

Managing Missions Monies

With the addition of an unexpected cash donation, PCN's final Missions Bake Sale profit stands at \$676.48. There are literally dozens of people who made this happen: bakers, buyers, sellers, the guys who put up the booth and especially the guys who took the booth down --in the rain.



High on the agenda for the September 2nd Missions meeting is development of a plan to manage this resource. At this point, we're hoping to make the bake sale our only annual fundraiser. Serving people for Jesus' sake is more important than raising money, but a little money makes it a lot easier.

One project has already been carried out: **School Pal-Paks**. Traditionally, this is a late-summer project wrapped up in time for Family Camp. The Pak consist of 2 composition notebooks, 10-12 pencils, 10-12 pens, 2 big pink erasers, 2 rulers, 1 pkg colored pencils, 1 blunt-tip scissors and a small pencil sharpener. Each Pak serves two students.

Doing this project in time for Family Camp saves on shipping and handling costs. Paks taken to Family Camp are turned over to the District Missions Board who then arrange for transport/shipping to the appropriate Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Warehouse.

This year's NMD Family Camp was the week after the Bake Sale. With no time to solicit any items, bake sale money was used to purchase items for 10 Paks. They were assembled and transported to a Family Camp evening service.



Where are these school supplies going? Who is going to benefit? We'll probably never know. But twenty youngsters will use what we sent. Twenty young minds will be challenged and equipped with new skills. Within 10 - 15 years, those twenty youngsters will be adults and probably have families. Any education they have they will certainly pass on to their children.

It looks like a very good investment, don't you think?

What else will the Bake Sale funds accomplish? Well, there's a \$150 Missions Budget to help keep missionaries in their respective fields, and a \$35 budget for our LINKS families. And there are always needs for the baby comforter/lap robe projects: flannel, batting, etc.

For inquiring minds who want to know the details, the balance of PCN Missions monies is tucked away in a brand-new checking account. Two active Missions members are authorized to sign checks, and are accountable to the PCN flock.

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Alabaster Sunday is September 20

Clink! Clink! Clink! Love that sound of coins joining other coins inside those Alabaster boxes!



Alabaster Offering is received twice each year: in March and again in September. Both times, the coins are emptied out and the boxes returned to their owners for refilling. Every cent donated is spent on building facilities on the mission field. It's a never-ending cycle of giving to a fund that since 1949 has provided:

churches/chapels	3,722	missionary homes	373
schools	386	natl. workers' homes	1,042
mission/district centers	469	land purchases	1,445
hospitals/clinics	36	miscellaneous	627

The latest Alabaster global data reports that the 2008 offering from Nazarenes in the United States totaled \$3,142,030. Projects completed last year averaged five per week.

Bill and Diane Starr head up the Alabaster effort at PCN. If your Alabaster box is looking a little raggedy, see them for a replacement or ask **Dave Dunshee** if he's built any wooden ones lately. Just be aware that Dave builds them pretty big! You need a lot of coins to fill them up!

LOOKING FOR – WANTED – **NEEDED!**

A mission-minded lady or gentleman who will shepherd and encourage our church family to read the 2009-2010 collection of Missions Books. Term commitment: One year. Remuneration: Eternal thanks and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit as you give your time and talents for God's Kingdom. IAwesome retirement benefits. Contact **Penny Harrison**: 439-9998 or apharrison@utmi.net

L.I.N.K.S. Missionaries

Loving, Interested Nazarenes Knowing & Sharing

The LINKS network provides Nazarene missionaries with much-needed "grassroots" support from churches. Each church is assigned one missionary family in the field and a retired missionary.

PCN's missionary family is the **Byung G. and Hyun-Soon Kim** family in the Philippines. The Kims are originally from South Korea and have three sons: Inn-Gee, 20; Young-Gee, 13, and Jin-Gee, 11. Their eldest is now a college freshman in the U.S. Their postal address: #1715 Bishop Ext., Brookside Hills Subdivision, Cainta Rizal 1900, Republic of the Philippines. Their e-mail address is: **kgb@nazarene.org.ph**

Our retired missionary is **Mrs. Lenora Pease** who, with her late husband, served Jesus in India and Jamaica. She is 90 years young. We do not have a current address for Mrs. Pease, but we don't need one to pray for her.

Jesus Film Update

"The boy was healed by the power of the Holy Spirit," said a Jesus Film team member in Sudan. "A man calling himself a traditional healer failed to heal his own son who had an evil spirit for 3 years. The healer came to see what was happening with the JESUS Film, and asked us to pray for his son believing Jesus could heal him. As the boy was brought forward, he said in a loud voice, "Leave me . . . leave me." We prayed for the boy, and he was healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The healer burned all his charms representing the power of darkness, and came to the power of light."

A film team from Amarillo, Texas just returned from delivering equipment and the Jesus film to Ghana, Africa. Another film team from Richfield, MI is now back from the Dominican Republic.

Since the JESUS Film's introduction in January 1998, team leaders have reported 52,950,981 evangelistic contacts with 9,402,868 decisions for Christ. Discipling follow-ups number 3,182,342 with 20,228 preaching points established. More than 14,000 new pastors have entered training

World Evangelism Fund - Offering in November

Though not a Missions project per se, World Evangelism Fund (WEF) is all about missions. This is the budget that directly supports Nazarene Missionaries, making it possible for them to receive a paycheck regularly, and stay focused on what God has called them to do

At both Thanksgiving and Easter, offerings are received specifically for the WEF. 100% goes into the foreign mission field.

Turkey Day is approaching. Please ask God what He would have you do --then do it. *Nothing* feels better than obeying the Lord's will.

Crisis Care Kits Started

Can you donate one item per week?

Crisis Care Kits are a major focus of Nazarene Missions. A kit consists of a 2-gallon Ziploc bag filled with about \$20 worth of personal hygiene items --and one beanie-baby-size toy for a child. They are gathered up in lots of six, packed in banana boxes to maximize storage space and shipped to a warehouse in Pennsylvania.

PCN Missions has done this project twice, sending six kits in 2007, and twelve kits in 2008. **Ethel Howard** is heading up our 2009 effort, and she has set her goal at **18 kits**.

Ethel suggests that every family purchase just one item per week, and take it to church the following Sunday for deposit in a labeled box or bag. Those who have done this project in the past suggest shopping at Dollar stores for most items



Septemer 2008 --1400 Crisis Care Kits went from the Pennsylvania warehouse . . .



for distribution in hurricane-torn Haiti and other Caribbean Islands.



Cut and save this list!

Crisis Care Kits Inventory

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| 1 12-18 oz. bottle of shampoo
(Please tape flip tops closed.) | 1 fingernail clipper |
| 2 bars of soap, bathsize or larger | 1 sturdy hair comb |
| 1 medium toothpaste (4.0-6.4 oz) | 2 hand towels |
| 3 toothbrushes | 4 pocket-size pkgs of facial tissue |
| 1 box of Band-aids (30 or more) | 1 Beanie Baby-size stuffed toy |



Candy is a rare treat in places like this rural village in Moldova. When children open their boxes, they often reach first for the lollipops and peppermints.

Missions for Kiddos

Operation Christmas Child is an easy, popular project that enables kids to give Christmas presents to kids. The recipe is one kid, one shoebox, a list of inexpensive items to fill it, one letter and one photo. The kids who give, love it, and the kids who receive are often getting their first Christmas presents--ever.

It's a great project all the way around, but our kids need an adult leader. Boxes are due in mid-November. If you care enough to help, please see **Penny Harrison** or **Ryan Baldwin**. Read about the project at this URL:

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/>