

Missions Splash – May 2012



Wayward Generations and Mission

Read: Judges 2:1-3:6; Judges 6:11-16

The book of Judges describes a time in Israelite history when there were many failures in faithfulness: to God; to his covenant; and to his mission for Israel to worship and serve Yahweh alone in witness to the nations of his love for them. Fourteen times the writer of the book of Judges declares periods when the Israelites “did evil in the sight of the Lord,” or did not allow the Lord to be their king and everyone did as they pleased (3:7; 3:12; 4:1; 6:1; 6:7-10; 8:27; 8:33-34; 10:6; 10:10-16; 13:1; 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25). When the Israelites suffered the effects of their disobedience and turned to the Lord for help, God was faithful, compassionate, gracious, and sent judges to deliver them from their oppressors.

- Within one generation which knew Joshua, another one arose which did not know the Lord personally or serve him in his mission. How are you and your church introducing the next generation to God, his mission, and what he has already done?
- Who influenced you the most as a child or youth and why?
- How are you modeling for the next generation what it means to listen and be willing to follow God’s will for their lives? Do the children and youth you know understand that God may ask them to do something for his mission, such as he did with Gideon?
- Are you willing to send your sons, daughters, and other relatives if God calls them to go somewhere for his purpose or serve in full-time ministry?

Missions News for Your Church

Individuals and congregations are introducing the love of Christ to children in Colombia, Kenya, and the U.S.A. Read “Restored through Love” (pages 14-15), “Little by Little” (pages 18-20), and “Here to Stay” (pages 22-23) in [NCM Magazine](#).

Emily, Allyson, and Hailey, girls ages 12 and 9, learned about people who did not have access to clean drinking water, threatening their health and lives. God used the girls, blessing their projects, to assist thousands of people with clean water. Read their stories in [NCM Magazine](#) (pages 29-30).

Can kids be missionaries? Missionary kid Lucas Baggott shares his experience in [Engage](#).

Promotional and Informational Tools for NMI Presidents

The [World Mission Broadcast](#) ministry reaches people of all ages across international borders using many methods of technology. Tools to introduce and update your congregation about this ministry include [bookmarks, PowerPoint Presentations, and videos](#) (and more), [news and stories](#), and lists of [countries, languages, and the programs broadcast](#). Ask the congregation to pray for this ministry and if they feel led, an offering equivalent to US\$4.00 provides for one minute of airtime.

On average, every 28 minutes the Jesus Film is presented; every 3 minutes, 2 decisions are made for Christ. A 2012 update on the Jesus Film ministry is available in this [PowerPoint](#).

Pentecost Sunday, May 27, 2012, is the [Global Day of Prayer](#). Consider leading your congregation, Sunday School class, small group, or prayer group in this [Prayer for the World](#) in your local language (click “Select a Translation” for options). The General Superintendents, NMI, and the Eurasia Region encourage Nazarenes to make [Prayer and Fasting](#) a priority this summer.