

Nazarenes Respond to World Crises

Earthquake in Haiti. Caribbean

Even now, Haiti is already beginning the rebuilding process. From amidst the stories of tragedy and loss emerge stories of hope. The Tabarre Church of the Nazarene, pastored by Sadrack Nelson, is one such example. Like most of the Nazarene churches in the Central District (the Port-au-Prince area), Tabarre was severely affected by the earthquake. The church building was damaged, many members lost their homes and several more were injured. Pastor Nelson reports that several members were killed, one being the only daughter of the District NMI president. "It is very hard," said Pastor Nelson.



Pastor Sadrack Nelson -- Note the cement block walls already under construction.

Yet hope remains. Nelson reports that his congregation has already banded together to meet the needs of the church and the greater community. The Tabarre church had access to over 2,400 crisis care kit boxes that had arrived last year. Immediately after the quake, the church members organized to distribute over 1,800 of them to church members as well as others in need within the community. The congregation has also joined together to repair the damage done to the walls of the church. The members have mobilized volunteers and gathered the necessary resources of blocks and cement despite the scarcity of building materials as a result of the quake.

In response to the initiatives and care displayed by his congregation, Nelson states: "I want to say that I am very grateful and fortunate to work in this church because the members are very responsible and excited people."

In Chile, South America, an 8.8 Earthquake in the Bio Bio District



There are 62 Nazarene Churches in Chile and 2,200 members. They need clean water, non-perishable food, medical care and help rebuilding their lives. At right is a Chilean Nazarene Church distributing supplies.

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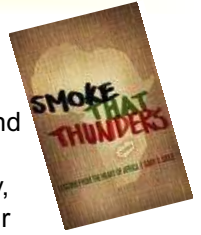
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"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." --2Cor. 4:5

New Missions Books Ordered

The 2010-2011 Missions books are hot off the press and on their way to Petoskey. A full set of adult books in print and on CD will soon be available at your Church Library.

If you have materials that have helped you grow spiritually, please consider sharing them with our church family via our little library. We have some really good materials already!



Attention, All Knitters --and Crocheters, Too!

This year, PCN's Missions will join Shirley Houseworth in her annual project to knit hats, mittens and scarves for Northern Michigan children. Shirley's annual goal is to knit twelve complete sets and this year, everyone else is going to pool their talents to try to *match* her output. That would mean that twenty-four kids will be warmer next winter --if we can do it.

We're gonna' need a little help. Can you join our team?

Shirley is very willing to share her longtime never-fail patterns or you may use your own. See Penny Harrison (838-1947) for copies. Crocheters, if you don't have suitable patterns, Penny will help you track them down. If you're an experienced Internet surfer, go to Google and look for "crochet patterns for kids' hats, mittens and scarves"

It's a tall order; we'd better get started right away.



2010 Missions Convention is May 22

If you'd like to be reminded that the Nazarene Church is making a difference in this world, plan to attend the 2010 Northern Michigan District Missions Convention, scheduled for **Saturday, May 22 at Alanson Church of the Nazarene**. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend. Lunch is included in the registration fee--whatever it will be. See or call Penny Harrison (838-1947) to sign up.



Looking for a Connection

. . . to ship baby quilts overseas. PCN Missions makes 36-inch square quilts that are used locally by new mothers and nursing homes. Some were also sent overseas for missions distribution, but we have now lost that connection. Do you know of another church or service organization that ships baby items to mission fields? If so, please talk with Ethel Howard (487-0626) or Penny Harrison (838-1947).

Last WEF Offering is Easter Sunday

April 4th will mark the last **World Evangelism Fund** offering to be taken in the traditional "special offering" manner. With the beginning of the 2010-2011 church year in May, 10% of local offerings will be sent to National Nazarene Headquarters for payment of budget appropriations. Another 5% will go to District offices in payment of District assessments. The remaining 85% will remain in the local church. While this change does not guarantee that all budgets will be paid in full, it ensures regular contributions toward that end. Note this change applies only to standard budgets such as the WEF, Olivet Nazarene University support, Pensions and Benefits, etc. Alabaster offerings and love offerings for various local uses will not be affected.

Hospital is Looking for Knitters, Too

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital is looking for area knitters to produce shawls for long-term care patients. They will provide both the yarn and the pattern.

NMRH also has a pattern for "Chemo Caps," a fancy little feminine hat for ladies who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy. If interested, please see Penny Harrison (838-1937) or call Susan Stout at NMRH.



Distinguished Service Award

May's mission focus is the need to fund healthcare for missionaries in the field. Churches are encouraged to select someone who has provided outstanding service in the local church and honor them with a Distinguished Service Award. For the first time, Petoskey Nazarene will participate in this. Stay tuned to see who our DSA is!

For news on Nazarenes around the world, go here:
<http://www.ncnnews.com/nphweb/html/ncn/index.jsp>

Remember Operation Christmas Child?

OCC is one of the most successful missions projects in the world. Last November, PCN children and adults packed 16 shoe boxes with kid goodies and wrapped them in bright Christmas paper. The boxes were driven to a collection point in Conway, then traveled to Gaylord, then to Boone, NC. (We had them tracked.) From there, thousands of shoeboxes were shipped via freight containers, then distributed to kids in dozens of countries around the world. Where did PCN's 16 boxes end up? Would you believe in the **Ukraine** and in **Madagascar**? **What a long reach our little church has!**



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Yeah, we sound like a broken record, but there are only so many ways it can be said. **We need Crisis Care Kits.** Recent world disasters have emptied every kit from every warehouse, and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries is frantic to rebuild an on-hand supply.

Make it your mission to put together a kit. Find a friend or even two friends, and pool your efforts. Six kits make a box that we can ship. (\$20 will pay the shipping.) One box provides basic personal hygiene essentials for 12 - 18 human beings. It can be done; we can do it. A Crisis Care Kit is one of the "surest" investments in missions work that you can make. You know that it will definitely be needed, probably sooner than later. Here's the shopping list:



Crisis Care Kits Inventory

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| 1 12-18 oz. bottle of shampoo
<i>(Please tape flip tops closed.)</i> | 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 |
- All in a 2-gallon Zip-Loc bag--

THIS IS A GREAT STORY about a spontaneous breakout of revival in Beulah Church of the Nazarene in Brooklyn, New York.

Take a moment and look it up on your computer's browser.

<http://www.ncnnews.com/nphweb/html/ncn/article.jsp?sid=10000011&id=10009010>

You may want to know this -- Harrison's have new phone numbers. **Alex - 231-838-5492 and Penny - 231-838-1947.** Their old phone number (231-439-9998) will be disconnected as of March 22.

Did you know Petoskey Nazarene paid its Missions budget and LINKS apportionment paid in full last October?? Thank you for baking all of those pies!!