of her death. Pray for the family. Services are scheduled for March 6 in the Netherlands. Matje was the mother of retired missionary Jaap Kanis. Jaap and his wife, Ina, served as missionaries in Mozambique, Botswana, and South Africa. (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.

PLNU announces changes to athletics program

Softball facility challenges and Title IX concerns have forced Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) to eliminate four of its current athletic teams, athletics director Ethan Hamilton announced March 2.

Beginning with the 2010-11 academic year, the university will no longer field teams for men's golf, men's cross country, and track and field, and women's softball. The university will add women's golf as an intercollegiate program, beginning in the fall of 2011.

"This was an extremely difficult decision, forced by a number of interrelated factors that left us few alternatives," Hamilton said.

The university has been trying for several years to find a permanent alternative to the Sunset Cliffs softball field owned by the City of San Diego and used by the women's softball team for 29 years. The city has decided to revert the field back to its natural habitat. Efforts to find an alternative facility were intensified this past year, but resulted in no suitable, available, permanent location on the campus or within 15 miles of PLNU.

With the imminent loss of PLNU's softball program, the university is faced with the challenge of adhering to Title IX regulations, which require the ratio of male to female athletes to closely approximate the male-female student ratio at the university. To fully comply with Title IX, PLNU must cut several men's sports - cross country, track and field, and golf. To assure adequate opportunities for female athletes, PLNU will be adding women's golf.

A capped enrollment and property restraints have hampered the university's ability to sustain and add programs to its athletic menu.

"Several scenarios were considered when looking at our options and none of them were easy fixes," Hamilton said. "Taking into consideration the impact on our current personnel, future recruitment, diversity of enrollment, impact on our facilities, sports that our conference offers, and precedents set by other schools, this is the path we chose to follow."

Hamilton said the university will honor scholarship commitments to the affected athletes or help them find another university to continue their athletic careers if they so desire.

"These teams have posted remarkable graduation rates and have always represented our university in the best possible light," Hamilton said. "We are extremely grateful for all they and especially our coaches have given to these programs to help them succeed at a regional and national level."

For a list of frequently asked questions about the program changes, [click here](#).

--Point Loma Nazarene University

Nazarenes in the News

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Caribbean Region

New classrooms for Roaring Creek Nazarene School

Belmopan, Belize

([The Guardian](#), February 23) Over 400 school children at the Roaring Creek Nazarene Primary School in the Cayo District now enjoy a spacious and enhanced learning environment courtesy of the Government of Belize. The school expansion project was officially inaugurated this afternoon at the project site.

The project was implemented by the Social Investment Fund (SIF), a statutory body under the auspices of the Ministry of Economic Development.

The project scope included the construction of four classrooms on the first floor of an existing building, which was constructed by SIF in 2000. These four classrooms each measure 22 ft long by 22 ft wide, including a front verandah and two stairways. One of the stairways was contributed by the school. The classrooms were constructed of reinforced concrete with lumber/galvalum roof. The roof is designed to withstand up to Category 4 hurricane winds and could serve as a hurricane shelter.

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

Eurasia Region

Paris church celebrates its 25th anniversary

Paris, France

Recently, the French congregation of "L'Eglise du Nazareen" celebrated its 25th anniversary with a major revival event at the central church in downtown Paris. Oliver Phillips, director of Mission Support USA/Canada, spoke at the three day event last November, with services packed out throughout the weekend.

This church facility houses three congregations managed by Pastor Valentin. His congregation primarily addresses the Haitian culture, while another congregation is principally directed to French nationals. On Sunday afternoons, an Arabic-language congregation meets in the facility. However, for this event, the first two congregations met jointly, with attendances of 200 or more, assembling together people from the Cape Verde

Islands, Martinique, Senegal, Brazil, Haiti and, of course, native French citizens.

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

USA/Canada Region

Bringing Jesus' love to El Salvador

Independence, Missouri

([Examiner](#), March 4) "Little Is Much When God Is in It."

This inspirational Gospel song has left its imprint on the eight-member mission team from Blue Springs Church of the Nazarene.

Led by Kevin Williamson, the team of Bonnie Pfizer, Bob Shrauner, Clay Ellis, Jene Johnson, Nona Williamson, Pablo Miranda and Theresa Milton recently returned from Central America where they used their limited resources and talents to make a difference in the Central American country of El Salvador.

What the team accomplished was building a two-room addition to Santa Tecla Nazarene Church, the host church in the San Salvador suburb of Santa Tecla, and helping to plant a Nazarene church.

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

Band director uses music to teach life

Bethany, Oklahoma

([The Oklahoman](#), February 28) Phil Moore, director of bands at Southern Nazarene University, was halfway through a master's degree in vocal music education when he was offered a job as band director at Bethany High School. Unsure of what his employment opportunities might be if he waited until graduation, Moore decided to take the job.

After seven years at Bethany High School, Moore took over the band program at SNU. The group's numbers had dwindled considerably so Moore recruited whenever he could. Today, his group numbers about 60 musicians but the recruiting continues, an ongoing pursuit he considers a necessity.

Despite having devoted 36 years to teaching, Moore says he's in no hurry to retire. He compares himself to a sentry at some busy outpost, happy to keep watch until someone relieves him.

"We're teaching more than music around here," Moore said of his instrumental program at SNU. "We use music to teach a lot of life lessons. It gives us an opportunity to help kids grow up and be responsible. I see that as a worthy art in itself."

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

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

Compiled by [NCN News](#)

Church reorganizes for ministry in Bulgaria

The Sofia Church of the Nazarene, founded in 1995, recently reorganized its leadership and worship service.

Led for years by a bivocational pastor, it was determined that the weight of leadership would be less heavy if spread among a team, said Jay Sunberg, superintendent for the Bulgaria District.

Galina Ivanov, the former lead pastor, is now among the nine leaders who plan worship services and Wednesday night prayer meetings, youth activities, outreach ministries, and other tasks. The team is a mix of Bulgarians and missionaries, including Jessica Morris, a missionary who recently was reassigned to Bulgaria from Italy, and was a key organizer of the relaunch.

Being part of a team, rather than carrying the weight of leadership alone, is a refreshing change, said Ivanov, who has pastored the church since 2003.

"Before, I was kind of lonely leading worship and preaching and doing everything," he said. "I like to be part of a good team like we are now. It doesn't feel like I gotta do everything myself."

The reformatted worship service features a worship team leading contemporary songs in Bulgarian, testimonies, prayer, a Scripture reading, and a sermon, followed by fellowship over treats and coffee. Afterward, the congregation of roughly 25 separates by age groups for discipleship lessons.

"All of us preach every now and then, or we do discipleship lessons after the service, so we're all participating quite actively," said Petar Neychev, who is also on the leadership team. "But the responsibility is not for everything on one person as it has been for many years."

Services and discipleship are held in the afternoon because the congregation rents space in another church's building. Plans are developing to construct a Nazarene church on land the district owns. The plans call for the new church to also house the district center offices.

Although the congregation has needed to focus inward on its relaunch, they are ready to again turn outward to the community, Ivanov said.

"I think it's time for us to shift and go out inviting people to activities where they will feel comfortable," he said.

With Easter coming up, the church will plan some outreach activities to involve neighbors and community members, Sunberg said.

"We're very excited about the whole direction of how everything is going in Sofia - the team approach," he added. "We're excited about how this will enable us to make a bigger impact in Sofia."

--Eurasia Region Communications

CLT course to focus on teenagers

In partnership with Nazarene Youth International (NYI) there will be a free, instructor led, educational course offered by Continuing Lay Training (CLT) for the duration of April 19 through May 21. The course will be led by Gary Sivewright and the medium for interaction will be an on-line discussion forum as well as a weekly conference call. The course will cover key issues teenagers are dealing with and how to respond to those issues as parents and ministry workers.

Sivewright most recently served as vice president for Campus Ministries at Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU). Before coming to MVNU, he served as a youth pastor in Oklahoma and Kansas, editor of *Bread and Teens Today*, and director of NYI. He is the author of six books, speaks to thousands each year across the U.S., and is a frequent contributor to *Holiness Today*. Sivewright is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University, Nazarene Theological Seminary, and he earned his doctorate from George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University. His latest project is "Gary Sivewright's FamilyWorks," a seminar to aid local churches in their ministry to the family.

For more information, please E-mail CLT at clt@nazarene.org.

--Continuing Lay Training

Congo's Brazzaville District installs workers in special ceremony

By Antoine On'okoko, district superintendent:

I would like to share with the Nazarene family about the transforming power of our holy God. We thank God for trusting the Nazarenes with the message of entire sanctification.

Here in Brazzaville the work is moving well; the message of holiness is preached, people are getting saved, and many lives are transformed.

For example, Riffel Korilla, who was a well known drunkard with his life tied up in well known bars, met the Lord last year through Church of the Nazarene evangelism. He has experienced the life of entire sanctification. His wife and his mother do thank God for giving them a new person, a new husband, a new father, and a new son.

Korilla has now committed his life to serve God and preach the message of holiness. He is currently a student in Nazarene Theological Institute and is also serving God as the district Nazarene Missions International president. He said that after wasting 40 years of his life he now wants to live for the living God. He is committed to serve God to his full time capacity. His life testimony is very amazing and also drawing others to come to Jesus Christ the King of Kings. Here in Brazzaville the message of holiness is powerfully working and we thank God for it.

On Sunday, February 7, we had a very interesting service with the installation of workers to serve God for this new year. This is the first time for the Church of the Nazarene to have a district committee duly formed and duly taking their assignment in a very official service. Antoine On'okoko preached from 2 Chronicles 15:1-19 with the theme: Being moved by God. On'okoko urged workers to listen in order to hear from God and to act in obedience to the living God.

The ceremony was a great event in the history of the Church of the Nazarene in Brazzaville, Congo. Immediately after the ceremony, Mrs. On'okoko asked officers about their feelings and their respective vision for the new year. There were many testimonies to the powerful work of God in lives across the district.

--By Antoine On'okoko, district superintendent, for NCN News-Africa

Video: "The Ground Shook - Our Faith is Not Shaken"

The earthquake in Haiti gave many people every reason to lose hope. More than 200,000 lives were lost. More than 20 percent of buildings in Port-au-Prince collapsed and 80 percent of those still standing are too damaged to safely inhabit. But while lives have been forever changed, hope and faith in God remain.

In the heart of downtown Port-au-Prince, you'll find Bel-Air Church of the Nazarene in the middle of what could be described as Ground Zero of the earthquake zone. Just blocks from the National Palace, now an image of Haiti's broken state, it is surrounded by piles of concrete rubble, the remains of a shattered neighborhood. Yet the church still stands. And in the weeks following the quake, the church has reached out to their community. They have provided food, water and care kits to neighbors. And through a partnership with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and Heart to Heart International, they have been hosting a medical clinic that sees hundreds of patients a day as well as a mobile clinic that goes out into the neighborhood to provide care. They do this because they care. They do this because they believe in a God who heals.

The following account of the Haiti earthquake by Marc Jean Louimette is featured on a new video in association with NazarenesHelpHaiti.com. To view the video, click the play button in the photo window of this article. To download the video, visit the Nazarene MediaLibrary by [clicking here](#).

--Caribbean Region Communications

Nazarenes in the News: Haiti Edition

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Beacon Light Church responds to Haiti crisis

Antigua and Barbuda

Waking up on the morning of Tuesday 12th January, 2010 no one would have thought that the island of Haiti would have been hit with a 7.0 earthquake. It happened and what are we doing about it. Romans 12:13 says share with God's people who are in need practice hospitality. Under the leadership of Pastor Christopher and Andrea Weekes, the Members of the Beacon Light Church of the Nazarene rose to the challenge and answered the call to help Haiti in their crisis.

Rev. Christopher Weekes is elated with the response from the members of his church and hands over food and supplies to Mr. Philmore Mullin Assistant Director of National Disaster of Antigua and Barbuda to help the people of Haiti.

New video to compliment Sunday School lesson on Haiti

Kansas City

WordAction Publishing of Nazarene Publishing House has released the following new video to compliment WordAction's previously released Sunday School lesson on Haiti. The video features an interview with Port-au-Prince resident Walliere Pierre, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries coordinator for Haiti.

To access the video, see the Nazarene MediaLibrary by [clicking here](#). For the Sunday School lesson, see WordAction's web site by [clicking here](#).

Nazarene church uses 5K run to raise nearly \$14,000 for Haiti relief

Miami, Florida

The Redland Church of the Nazarene transformed a youth group fund raiser into a community 5K run that yielded over \$13,500 for the Haiti Earthquake Relief.

On Saturday, February 27, over 160 gathered at the Redland Nazarene Church on the campus of Rainbow Christian Academy with 120 running and walking in the 5K. In the days preceding the event each of the runners solicited community and family sponsors for financial contributions to boost their efforts.

"After witnessing the unimaginable loss of life and destruction in Haiti we knew we had to do something out of the ordinary" said Redland's Youth & Discipleship pastor, Treavor Pound, who was the event coordinator. Both he and Lead Pastor Brad Fink participated in the event.

The route for the 5K run was on the busway next to busy U.S. 1 in the south Miami area. Fink said the participants with their "Run for Haiti" t-shirts created a lot of attention among local residents who at times stopped them to make an instant contribution.

The age of runners ranged from 4 to 70 years old. The run concluded back at the church where Pound awarded trophies to the various age category winners and Fink lead the entire group in a prayer.

The goal of the event was to raise \$10,000. Fink said the actual amount contributed was \$13,800 and there were still contributions coming in.

"We are thankful that the Church of the Nazarene has a substantial infrastructure which remains intact for Haiti," said Fink. "This assures that our contributions will make a difference quickly in the lives of many."

To see photos of this event, click on "View Slideshow."

--Redland Church of the Nazarene via [NCN News submissions](#) (All funds in U.S. dollars)

The following stories appeared in the February 26 edition of the *NCN Global News Summary*:

Six-year-old Indiana boy sells toys on eBay for Haiti

Angola, Indiana

([Indiana's NewsCenter](#), February 23) A six-year-old Angola boy is auctioning his favorite toys because he wants to help the people of Haiti.

"I know that they need help. That's why I'm giving them these soldiers," said six-year-old Bailey Hicks.

Anyone who has ever met Bailey knows he loves anything to do with the military, especially his Army men.

So after spending countless hours watching the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti, with his mother on television, Bailey wanted to help.

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

Update: Hicks' goal was to raise \$199. The winning bid for Bailey's auction was \$259.99. All of the money will be donated to Haiti through the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

Church plans memorial service for Haiti missionary

Indianapolis, Indiana

([Flyergroup.com](#), February 22) Jeanne Acheson-Munos' untimely death in Haiti's catastrophic earthquake dealt a severe emotional blow to her church family at Westside Church of the Nazarene. But they've taken solace in the knowledge that she died doing what she loved.

Jeanne, 62, and her husband Jack served as missionaries in Haiti with Free Methodists World Missions for about five years, working with the national church in developing its presence there. Westside Church of the Nazarene, where Jeanne's father, R.B., is pastor emeritus, helped support the couple financially.

"What I remember of Jeanne is she had a strong personality - a person whom I would describe as a servant leader," said David Caudle, senior pastor at Westside. "She understood her call to ministry and that it involved being a servant and a leader."

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

California church does quick aid for Haiti

El Dorado, California

([Mountain Democrat](#), January 31) El Dorado's Church of the Nazarene has a "no dithering" policy when it comes to disaster relief. Two weeks ago the congregation of about 125 collected and donated \$5,000 for its Compassionate Ministries programs already on the ground in Haiti. In addition to the cash, members purchased and packaged items for individual "Crisis Care Kits" that are already on the way to Miami for immediate transit to the beleaguered island.

Robert Scott dropped in to the *Mountain Democrat* offices "without an appointment" but with a story of incredible generosity backed up by experienced, competent practitioners.

In his former role as director of Global Missions for the International Church of the Nazarene, Scott has visited and worked in Haiti numerous times over the past 20 years. He said the Nazarene presence is second only to the Roman Catholic Church in Haiti.

"We have about 500 churches, 16 medical clinics, 125 schools and a seminary there," Scott noted. "And there is a comprehensive structure in place that provides everything from relief supplies to job training, with a heavy emphasis on health and medical issues. The programs serve and pastor to about 160,000 church members. And we have no missionaries," he said with pride.

No foreign missionaries are needed because the church at large and its service programs are "totally native operated," he explained.

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

Note: Pastor Steve Dickerson tells NCN News the staff writer for the *Democrat* was so impressed by this story that the paper published it on one half of a full page in the paper. Dickerson reports calls have come to the church office from local people inquiring how other locals might give in the offering. The church is now planning a Work & Witness trip to Haiti in the fall.

Tents, food, cash collected for Haiti

Richmond, Virginia

([Times-Dispatch](#), February 21) Devastation in Haiti continues to inspire local efforts more than a month after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

A Haitian Earthquake Community Forum last week at the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross drew in contributions ranging from \$265 in artworks sold at the Pine Camp Arts and Community Center to a drive to fill two 40-foot seaworthy containers to ship to Haiti...

Tractor trailers were on site to receive donations for the seaworthy container shipments yesterday at 12 Wal-Mart stores from Petersburg to Ashland. The drive was organized by Deb Green, a volunteer with Nazarene Compassionate Ministry.

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

NOTE: For Canadians, the government of Canada will match funds donated for Haiti. For details, see Nazarene.ca by [clicking here](#).

The following stories appeared in the February 19 edition of the *NCN Global News Summary*:

Help Haiti churches rebuild through Alabaster offerings

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

([Engage Magazine](#), February 18) Nazarene churches were damaged and some collapsed during the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Fortunately for the Tabarre Church of the Nazarene, its building sustained only about five percent damage and has used the structure for continued ministry to its community in the wake of the disaster.

The Tabarre church almost didn't have a building at all. The congregation, which had been raising money for their own building, decided in 2008 to take the money they'd raised and use it for others instead of themselves. They stopped focusing on having their own building and planned a mission trip to the island of Sint Maarten.

After they diverted their funds to missions, they received an unexpected \$10,000 (USD) from global Alabaster offerings to finish constructing their church.

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

Canada's Compassionate Resource Warehouse shipping six containers to Haiti

Victoria, British Columbia

([Engage Magazine](#), February 17) The Compassionate Resource Warehouse, on Vancouver Island, is in the process of filling six shipping containers with clothes, food, medical supplies, hygiene products and other needed items for Haitians who have lost homes, loved ones and livelihoods in the January 12 earthquake that devastated their capital city.

An affiliate of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada (NCCMC), the warehouse is mobilizing not only Nazarenes but Canadians in general in support of Haiti.

The first container was shipped February 5 and the next one goes out February 17. The cause has drawn people from all over British Columbia to work side by side with Nazarenes in gathering required items, sorting donations at the warehouse and packing up the containers to ship, said Dell Marie Wergeland, who directs the warehouse ministry.

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

NNU students find creative way to help Haitian children

Nampa, Idaho

(NNU) On Monday, February 15, students from Northwest Nazarene University used their President's Day holiday to assist in a Haiti recovery effort.

Students and community members gathered in the Johnson Sports Center Monday morning to make blankets for Haitian children. The project is being sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) and Project Linus of Idaho. Project Linus defines their mission as providing love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of the gift of a new handmade blanket, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Students who become "blanketeers" for the day were rewarded for their altruism through Disney's "Give a day, get a Disney day" program that trades a ticket to a Disney park for a day of volunteer service. NNU's student body government has organized a trip to Disneyland in April for all students who participated.

--NNU

The following stories appeared in the February 12 edition of the *NCCN Global News Summary*:

Missouri paramedic helps Haiti's wounded

Harrisonville, Missouri

([Democrat-Missourian](#), February 11) Harrisonville paramedic Derek Coulter didn't know what to expect when he arrived in Haiti two weeks after the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that shook the nation Jan. 12, but was prepared to help however he could.

"I had never been to Haiti before, so I didn't know what to expect," he said. "I didn't know what its baseline was, what normal was for Haiti."

After flying into Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Jan. 25, Coulter and other volunteers from Heart to Heart International, a medical missions team based in Olathe, Kan., traveled eight hours by car before reaching Port au Prince, Haiti.

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

(Note: Heart to Heart was founded by Nazarene Gary Morsch and is partnering with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. Coulter was the first paramedic to travel to Haiti with Heart to Heart. He is a member of the Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene and is the grandson of former general superintendent [1964-1980], Dr. S. George Coulter.)

PONG for Hope - Haiti edition

Warrensburg, Missouri

([NCN News submissions](#), February 10) Christ taught us about compassion when He told the parable of the Good Samaritan: Care for all, no matter who they may be. We are to "go and do likewise" as the Samaritan - caring for all people. We are called to respond when a need arises.

After a devastating earthquake, Haiti faces hardship and destitution; the call has gone out for aid.

The Lifeblood Youth Group and First Church of the Nazarene in Warrensburg, Missouri, have taken this call to heart. They have redirected one of their annual events to raise funds for earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

The event is called PONG for Hope: Haiti Edition.

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

NCM-Canada response to Haiti earthquake

Brantford, Ontario

(Nazarene News-Canada, February 5) To date, over \$140,000 (Canadian) has been given by Canadian Nazarenes. Much of that has been designated for "Canadian Foodgrains Bank" (CFGB), with more funds arriving daily at the National (Church of the Nazarene) Office. Goods are also pouring into the Compassionate Resource Warehouse in Victoria, British Columbia. Thank you for your very generous response!

Some of the initial donations have already been committed to an immediate relief project through Canadian Churches in Action (CCA). CCA is a partnership of several Canadian churches and church agencies, including Nazarene Compassionate Ministries-Canada, involved in non-food disaster response in Haiti. CCA is in the process of submitting a proposal to the Canadian government to receive matching funds for this project.

Additionally, NCM-Canada, along with at least seven other CFGB members, is planning a joint CFGB response in Haiti. CFGB has sent two staff members to Haiti to assess the food situation and make the initial connections with partners on the ground including NCM Haiti.

Related: One of the members of the Brantford Church of the Nazarene in Ontario has been selected to join a team of Nazarene medical professionals in Haiti. Wendy Lemp, a registered nurse at McMaster University Hospital, will join a team under the direction of Dr. Morsch from Heart to Heart International. Due to security issues, Wendy will only be in Haiti for a week, but she is very excited and anxious to assist with this intensive medical endeavour. She leaves on February 25th and will return on March 6th. Please pray for Wendy as she meets with her medical team and begins her ministry in Haiti. The Brantford congregation is helping to raise funds for Wendy's airfare.

--Nazarene News-Canada

The following stories appeared in the February 5 edition of the *NCN Global News Summary*:

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 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](#)

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2009 Church of the Nazarene Foundation report

Highlights of the 2009 report of the [Church of the Nazarene Foundation](#), presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010:

Mel McCullough, Church of the Nazarene Foundation President

The Church of the Nazarene Foundation (CNF) celebrates that \$4,002,602 was distributed for ministry on behalf of the General Board and the Foundation this past year.

Prior to the establishment of the CNF, the planned giving opportunities did not offer a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF), but this year \$1,376,410 of ministry funding was made available through the DAF giving tool.

When these generous donors become aware of the ministry needs, they contact the CNF and the funds, which are invested tax-free, are immediately sent to provide scholarships at Nazarene educational institutions; to train evangelists, pastors, lay leaders, medical personnel, and teachers to evangelize and disciple the unreached of the world; to equip missionary and JESUS Film teams; to deliver supplies for disaster relief; and to provide help for at-risk children. CNF's Stewardship of Ministry Funds for the Future total \$34,160,397.

- Endowments, which provide resources for ministry forever, total more than \$2.4 million, an increase of 17.6 percent.
- Charitable Gift Annuities, which enable donors to receive an income and then leave gift to ministry after their death, increased by 22.4 percent to \$2,422,304.
- Trusts, which may permit a donor to set aside property for ministry while retaining income benefits and tax deductions, total \$3,554,038, a slight decrease of 5.3 percent.
- Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) declined by 11.9 percent to \$4,257,269, primarily due to lower investment earnings and almost \$1.4 million in distributions for ministry.
- Notes Receivable, which well fund DAFs, total \$144,188.
- Investment Management Accounts were down 1.4 percent because of lower investment earnings and distributions for ministry for a total of \$19,315,272.

In addition, the Foundation is providing customer service and administration for \$22,523,026 in General Board deferred gift agreements. These agreements along with the \$13,330,463 in deferred gift agreements under management at the Foundation will provide distributions for Global Mission \$8,653,529, Nazarene Higher Education \$8,642,594, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries \$3,011,295 and numerous local, district, and other general church ministries.

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2009 General Editor's report

Highlights of the 2009 General Editor's report, presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010.

David J. Felter, General Editor

The Role of the General Editor:

Post modern philosophy often celebrates the diversity and variety of meanings, unique to individual perspective, while admitting no insistence on absolute truth. The Church of the Nazarene proclaims the unchanging truth of God and relies on the inspirational work of writers, curriculum developers, editors, and authors. In collaboration with others, the general editor facilitates:

- The review of various Nazarene publications.
- Conducts review of needs identified by our constituents.
- Works to ensure missional and doctrinal integrity of the materials produced by all entities of the General Board and Nazarene Publishing House.

The General Editor works with the following:

- Mission Education Committee
- The Editorial Policy Board
- Beacon Hill Press Committee
- The International Course of Study Advisory Committee (ICOSAC)
- The Board of General Superintendents
- The Books for Pastors task force

In addition to these responsibilities, the general editor also serves as the editor in chief of *Holiness Today* and executive editor of NCN News. Reporting for the Editorial Policy Board, Felter stated three goals:

1. To intentionally expand the range of authorial and editorial inputs from the regions of the world.
2. To work in tandem with those Global Mission structures in place that foster connections between resource development and delivery systems.
3. To ensure the doctrinal and theological integrity of all published content developed within the various missional venues of the Church of the Nazarene.

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2009 International Board of Education report

Highlights of the 2009 International Board of Education (IBOE) report, presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010:

E. LeBron Fairbanks, International Board of Education Director

Statistics in 2009

- 54 undergraduate and graduate level Nazarene institutions in 35 countries on six continents

- 31,244 students enrolled in on-campus programs, an increase of 680 over last year
- 14,810 students enrolled in extension programs, an increase of 271 over last year
- 46,054 total students worldwide, an increase of 951 over last year
- 8,397 degrees awarded worldwide, a decrease of 38 degrees from last year
- Church support (general, district, local, etc.) for 54 schools: \$25,769,984
- Assets: \$986,455,803 Liabilities: \$322,436,421 Net Worth: \$664,019,382

Education Commissioner's Official School Visits and Activities in 2009

- Visited 17 Nazarene colleges, universities and seminaries
- Spoke at five commencement services
- Led International Higher Education Council (IHEC) Conference on June 24-26, 2009 in Florida
- Conducted missional reviews and consultations at six IBOE institutions
- Conducted Governing Board Workshops at five IBOE institutions

For more information on IBOE, [click here](#). (Note: All funds expressed in U.S. Dollars.)

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2009 Nazarene Missions International report

Highlights of the 2009 Nazarene Missions International (NMI) report, presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010:

Daniel Ketchum, Nazarene Missions International Director

1. NMI is the church-relations heart of Global Mission in each local church around the world. The purpose of NMI is to mobilize churches in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating. Council members elected at local, district, and global levels and regional coordinators appointed by regional directors are guided by a constitution included in the *Manual* and a handbook for equipping, motivating, and modeling best practices.

2. NMI is praying: interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ. NMI was born in prayer, depends on prayer, and provides prayer resources, including:

- Prayer and Fasting
- Prayer Mobilization Line
- Praying through the 10/40 Window
- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- Nazarene World Week of Prayer coordinates with the World Day of Prayer
- National Days of Prayer around the world and Global Day of Prayer

3. NMI is discipling: involving and mentoring future missions leaders, especially youth and children, to make

Christlike disciples for God's mission in the nations.

- Global Mission Conference during June 2009 in Orlando expanded from a general NMI convention, featuring creative prayer, regional features, global tracks, mission workshops, new videos, annual sub-themes, a March of the Nations, resolutions, and elections. NMI elected Jennifer Brown, the first global NMI president from outside the U.S.

4. NMI is giving: devoting ourselves and our resources, especially World Evangelism Fund (WEF), to extend Christ's kingdom.

- The WEF continues to be the vital financial lifeline to develop leaders and churches globally. WEF enables mission strategy around the world. NMI partnered with pastors, church boards, Global Mission, Stewardship, and the BGS to help churches raise \$45,906,000 for WEF. Beyond WEF, churches gave \$22,005,000 for Approved Mission Specials. The amount of WEF giving beyond goals was \$1,361,000.
- NMI offers two significant WEF recognitions:
 - *World Evangelism Church* - at least 5.5 percent of current income to WEF
 - *World Evangelism Church of Excellence* - at least 5.7% of current income to WEF (or \$1,500 whichever is less)

NMI produced in multiple languages several WEF videos based on testimonies from global mission leaders
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5. NMI is educating: informing people of the world's needs and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.

- NMI will launch a new mission education resource for local churches in March 2010. Each year, the new *Living Mission* will feature many videos, audios, lessons, CAUSES, and a Web site with additional resources, each compatible to interact simply.
- A growing number of pastors and local and district NMI leaders want NMI to simplify emphases and offerings. The new NMI council voted to do this. While we simplify NMI, we will not nullify, marginalize, or weaken NMI. We will retain the core and essence of NMI, while providing simplified options to local churches and districts.
- One feature called Missionary Care now includes several former emphases, each of which will continue to be vital (Missionary Health Care, LINKS, Missionary Christmas Fund, Distinguished Service Award, Memorial Roll, Gifts from the Heart).

Teams beyond NMI that Daniel Ketchum leads:

1. Global Prayer Initiatives collaborating with the Board of General Superintendents to:

- a. Resource and sustain "a house of prayer for all nations" in each church globally, each district, field, regional, and global gathering, and at the GMC.
- b. Gather prayer summits on regions, fields, and districts globally; equip leaders to facilitate summits.
- c. Network proactively with prayer movements in the greater Body of Christ.
- d. Equip churches to collaborate with citywide prayer movements: concerts of prayer, prayer walks, weekly/monthly prayer encounters for leaders, and annual prayer summits.

2. EngageMagazine.com: Global Mission launched this online magazine in May 2009 featuring new mission stories from around the world, eventually in multiple languages.

3. Global Mission Partnerships (field and church-based) to resource churches, districts, and fields around the world with prayer, volunteers, and giving beyond the World Evangelism Fund.

For more information about NMI, see nazarenemissions.org.

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2009 Nazarene Publishing House report

Highlights of the 2009 Nazarene Publishing House (NPH) report, presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010:

C. Hardy Weathers, NPH President

Mark Brown, Vice President

Eric Bryant, Director of WordAction

Tim Curtis, Director of Lillenas

Mark Parker, Director of Human Resources

Bonnie Perry, Director of Beacon Hill Press

Since 1912 Nazarene Publishing House (NPH) has been the publishing and printing arm of the Church of the Nazarene. There are 195 valued employees of NPH and Weathers states his report is reflective of their "commitment to provide resources for the changing church - the Church of the Nazarene."

Highlights:

Weathers highlighted NPH's focus on resourcing the local church and pastor, as outlined in the following article: ["NPH announces restructure"](#)

[Beacon Hill Press](#) focuses on the NPH core mission of bringing innovative resources to a changing church. BHP continues to establish a publishing niche by publishing books and resources in the following genres: ministry resources, spiritual formation, Christian care, and textbooks. Just some of the highlights for 2009 include the release of *New Beacon Bible Commentary Library, Volume 1* (electronic version of first five volumes of the new commentary), two additional volumes of the *New Beacon Bible Commentary (Judges, 2 Corinthians)*, and *Our Watchword and Song* (A 17-year project on the Centennial history of the Church of the Nazarene). BHP was projected to end 2009 with sales of \$2.3 million, a decrease of nine percent over 2008.

[Lillenas Publishing Company](#) provides worshipful and effective music, as well as drama tools for the Church of the Nazarene and local churches everywhere. In 2009, Lillenas received its second-ever and second consecutive Dove Award for Best Youth/Children's Musical of the Year: *An Island Christmas*. Also, under its Allegis imprint, Lillenas released a new Christmas musical called *A Night of Hope*, which was the company's flagship release of the year. Another highlight was the release of the worship collection *Gift of Love*. Lillenas will end fiscal year 2009 with a sales decrease of approximately eight percent over 2007, which brings sales near \$6.3 million. Internet sales are projected to end the year at \$1.7 million, and are expected to continue to grow.

[WordAction Publishing](#) continues its commitment to providing Bible-based, Wesleyan-Holiness curriculum that is relevant to everyday life. Merritt Nielson serves as director of Curriculum. New resources were released in 2009 in the following areas: Small Group (*Christian Belief Series* [3 titles] - *Articles of Faith: What Nazarenes Believe*, *Christianity 101: Basic Beliefs in Faith*, *Growing in Faith: Intentional Christian Living*) Sunday School

curriculum (Preteen transitional curriculum - *Wired: My Self, My Relationships, My World; Faith Connections* - Middle Elementary), Vacation Bible School (2009 - Museum@12627, 2010 - *Deep Sea Adventure: Exploring the Depth of Jesus' Love*), Children's Quizzing (Joshua, Judges, Ruth), Discipleship (*Believer's Discipleship Series* - 2 titles) and devotionals (*Reflecting God Daily Devotional*).

Barefoot Ministries made a strategic change this year under to emphasize training and support the training with product that would better resource the youth worker.

The House Studio, a new business unit, completed its first year of existence. The House was established to develop product for churches that are not currently turning to NPH for resources primarily emphasizing the young adult market. The House Studio released its first book, *The Kingdom Experiment*, a study of the beatitudes. Several other book and video projects are due to release in early 2010.

For more information about NPH, see nph.com.

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Highlights of the 2009 Nazarene Youth International (NYI) report, presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010 (a top-10 list of sorts):

Gary Hartke, Nazarene Youth International Director

- This was the 10th report of NYI Director Gary Hartke.
- An evangelism strategy (GOL 2010) was created to mobilize the church worldwide to share the good news of Jesus Christ during the upcoming FIFA World Cup Soccer tournament.
- The discipleship emphasis was supported through the adoption of "making Christlike disciples in the nations" as NYI's quadrennial theme.
- The leadership development emphasis strengthened through the launching of the "Youth Ministry Academy" worldwide youth leader training initiative.
- The 22nd Global NYI Convention was held in eight locations around the world with 723 delegates participating (an increase of 111 over 2005).
- Mark Holcomb was elected the 19th Global NYI president.
- David Gonzalez was elected the Global NYI vice president.
- NYI membership increased by 10,530 to 425,571.
- NYI societies increased by 518 to 14,224.

- The Paul Skiles endowment was launched to support youth ministry worldwide.

For more information about Nazarene Youth International, see nyitoday.org.

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2009 Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International report

Highlights of the 2009 Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) report, presented to the General Board during its 87th Session, February 19-22, 2010.

SDMI Department

Woodie J. Stevens, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International Director

- The garden of SDMI is thriving around the world with the highest "Responsibility List" (enrollment) in our history of 1,690,255.
- The global average attendance was 843,124, an increase of 3.75%.
- Fifteen regional "Listening to You" forums were introduced at the Global SDMI Convention and have become a useful tool for discovering best practices and resourcing local ministries.
- *The Vision of 2020 - the Decade of Discipleship* was introduced as we move beyond addition to multiplication as everyone asks, "Who is discipling you and who are you discipling?"

Adult Ministries International

Larry Morris, Adult Ministries Director

- Continuing Lay Training has experienced outstanding growth in every area of ministry development including the crucial assignment of delivering more resources to the Church of the Nazarene globally. Significant expansion, improvements, and successes in this past year include:
 1. 20% growth in registered participation
 2. Almost 7000 Lay Ministry Studies completed
 3. Over 100% growth in Prisoner Bible Studies program
 4. Participation by five of the world regions
 5. 30,000 web page views per month
 6. More than 80 countries/territories accessing CLT monthly
 7. Audio Bible streaming in over 400 languages
- Women's Ministries launches new website

One of Women's Ministries newest resources is a web site ministry created specifically for pastors' wives. The content of PWR (Pastors' Wives Resources) site is driven by concerned pastor's wives and provides vital connection with others who need support and resources for this unique journey. This new web site address is www.pwr.nazarene.org.

- Nazarene Strategic Marriage Initiative continues at the request of the Board of General Superintendents.

The Board of General Superintendents requested that AMI...

1. ...continue the ANSR marriage health poll through 2019 and make the survey instrument available to other global regions upon request.
2. ...work with Clergy Development to sample clergy marital health more frequently through a specialized survey.
3. Requested that SDMI proceed to advocate and promote Christ-centered homes, marriages, and families, through the Strategic Marriage Initiative and inter-generational ministries.

Children's Ministries International

Lynda Boardman, Children's Ministries Director

- *Raising Up a New Generation from the 4/14* (ages 4-14 years) *Window to Transform the World* is a global initiative of many churches and organizations from 70 countries, including the Church of the Nazarene.
- Around the world, Children Ministries International is reaching, evangelizing, and discipling a new generation. *Connecting a New Generation - Formation for a Lifetime* is the focus uniting all regions and entities to make a difference in the lives of children.
- *Kids Reaching Kids*, the annual children's mission offering, reported the following:
 1. Funds distributed in 2009: \$339,069.50. This included \$269,743 (Proclaimers), \$37,792 (local church VBS resources), \$14,956 (Touch-a-Life grants), \$5,618 (gol2010), \$6,460.50 (Africa East Field discipleship resources), and \$4,500 (Child Sponsorship).
 2. The 2010 offering is *The Hope Project - Showing the Depths of Jesus' Love to Street Kids*.

For more information on SDMI, [click here](#). (Note: All funds expressed in U.S. Dollars.)

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GMC Flags of the Nations: Paraguay

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: **Paraguay**

The Church of the Nazarene officially entered Paraguay in 1980.

Paraguay had a population of 6,831,306 in 2008. That same year, Paraguay reported 31 Churches of the Nazarene, 29 of which had been officially organized. Paraguay has 654 total members.

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

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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.

NCN Sports Week

A recap of Nazarene colleges and universities competing in NCAA and NAIA athletics during the 2009 fall season (results from 2/26 - 3/4/2010, records and ratings as of 3/4/2010). Next baseball poll is March 30.

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: 7-4. No new results.

Women's Basketball: 2-7. Defeated Bethany 71-25, 72-31.

Men's [Futsal](#): 9-0. Undefeated going into ACAL playoffs 3/5.

Women's Futsal: 8-0-1. Undefeated going into ACAL playoffs 3/5.

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 Baseball: Open March 5.

Women's Softball: Open March 8.

Men's Basketball: 6-19 (4-9). Season complete.

Women's Basketball: 9-16 (3-10). 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.

Women's Volleyball: 5-24 (1-9). Season complete.

MidAmerica Nazarene University Pioneers

Olathe, Kansas

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

Former MNU football coach to take over Sioux Falls program

Men's Basketball: 18-13 (12-8). Defeated Culver-Stockton 71-57. HAAC Tournament: Lost to William Jewell 85-69. Season complete.

Women's Basketball: 16-15 (10-10). Defeated Culver-Stockton 82-51. HAAC: Defeated Benedictine 72-66. Next vs. Evangel 3/6.

Men's Baseball: 3-5. Split vs. Midland Lutheran 9-4, 1-4.

Women's Softball: 8-1. Defeated Friends, Bethany, Sterling, SW College (2).

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)

Women's Basketball: 19-9 (11-7), NAIA D-II receiving votes (1). Next at NCCAA Nationals 3/11.

Men's Baseball: Open 3/5.

Women's Softball: Open 3/12.

Men's Basketball: 13-16 (5-11). Season complete.

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 Basketball: 15-11 (7-8). Defeated Western Oregon 93-83, AK-Anchorage 78-76.

Women's Basketball: 18-8 (8-7). Lost to Western Washington 76-68, AK-Anchorage 62-50.

Men's Baseball: 6-6. Lost to Lewis-Clark State 11-8, 6-4.

Women's Softball: 2-1 (2-1). Took 2 of 3 from St. Martin's.

Track: [Joy Warrington wins two indoor GNAC championships](#). Story on NNU track athlete: "[Overcoming adversity like a champ](#)"

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: 19-10 (8-2), NAIA No.21. Defeated IN-South Bend 71-56. CCAC Tournament: Lost to St. Xavier 60-59. Will now wait for possible invite to NAIA Nationals.

Women's Basketball: 16-16 (6-4). Defeated IN-South Bend 114-74. CCAC: Defeated Holy Cross College 134-67, St. Francis 76-72. Next vs. St. Xavier in championship game 3/6.

Men's Baseball: 0-2-1. No new results (weather cancellations)

Women's Softball: 3-1. Defeated William Woods, St. Charles, Lindenwood. Lost to Lindenwood.

Men's Tennis: 3-0 (Spring). NAIA No.23. Defeated St. Ambrose 7-2, Luther 6-3.

Women's Tennis: 0-1. No new results.

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)

[PLNU announces changes to athletics program](#)

Men's Basketball: 8-21 (5-15). Lost to The Master's 72-61. GSAC Tournament: Lost to top seeded Concordia 74-69. Season complete.

Women's Basketball: 26-4 (17-3), NAIA No.8. Defeated The Master's 83-61. GSAC: Upset by Westmont 64-62. Next: At large bid to NAIA Nationals.

Men's Baseball: 12-3-1 (4-1), NAIA No.2 (preseason poll). Defeated Biola 7-6, SD Christian 7-2, 9-0.

Men's Golf: NAIA receiving votes (No.19/63 votes) [Won PLNU/Smee Builders Invite](#).

Women's Softball: 10-0 (2-0), NAIA No.3. Swept Biola 6-1, 10-0.

Men's Tennis: 3-5 (1-5), NAIA No.12. Lost to Fresno Pacific 6-1, Concordia 6-3. Defeated Villanova 8-1.

Women's Tennis: 7-1 (5-1), NAIA No.6. Lost to Fresno Pacific 5-2. Defeated Concordia 5-4, Villanova 9-0.

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)

(No new updates - web site down as of 3/5 AM; rankings updated)

Men's Basketball: 23-6 (18-3), NAIA No.6.

Women's Basketball: 16-13 (10-11), NAIA receiving votes (1).

Men's Baseball: 7-1, NAIA receiving votes (1).

Men's Golf: NAIA No.25

Women's Golf: NAIA No.16.

Women's Softball: 2-2.

Women's Tennis: NAIA No.11.

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: 21-9 (11-5), NAIA receiving votes (1). Defeated Martin Methodist 92-79. TSAC Tournament: Lost to Cumberland 90-83. Next: Will wait for possible at-large bid to NAIA Nationals.

Women's Basketball: 21-9 (11-5), NAIA No.19. Defeated Martin Methodist 71-54. TSAC: Defeated Lyon 65-55. Next vs. Union in Semifinals.

Men's Baseball: 7-5, NAIA receiving votes (7). Took 2 of 3 from Bethel, defeated St. Catherine 14-3.

Men's Golf: Finished 12th of 13 at PLNU/Smee Builders Invite.

Women's Softball: 8-0. Swept Bethel 7-0, 8-0.

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