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Creative Opportunities

Finally, it's here! Spring! And before long it will be summer! I love the longer days, the sunshine, and the warmer weather. I love the change of seasons, and here in Missouri we have the privilege of experiencing all four of them. With the nicer weather and the arrival of summer, it is a good time to think about what we are going to do as the Body of Christ to impact our communities this year.

I know some may feel that summer is a time to "take a break," but it is a great time for some "creative opportunities" to make a difference in people's lives. What would happen if your church formed a team of dreamers to come up with some inspiring ideas to beat the "summer slump," ways to get out of the building, or use the building in a different way, to connect with those around us? As I write this, my mind is going in several directions, and I am tempted to list some of my ideas. But I want to challenge you to come up with your own "out of the box" ideas to have a fun and effective summer of ministry in your church. Do something different, use your imagination, take a risk, have some fun!

On another note, I want to encourage you to do your best to get as many of the children and teens of your church to camp this summer at Pinecrest. You will find the information on our website, www.monaz.org. I also encourage you to consider sponsoring a young person to go to camp, organize fund raisers, or use some other means to get them to camp. It will be a memorable experience for them. We are blessed with a wonderful campground and an incredible camping program.

So, have a great summer! Have some fun, make a difference, and put your imagination to work. You might find it exhilarating.

In Him,

Pastor Mike

PALCON
2010



June 1-4, 2010
MidAmerica Nazarene University,
Olathe, KS

In the summer of 2010 the Pastors and Leaders Conference will be celebrated on nine Nazarene college, and university campuses across the United States, and Canada. The gathering is designed for clergy, both assigned and unassigned, serving on the front lines of ministry. All deacons and elders are invited to attend along with district licensed ministers. Senior pastors, chaplains, evangelists, staff ministers and missionaries on furlough are welcome. We are inviting those who are retired as well as those who are students. When you register for PALCON, you will be invited to exchange ideas with workshop presenters and speakers. You will be able to shape the event – before the event begins. It is our vision to participate in a fresh move of God upon the Church of the Nazarene in the United States and Canada. We minister in days with a unique opportunity to impact our world. This event has tremendous potential to shape and mold us more clearly into the people and church God envisions. Register on line: www.palcon2010.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

District Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries

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SLINGSHOTS & PSALMS



Lessons from David on becoming Young Men of Honor

Boys' Camp

July 12 -16, 2010

Speaker: Pastor Randy

Directors: Randy Calhoun
Joe Klekamp

Costs & Deadlines

Grades completed - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 6th

Early Bird Registration \$150

(postmarked by June 7th)

Regular Registration \$160

(postmarked by June 14th)

Late Registration \$185

(postmarked by June 14th)

Girls' Camp

July 19 -23, 2010

Speaker: Missie Carvell

Worship Team:
MNU's "Anthem"

Director: Cheri Griggs



Lessons for Young Women

"Inner Beauty"

Philippians 4:8



Additional information & forms available for download at www.modistkids.org

An opportunity for you to participate in the 2010
**Global Day of Prayer
Parade of Nations**
Pentecost Sunday
May 23rd, 4-6pm
inside the Chaifetz Arena at St. Louis University
www.praysil.org

You are invited to celebrate in this prayer and praise gathering to honor God in the name of Jesus Christ by representing your native country in this global event.

We need International people to come give glory to God dressed in their native attire by walking in the parade of nations processional.

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Pentecost Sunday World Literature Offering May 23, 2010

Can you imagine what your Sunday School class or small group would be like if you had no literature, or resources to help you study God's Word? We in the United States take so much for granted, sometimes not even realizing that others around the world in the church do not have the same things available to them. Did you know that Sunday Schools in Haiti have no literature, and no money to purchase any even if it was available to them? WE can help!!!!

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, USA and Canada Sunday School classes take up an offering to translate Sunday School literature into other languages. The "2010" World Literature Offering" will go to translate literature for Haitian children, youth and adults. Would you and your class take an offering on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd**. Working together we can make a difference!!!!



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Nazarene Missions International

*NMI Purpose ~ to mobilize the church through
praying, discipling, giving, educating*

Living Mission Released

By Gail L. Sawrie

Living Mission (LM), the new adult mission education curriculum, has been released. Some people have already received their boxes. We believe this resource will deepen mission education for the Church of the Nazarene and will appeal to a wide variety of ages, due to the many types of learning opportunities. Rethinking how your church ***does*** mission education may be required. However, if done effectively, your church will enjoy broader awareness of global mission.

What Is in the Box?



What you receive in the *Living Mission* (LM) box is the first six months of materials. In September, you will receive an additional mailing for the rest of the year that will contain approximately the same amount of

material. All additional resources will fit in the original box, so that the entire year's resources may be retained neatly for future use. Variations will take place from one topic to another; however, you ***will*** receive three more lessons, three more discussion videos, 1 or 2 CAUSES, plus additional posters, brochures, PowerPoint presentations, audiocasts, and many other items. In the future, the entire year's curriculum will be available at the time of purchase. However, because the product is evolving, NMI will adapt it to best serve as many churches as possible.

NMI Objectives

1. Praying—Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ.
2. Discipling—Involving and mentoring **future missions leaders**, especially youth and children, to make Christlike disciples for God's mission in the nations.
3. Giving—Devoting ourselves and our resources, **especially** the World Evangelism Fund, to extend Christ's kingdom.
4. Educating—Informing people of the world's needs and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.

In recent years, a growing number of pastors and local and district NMI leaders have suggested that we simplify NMI emphases, offerings, and the NMI Handbook and Constitution. Some of the reasons are:

1. Cultures and personal schedules are overloaded with family, personal, church, economic, career, and social responsibilities. We live in a busy, demanding world.
2. When recruiting or nominating NMI leaders, many candidates decline, saying that to lead NMI would require more time or skill than they have.
3. Many churches offer less time for NMI presentations or lessons than in the past and less willingness to receive as many offerings as NMI has proposed.
4. Many churches include one or more NMI offerings in annual budget planning rather than asking members to give multiple offerings. WEF and Alabaster are exceptions.

In recent years, Global NMI Council members have discussed ways to respond to these challenges. Your office team and Global Council intend to simplify, not to nullify, marginalize, or weaken NMI. We desire to **retain the core and essence of NMI** while offering a simpler approach to local churches and districts that desire simplicity.

Progress toward simplifying NMI:

1. We have simplified adult mission education (Living Mission) to premier in each 2010 district NMI convention. Thanks to an amazing collaborative and creative team!
2. We have simplified the NMI Handbook and Constitution (ready now for purchase in print and soon available electronically for download from Nazarene Publishing House [notification will come through HeartLine and Mission Connection]). Thanks to an amazing committee who worked with us to simplify!
3. We have simplified local and district annual report forms around the four NMI objectives (praying, discipling, giving, and educating). Purpose-driven.
4. We will encourage purpose-driven council composition. We encourage local and district councils to consider simplifying council composition around the four NMI objectives, possibly requiring fewer council members. Note: this is optional, not mandatory. If present local and district council composition is working, please do not feel pressure to simplify composition. To simplify is merely an alternative for many who have voiced challenges to recruit enough passionate leaders to fill multiple council positions.

DID YOU KNOW???

Every week in 2009

- **The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 155 world areas entered are: Africa Region Guiana Conakry and Niger; Eurasia Region-Moldova and Norway.**
- **2080 new Nazarenes were received into membership**
- **20 new churches were organized**
- **11,946 children were fed through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries**
- **71,089 evangelistic contacts were made through the JESUS Film, and from those contacts alone,**
- **12,936 people accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior - that's more than 1 per minute**

The Lord is winning the battle! As you faithfully pray and give to support the various ministries of NMI, you share in the victory of building His kingdom around the world!

Get Ready!!! NMI Convention on Monday, August 16, 2010! We're anticipating a great time together. Through the participation of all our churches, we plan to assemble Crisis Care Kits during the week of District Convention and Assembly. Watch for more details coming soon.



Calling this generation to a dynamic life in Christ!

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District Calendar

April 3

NYI District Quiz

April 15-17

MAX - MNU

April 16

Worlds of Fun

May 8

NYI Nominating Meeting

June 1

MNU Scholarship Deadline

June 14-18

Teen Camp

June 11-13

SOAR - MNU

June 14-18

Teen Camp

Teen Church Camp
Wii will be changed!
I Corinthians 15:52
June 14 - 18

Additional information & forms can be downloaded at www.monaz.org

\$150 – Registration postmark deadline May 9th.
\$160 – Late Registration
\$175 – Walk up registration.

"Wow! What an amazing weekend at MNU for **MAX 2010**. From MAX at Nite to Worlds of Fun to competition with a Christlike attitude; Missouri teens, you shared the talents God has given you and represented our district in an awesome way. You also brought home awards in the process.

As a district we again won the MAD MAX award in our division. Our Bible quiz teams showed up in a big way taking second in both divisions, and placing 4 quizzers on the regional teams for the national tournament. We saw great success in Athletics, and Talent events. My thanks to our District President Greg Gilberto and to all the coaches, and sponsors.

There's one more thing. I'm so proud of one of our own, Josh Dampf - MNU Student Body President, for leading our entire region in an unplanned prayer meeting; it reminded us all that when the competition is over...it's all about our Savior!

Team Bible Quizzing:

B Quiz

2nd Missouri

A Quiz

2nd Missouri

Quizzing: Individual Results

B Quiz

4th Heather Taylor - Missouri

3rd Joseph Taylor - Missouri

A Quiz

1st Rebekah Wilkins - Missouri

2nd Christina Wilkins - Missouri

14th Andrea Daud - Missouri

13th Elizabeth Griggs - Missouri

Team Athletics:

Junior High Womens Volleyball

2nd IA/DK/MN/MO

Soccer

1st Iowa/Missouri

Senior High Womens Basketball

3rd Iowa/Missouri

Senior High Womens Volleyball

1st Missouri

Athletics:

All Tournament Teams and MVPs

Junior High Womens Volleyball

All-Tournament Team

Hannah Lucas - Missouri

Flag Football

All-Tournament Team

Zach Howard - Missouri

Tony Biesemeyer - Missouri

Soccer

All-Tournament Team MVP

Ryan Delk - Missouri

Senior High Womens Volleyball

All-Tournament Team

Aly Bronder - Missouri

Annie McFarland - Missouri

Kara Garber - Missouri

MVP

Annie McFarland - Missouri

Senior High Mens "A" Basketball

All-Tournament Team

Cody Vaught - Missouri

Individual Talent:

Junior High Instrumental Solo

2nd Andrea Daud - Missouri

Senior High Instrumental Solo

2nd Christina Daud - Missouri

Junior High Keyboard

2nd Mary Griggs - Missouri

Senior High Female Vocal Solo

1st - Annie McFarland - Missouri

Video Production

2nd Haley Worner - Missouri

Senior High Art

3rd Alyssa Calhoun - Missouri

Creative Arts

2nd Harvester Black Light - Missouri

1st Rebekah Wilkins - Missouri

Small Ensembles

2nd Christine & Rebekah Wilkins - Missouri

