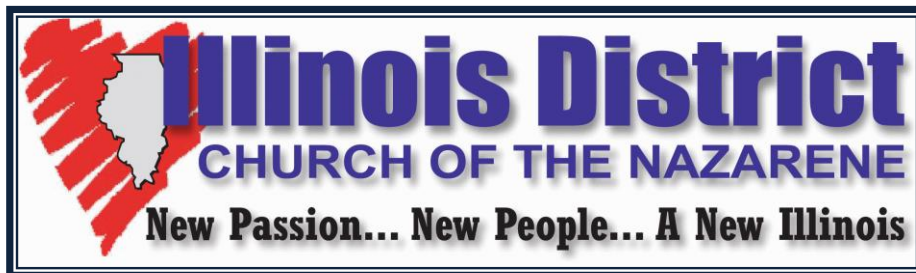


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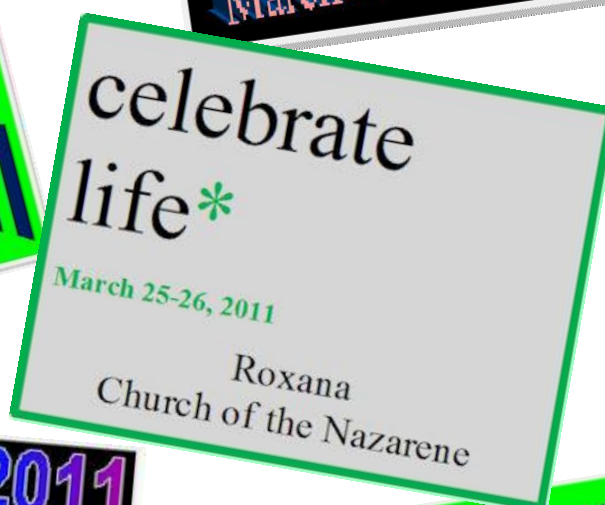
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District Superintendent

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## COMING EVENTS





## NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

**Bill Brandon, District President**  
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618-667-0828 E-mail [csifsr30@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csifsr30@sbcglobal.net)  
"That the world may know"



### SPRING DEPUTATION TOUR:

We have Rev. Gerson Cardoso from the Brazil Amazon Area as our speaker. Rev. Cardoso is the sub Field Director for the Amazon area. He is also the Pastor of a Church that when he started out as the pastor, the Church was running about ten people. Today it is running about twelve hundred people. Rev. Cardoso speaks and reads English, but he does not consider himself fluent. To assist in translation with the Portuguese language, Pastor Will Haworth from our Sherman Church will be traveling with him. Pastor Haworth and his wife, Cathy, are former Missionaries to Brazil. You do not want to miss hearing what Rev. Cardoso has to tell us about the exciting work going on in Brazil and the Amazon area!

March 12— Decatur Zone @ Shelbyville Church  
March 13—AM Chrisman church  
March 13—PM Olivet Zone--- Chrisman Church  
March 14—Champaign Zone----church to be announced  
March 15—Olney and Mt Vernon combined zone rally @ Centralia church

March 16—Murphysboro Zone—church to be announced  
March 17---Springfield Zone— Springfield Trinity Church  
March 18----Mattoon Zone---to be announced  
March 19—Illinois River Zone— Pittsfield church  
March 20—AM Sherman Church  
March 20—PM Mississippi Valley and Metro East combined zone rally—Collinsville Good Samaritan Church

### Health Related Requests Ezequiel Rodriguez

Pray for Ezequiel Rodriguez who has been hospitalized since February 21 due to a cerebral hemorrhage and continued high blood pressure. Pray for healing. Ezequiel is the husband of Alma Hildalgo Rodriguez, NMI coordinator of the Mexico and Central America (MAC) Northern Mexico Field.

Dave Bailey is taking his annual **Work & Witness trip to the Bradenton Missionary Village** in Florida. The team will be leaving Decatur at 5:00 a.m. on 3/21/11 and returning on 4/1/11. The cost is \$600 per person with the team limited to 20 people. If interested, you need to contact David as soon as possible. Contact information is:

David & Sheila Bailey  
11380 Darnell Rd.  
Mechanicsburg, IL. 62545-7986  
Phone: 217-364-9533  
David's cell: 217-620-3485  
Sheila's cell: 217-620-3297  
e-mail: [1davidwbailey@comcast.net](mailto:1davidwbailey@comcast.net)

### Global Requests: Body of Christ Ways to Pray for Egypt

The following are specific ways you can pray for the people in Egypt:

- For peace in the streets of Cairo, Alexandria, and throughout Egypt. (Isaiah 26:12)
- For the Lord to be present with Christians in Egypt, encouraging them with His perfect love. (Joshua 1:9, I John 4:18; Psalm 91:11)
- For the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces to have godly wisdom and discernment in guiding the nation forward. (Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 28:2)
- For future leaders who will rule with integrity and a servant's heart. (Daniel 2:21-22)

### EASTER OFFERING

#### Why We Sustain the World Evangelism Fund

The World Evangelism Fund (WEF) is the essential foundation for all giving in Global Mission. In churches around the world, pastors, church boards, and NMI leaders network prayerfully and strategically to fulfill WEF giving goals.

Missional pastors model, "When our church gives WEF in full, we have the privilege to invest in Global Mission strategy and goals. Then beyond WEF, our church can designate additional giving to many mission needs and specific passions." Pastors are searching for ways to invest more in Global Mission, not less. They know WEF works.

Each church motivated to provide financial and human resources beyond WEF should complete WEF giving as a prerequisite. Without WEF, no other ministry provided by designated or Approved Mission Special giving will remain viable (including Alabaster, LINKS, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, JESUS Film Harvest Partners, Work & Witness, partnerships, etc.).

WEF provides baseline infrastructure: leadership for 7 regions, 36 fields, and 426 districts and national ministries. For missionary families, WEF provides equipping, salary, housing, utilities, medical insurance, moving costs, and travel to and from the field. The World Evangelism Fund was created to allow all missionaries to work effectively and to encourage all churches to support outreach efficiently.

No other church supports global mission more effectively than the Church of the Nazarene. No other funding plan invests more productively in life transformation than WEF giving. It is the most helpful way to invest in the Great Commission and Book-of-Acts holiness mission movements. WEF is a key in global strategy to evangelize and disciple people with the love of Christ and the Gospel.

Only **with** WEF can we evangelize and disciple millions of people each year, equip thousands of leaders each year, and organize hundreds of churches each year. We cannot accomplish these purposes **without** WEF. Global WEF giving multiplies through collective sacrifice, international generosity, and accountable distribution.

The global mission of the Church of the Nazarene is a massive venture. To accomplish the Great Commission—spreading Christ, the Gospel, and holiness around the world—requires money.

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## NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

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# celebrate life\*

**March 25-26, 2011**

**Roxana Church of the Nazarene**

**Registration forms & rule book can be found on the  
Illinois District website:**

**[www.illinoisnaz.org](http://www.illinoisnaz.org)**



NYC 2011 \*Louisville, KY \*July 5-10, 2011

Check out the website for more information:

**[www.nyc2011.org](http://www.nyc2011.org)**

Go to the NYI page of **[www.illinoisnaz.org](http://www.illinoisnaz.org)**  
for forms and directions for registration.

### Upcoming Events:

**District Celebrate Life**  
**March 25-26, 2011**  
**Roxana, IL**

**Regional Celebrate Life**  
**May 19-21, 2011**  
**Olivet Nazarene University**

**NYC 2011**  
**July 5-10, 2011**  
**Louisville, KY**



## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

TIM CRUMP, District Chairman

1177 West Hickory Point Road

Decatur, Illinois 62526

(217) 875-0616

nazpaz1@yahoo.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
*Make the Connection*



### Children's Camp 2011 Lake Williamson, August 1-5 Carlinville, Illinois

This five day camp will offer swimming, a water slide, bonfire, hayride, mini golf, and a number of other outstanding activities and events. The theme is the "Amazing Race."

**Cost is only \$175 if registration and payment are postmarked by 6/28/2011.** It is \$195 if postmarked 6/29/11 through 7/15/11. After that, cost is \$205 and only if room is available.

We also need to pay for each staff member and counselor who attends. Therefore, we are assessing each church \$20 per camper if you do not provide a counselor. If you do provide a counselor, you will only be assessed \$10 per camper. Counselors must be pre-approved by the SDMI chairperson. All camp registrations are to be given to the local church!

Registration, promotional material and a form requesting to help at the camp are on the district website. Questions or comments e-mail Pastor Tim at [nazpaz1@yahoo.com](mailto:nazpaz1@yahoo.com) or call (217) 875-0616.

### 2011 TEAM DAY SOUTH

@ Salem Grace, March 19, 2011

Forms are also available on the DISTRICT WEBSITE: [www.illinoisnaz.org](http://www.illinoisnaz.org)

## 2011 VBS Mission to Mars

Grants are available.

Please contact the District SDMI Chairperson today!

## THE DISCIPLESHIP PLACE

The Discipleship Place brings free or low-cost discipleship and ministry training resources to your church. This website ([www.DiscipleshipPlace.org](http://www.DiscipleshipPlace.org)) will equip you for effective ministry while enriching your walk with Christ. There is something for everyone:

Church Ministry Studies . . . Adult, Youth & Children's workers, and Sunday School Superintendent.

Lay Ministry-designed for those who want to grow deeper in their biblical knowledge.

Discipleship & Leadership Training

Group Studies . . . topics include discipleship, marriage and family, youth, children and Nazarene membership.

## Mor2Lif.nazarene.org

New Video Bible Study

Designed for Young Women

Real Life Issues & Applications

Downloadable Videos, Leader's Guide and Participant's Handouts.

Check it out today!

## Nazarene Safe

Nazarene Safe is your portal to valuable information, tools, and educational materials designed to help the local church keep our children safe. It offers video training for your staff and volunteers. Check out this website as we create a safe place for God's family:

[www.nazarenesafe.org](http://www.nazarenesafe.org)



# SDMI REPORT FOR JANUARY 2011

Church	Enroll	SS	MW	NN	Church	Enroll	SS	MW	NN
Champaign Team - Carlos Lonberger, Chairman					Mount Vernon Team - Tim Mondy, Chairman				
Champaign 1st	127	76	119	0	Benton	66	33	47	0
Champaign New Day	120	58	58	0	Centralia	143	62	62	0
Mahomet	67	37	44	0	DuQuoin	40	15	18	0
Mansfield Community	129	22	25	0	Mount Vernon	160	28	31	0
Monticello	89	24	35	0	Salem Grace	558	185	402	18
Ogden	62	52	69	0	Sparta	32	10	13	0
Rantoul	88	36	59	0		999	333	573	18
Urbana Lighthouse	108	43	53	4	Murphysboro Team - Robert Parker, Chairman				
	790	348	462	4	Anna First	201	93	115	0
Decatur Team - Greg Wooten, Chairman					Carbondale New Beginnings	120	50	40	0
Clinton	162	69	77	0	Marion	89	34	40	0
Decatur 1st	750	348	622	0	Murphysboro	109	39	72	0
Decatur Oak Grove	208	22	46	0	Royalton	195	89	87	0
Decatur Parkway	187	61	71	0		714	305	354	0
Decatur Trinity	110	42	51	0	Olivet Team - William Connell, Chairman				
Decatur West Side	152	59	80	0	Chrisman	124	61	80	0
Lincoln	72	27	44	0	Georgetown	86	36	49	0
Shelbyville	298	101	176	0	Oakwood	78	18	7	0
	1939	729	1167	0	Olivet	156	50	50	0
Illinois River Team - Leslie Moore, Chairman					Paris	80	34	54	0
Barry	20	11	12	0	Tuscola	100	12	41	0
Beardstown	142	72	85	0		624	211	281	0
Beardstown Liberty	58	34	61	0	Olney Team - Bob Taylor, Chairman				
Bethel Community	130	25	53	0	Carmi	85	58	51	0
Griggsville	76	23	30	0	Fairfield	48	12	14	0
Mount Sterling	70	15	25	0	Flora	243	112	186	0
Nebo	129	22	41	0	Laclede	62	17	30	0
Pittsfield	345	146	235	0	Mount Carmel	54	12	18	0
Quincy Emmanuel	123	53	36	0	Mount Erie	36	17	29	0
	1093	401	578	0	Olney	134	62	76	0
Mattoon Team - Penny Brown, Chairman						662	290	404	0
Arcola 1st	117	35	64	4	Springfield Team - Donald Harrison, Chairman				
Arcola Spanish	76	21	36	0	Auburn	332	89	49	8
Casey	589	65	135	0	Carlinville	75	43	46	0
Marshall	118	47	48	0	Pana	352	123	225	0
Mattoon East Side	180	90	93	0	Sherman	133	65	79	0
Mattoon Real Life Community	65	16	33	0	Springfield 1st	300	145	225	0
West Union	65	12	28	0	Springfield Trinity	110	34	58	0
	1210	286	437	4	Vandalia	75	15	19	
Metro East Team - Russell W. Brewer, Chairman					Taylorville	100	50	86	0
Belleville Emmanuel	224	48	46	0	Viriden	65	26	42	0
Belleville 1st	240	128	194	0		1542	590	829	8
Belleville Korean	48	25	47	0					
Dupo Bluffview Christian Cntr.	186	28	49	0					
Collinsville Good Samaritan	130	80	134	0					
E. St. Louis Rush Memorial	6	4	4	0					
Edgemont Grace	65	13	39	0					
Fairview Heights Parkview	100	53	56	0					
	999	379	569	0					
Mississippi Valley Team - Richard Unger Chairman									
Glenview	210	58	87	0					
Godfrey	198	32	42	0					
Jerseyville	102	32	37	0	Grand Totals	10310	3799	5375	16
Roxana	227	138	128	0					
	737	260	294	0					

# BUDGET REPORT JANUARY 31, 2011

Church Name	District	Olivet	NMI	SDMI	NYI	WEF	P & B
Anna First	\$6,689.85	\$3,079.14	\$433.26	\$292.22	\$377.16	\$10,366.00	\$2,783.45
Arcola First	\$1,769.81	\$923.67	\$114.63	\$77.31	\$99.78	\$2,885.00	\$678.53
Arcola Spanish	\$767.32	\$362.50	\$49.69	\$33.53	\$43.26	\$881.00	\$320.00
Auburn	\$747.18	\$179.83	\$48.39	\$32.64	\$42.12	\$1,446.56	\$526.01
Barry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Beardstown	\$3,793.72	\$1,916.02	\$245.68	\$165.71	\$213.88	\$6,193.82	\$1,756.97
Beardstown Liberty Hispanic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Belleville Emmanuel	\$1,224.75	\$658.61	\$79.33	\$53.49	\$69.05	\$1,597.49	\$584.16
Belleville First	\$11,058.88	\$3,861.68	\$716.23	\$483.07	\$623.48	\$9,000.00	\$7,070.00
Belleville Korean	\$2,752.33	\$0.00	\$178.25	\$120.27	\$155.15	\$1,172.00	\$712.00
Benton	\$3,314.84	\$1,459.62	\$214.68	\$144.78	\$186.88	\$3,607.41	\$1,383.95
Bethel	\$2,492.45	\$1,028.22	\$161.43	\$108.87	\$140.51	\$4,034.65	\$650.11
Bluff View Christian Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carbondale New Beginnings	\$200.03	\$0.00	\$12.95	\$8.74	\$11.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carlinville First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,119.00	\$200.00
Carmi	\$2,137.66	\$667.00	\$138.45	\$93.38	\$120.51	\$1,000.00	\$533.32
Casey	\$10,364.78	\$5,158.23	\$671.27	\$452.73	\$584.35	\$17,002.00	\$4,369.59
Centralia	\$2,527.40	\$1,194.00	\$163.70	\$110.41	\$142.49	\$3,307.00	\$1,251.25
Champaign First	\$4,933.33	\$2,269.97	\$319.49	\$215.48	\$278.12	\$5,674.61	\$2,061.15
(Champaign) New Day Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chrisman	\$2,747.20	\$1,300.00	\$177.92	\$120.00	\$154.88	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Clinton First	\$5,631.76	\$2,800.00	\$364.72	\$246.00	\$317.52	\$6,960.00	\$2,560.00
Collinsville Good Samaritan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Decatur First	\$23,521.79	\$11,913.92	\$1,523.36	\$1,027.46	\$1,326.11	\$28,731.00	\$9,820.33
Decatur Oak Grove	\$1,752.19	\$660.00	\$113.47	\$76.55	\$98.79	\$2,169.25	\$726.00
Decatur Parkway	\$5,880.90	\$2,800.60	\$380.88	\$256.89	\$331.57	\$6,750.27	\$2,454.66
Decatur Trinity	\$2,825.57	\$0.00	\$183.00	\$123.42	\$159.30	\$2,478.38	\$1,316.51
Decatur West Side	\$5,464.08	\$4,093.24	\$353.87	\$238.66	\$308.02	\$5,615.37	\$2,041.96
Du Quoin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
East St. Louis Rush Memorial	\$247.23	\$139.00	\$16.02	\$10.81	\$13.94	\$284.00	\$103.00
Edgemont Grace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,080.00	\$300.00
Fairfield Fountain of Life	\$589.75	\$0.00	\$38.19	\$25.76	\$33.25	\$1,675.00	\$60.40
Fairview Heights Parkview	\$2,900.59	\$1,841.20	\$187.82	\$126.72	\$163.56	\$5,628.00	\$1,643.25
Flora	\$5,834.06	\$2,999.76	\$377.84	\$254.84	\$328.92	\$9,662.78	\$2,460.13
Georgetown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,597.85	\$600.00
Glenview	\$4,168.39	\$3,018.89	\$269.96	\$182.08	\$235.00	\$6,743.00	\$1,504.08
Godfrey	\$2,065.70	\$914.94	\$133.82	\$90.26	\$116.45	\$2,135.47	\$808.11
Granite City CTM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Griggsville	\$1,054.22	\$388.00	\$68.28	\$46.06	\$59.44	\$1,045.00	\$543.00
(Harrisburg) Oasis Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highland	\$194.12	\$0.00	\$12.57	\$8.47	\$10.94	\$323.00	\$40.00
Jerseyville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00
Laclede	\$649.92	\$354.23	\$42.09	\$28.38	\$36.64	\$1,115.97	\$274.19
Lincoln	\$2,146.27	\$1,000.00	\$139.00	\$93.74	\$120.99	\$2,550.00	\$950.00
Mahomet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,191.00	\$0.00
Mansfield Community	\$1,634.58	\$882.00	\$105.86	\$71.41	\$92.15	\$1,985.00	\$706.00
Marion First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$730.00	\$0.00
Marshall	\$858.50	\$0.00	\$55.60	\$37.50	\$48.40	\$0.00	\$500.00
Mattoon East Side	\$3,554.15	\$1,855.55	\$230.19	\$155.25	\$200.38	\$6,309.14	\$1,484.44
Mattoon Real Life Community	\$3,334.57	\$1,564.32	\$215.96	\$145.66	\$188.00	\$3,834.01	\$1,401.93
Monticello	\$1,413.94	\$870.00	\$91.58	\$61.77	\$79.71	\$2,579.00	\$531.00
Mount Carmel	\$1,110.89	\$50.00	\$71.95	\$48.53	\$62.63	\$155.00	\$500.00
Mount Erie	\$1,412.43	\$692.29	\$91.48	\$61.70	\$79.62	\$1,741.66	\$643.77
Mount Sterling	\$441.05	\$74.26	\$28.59	\$19.26	\$24.86	\$280.00	\$92.82
Mount Vernon	\$1,678.42	\$584.30	\$108.70	\$73.32	\$94.62	\$2,013.00	\$738.85
Murphysboro	\$4,078.07	\$0.00	\$264.13	\$178.14	\$229.93	\$3,470.00	\$1,897.79
Nebo	\$2,245.80	\$1,188.88	\$145.44	\$98.09	\$126.60	\$2,605.22	\$951.10
Oakwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ogden	\$2,468.73	\$1,219.67	\$159.88	\$107.83	\$139.18	\$2,907.77	\$1,080.94
Olivet	\$2,844.45	\$1,165.00	\$184.21	\$124.26	\$160.36	\$2,589.25	\$1,527.50
Olney	\$2,856.61	\$1,276.27	\$185.00	\$124.80	\$161.06	\$3,731.71	\$1,119.83
Pana First	\$3,490.73	\$1,215.49	\$226.08	\$152.49	\$196.80	\$4,558.11	\$1,898.95
Paris First	\$1,836.46	\$958.40	\$118.95	\$80.21	\$103.54	\$3,182.99	\$771.65
Pittsfield	\$13,395.09	\$9,792.49	\$867.51	\$585.12	\$755.17	\$24,423.80	\$5,592.31
Quincy Emmanuel	\$2,039.32	\$817.52	\$132.07	\$89.08	\$114.98	\$2,889.06	\$859.47
Rantoul	\$1,051.00	\$1,037.20	\$68.07	\$45.91	\$59.25	\$6,269.09	\$1,299.76
Roxana	\$12,787.48	\$5,813.69	\$828.17	\$558.57	\$720.93	\$14,587.55	\$5,307.83
Royalton First	\$2,643.94	\$1,379.80	\$171.23	\$115.49	\$149.06	\$2,877.31	\$1,103.84
Salem Grace	\$15,382.97	\$7,146.36	\$996.27	\$671.95	\$867.25	\$18,786.57	\$6,841.90
Shelbyville	\$8,674.35	\$3,797.77	\$561.79	\$378.92	\$489.03	\$9,482.63	\$3,441.72
Sherman	\$4,049.58	\$2,133.62	\$262.27	\$176.89	\$228.31	\$3,570.05	\$1,223.74
Sparta	\$473.42	\$0.00	\$30.66	\$20.68	\$26.69	\$0.00	\$0.00
Springfield First	\$2,575.50	\$0.00	\$166.80	\$112.50	\$145.20	\$3,102.00	\$2,000.00
Springfield Trinity	\$429.25	\$500.00	\$27.80	\$18.75	\$24.20	\$1,000.00	\$700.00
Taylorville First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuscola	\$1,632.46	\$1,000.00	\$105.73	\$71.31	\$92.04	\$3,320.00	\$1,000.00
Urbana Lighthouse	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vandalia	\$76.02	\$8.18	\$4.92	\$3.32	\$4.28	\$87.28	\$31.73
Virden	\$1,884.01	\$612.06	\$122.01	\$82.30	\$106.20	\$2,881.72	\$727.43
West Union	\$717.71	\$0.00	\$46.47	\$31.35	\$40.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>\$225,519.55</b>	<b>\$104,617.39</b>	<b>\$14,605.61</b>	<b>\$9,851.09</b>	<b>\$12,714.24</b>	<b>\$293,445.80</b>	<b>\$100,162.41</b>

# CHURCH NEWS

## Retters Receive DSA

The Glenview Church of the Nazarene of Glen Carbon honored Rev. Edwin L. and Patricia A. Retter with a DSA. The Retters were in the Pastoral ministry for 50 years. This is their first DSA and we were happy to recognize their achievements. The Special Day was Sunday July 18, 2010. Letters were read from many friends and co-workers and many were in attendance. Their grandchildren each had some special remembrances for Grandpa and Grandma. Ed and Pat are members of the Glenview Church and both are very active in the Lord's work. They are a wonderful blessing to us.



1st row: Pat Retter and Pat Unger;  
Back Row: Rev. Edwin Retter and  
Pastor Rick Unger

## Mrs. Irene Lillian Spruce

went to be with the Lord on February 17, 2011. Irene's family includes her son, District Superintendent Jim Spruce (Karen); daughter, Sara; granddaughters, Cynthia and Sharolyn; grandson, Steven; and six great-grandchildren.



Irene Lillian Spruce was a dynamic woman who was loving and deeply devoted wife to her husband, a nurturing mother to her children, and a joyful servant of the community, but it was her unwavering commitment as a child of God for which she will be remembered most. She was gracious and kind with a heart that beat to serve the Lord. Irene's life was not without trial, but she taught us how to trust that the Lord will provide in whatever way He sees fit. She lived her life as a constant reflection of her favorite verse in Deuteronomy which states: "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." In everything she did, Irene was a true blessing to those around her.

## EASTER OFFERING

(Continued from NMI page)

In "faith-based" missions, missionaries spend valuable time to raise financial support. They conduct services, receive pledges of support, and then pray the amount raised will cover living expenses. Sometimes when the money runs out, missionaries are forced to return home.

WEF invests directly to accomplish the mission of the Church of the Nazarene: to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

**How WEF Works** Full-time missionaries (excluding volunteers) in the Church of the Nazarene receive monthly compensation based on a modest standard amount plus a cost-of-living adjustment according to the world area in which they serve.

The World Evangelism Fund comes from the generosity of Nazarenes around the world. We challenge each church globally to contribute 5.5 percent of its current income. Many churches see the effectiveness of global mission and give well beyond that minimum.

To make Christlike disciples in the nations, WEF provides ministries of all nations and age groups in Global Mission, including the USA/Canada Region, NMI, Nazarene Youth International, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministry International, clergy development, education, and administration.

A major portion of administrative and support costs is for infrastructure essential to global ministries. Costs to deliver ministries such as global technology, global communication, and global travel increase annually.

**Benefits of WEF** Missionaries receive regular compensation, enabling them to concentrate on their calling and to help raise awareness for the entire mission. While missionaries correspond and offer home assignment/deputation services to inform people of their field of service, these activities do not demand a large portion of their time on the mission field.

Passion for giving is inspired by global mission, evangelism, and disciple-making. We raise WEF on the backs of missionaries, international leaders, and mission movements.

Each church, regardless of size, has an opportunity to participate in global mission. Just as individuals are blessed by God when they commit their resources for His kingdom, so churches are blessed when they give to help reach lost people around the world.

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## Jesus of Nazareth

"Jesus of Nazareth" was often used by others as a title for Jesus. I had never given it much thought really. But it has to mean that Jesus not only got into Nazareth, but that some of Nazareth got into him. Who knows what it was, maybe it was his accent or dialect, the foods he preferred, or his calloused hands. But others recognized him as "one of them."

I understand the necessity of the Incarnation in our Atonement and Reconciliation to God. Christ, "who was equal to God," became "one of us," taking on the fullness of humanity in order to save us. But I've usually limited this view to the "highlights" of Jesus' life: the miracle that happened in Mary's womb, the angel's celebration at Bethlehem, the heavenly announcement at the Jordan, and the culmination of the Cross. Lately, I'm seeing a new thing -- that the incarnation is also about the 20+ years Jesus spent in the little hicktown called Nazareth: laboring in a carpenter's shop, honoring his parents, and loving his neighbors. He "pitched his tent" among them and "moved into the neighborhood." (John 1:14, *The Message*) And this was not a "good neighborhood" either -- Nazareth, from which "nothing good" was expected to originate.

What would it mean for disciples of Jesus (and especially "The People Called Nazarenes") to recapture this aspect of our calling? We are called both to be Missional and Incarnational (Christlike). Being Missional means being "sent." While being Incarnational means fully embracing the people and places to whom we are sent. We are sent to "make disciples of all nations" but, like Jesus, we are also called to embody his love, his presence, and blessing in **specific** places, and among **certain** people.

We cannot do so from a distance -- geographically to be sure, but culturally as well. To be **in** the world, is as important to Jesus as not being **of** the world. As followers of Jesus we are called to "be holy as he was holy." But holiness that cannot befriend sinners is not the Christlike kind. The truth is, his kind of holiness is costly. It takes years, not weeks or months, to become part of a family, a community, or a culture. This is so important, and is a hard lesson for church planters, pastors, and disciples to learn.

Of course, such an approach also carries the risk that we might be accused of becoming "worldly" in our quest. (Jesus was called "a friend of sinners, a drunkard, and a glutton.") But failure to take this risk assures that we will only be known by our communities as a kind of religious tourist "just passing through", or worse, travelling salesmen "only here to peddle our wares".

So, what does Jesus look like, live like, and love like in your town, your neighborhood, and your workplace? What would it mean for you to not only be known as "one of His", but also as "one of them"? **"Just as the Father has sent me," Jesus said, "so I am sending you." (John 20:21)**