

CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE

NAZARENE MISSIONS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



From its very beginning, the Church of the Nazarene has prayerfully sent people into the world with Christ's transformational love. God is actively redeeming His creation, and He has called us to partner with Him. We pray this book will provide an opportunity for you or your church to do just that.

Nazarene Missions focuses on pioneering the work among nonbelievers and unchurched areas; developing new believers and churches into mature followers of Christ; and resourcing them to fully embrace the pursuit of holiness and a deeper relationship with Christ and others.

This book highlights the ways God is using the Church of the Nazarene in missions to further His Kingdom on earth. As you explore the following pages, we hope you will discover ways to engage which are as fulfilling for you as they are vital for the ministry partners you support.

Each area of ministry is linked to current Nazarene Approved Projects you can see and support by scanning the specialized QR code next to each heading. Each project provides an opportunity for you or your church to partner in mission to engage unbelievers, equip followers of Christ, train new leaders, and provide compassionate care for those who need it most.

We look forward to partnering together with you to make Christlike disciples in the nations!

WORLD EVANGELISM GIVING



World Evangelism Giving is the cornerstone of Nazarene Missions. We are a *global* church with ministries that reach throughout the world, inspired by the love of God, and we give praise to the Lord for faithful and generous donors and churches that are blessing the international church! World Evangelism Giving is the “lifeblood” of our mission and ministry, and is essential for Nazarene Missions initiatives to thrive. However, it is only part of the story, providing funding for half of all missions activity around the globe. You and your church can also support specific ministry projects that fund the other half of the Church’s ministry needs. With your faithful support of both World Evangelism Giving and specific ministry projects, the Church will continue to proclaim the gospel of Christ across the street, down the road, and around the world.



REACHING THE UNREACHED

Evangelism



The Good News of Jesus Christ is for everyone, everywhere, from the neighbor across the street, to the immigrant in the city, to families living in the most remote areas on earth. Evangelism is intentionally sharing the gospel of Christ with those around us, whether that is through one-on-one conversation with a stranger, door-to-door ministry with neighbors, or sharing the JESUS Film with a crowd. Evangelism often takes place through unique and creative avenues – sports arenas, the workplace, coffee shops, media programs, and many other ways. Through evangelism, we lay the foundation of relationship and seek out those who are responsive to the gospel, inviting them into a loving, personal relationship with the Creator.

Church Expansion



Like cities on a hill, churches around the world—of various styles, sizes, and demographics—shine brightly in their communities. They serve as beacons of hope whether they meet in the shade of a tree, in a high-rise apartment, in the booth of a coffee shop, or in a building with a steeple. As people are moved to respond to the gospel, the Church connects these new believers with an organized, local, unified body of Christ that has an identified leader and is aligned with the message and mission of the Church of the Nazarene. Church expansion specifically refers to the work of planting new churches in fertile communities, giving believers the opportunity to meet regularly for community, worship, discipleship, and membership in the global Nazarene family.

Evangelism Tools



Believers all over the globe use different tools to help share the gospel. Some utilize physical tools – the JESUS Film, Evangecubes, and Bible story cloths, to name a few. Others utilize training they have received – Tell THE Story training, or orality training designed to help believers share the Good News effectively with those in their context. The Church of the Nazarene also seeks to utilize advancements in technological equipment, such as audio Bibles or smart phones, to share the life-changing Word of God with as many people as possible. Even something seemingly unassuming, such as a bicycle or motorbike, can be utilized as an evangelism tool, as it allows pastors and missionaries to reach more people with the love of Christ.



Urban Ministries



For many, the term “missions” conjures up visions of jungles, deserts, and travel to remote areas of the world to find people who have never heard the name of Jesus. Yet urban settings around the world are also filled with millions of people who have yet to be invited to experience a personal relationship with Christ! Though they may live among dense populations, they often have no opportunity to connect with believers. Many do not have a single trusted Christian friend. Cities are made of a variety of people, language groups, and economic levels, all of which create unique opportunities where the gospel of Christ may be shared.

World Mission Broadcast



As media technology expands around the world, the Church of the Nazarene uses broadcast as a means of utilizing the latest delivery platforms that have evolved since the 1940s. Today, audio and video programs are produced in dozens of languages throughout the globe and delivered through radio, television, streaming, social media, apps, Bluetooth, and even hand-cranked cassette players. Global satellite systems airing our Arabic television series, text delivered discipleship in Papua New Guinea, and push notifications via Bluetooth to millions of residents in creative access urban centers are just a few of the unique ways that broadcast goes beyond borders and barriers to shine the light of Jesus in the dark corners of our world.



DISCIPLESHIP

Youth and Children



Children and youth are two demographics that are highly receptive to the gospel. These critical, formative years are significant for their spiritual development and for building a foundation that will help them to grow spiritually into adulthood. Across the globe, churches are raising up the next generation to live lives fully committed to Christ. The Church of the Nazarene focuses on formative conferences for children and youth, discipleship initiatives geared toward particular age groups, and education offered from primary through high schools as a means of equipping even the youngest followers of Christ to become disciple-makers.

Young Adults



The young adult period, from the teen years extending even into the 40s, is a season of major life transition when people reassess their devotion and establish their personal beliefs and practices. The Church of the Nazarene actively seeks out young adults by inviting them to adopt missions, urban ministry outreach, education, and leadership roles; the Church provides them an avenue to use their passion and conviction to serve. During this critical time, the church actively walks alongside them, discipling and mentoring them in their faith and empowering them to lead the next generation of believers.



Discipleship and Leadership Equipping Conferences



“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17 NIV). This is why conferences remain important for the Church of the Nazarene. Conferences play an essential role in creating identity among believers. They serve as an intentional gathering space, a time for people to come together to share and discuss the common values of the Church – evangelism, spiritual growth, pastoral training, and much more. Conferences educate, disciple, train, and equip believers in all parts of the world with a common passion to serve Christ.

Women’s Ministries



The Church of the Nazarene recognizes that God has created and called men and women equally into ministry and service. Scripture describes women as fully gifted, qualified, called, and essential to the life and ministry of the Church. For that reason, the Church of the Nazarene places a high priority on training and discipling women, knowing they serve as vital members of Christ’s family at home, in the church, and in the workplace.

Marriage and Family Ministries



Marriage and family are essential foundations of every society and community. The Church of the Nazarene has sought to support healthy marriages and families since its founding. The Church offers a variety of marriage, parenting, and family discipleship training ministries that are intentionally geared toward strengthening marriages and growing healthy family relationships. The Church of the Nazarene also supports and offers pastoral and psychological care to couples and children in the form of premarital, marital, and family counseling.

EQUIPPING

Education



From its beginning, education was a pillar of the Church of the Nazarene. Operating more than 50 post-secondary schools in 35 nations, the Church believes strongly in formal education. We seek to encourage as much educational access as possible, to as many people as possible, through both online learning and campus-based study. This education provides biblical theology and skill sets that prepare students to further God's Kingdom.





Literature



Each week, Nazarenes worship in over 200 languages in more than 160 world areas. In order to make the Word of God and other important text and media available in this many heart languages, the Church works hard to translate written material, including Bibles, Manuals, and discipleship tools. The Church of the Nazarene also works hard to train writers and content creators to continue producing new, theologically sound material for evangelism, discipleship, and theological training around the world.

Discipleship Resourcing and Translation



The Church of the Nazarene believes in the essential value of a sound biblical education for every believer. Bible reading, understanding, and application to life provides foundational information for abundant living. Providing biblical-centered curriculum and resources, translated in the heart languages of children, youth, and adults, changes minds, transforms lives, and heals communities.



Scholarships



For many Nazarenes across the globe, education is a costly endeavor. Access to learning and training, either on campus or online, can be a difficult and expensive undertaking for a student seeking higher education. Scholarships provide opportunities for persons who desire a formal, Wesleyan-based education and they provide critical resources to help students achieve their goals. Depending on the type of scholarship and the need, scholarships could cover travel, tuition, educational materials, room and board or needs specific to the student's educational program.

Leadership Development



God has uniquely gifted and called people from all aspects and avenues of life, from every vocation and ability, from children to young adults, women and men. Leadership development focuses on training lay leaders to take on roles of responsibility within the church. All over the world, these leaders are encouraged to discover what it means to lead, what it takes to visualize and understand what God is calling them to, and how to make that vision become a reality. The Church of the Nazarene also seeks to develop the next generation of leaders with new and fresh ideas to accomplish our mission of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

Ministerial Development



Christ is continually calling men and women of all nations, languages, and ages into specific roles of ministry within the Church. The Church of the Nazarene seeks to train these new ministers biblically, theologically, and spiritually so they may in turn lead others in every aspect of the Christian life. The Church urges the development of new and current missionaries, pastors, and others so the church may continue to strengthen and grow in Christ-likeness and as Christ followers. We also place a strong emphasis on pastoral care — training pastors to care for themselves, their families, and their churches, while also training churches to care for their ministers.





COMPASSION

Holistic Child Development



Through its Child Development Centers, the Church of the Nazarene is committed to nurturing children as spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, and relational beings. Through Holistic Child Development programs, children gain skills and opportunities to escape the cycle of poverty, dream about their futures, experience God's love in tangible ways, and grow as persons created in the image of God. Partnering with local churches, these centers emphasize the child's worth in God's eyes, the significance of family and community to a child's well-being, and the importance of childhood educational endeavors.





Emergency Relief



The Church of the Nazarene is committed to caring for vulnerable individuals and families when disaster strikes communities. Though emergency relief efforts are organized through the local church, the impact of the Church of the Nazarene extends far beyond local churches to reach those most in need. Recipients of emergency relief benefit from the support of the global church through prayer, relief funding, and technical assistance. The goal of all relief efforts is to offer sustainable, holistic care that addresses physical, economic, and spiritual needs.

Anti-Trafficking



Men, women, girls and boys across racial, ethnic, socio-economic, and educational backgrounds become vulnerable to human trafficking each year. Poverty, displacement, social exclusion, disasters, and conflict are some of the many factors that put people at risk of being trafficked. As a member of the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium, the Church of the Nazarene has helped to craft and endorse a Declaration for Freedom. The Church's anti-trafficking efforts range from awareness and education campaigns, to prevention efforts that lower individuals' risk of being trafficked, to protection and care for victims of trafficking.

Economic Development



Confronting economic systems that subject people to poverty and generate cycles of impoverishment is an important part of the work to equip individuals and families as they live up to their God-given potential. The Church of the Nazarene partners with local churches that resource people in their communities with vocational education and support, membership in savings groups, help establishing small businesses, and providing seed and technical knowledge for producing higher crop yields.



Food Security



Millions of people go to bed hungry each night due to food insecurity that plagues their communities. The Church of the Nazarene partners with local churches to provide long-term, sustainable agricultural programs, including conservation farming, animal husbandry, aquaponics, and nutrition education, to improve health and provide a source of income for families and individuals. Many of the programs are created specifically for women to combat poverty and to help them provide for their families.

Clean Water



Billions of people around the world do not have adequate access to clean and safe water. The Church of the Nazarene is improving lives by providing safe water through the creation or repair of wells, cisterns, and filtration technologies. Investing in sanitation resources, like latrine covers and washing stations, is another way the Church works with communities to maintain clean water sources. Healthy sanitation and hygiene education for households and communities play a vital role in this work.



Health Care



Cost, location, stigma, and a simple lack of resources are all access barriers to basic healthcare for hundreds of thousands of people around the world. Removing obstacles that prevent people from getting medical attention, and creating paths for communities to access health care, helps to save lives. The Church of the Nazarene partners with clinics, hospitals, and community-based health care programs around the world to provide education, training, resources, and support for providers and communities in need of both physical and spiritual healing.

Refugee & Immigrant Support



As the church, we are called to care for the vulnerable and welcome the “stranger” in Matthew 25:35-40. Each year, millions of individuals flee violence, persecution, extreme poverty, and the increase of climate crises in their home countries. With no guarantee of returning home, displaced people seek safety, opportunity, and a chance to live with dignity. Those who flee often end up living in poverty – an experience that can be compounded by the trauma and grief of leaving behind their home and loved ones. The Church of the Nazarene works to support refugees and immigrants through education for children, assistance for persecuted Christians, emergency relief for families in crisis, and support for families who have been resettled. The Church also works with compassionate ministry centers that are providing legal assistance for people seeking a path to citizenship.

Women and Girls Support



Gender inequality is both a contributor to, and a reflection of, poverty all over the world. The Church of the Nazarene partners with local churches around the world to support women and their families through self-help and savings groups, small business creation, vocational training, small-scale farming, and literacy education. These and other programs help create an environment for women and girls to see themselves as valuable, capable, and equal persons made in the image of God. In an effort to create new opportunities for future generations, the Church also works with schools and child development centers to establish opportunities for girls to receive a good education, life skills training, and spiritual guidance, particularly in areas that have not traditionally valued the importance of education for girls.





TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS

Media Production



The Church of the Nazarene uses contemporary media outlets and communications approaches — including a variety of social media platforms, websites, and video content — in order to connect to, encourage, and teach people around the world. Through high-quality content, we can tell the story of what God is doing through the Church in ways that are compelling and challenging to a broad audience. We believe that sharing those stories with believers and non-believers alike are a testament to God’s grace, mercy, and power at work.

Creative Discipleship Resourcing



Children, youth, and adult lives are molded by an ever-growing wave of digital resources provided through computers, tablets, and mobile phones. The Church of the Nazarene provides innovative resources that utilize evolving technologies to shape interest and habits toward Christlikeness. The Church is always seeking to develop new digital resources that will stretch the minds of the next generation of disciples to be Christlike in thought and deed.







MINISTER CARE

Missionary Care and Support



World Evangelism Giving provides a financial foundation for missions unique to the Church of the Nazarene, and all missionaries benefit from the missions framework it supports. Additional ministry partners, which include individuals, churches, districts and other organizations, join to help support some of the financial needs of individual missionaries or missionary couples. The Church has always sought to provide the means which would allow missionaries to continue focusing on their ministry. While the details and amounts needed may vary significantly based on a variety of factors within each missionary's life and ministry, this type of support provides funds for travel, living expenses, housing, insurance, context-specific ministry, education for missionary kids at the university level, and retirement.

This category also includes broader initiatives to enhance and support the work of missionaries and their families. This could include financial support for things like sabbaticals or scholarships for missionary kids to travel to events like the Nazarene Youth Conference.

To see a list of active missionaries you could support, please scan here!



Pastoral Care and Support



Pastors and their families work tirelessly to shepherd the church, leading, teaching, discipling and counseling those in their care. They not only nurture their congregations, but also serve in community outreach, working on the front lines of the Kingdom of God to share Good News to those searching for a Savior. Projects under this category aid Nazarene pastors in a variety of areas, which include individual or family counseling, help with educational expenses, or career development and training, as a few examples.



Buildings



Buildings serve as tools for ministry and visual reminders of the presence of the Church in the community, and provide a safe space for community outreach, training, and ministry to take place. One way you support construction projects is by giving to Alabaster, which enables the purchase of properties, rental facilities, and construction of churches, parsonages, missionary homes, and educational facilities. In addition to Alabaster, there are other building initiatives within the Church of the Nazarene that include hospitals, educational institutions, district offices, compassionate ministry centers and more, all over the world. In fact, if you have participated in a Work & Witness trip, you have already contributed in this area, as many of these teams work on constructing buildings!

Equipment



The right tool can make all the difference. There are times when a ministry requires equipment, such as a cement mixer or tools to outfit the ministry of Work & Witness, or a vehicle to support a university's maintenance staff. Helping with these specific needs will ensure that ministries around the world are equipped in practical ways.





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