

## Conversation Starters for Talking about the Global Mission

The Church of the Nazarene is a connectional ministry with a rich history of generous giving to our global mission. Here are some conversation starters for increasing knowledge about our mission and moving your members to generosity.

More information may be found online at [www.nazarenemissions.org](http://www.nazarenemissions.org), [www.fundingthemission.org](http://www.fundingthemission.org) and [www.nazarene.org/stewardship](http://www.nazarene.org/stewardship).

The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **155 world areas**. The newest world areas entered (in 2008) are on the Africa Region—**Guinea Conakry** and **Niger**; and on the Eurasia Region—**Moldova** and **Norway**.

In 2008, more than **790 missionaries** were deployed from approximately **40 world areas** (including 508 Mission Corps volunteers and tentmakers) with more than **190 missionary kids**. More than **11,000 volunteers** participated in mission in 2008. In addition to Mission Corps and tentmakers, there were **728 Work & Witness teams** and **94 Youth in Mission participants**.

Churches outside of the USA and Canada numbered **11,300 churches** (an increase of 8.4%) with **1.2 million members** (an increase of 9.4%) in those areas.

More than **430 districts** have been established around the world with **more than 24,000 clergy**. More than **30,500 residential students** study in **40 Bible colleges and seminaries** and **11 universities** in world areas, and **14,539 extension students** receive their education at **30 education extension centers**.

People are treated at **64 medical clinics and hospitals** and **thousands of Compassionate Ministry Centers**.

More than **320 retired missionaries** received pensions.

In 2008, **231 literature projects** were completed in **56 languages**. More than **700 active projects** are currently underway, representing **62 languages**. Some of these projects will take a minimum of 3 years to complete.

*World Mission DVD* and JESUS Film/Harvest Partners benefited from our global infrastructure.

Churches in the United States gave **\$29.2 million USD** for Approved Mission Specials.

The Award of Excellence **overpayment amount exceeded \$1.4 million USD** in 2008.

During the last 15 years, the Church of the Nazarene entered 57 world areas.

More than **3,000 churches and individuals gave \$2.6 million USD** for NMI's 90th Anniversary project, "Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry." Giving for the project in 2008 increased by \$26,866 USD.

Each region completed a strategic plan for implementation, and several fields have distributed books funded by generous giving globally.

Missionary Health Care provided **\$549,437 USD in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries.

NMI partnered with WM Broadcast, giving \$562,316 US to reach our neighbors in **75 countries, 30 languages, 85 programs, and 1,397 broadcasts.**

**LINKS generated \$251,407 USD** for the vital connection between churches and missionaries around the world.

Nazarenes gave **\$3.1 million USD** for Alabaster to fund **236 construction projects** on mission fields, **averaging 4.5 projects per week.**

International Student Scholarship Fund (NMI's 80th Anniversary project) provided **more than 150 scholarships** for students to attend campus-based Nazarene theological institutions around the world.

NMI partnered with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to give \$7,686,978 USD to send **43,020 Crisis Care Kits** for disaster response and to **support 11,913 children** through Child Development – an increase of 1,708 children.

NMI assisted Work & Witness in raising \$4.75 million US to deploy 728 teams. An **average of 14 teams per week and 10,750 participants donated more than 390 years of labor.**