

NMI Central

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

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Nazarene Missions International, officially recognized as an “auxiliary organization” of the Church of the Nazarene in 1915 at the fourth General Assembly, has been an integral part of local churches since that date. Over the years, the name has changed: 1915—Woman’s Missionary Society (WMS), 1928—Women’s Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS), 1952—Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society (NFMS), 1964—Nazarene World Missionary Society (NWMS), 1980—Nazarene World Mission Society (NWMS), and 2001—Nazarene Missions International (NMI). NMI is no longer an “auxiliary organization” but a vital part of Local Church Ministries in each local church.

The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 164 world areas. And where our churches minister, Nazarene Missions International is there to be “the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions, and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.”

In 2022, there were 489 missionaries originating from 63 world areas, serving in 91 countries. Of these missionaries, 325 served on global deployment and 164 were on sponsored deployment. Last year, there were 60 new missionary deployments. Within these missionary families, there are 306 missionary kids.



**1,042,338 Members, including 149,990
Associate Members**



19,558 Organized Local NMIs

*Associate members are those who are involved and support NMI but are not yet members of the Church of the Nazarene.

PRAYER

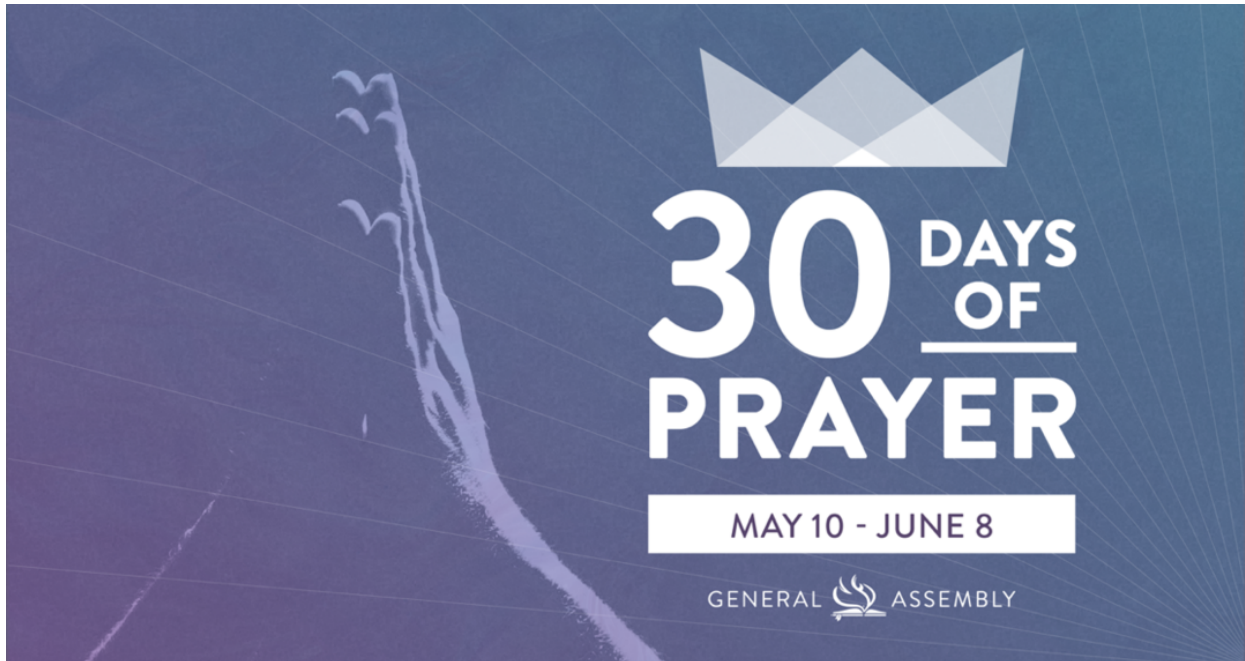


- Pray that God would make His presence known during the upcoming 24th Global NMI Convention, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, from 9-12 June 2023.
- Pray for all delegates who will be traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana, to be present for the convention and for those who will join the convention by Zoom from around the world.
- Pray for the convention sessions that will deal with resolutions important to Global NMI and that times of inspiration, prayer, and worship will be blessed with a spirit of unity and renewal.

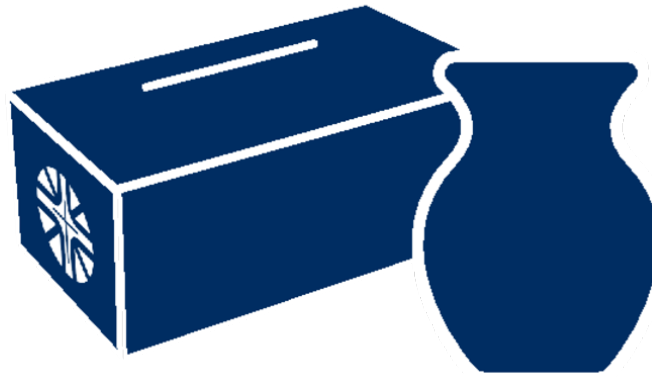
PRAISE



- We praise God for His faithfulness during the pandemic.
- We praise God for the growth of NMI around world.
- We thank God for every local and district NMI president and their council members, who have faithfully led NMI throughout the past six years on all regions and for the fruit of their labors.



The Board of General Superintendents called the Church of the Nazarene to prayer from 10 May through 8 June, in anticipation and preparation for the upcoming Global Conventions and 30th General Assembly. Each day, brief videos of prayer led by Nazarenes from around the world have been provided as a prompt for us to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Each day has a specific focus. The focus for today, in that calendar, focuses on livestreaming technology for those delegates attending global conventions and the General Assembly services virtually. Click [here](#) to be directed to links to brief daily focus videos related to these 30 days of prayer.



Alabaster

Alabaster: laying foundations for people to worship, heal, & learn.

During the Global NMI Convention, we will begin celebrating the 75th anniversary of Alabaster. Alabaster offerings, combined with local or district funds, provide the foundation for places where people worship, heal, and learn. The Alabaster goal for this special anniversary, and every year, is to have every local church participating in giving to Alabaster.

- Did you know? Nazarenes gave US \$2.9 million for Alabaster to fund projects in 2022. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- Over the next year, from June 2023 through June 2024, there will be an Alabaster video linked to NMI Central on the third week of each month. These will be brief but exciting stories of how God is working through Alabaster around the world because you gave.

Could You Serve?

Is God calling you to get more involved in your local NMI? You, too, can become an advocate for missions in your local church through NMI. For more information, click [here](#).



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