

Missions Splash –August 2013



The Temple and Mission

Read: 1 Kings 8:1-30, 41-43, and 52-61.

God promised to David that his son would build the temple. The temple symbolized that God chose Israel to be his people and he chose to dwell among them. It reminded them of God's covenantal and unique relationship with them, which included their deliverance from Egypt (Exodus 6:6-8; 19:4-6) and part of the covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). The completion of the temple fulfilled both the promise to David, and was to contribute to the fulfillment of the remaining part of the promise given to Abraham: "...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). Solomon prayed during the temple dedication for the last part of the promise to be fulfilled (1 Kings 8:43, 60). He understood that when all the peoples of the earth know and call on God's name, they will be blessed. Solomon believed the temple would be the location where Jews and foreigners who were attracted to Yahweh would come, such as the Queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10:6-9). However, if the king and Israel did not uphold their part of the covenant (to worship God alone and obey him), God's mission would be disrupted and the effects of sin would follow. The wisest and wealthiest king of that time learned this the hard way (1 Kings 11:4-12).

- In 1 Corinthians 3:16, our bodies are referred to as God's temple, where the Holy Spirit lives. Is the joy from having my life fully surrendered to God's will an attraction to God for others?
- Today, many foreigners come to our cities due to unemployment, poverty, war, persecution or oppression. How do we see foreigners – do we welcome and help them, do we tolerate them, do we pray for them, or do we wait for the day when they will go home? Do our actions, behavior, words, and spirit with foreigners attract people to the Lord Jesus Christ or repel them?
- What are some specific ways that Christians disrupt God's mission to people from other lands? What are some specific ways that Christians can join with God in his mission to people from other lands?

Missions News for Your Church

At age 19 and already a refugee in two countries, Samiya testifies that "It does not matter how hard life gets. God is always there..." Read from NCM how the Jordan Nazarene Church contributed to [*Samia's Story: Iraqi Girl Aims for Her Dreams With the Support of Family and the Church.*](#)

The Holy Spirit is at work in Fiji. A minority Hindustani woman has planted two churches. Food needs are provided. An expectant mother and baby are healed. Hearts are turned to Jesus. Read the story in [*Engage.*](#)

South Korean Nazarene missionaries have officially started opening the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Mongolia. Read more about this ministry in [NCN News](#) and pray for them.

Promotional and Informational Tools for NMI Presidents

[Global NMI Convention plenary sessions](#), which took place in 11 different cities, are now posted online. [Workshop materials](#) from the Indianapolis site are posted for your use. Share highlights or show parts of each of the [Regional Features](#) from the Convention with your congregation.

Video collections about Nazarene missions to show to your church are found in the [Mission News](#) section of the Eurasia NMI webpages. Some of these are (former Global Mission DVD) "Stories," Nazarene Media Library, and Vimeo.

Updated Fast Facts about Nazarene missions and the Global Nazarene Church are in the [Promotion and Information](#) section of the Eurasia NMI webpages for your church.

Things coming soon: 100th Anniversary of NMI and [Thanksgiving Offering](#).