

Missions Splash – March 2014



Kings and Prophets – Ahab and Elijah

Read: 1 Kings 16:30-33; 18:1-2; 18:16 – 19:18

God directed his prophet Elijah to confront King Ahab and the Israelites about their Baal worship. Following a dramatic display of the Lord's power and victory over Baal, a mass conversion of the people, and a mass execution of the Baal prophets, the Baal-worshipping queen issued a death sentence for Elijah. Fear caused Elijah to flee into hiding in the southern Arabian Peninsula.

- What question does God ask Elijah in verses 19:9 and 19:13? For God's mission, who knows where we are most needed? In 19:4-5, Elijah gave up and quit, but God wanted to work through Elijah more (see 1 Kgs 19:15-16; 19:19-21; 21:17-29; 2 Kgs 1). Who knows when our contribution to God's mission is complete?
- List the works of the Lord in the entire scripture passage. Then read Elijah's response in 1 Kings 19:14. Elijah chose a pitiful desperation plea over a word of praise and thanksgiving. Can we be so blind from our concerns that we fail to see what God is doing around us and praise him for it? Could Elijah's response be the reason the Lord chose to replace him?
- In these passages, God worked through a gentle whisper in an empty desert, and a fiery, public, mountain-top experience. Are you listening for what the Lord wants to say, regardless of the delivery method? Are you willing to serve where, when, and in the situations God chooses in his mission?

Missions News for Your Church

God crafts opportunities for us to bring his love to people in ways we do not normally expect. Read "Everything has a Purpose" from Brazil in [SAM News](#) (available in Spanish, Portuguese, and English).

How do you measure success? Read how a "Medical Failure Turns into Spiritual Success" in Papua New Guinea in the online [Asia-Pacific Region News](#).

Sometimes God calls people we least expect in his mission because he knows their heart. This was the case in India where a "Man who cannot read plants two churches." Find the story in [Engage](#).

"In every adventure there are risks, costs, and dangers. We are here today because some people ventured into this without fear. Our love for Christ should be burning for the lost world. This world must be led back to Christ at all costs." Listen to African missionary Friday Ganda in [The Call video](#).

Promotional and Informational Tools for NMI Presidents

The Easter Offering is given for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) by Nazarene churches all around the world. Resources and ideas for introducing the offering are available on the [Eurasia NMI web pages](#). Scroll down to the bottom of the web site for many videos and bulletin inserts which are helpful in explaining to your church the importance of WEF for Nazarenes' participation in God's mission.

Teaching and sharing information with the entire congregation about how God is working through the Church of the Nazarene is a core objective of NMI. This can be done by sharing the missions stories and videos suggested above, providing information about different areas or Nazarene projects, and/or sharing information from the International Mission Education Journal (IMEJ) or Living Mission. Several IMEJ versions for adults and children are available on the [Mission Education Lessons web page](#). Instead of reading complete stories to the congregation, some *Engage Magazine* stories with accompanying PowerPoint slides and short scripts are available [here](#).

You are invited to participate in a Prayer and Fasting initiative, one day a month, for each field on the Eurasia Region. Details and specific field prayer requests are [here](#). A video called "Shhh, Be Still and Know" found on the [Praying for Missions web page](#) is a tool that can help us focus and listen to God as we begin to pray.