

The Annual NMI Report to the Congregation of Ustick Road Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, March 28, 2010

World Evangelism Fund Giving

As of February 28, 2010

Easter/Thanksgiving Offering	\$1,069.95
Auction for Missions	\$3,982.57
Faith Promise	<u>\$3,585.25</u>
Total Giving	\$8,637.77

Our WEF commitment as designated by the Intermountain District of the Church of the Nazarene was \$9,661.00. In spite of the \$1,023.23 shortfall, we paid the WEF commitment in full, taking money from the general fund to supplement the WEF giving this year.

NMI Committee Organization

We have spent our meeting nights this year discussing organizing the committee in a way that will help monitor what is going on with the Nazarene missions program in general and present that information to our congregation in a timely manner. We've also discussed formats by which we could present our information. Our committee will be focused on these positions: Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, LINKS secretary, Missions Education, Alabaster Offering, and Prayer and Fasting.

Activities on the Year

On July 19, 2009, Mark and Nancy Pitts shared with us their work at African Nazarene University. We have supported them the last two years as our LINKS missionaries.

We sent the Benedicks family—Dan, Kristina, Caleb, and Jael—off with a special farewell on September 20, 2009. They are now serving Samaritan's Purse in Shell, Ecuador. They continue to provide email updates and have a blog at <http://www.benedicks4jesus.blogspot.com/>.

In October, we held our annual missions auction and brought just under \$4,000. We thought that was an exceptionally good amount for a year during which the local economy remained on a down note. We were grateful to the Outreach committee for partnering with us in setting up the pre-auction meal, while our committee focused on the main auction later that night.

We had a special presentation on November 8, 2009, the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, using materials supplied by the Voices of Martyrs. It was a time to remember people serving the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world, especially those being persecuted. We had a time of prayer for those being persecuted and remembered our own Nazarene missionaries as well.

Thank You to those Who Served on Committee in 2009-10

I have many thanks for Brianna Dyer, Nancy Dyer, Gretchen Perkins, Katie Schuman, and Cara Winters for their contributions to the NMI Committee during the past church year. They made my job much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian T. Sluder,
NMI President, 2009-10