

Nazarene Missions International (NMI)



Rev. Dan Hopkins, President

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Sacramento District NMI President for the last 3 years. This past year has seen the fruition of some of my hopes and dreams for the Sacramento District NMI. My goal has, and will always be, to encourage the development of children and youth that embrace the Great Commission and to train and equip missions leaders to fulfill the goals of Nazarene Missions International. This past year, one of my dreams came true:

Youth Missions Trip

July 9-16, 2022, we took 14 youth and 5 adults on a Work & Witness Trip to Cactus, Texas. The youth ministered to children every day who came to the center, as well as in the community through sports. In addition, they accomplished several work projects onsite and in the community. Because of the nature of the community, they were able to minister to children of many different ethnic groups and many nationalities. I believe the youth were spiritually and socially impacted by the hands on, daily interaction with the international group of children at the center and in the community.

District NMI Leadership Retreat

We conducted our second NMI Leadership Retreat at Zephyr Cove Retreat Center on the shores of Lake Tahoe. Our speaker was Kathy Mowry from Trevecca Nazarene University. Dr. Mowry's presentations were both inspirational and very thought provoking. The attendees were challenged to rethink some of the strategies used in missions. The retreat also provided opportunities to share ideas and network.

As we move into the new church year, we will continue to focus on strategies that will further strengthen NMI on our district. They include:

Youth Work & Witness Trip – We are planning our second NMI/NYI District Youth Work & Witness trip. It will take place July 22-29, 2023 at the Mexico Area Norte Training Center located on the shores of Lake Chapala, 45 minutes south of Guadalajara, Mexico. Our youth will be doing construction on the “cassitas” that will be used to house people attending training and summer camps. They will also be doing children's and youth ministries in the village next to the training center. The training center and the village of Mezcala are very tranquil and safe places for our youth to be in. The training center is fenced and gated with controlled access.

Children's Mission Rallies – In order to fulfill our Children's Initiative, we are planning five children's missions rallies across our district in September. These rallies will be fun-filled, exciting and informative opportunities for your children to engage in world missions.

Training and Equipping - We will have our 3rd Annual Sac Naz District NMI Leadership Retreat once again at Zephyr Point Retreat Center at beautiful Lake Tahoe, October 13-15. Our purpose is to inspire, equip and challenge NMI leadership across our district. We will announce the speakers soon. The cost will be \$200.00 for room, food and conference. It is open to anyone interested in world missions.

District Work & Witness Trip – We believe it is important to give adults who attend small churches on our district an opportunity to go on a Work & Witness trip. Many of these churches do not have the resources to conduct their own trips. This year we will return to the Mexico Area Norte Training Center in Mezcala, Mexico, to work on the construction of a Nazarene Retreat Center and help plant a new Nazarene church in the community.

I want to thank all the local church NMI presidents/directors and council members for the work they are doing to promote the Great Commission as they call their people to embrace the five priorities of Nazarene Missions International:

- 1) Pray
- 2) Give to the World Evangelism Fund
- 3) Support their LINKS missionary
- 4) Give to the Alabaster Fund
- 5) Engage Children and Youth.

Many have worked hard and given of their time and finances because they believe and support Jesus call to go and make disciples of all nations. Today I am pleased to announce that our district gave \$689,945.00 to the **World Evangelism Fund** and \$229,453.00 for **Approved Mission Specials**. Thanks for a job well done!

I also want to thank my district council: Heather Peet, Pam Plaisted, John Beaver, Stacy Hanson, Lisa Henry, Ron Armenta, Dan Anderson, Levi Kniss and Israel Alvarez. As we continue to explore new ideas and initiatives, they have been open and supportive, always willing to try new things. For this I am extremely grateful.

As we look forward to this next year, I invite your prayers, your ideas, and your support. Let's work together to promote the Good News of the Kingdom to the whole world.

Grace and Peace,

Daniel Hopkins
District NMI President