

# NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

## Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **162 world areas**.\*
- In 2018, there were **680 missionaries** originating from **59 world areas** (including **220 long-term volunteers**). Last year, **118 new missionaries** were added. Within these missionary families, there are **333 missionary kids**.\*
- **11,267 volunteers** participated in Global Missions in 2018. In addition to the long-term volunteers, there were **297 short-term volunteers**, and **10,970 Work & Witness team members**.
- Churches in global mission areas numbered **30,712 churches** with **2.57 million members** (increase of 1.13 percent from last year).\*
- **480 districts** have been established around the world in 2018 with **29,726 clergy**.\*
- **5 graduate seminaries, 29 undergraduate Bible/theological colleges, 14 liberal arts institutions, 2 nurses training colleges, and 1 teacher training college** had a 2018 combined enrollment of **51,839 students** globally.\*
- People were treated at **community-based clinics and health care centers** all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland).\*
- **219 retired missionaries** received pensions.\*
- **NMI membership was 1,038,956** (an increase of 3.36 percent), and the **number of organized local NMIs have risen by 6.6 percent to 18,435**.
- NMI and JESUS Film Harvest Partners, through WEF, helped provide infrastructure for **681 Nazarene JESUS Film teams** to share God's love. In 2017–2018, the teams reported **2.72 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **568,457 indicated decisions for Christ** with **335,573 initial discipleship follow-ups**. The teams started **7,944 preaching points** in 2018.
- NMI partnered with pastors, church boards, Global Missions, and Stewardship to help churches raise **US \$37.7 million through the World Evangelism Fund** (an increase of 0.71 percent) during the 2018 fiscal year (FY).\*
- Churches globally gave **US \$27.21 million for Approved Mission Specials**.
- In 2018, **88 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund**. WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent invests in new works in all world areas, including the USA and Canada.
- **Missionary Health Care** provided **US \$472,102 in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries.

- NMI partnered with **World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, giving **US \$395,918** (an increase of 7.78 percent from FY 2017) to provide radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.
  - Nazarenes gave **US \$3.74 million in deputation** offerings for missionaries, up 1.16 percent from FY 2017.
  - NMI generated approximately **US \$248,400 through Links**, a vital personalized connection between local churches, districts, and missionaries around the world.
  - Nazarenes gave **US \$2.46 million for Alabaster** (up 1.63 percent) to fund construction projects in 2018. In 2017–2018, Alabaster funds were released for **102 projects** for the Church of the Nazarene in all six regions around the world. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
  - **International Student Scholarship Fund** (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided **93 scholarships** for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
  - NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$9.57 million** for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **11,443 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor’s Kid programs.
  - NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$1.95 million** to deploy **787 teams**, an **average of 15 teams per week**. **10,970 people** participated in Work & Witness in 2018, donating the equivalent of **320 years of labor**.
  - Nazarene churches around the world operated **1,546 pre-school, primary, and secondary schools** with a **total enrollment of 168,241 students**.
- \* Supported either directly or indirectly by World Evangelism Fund (WEF).

Denominational statistics for 2018

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