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Their strength is to sit still. (Isaiah 30:7)



From My Heart

Easter Offering—WEF Observations—Your Challenge

By Daniel Ketchum

Resurrection Sunday is coming. As you encourage the churches on your district to give sacrificially in the Easter Offering for World Evangelism, I thought you would like to see “statistics” that reflect World Evangelism Fund giving by U.S.A. church attendees during 2009-2010. Note especially the per capita (per attendee) giving figure and then challenge your churches to raise the low level of annual giving as we approach the Easter Offering and give throughout the year.

World Evangelism Fund Giving By U.S.A. Church Attendees 2009-10

Church Size Clusters	Sun AM Worship	Number Churches	Giving for World Evangelism Fund	Giving Per Capita
1-75	117,555	3,094	\$8,568,096	\$73
76-150	113,608	1,084	\$9,977,672	\$88
151-350	130,288	594	\$12,472,353	\$96
351-800	81,976	169	\$7,372,045	\$90 K-Churches
801-3500	<u>70,261</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>\$5,331,076</u>	<u>\$76</u> COK Churches
Totals	513,688	4,178	\$43,721,242	\$85 Avg. Per Capita

Observations:

- On average, churches of 151-350 give 25 percent more per capita to WEF than churches of 1-75 or churches of 801-3,500.
- Churches of 1-75 give an average of \$2,769 per church while churches of 801-3,500 give an average of \$100,586 per church.
- The total number of smaller churches gives almost as much as the total number of larger churches, both in total amounts and per capita.

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- Are we resourcing small churches, ethnic churches, and large churches with the unique resources they need to raise the World Evangelism Fund? Or are we resourcing them with the same e-mails, graphics, envelopes, and posters? Are we thanking them the same? Does a church giving \$100,000 to WEF need the same resources and response as a church giving \$1,000?
- Larger churches access more skills and might be able to promote missions and giving more efficiently and more effectively.
- As churches gain more resources to promote, personalize, and engage people in missions, those churches tend to give more.
- Some churches that grow large might become more focused on their own preferences and want to promote missions their own way rather than to support and collaborate with connectional or denominational mission priorities like the World Evangelism Fund.
- Both larger and smaller churches request and utilize the resources of Nazarene Missions International to promote WEF giving, to pray, and to educate attendees for missions.

An E-mail to DPs from Fellow DP Dennis Moore, Southern Florida District

TO: All USA/Canada District NMI Presidents
 FR: Dennis Moore, Southern Florida District NMI President
 March 20, 2011

It was my privilege to serve on the General Board for the Church of the Nazarene at its annual meeting held recently in Louisville, Kentucky. I left the meeting very moved by what the church is doing despite our very challenging economic circumstances.

While I realize I am just one district NMI president and I have no official standing in global NMI leadership, somehow I believe God has been "provoking" me to prepare and send this correspondence to all U.S.A. and Canadian district NMI presidents. I have agonized over this correspondence since the adjournment of the meeting.

God has been provoking me to encourage our Southern Florida District churches to become more faithful/active in the World Evangelism Fund and more immediately, in the upcoming Easter Offering.

For your information, I have provided advance drafts of this correspondence to Dr. Daniel Ketchum (global NMI director) and the USA/Canada members of the Global NMI Council. They provided feedback and a positive consensus in distributing this.

Here are some facts from the General Board meeting that were very sobering to me:

1. The total number of active (including volunteer) missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene was nearly 800 three years ago, but is now approaching 700.
2. For the first time since World War II, we commissioned no new missionaries this year. Seven sets of retiring missionaries were de-commissioned with a combined service of 300+ years.
3. Church income in the U.S.A. and Canada is down by \$50 million since 2008.
4. Three years ago, the total contributions to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) peaked at nearly \$49 million. Our church is now planning on total WEF giving in 2012 to be approximately \$37 million. That would be nearly a 25 percent reduction in total WEF giving.
5. To reduce the impact on our world mission outreach efforts, the Global Ministry Center (GMC) reduced its budget by \$3 million this year and is planning on another \$3 million reduction in 2012. Here are some outcomes from these reductions:
 - a. The number of employees working at the GMC peaked at 300 in the late 1980s, and is now approximately 146 employees (with 18 in the USA/Canada Regional Office). The \$3 million reduction for 2012 will likely result in an additional decrease of another 25-40 employees.
 - b. The salaries of senior managers, including the general superintendents, were reduced to 2007 levels.
 - c. Travel has been reduced by 25 percent.
 - d. Support staff (non-missionary) among our various regional offices has been reduced by approximately 50 percent.
 - e. To reduce staff further, in 2012 the International Board of Education and Clergy Development Services will be managed by one person.

- 6 The WEF-PLUS offering at Thanksgiving has netted approximately \$1.3 million of its \$6 million goal.
- 7 A lawsuit and an out-of-court financial settlement has resulted in a substantial decrease in the reserves at the GMC to an all-time low of less than one month of operating expenses.
- 8 U.S.A./Canada districts, contributions to the WEF are down by an average of 7-17 percent for fiscal year 2011.

In his presentation to the General Board, Dr. J. K. Warrick, the chairman of the Board of General Superintendents outlined this direction for the Church of the Nazarene:

1. The church's mission will continue expanding exponentially and will continue reaching new generations/cultures for Jesus.
2. The church will do all this at a lower cost using more individual initiative and less institutional structure.
3. Support from the GMC will be different and new ways of mission partnering will be used.
4. The church will have the mission system it is willing to fund.
5. The church will concentrate on its core mission and will focus contributions to fewer areas of ministry.

Dr. Warrick also outlined the following new goals for the Global Ministry Center:

1. More facilitating and resourcing and less programming and conferencing.
2. More focus on the mission enterprise.
3. Engage more Nazarenes to partner with the GMC in new creative ways.
4. The General Superintendents will provide more direct time with pastors, district superintendents, and educators and less time presiding at district assemblies.

What happened in 2010:

While all this sobering information was a jolt for me, we did not leave Louisville in despair. The Church of the Nazarene is vigorously moving forward to share His love with all people on earth.

Here is my version of what happened to the Church of the Nazarene in 2010:

1. Our church grew to over 2 million members worldwide (2,059, 261).
2. Our Africa region crossed the half-million members barrier.
3. Southern Africa Nazarene University was born in South Africa and already has over 750 students.
4. Our Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea expanded and served more than 60,000 people for outpatient care along with approximately 6,000 admitted patients. Hundreds of those made decisions for Christ.
5. Our Eurasia region experienced double-digit growth for the 6th consecutive year (14% growth to 166,543 members). Nearly 500 new churches were organized for a total of 6,000 congregations.
6. In 10 years Bangladesh has gone from 1 church to over 1,224 churches. Last year 193 ministers were ordained in one service—the largest ordination class in our history.
7. Nazarene pastors from India have committed to planting 4,500 new churches within the next 5 years.
8. Our South America Region established a goal to exceed a quarter-million Nazarenes in 2011.
9. Nazarenes gave over \$4 million and provided nearly 1 million pounds of food, water and relief supplies to Haiti following the devastating earthquake there. There is a spontaneous revival occurring in Haiti.
10. The Jesus Film project surpassed 10 million decisions for Christ after 13 years of showings around the world.

In 2010, every week in the Church of the Nazarene:

- 43 churches were planted.
- 26 churches were organized.
- 2,547 new Nazarenes were taken into membership.
- 5.5 books were produced in 59 languages for pastoral training.
- World Mission Broadcast aired 140 radio broadcasts in 72 countries and 36 languages.
- 11,874 children were fed through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.
- 68,775 evangelistic contacts were made through the JESUS Film project.
- 12,745 people made decisions to accept Jesus as their Savior.

My take-aways:

1. I was impressed that church leadership is maintaining a renewed focus on our world mission effort. In other words, church leadership is doing everything possible not to withdraw our missionaries from world areas. It also appears that if contributions decline more than projected there is insufficient margin to prevent the withdrawal of some missionaries.
2. If there was ever a time when the resources, relationships and resolve of NMI in the USA and Canada were needed—it is now! In 2010, U.S.A./Canada churches contributed approximately 97 percent of the total worldwide WEF offerings.

**Keep looking up—
The waves that roar around your feet,
Jehovah-Jireh will defeat
When looking up.**

**Keep looking up—
Though darkness seems to wrap your
soul;
The Light of Light shall fill your soul
When looking up.**

**Keep looking up—
When worn, distracted with the fight;
Your Captain gives you conquering
might
When you look up.**

Streams in the Desert Devotional

3. I can personally take more responsibility to inform, inspire, and encourage our local churches about the need to remain (or become) globally focused.
4. In Southern Florida our unemployment rate is approaching 20 percent in some communities and unemployment among our non-Anglo churches is approximately 50 percent. Many of our people have dealt with home foreclosures. I confess my timid-ness and possible over-sensitivity in relating the full need of how our church needs to continue impacting the world during these difficult times.
5. When you read the history of the Church of the Nazarene, its people often did what was thought impossible during times of great suffering and need.
6. More than ever I/we must teach and demonstrate to our churches, pastors and leaders how **inter-connected, inter-related, and inter-dependent** we must be **if we are truly going to impact our world.**

What I am going to do:

In approximately 5 weeks we will be asking our churches to take an Easter Offering for World Evangelism. In many ways, the Easter Offering resonates with more cultures and people groups. Our Spanish churches simply call it a "Resurrection Offering." Here are some things I plan to do between now and Easter Sunday:

1. I am going to attempt to personally talk with every pastor of the 80+ churches on our district to inform them about the need/situation and encourage them and their churches to earnestly pray and be creative in challenging their congregations to give sacrificially to the Easter Offering.
2. I have solicited the involvement of our district NMI council to assist and encourage greater participation and involvement in the Easter Offering.
3. I am going to more fervently educate our churches about the need to "Tithe the Tithe" for our new *Funding the Mission* formula. This concept is understandable across cultural differences.

What we can do:

It is my prayer that collectively we could have a new, revitalized vision like our very determined NMI founders had in 1915. We continue to face a severe financial crisis in our church. In the nearly 100 years of our existence, NMI leaders collectively came together to create near spontaneous, God inspired movements among our people to overcome numerous crises.

During the "Great Depression" the *Nazarene Women's Foreign Missionary Society* (the predecessor to NMI) took the depressing term of the depression and turned it to a positive with a theme "DO-PRESS-ON." They used a clothes iron as a symbol of their resolve and a means to encourage more creativity in soliciting monetary mission support.

We have a near-term opportunity with the Easter Offering and longer-term opportunities to educate and inspire Nazarenes everywhere about the expanding opportunities of taking the love of Jesus to every soul on earth.

This correspondence is being e-mailed to 80 district presidents in the U.S.A. and Canada. If you have a response or other ideas (successes) you wish to share with everyone, I will commit to serve as the "middle-man" in sharing your thoughts with everyone.

At the meeting I sensed a new resolve by the General Board and church leaders to make a difference no matter the economic challenges. Perhaps God is encouraging us to make some course corrections and to seek His will through other more effective means. I refuse to be beaten, **but with His help**, I am more determined to make a difference in my part of the world. Can we join together with a new resolve to make a difference in our own part of the world?

Write to Dennis at dmoorenmi@gmail.com.

"How District Presidents Track Mission Giving for Local Churches"

Thank you for your consistent commitment to missions. I admire your passion to motivate pastors and presidents on your district to pray, disciple, give, and educate at least monthly for missions. You are amazing!

During recent regional conference calls with district NMI presidents, several DP's noted that they are not able to access the Web site for Funding the Mission (FTM) www.fundingthemission.org. Several noted that some of their local churches are not utilizing the Web site fully.

In collaboration with Mark Lail in Stewardship Ministries, we will add another access for DP's who still need access to the FTM Web site. Dr. Lail will send an e-mail to each of you soon.

This FTM access will provide information that you need in order to motivate local churches on your district to give weekly and monthly to WEF and Mission Specials. This data is sensitive. You should not attempt to modify the data. Please do not share the data with others beyond your district superintendent, pastors, and local presidents.

We will continue to dialogue with you about further improvements and advances with this information. For instance, we need to create a means to enter current income data for each local church at least monthly. Perhaps district presidents can help to motivate district superintendents and pastors on the importance of using the FTM tools.

Additionally, we provide the following information for your use in mobilizing your local churches to give generously for missions:

**For District NMI Presidents
April 2011 Stewardship Update
Funding the Mission Reports
Annual Pastor's Reports
Stewardship Reports**

Technology Note: The Funding the Mission Web site will not function with Internet Explorer 8.0 or older. Try upgrading to a newer version of Internet Explorer or try Firefox or Chrome for Internet access to this essential resource.

Funding the Mission (www.fundingthemission.org) shows information available during the church year.

- **District Report:** This is a large spreadsheet that has most of the data available from the FTM Web site.
- **Given to WEF:** The district user may view a total for each church and it is updated daily. This is accurate whether or not the church uses the FTM site.
- **Given to Mission Specials Summary:** The district user may view a total for church and total and they are updated daily. This is accurate whether or not the church uses the FTM site.
- **Given to Mission Specials Detail:** The district user may view detail by church only and not a district summary. It is updated to the minute. It is searchable and provides detail down to the church's check number. This is accurate whether or not the church uses the FTM site.
- **Progress toward FTM Goals of 5.5 percent for WEF:** The district user may view progress toward goals by church including percentage (4.7percent, 5.5 percent, 5.7 percent, etc) and by amount over or under goal. This is only accurate if local churches are reporting income regularly.

Annual Pastor's Report (apr.nazarene.org) shows information reported at year end.

- **Church Summary Data:** This is a large spreadsheet that has most of the data available from the APR application.
- **Recognition Calculation:** This is not all that useful for NMI but does indicate which churches have met allocation goals.
- **All Allocations Given in Full:** This is a simple list of those churches that have met all allocation goals.
- **World Evangelism Church of Excellence Award:** This is a simple list of churches that have achieved at least 5.7 percent for WEF and shows their percentage.
- **NMI Statistics:** This shows NMI Active membership, NMI Associate Membership, Total NMI Membership, WEF total, Mission Specials total, Percent toward Mission 10 and whether all allocation goals were met.
- **Ten Percent Giving:** A list of all churches and their percentage of giving toward Mission 10 status as well as whether or not all allocation goals were met.
- **Total Church Income:** This is a simple chart showing the church name and their total income.
- **World Evangelism Fund 5.5 Percent Churches:** This is a list of those churches that achieved 5.5% for WEF along with their percentage.

Stewardship tab on Nazarene.org <http://wwwrpt.nazarene.org/listapp/index.jsp>

- **NMI Mission Specials:** The NMI President can see in one page a total of for every church's giving to Memorial Roll, Distinguished Service Award, Missionary Health Care, Alabaster, LINKS, World Mission Broadcast, Missionary Christmas, Work & Witness, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Deputation, and JESUS Film. These are updated approximately every 1-2 business days.
- **LINKS by Assignment:** It shows the LINKS assignment and contributions by church. It is updated approximately every 102 business days.

The Stewardship Ministries team has submitted to the GMC Information Technology team several improvements for the Funding the Mission Web site that will incorporate reports from the Stewardship tab. Reports will be automated rather than requiring handwork.

The Stewardship Ministries team also requested several reports that will reflect data from the Annual Pastor's Report. Our goal for the Funding the Mission Web site is to provide complete information, available immediately, automated, and that shows progression toward the WEF goal of 5.5 percent.

Stewardship Ministries

A Prayer Calendar for Your Church or District



Ana Maria Crocker de Diaz, NMI coordinator for the Mesoamerica Region, developed a prayer calendar for the region's districts. What a wonderful and simple way to involve people in praying daily for certain districts.

What if you took the concept and developed a prayer calendar for all the churches on your district? Or, one with all the pastors', or the youth ministers', or the local NMI presidents' names?

Take a look at the calendar Ana Maria developed (found in the downloadable resources section). Consider making one tailored for your district and distribute it at convention.

The Church of the Nazarene 2010

Nazarene Region	Organized Churches	Churches Not Yet Organized	Grand Total
Africa	4100	3905	8005
Asia-Pacific	1290	447	1737
Caribbean	1088	31	1119
Eurasia	3385	2503	5888
Mexico/Central America	1663	198	1861
South America	2190	320	2510
USA/Canada	4811	422	5233
Total	18527	7826	26353



2011-2012 Living Mission—Act Justly

The 2011-2012 *Living Mission—Act Justly* set of mission education lessons was released on March 30, 2011. Those who have had their conventions have seen and purchased *Living Mission—Act Justly*. We sincerely believe the changes made will resonate with the vast constituency we serve.

An important addition to *Living Mission* this year is the *AME Classic* lessons. The lessons are simplified in format and rich in content. The topics are the same topics as those in the *Living Mission* box—Clean Water, Mission to Women, Global Melting Pot, Mission to Disabled, Sanctity of Life, and Child Labor. *AME Classic* lessons are not media driven and are similar in format to the former Adult Mission Education lessons.

Many have asked to see the *AME Classic* lessons and they will be available soon on the *Living Mission* Web site, livingmission.com. In the meantime, included in the downloadable resources section of this issue of *HeartLine*, is a "sample" of what the *AME Classic* lessons will be like. Note two things:

1. The sample lesson is on the topic of Hunger and Poverty, a topic from the 2010-2011 *Living Mission—Forgotten People*. Feel free to forward this sample lesson to your churches for use in case they didn't present the "Enough" lesson last year.
2. *AME Classic* lessons are available to anyone who purchases *Living Mission* from Nazarene Publishing House. The lessons are found only online at www.livingmission.com in the "Lessons" section. You will need your "Unlock" code to access *AME Classic* along with the other downloadable resources. Once you've entered your "Unlock" code, preview and download away.

RESOURCES

This DVD contains additional resources that can be accessed from your computer. To view this content on a PC, open MY COMPUTER, right click on the ACT JUSTLY icon and select EXPLORE. Open the RESOURCES folder, where you will find MPEG and HD versions of the ACT JUSTLY content. If you're using a MAC, double-click the ACT JUSTLY icon on your desktop and select the RESOURCES folder.

MAIN MENU

3. A flyer listing with information about *Living Mission* and the improvements made in this year's curriculum is included in the downloadable resources section of this issue of *HeartLine*. We encourage you to make this document available to convention attendees, perhaps have copies available where they purchase *Living Mission*, or make a PowerPoint to show from the platform as you encourage people to obtain their copy.

A side note for the more tech savvy user, the *Living Mission* DVDs have a "Resource File" on them that contain formats of the videos that can be used if you are going to drop them into a presentation software or PowerPoint. The graphic on the previous page contains instructions on how to access these files:

Justice and Righteousness—Restoring Biblical Harmony by Daniel Ketchum

"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream"
(Amos 5:24, NIV).

Note: Daniel wrote this article to encourage holiness and harmony. In March 2011, Living Mission released this article as an introduction to the 2011 adult mission education curriculum. Mission lessons will help to answer the question: "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Themes for 2010, 2011, and 2012 will be: "Act Justly", "Love Mercy", and "Walk Humbly with Your God."

Some Christian, evangelical, and Nazarene leaders today have become concerned about an increasing interest in social justice and compassionate ministries. Persons concerned about an over-emphasis on justice or an over-emphasis on holiness will recall that in the Bible, holiness and righteousness are closely related to justice. It is helpful to recall the close, biblical relationship of justice to righteousness and holiness in heart and lifestyle.

In the Bible, the words for *justice* and *righteousness* have similar meanings. Old Testament Hebrew words for justice and righteousness are *zedek* and *mishpat*. They are practically synonymous and are often interchangeable.

New Testament Greek words for justice and righteousness are *dikaio* and *dikaio*sune. The English *justice* is nearly identical to the Latin *justitia* and the Spanish *justicia*. In Latin and Spanish, the same word can be translated justice or righteousness.

How might these insights reassure, quiet, and deepen mutual appreciation among persons who take sides or stir tension between justice, righteousness, and holiness? Some persons committed deeply to holiness are threatened by persons concerned about justice or compassion. Some persons concerned deeply about justice or compassion feel alienated from persons deeply committed to holiness. How can we restore harmony?

Justice is the quality, attribute, or characteristic of moral rightness, fairness, equity, and reasonableness. Justice is fidelity to purpose in relationships. Justice is connected closely with God's holy love and compassion. Antonyms: inequity, wrong, and injustice.

Righteousness is the quality, attribute, or characteristic of being morally right and just. Righteousness is the underlying soul of justice. Synonyms: upright, just, straight, integrity. Antonyms: wrong, unethical, dishonest, dishonorable, and immoral.

Righteousness is right relationship with God and people. God's righteousness is the ethical dimension of His holiness, morally consistent with His own moral covenant. Righteousness is the moral foundation for justice and holiness in heart and life.

Some persons think of justice as something public, and often think of it as punishment that is morally right and fully deserved. When they say, "We want justice", they often mean, "We want our rights." They demand right and fair treatment from other persons or they expect the legal system to remedy something wrong.

Other persons think of righteousness as a quality or characteristic of an individual. They tend to relegate righteousness to a private sphere.

Justice and righteousness are equally public and private, communal and individual. Justice and righteousness are two similar responses to the same relationship, two similar perspectives of the same issue, and two similar sides of the same heart.

- Biblical justice is characterized as:
- based on the theology of God's justice
- related to relational, covenant community issues
- partial to marginalized and lowly persons
- grounded in Old Testament covenant responsibilities

- motivated by Jesus' proclamation and mission in the New Testament, which is worked out in the ethical teachings of Acts and the Epistles
- inspired by Jesus' "upside-down kingdom" values
- drawn from biblical teachings rather than based on perceived cultural needs, natural law, or philosophy
- never self-serving, condescending, patronizing, or manipulative
- most concerned with the value of persons and their place in the community
- an aspect of the human role as stewards of God's creation
- a safeguard against reducing the Bible to a manual of personal piety
- the heart of true religion with personal, active, practical care for persons who are poor, oppressed, widowed, orphaned, helpless, weak, outsiders, and marginalized

(Adapted from Ruth Ann Foster in *Christian Ethics Today*, Issue 24, October 1999 at <http://christianethicstoday.com/ceartar/index.cfm?fuseaction=Articles.main&ArtID=491>)

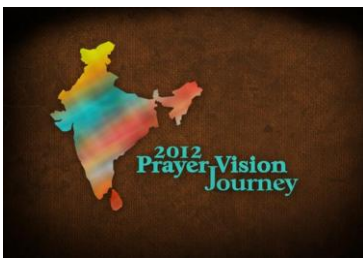
Again, in the Bible we observe a very close connection between justice and righteousness. In the Old Testament, about 55 of 145 verses with *just* or *justice* also include the word *righteous* or *righteousness*. Righteousness and holiness are closely related in the character of God and His work in the heart and life of men and women.

Let's examine together some passages from both Testaments that reveal this biblical concordance and that might help to restore biblical harmony in the Body of Christ.

A few biblical references in which justice and righteousness are correlated:

- Genesis 18:19-25—keep the way of the Lord by doing what is just and right
- Deuteronomy 16:19-20—do not pervert justice or twist the words of the righteous
- Deuteronomy 24:12-22—act in righteousness and do not deprive of justice
- 1 Kings 3:7-28—Solomon discerned what was right and administered justice
- 2 Chronicles 9:8—he made you king over them to maintain justice and righteousness
- Job 27:6-7—Job maintained righteousness even when his adversaries were unjust
- Job 29:14—Job put on righteousness as clothing and justice as a robe and turban
- Job 37:23—in God's justice and righteousness, he does not oppress
- Psalm 7:6-8—God, decree justice; judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness
- Psalm 9:8-9—He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern with justice
- Psalm 11:7—the Lord is righteous; he loves justice
- Psalm 33:5—the Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his love
- Psalm 37:6—righteousness will shine like the dawn, justice like the noonday sun
- Psalm 72:1—endow the king with your justice, the royal son with your righteousness
- Psalm 89:14 & 97:2—righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne
- Psalm 98:9—he will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity
- Psalm 103:6—the Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed
- Psalm 106:3—blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right
- Psalm 112:5-6—conduct affairs with justice; a righteous man will be remembered
- Psalm 119:121—I have done what is righteous and just
- Psalm 140:12-13—the Lord secures justice; surely the righteous will praise your name
- Psalm 146:7-9—the Lord upholds the cause of the oppressed and loves the righteous
- Proverbs 8:20—walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice
- Proverbs 21:3—to do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice
- Proverbs 21:15—when justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous, but terror to evildoers
- Proverbs 28:5-12—evil men do not understand justice; great elation when righteous triumph
- Proverbs 29:7—the righteous care about justice for the poor, but wicked have no concern
- Ecclesiastes 5:8—if see poor oppressed and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised
- Isaiah 1:17—stop doing wrong; learn to do right; seek justice; encourage the oppressed
- Isaiah 1:21—the faithful city was once full of justice; righteousness used to dwell in her
- Isaiah 1:27—Zion redeemed with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness
- Isaiah 5:7—looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard distress
- Isaiah 5:16—God exalted by his justice and will show himself holy by his righteousness
- Isaiah 9:7—He will establish and uphold his throne with justice and righteousness
- Isaiah 10:1-2—deprive the poor of their rights and rob my oppressed people of justice
- Isaiah 11:4—he will judge needy with righteousness; he will give decisions with justice
- Isaiah 16:5—one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness
- Isaiah 28:17—I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line
- Isaiah 32:1—a king will reign in righteousness, and rulers will rule with justice
- Isaiah 32:16—justice will dwell in the desert and righteousness live in the fertile field
- Isaiah 33:5—the Lord will fill Zion with justice and righteousness
- Isaiah 42:1-6—I will bring forth justice to the nations; I call you in righteousness
- Isaiah 51:4-5—my justice will become a light to the nations; my righteousness draws near

- Isaiah 56:1—maintain justice, do what is right; my righteousness will soon be revealed
- Isaiah 58:6-8—loose chains of injustice; then your righteousness will go before you
- Isaiah 59:9—justice is far from us and righteousness does not reach us
- Isaiah 59:14—justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance
- Isaiah 59:15-16—there was no justice, so his own righteousness sustained him
- Jeremiah 9:24—the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth
- Jeremiah 12:1-2—you are always righteous, yet I would speak with you about justice
- Jeremiah 22:13—woe to person who builds by unrighteousness or injustice
- Jeremiah 33:15—a righteous Branch from David's line; he will do what is just and right
- Ezekiel 45:9—give up violence and oppression and do what is just and right
- Daniel 4:37—exalt the King; everything he does is right and his ways are just
- Hosea 2:19—I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion
- Amos 5:7—you turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground
- Amos 5:24—let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream
- Amos 6:12—you turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness
- Micah 6:8—to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God
- Habakkuk 1:4—the wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted
- Zephaniah 3:5—the Lord is righteous; he does no wrong; he dispenses justice
- Malachi 3:3-5—some bring offerings in righteousness; others deprive aliens of justice
- Matthew 12:18-21—I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations
- Matthew 23:23—neglected more important matters of law—justice, mercy, faithfulness
- Luke 18:8-9—he will see that they get justice; some were confident of their righteousness
- Acts 17:31—he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed
- Romans 3:25—demonstrated his justice so as to be just and the one who justifies
- 2 Corinthians 7:1-11—perfecting holiness, repentance, and readiness to see justice done
- Hebrews 11:33—through faith conquered kingdoms and administered justice
- Revelation 19:11—he is Faithful and True; with justice he judges; his name



Registration for NMI's Prayer Vision Journey (PVJ) 2012 to Sri Lanka and India is scheduled to open on May 1, 2011. We continue to work with travel agents to obtain the best possible airfares, but don't delay in registering, space is limited.

DPs will be notified when PVJ registration is open and all registration will take place online. If you have written and told us you are interested in going, your name is on our list and a spot is reserved for you. However, you will need to do the online registration once it is open.

Did You Know?



Before you hit the "send" key on emails to missionaries, please remember that many of them have limited Internet access and bandwidth (i.e., they usually don't have high speed, DSL lines that accommodate large attachments and graphics.) E-mails should not contain logos, photos, attachments, or anything that would jeopardize the missionaries' safety and ongoing work.



Ellen Gailey Decker, who grew up as a missionary kid in Africa, has written a great article about a recent journey back to her "home" in Swaziland. Her perspective of living life in the middle of the Great Commission is one you will want to read and share. Click here to view the article in the April 2011 issue of *Mission Connection* Magazine.
tinyurl.com/3vfouo3



Daniel Ketchum's video convention greeting is available now for download from the Nazarene Media Library. There are two versions—a four-minute greeting and a six-minute greeting. Click here to view and download: **4 Minute - 6 Minute**. Remember, you have to register to download from the Media Library. However, it is easy and the Web site will guide you.



Trailers for the six new Living Mission lesson videos are available for viewing and downloading on the Nazarene Media Library.



World Mission Broadcast (WMB) is offering free personalized audio greetings from the field to enhance your promotion of the annual WMB offering. The greetings are a wonderful way to bring the mission field right into your service where your people will hear an international broadcaster greet the church, pastor, or NMI president by name and then share the latest WMB news from his/her region. Contact wmb@nazarene.org to order a personalized audio greeting. Please allow a two week turn-around time.



Open Doors ministry has released The 2001 Prayer Guide for the Persecuted Church. The guide equips believers to intercede on behalf of persecuted Christians and includes information about the demographics, government, and religious breakdown for each of the countries on the 2011 World Watch List. Click [HERE](#).

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