

Missions Splash – May 2011



Moses, the Hebrew Slaves, and Mission

Read: Exodus 6:6-8; Exod. 7:4-5; Exod. 7:17; Exod. 8:10; Exod. 9:13-16; Exod. 14:17-18.

From a burning bush in the desert, God called Moses and gave him an assignment (Exod. 3 – 4:17). Leading a nation out of slavery, through the desert, and toward the Promised Land was the task. While God could have chosen to end the Hebrews' slavery in a number of different ways, his chosen method through Moses had certain purposes beyond their freedom. He wanted the Israelites and all other nations to know him as Yahweh, the Lord, the Almighty, the living God above all other gods, the "I am." God's mission behind his chosen method, including Moses' involvement, the plagues, the signs, and the exodus, was for people to know him, both in terms of knowledge and in relationship with him. It is amazing the extent to which God will go to make himself known to us!

- How does God make himself known today to individuals? And to nations?
- In what ways does God use us to make himself known to others?
- Are you willing to be used by God in his mission and for his purposes?
- How can God use me and my church for witnessing to people in other nations?

Missions News for Your Church

Did you know? In Bangladesh, there are now three Phase III districts and over 1500 churches. On average, at least one new church is organized each day. How does this happen? Watch this [video](#) produced by the EurasiaCommLab on Vimeo.

Zounrana R. Rasmane of Burkina Faso "felt God speaking to him asking, 'Can you come forward and serve me?'" He has taught many Christian leaders and started several Nazarene churches since God called him. Rasmane and five others were the first pastors to be ordained in the Ouagadougou District in March, 2011. Read the rest of the story in [Engage Magazine](#).

"The young man's father was a priest of another world religion, and it was expected that the young man would follow in his father's footsteps. However, as a teenager, the young man heard the Gospel for the very first time...on the radio." Read the rest of the article "[World Mission Broadcast - Because Radio Changes Our World](#)" on page 9 in *Mission Connection*.

Promotional and Informational Tools for NMI Presidents

How is God using the Church of the Nazarene in dealing with human trafficking, poverty, and the lack of basic education in our world? The [International Mission Education Journal 2011](#), or 2011 IMEJ, includes mission education lessons for [adults](#) and [children](#). This year the lessons address these topics and more. [Living Mission](#) builds on the same topics and provides video, audio, Powerpoint slides, handouts, and additional resources to compliment the lessons. The IMEJ is free; *Living Mission* can be purchased [here](#).

Did you know that two World Mission regions recently merged into one? The Mexico/Central America (MAC) Region merged with the Caribbean Region to form the [Mesoamerica Region](#) (MAR), which means middle America. The six Global Mission regions are: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Mesoamerica, South America, and United States/Canada.

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