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## MAKING CHRIST-LIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS

The Church would die very quickly if we did not teach all the things that Jesus taught. This is part of the Great Commission, 'Preach AND teach.' Today the most effective way to teach dedicated disciples is through Christian Schools. From the earliest days of our history the Church of the Nazarene has started and supported schools. Today we support various schools. Many of our ministers and missionaries gained valuable skills through our Nazarene Education Program. Nazarene Universities are providing leaders for communities and governments all over the world. Graduates from our schools are working in some of the largest

corporations in the world, or working in health facilities everywhere. Nazarene Education is making a powerful, positive, permanent influence on the world today.

On campus ministry is a powerful mission field work. Many of the students on Christian and non-Christian campuses hear the Gospel for the first time through the campus outreach ministry. These caring ministries offer an alternative worldview to the non-Christian influencers that are constantly clamoring for the attention of the students. Pray for our Nazarene Education workers! Pray for the on campus minis-

tries. Support your schools and those missionaries who are called to reach out to university students.

- David Stevens



Law School at Africa Nazarene University.

**Join the work!** NMI needs volunteers! Give and pray so they can stay in the field! Learn more at [nmi.nazarene.org](http://nmi.nazarene.org)

and your local Church of the Nazarene

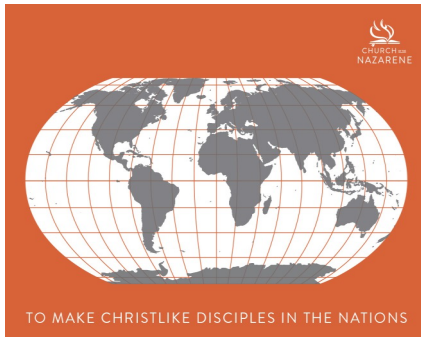
## JULY EMPHASIS— INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY, BIBLE SCHOOLS & SEMINARIES

Nazarene educational institutions around the world are training preachers, teachers, evangelists, nurses, and vocational and lay leaders. This education is essential to the success of evangelistic efforts. Please remember the students, faculty, and their staff in your prayers.

While there are a couple of projects associated with the emphasis (NMI International Student Scholarship Fund and "Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry"), the main activity for this emphasis is **prayer**..

Use the Prayer Map with all of the locations for the institutions of higher educa-

tion. Display it in a prominent place, or purchase a larger map and mark the appropriate locations with stickers or tacks. The locations of the schools are available by going to this Internet Page <http://nazarene.org/resource/educational-contacts>



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New General Superintendents elected in the 2017 General Assembly.



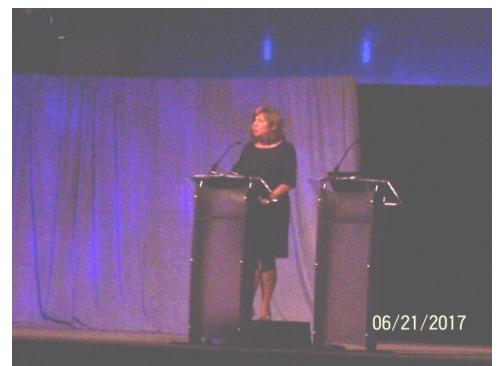
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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY / CONVENTIONS

It has been wonderful getting together again with our NMI friends from all over the world, We have prayed in many languages. We have heard the Holy Bible read in many different languages. We are working to make our NMI handbook more useful and understandable. We have elected representatives to the Global Board. We re-elected



Philip Weatherill as Global President. Lola Brickey and her team have done a great job! We also voted to approve the new NMI Constitution which is streamlined and also has a clarifica-

tion in our Purpose Statement: "The purposes of NMI is to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene through 1) Praying, 2.) giving, 3.) Educating, 4.) engaging children and youth."

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## BUDDY PLAN

The Nazarene Buddy Plan is a special offering intended to help delegates from other world areas with expenses during the Global Conventions/ General Assembly. Often these dear Nazarenes do not have any extra money to pay for necessary expenses. If you would like to give, it is not too late!



This offering is an approved 10% mission special #AMS1069. Send your Checks to -

Global Treasury Services  
Church of the Nazarene  
P.O. Box 843116  
Kansas City, MO 64184-3116

## COMPASSION—HE WRITES 300 LETTERS A MONTH

Ted Warner started writing letters to prisoners nearly a decade ago during his time as corrections officer. Now retired, Ted sends more than 300 letters per month to share God's love. (via NCM Magazine)

Ted Warner never thought he would be sending out as many letters as he does — 300 a week and sometimes more. He certainly didn't expect to be sending those letters to 43 prisons in seven states, but each week, that's exactly what he does.

About a decade ago, Ted started working as a corrections officer in the county jail in his hometown of St. Joseph, Missouri. One day, an inmate named Joe asked to speak to him. He would like a Bible, so the next day, Ted arrived at work with a simple Bible in hand.

About a week later Joe wanted to speak with Ted again. The Bible was great, he said, but could he get

a study Bible?

"I told him the Bible was not special in itself unless it was read and its message applied," Ted said.

Joe explained that he was leading a small Bible study during the inmates' free time every day. So Ted brought him a study Bible. When Joe was transferred to prison, he asked if he could write to Ted. It would be the first of many letters they sent.

Joe and Ted wrote each other regularly, and Joe started spreading the word. Soon, more and more men in the prison wanted to write Ted, too. Letter for letter

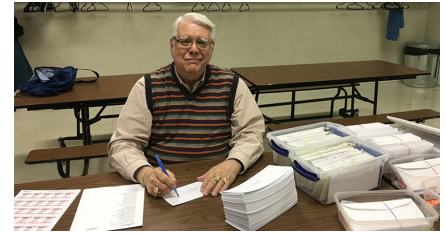
"There was a time when I was handwriting letters and looking stuff up in the Bible for the guys, and then it got

bigger and bigger and bigger," Ted said. "Now, nine years later, it almost scares me sometimes because I know how important these letters are to the guys."

"I thought I was overwhelmed with 40 [men to write to], and now I write to over 40 guys in two of the prisons," he continues. "You kind of grow with it. I've grown in my faith with these guys, too."

Ted sends out a weekly five-page newsletter — the maximum most prisons allow — with Bible studies, crosswords, encouragement, and Scripture passages. When anyone writes back, he replies individually.

"They know me by first name at the post office," Ted laughs.



Ted Warner

## NMI AWARDS GLOBAL LEADERS

Global NMI presented Distinguished Service Awards to Jerry Porter and JK Warrick. We honor these great leaders of our Church as they enter Emeritus (retired) status.

They will continue to serve the Church where they are needed, as their health allows.

Pray for them. Thank God for their service.

Jerry Porter



J K Warrick



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## NAZARENE HIGHER EDUCATION

There are 51,555 students enrolled in degree programs in our universities around the world. 10,802 degrees have been issued.

Christian education is that ministry of the Church by which it seeks to communicate its faith and nurture Christlike disciples. In the Church of the Nazarene, the ministry of Christian education is expressed through local church education and Nazarene higher education, including clergy education.

The International Board of Education (IBOE) serves the Church of the Nazarene system of

higher education in advocacy, support, evaluation and networking. This system of schools includes 52 colleges, universities and seminaries and is resolute in shaping Christlike disciples and servant-leaders for lifelong service and global impact.

The institutions are located in 35 countries on six continents and serve a richly diverse student body offering phenomenal opportunities for the more than 50,000 students who annually make Nazarene institutions their schools of choice.

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Nazarene Missions  
INTERNATIONAL

**For many missionaries, one of the greatest sources of danger is the information that families, friends, and yes, churches, post online about them.**

Engage Magazine is your source for inspirational stories from the Global Mission Department.

"NMI is the organizational representative of missions for the Church of the Nazarene on the regional, district, and local levels."

"NMI is the promotional, educational, program, and fund-raising arm of missions."

"NMI is the organization that "provides the structure and spiritual dynamic for mobilizing the church in mission."

Our Purpose:

"To mobilize the church in mission through praying, giving, educating, engaging children and youth."

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## PROTECTING OUR MISSIONARIES ONLINE

Not too many years ago, one of the major tasks of the missions pastor (or missions committee) of a local church was to find as many ways as possible to tell the story of the church's missionaries. We wanted people to know who our missionaries were, where they were working, how many new believers there were. We wanted to spread the word about their victories, their needs, their struggles. If they were under any kind of attack, we wanted to mobilize prayer warriors. In short, we spent much of our missions time trying to raise the profile of our missionaries.

Today's environment is very different. For many missionaries, one of the greatest sources of danger is the information that families, friends, and yes, churches, post online about them. Many of today's missionaries are

serving in places where traditional access, visas, and all the other legal issues associated with expatriates living overseas must be handled with great care and discretion. Sometimes language and terms that are perfectly normal and common in the church environment at home can be literal death sentences where missionaries serve. The digital landscape is literally the newest battlefield in the earthly conflict between good and evil. The internet, email and social media can be tremendous force-multipliers for Great Commission ministry. But, they are also the frontier on which the adversaries who oppose missions work and even Christianity itself are mounting a campaign to stop the spread of the Gospel. The digital landscape carries potential risk for the missionary in two broad ways: Email and

social media messaging to the missionary can be intercepted and read by adversaries; and, items posted on websites, electronic bulletin boards, blogs and other searchable forums can easily be read by adversaries. One of the most important things the church can do to protect its missionaries is to be a guardian—to help manage information that enemies can obtain and use against them—to literally fulfill the "wise as serpents" admonition. What does being a guardian on the cyber battlefield mean? To some degree, that is going to depend on the individual circumstances of each missionary.

For details see the Engage Magazine article: <http://www.engagemagazine.com/content/what-churches-should-know-protecting-their-missionaries>