Missions Communication

Howard Culbertson
"God cannot lead you on the basis of information you do not have"

— Ralph Winter, missiologist
“The Nazarene denomination has done a good job of creating tools to get the word out about missions and the missionaries, but I wonder how well we are using these tools.” — Chris Thomas, Grace Church of the Nazarene, Columbia, TN
“I love to read the children’s mission books to my children. The stories within them ignite my children’s curiosity about missions and missionaries. Those stories also begin to stir in their hearts a passion for reaching the lost.” – Katie Crowe, Children’s Pastor, Church of the Nazarene, Independence, KS
Newsletters and videos from Regions and fields
Prayer letters and blogs from missionaries

Andrew and Gina Pottenger

Sunday, March 29, 2015

A trip to the Middle East

Gina here. I recently had an amazing trip to the Middle East with our communications volunteer, Zarah. We went to one country for one week in order to collect written and video recorded stories of Nazarenes through whom God is working to bring hope and love to the people in their communities.

We spent 3 days at a conference for leaders of our church across the Middle East, as they participated in leadership training, and spent time with their new field strategy coordinator, a pastor from the Middle East, who shared his vision and upcoming plans for the field. They spent time over meals and during breaks building relationships with one another, toward a goal of greater unity during a time of unprecedented instability in their part of the world.

After the conference, Zarah and I spent another few days in a city where I interviewed more people about their personal stories and we recorded additional video interviews.
Videos on Global Ministry Center site
I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 

*Galatians 2:20 NIV*

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**PRAISES:**

**Easter Weekend Gatherings**

Over Easter weekend, nearly 30 young people gathered in a missionary's home for meals, viewing of The Passion, and a lot of discussion. Many of the young people are from a creative access nation and do not yet know Jesus. Praise God for the opportunity these missionaries have to share Christ. Pray for the young people who are hearing Good News.
GLOBAL MINISTRY REQUESTS

MK's visit to Mango Tree
Missionary Kid Jonathan Hane recently traveled to Tonga, an island in the South Pacific, and worked at the Nazarene Mango Tree Respite Center. While there, he witnessed the joy of Christ in a young disabled boy as the boy heard the song *Jesus Loves Me*. Pray for the ministry of the Mango Tree Respite Center. Click here to read one of Jonathan's posts about the young boy and *Jesus Loves Me* in PML’s printable version.

Northern Chile Mudslides
Heavy rains in Northern Chile caused mudslides resulting in lives lost, people missing, people waiting rescue, damaged roadways, and towns being cut off. There are two Nazarene churches in the area and word is that everyone in these congregations is ok. Pray for the people who are suffering loss.

April Missionary Prayer Focus
Please pray for these missionaries, who are part of the April Prayer Focus, and their requests:

Joseph and Beth Heath, serving in South Africa
Please pray:

- That we would continue to learn the best way to serve the leadership on the Africa South Field
- That we would be able to lift up the arms of those in leadership at the local church, district, and field levels. Also pray with us as we seek to work with district leadership to identify Work & Witness (W&W) needs.
- Pray for us as we prepare for the birth of our first child, a baby boy, in mid-July. Pray with us that we would be Godly parents who point him to Christ.

Read more requests from Joseph and Beth in this week's [Printable version of PML](#).

BEREAVEMENT

Family of Scott Messer
MK’s visit to Mango Tree
Missionary Kid Jonathan Hane recently traveled to Tonga, an island in the South Pacific, and worked at the Nazarene Mango Tree Respite Center. Here is one of his posts:

Early this morning we went to go pick up the disabled children from their homes and bring them to the center. When we arrived at The Mango Tree Respite Center, before beginning to work with the kids and provide therapy treatment, one of the workers pulled out his guitar and began to play and sing to calm the kids and help them relax. The first song he sang was Jesus Loves Me. Kitone, a child who is blind and also has cerebral palsy, had been sitting rather quietly and shy in a chair in the corner. However, when he recognized the song, the biggest smile crept across his tiny face; he started singing at the top of his little lungs as best he could and threw up his hands and began to dance.

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak but He is strong

Pray for the work at the Mango Tree Respite Center.
World Changers
MKs and Where They are Now

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NAZARENE

PAT STOCKETT JOHNSTON
Living Mission:
Where the Church is Not yet

The 12 lessons and 2 CAUSEs in this year’s Living Mission are compilations of stories and highlights from the six regions of the Church of the Nazarene, as gathered by the Asia-Pacific communications team.
Living Mission: Where the Church is Not yet

12 lessons and 2 CAUSEEs (each with 9 sessions) incredible stories,
  testimonies,
  and video segments
of how the church has crossed closed borders,
  entered closed communities,
  impacted lives,
  and brought the hope and love of Christ to those who were searching.
Living Mission: Where the Church is Not yet

- Will stir your people’s praise as they see evidence of God at work through the global outreach of the church
- Will stir your congregation’s passion to do their part to fulfill the denominational mission to “make Christlike disciples in the nations”
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