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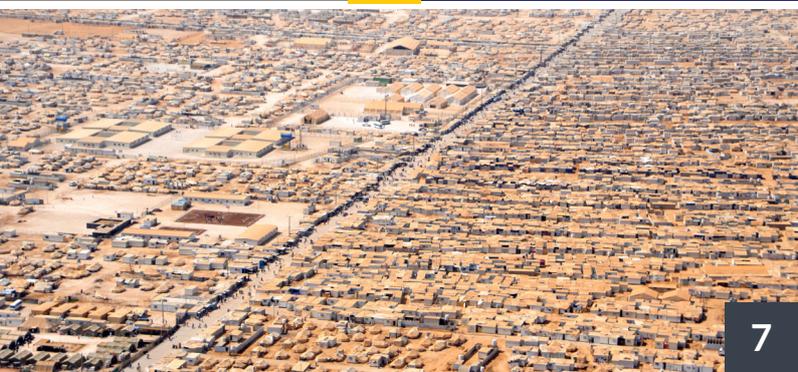
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ONE  
SPIRIT,  
ONE  
HOPE”**

In June, Nazarenes from around the world will gather for the 2017 General Assembly and Conventions, with NYI and SDMI planning simultaneous sites in 10 regional locations, including two in Eurasia.



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Letter from the Regional Director

## “I’m grieving for many”

In January, Annemarie and I traveled throughout India to each district assembly, as we do each year. It is always a privilege to meet Nazarenes and hear their stories of how God is at work in their churches and communities. I am humbled to witness their sacrificial commitment to being part of God’s mission.

During one assembly in India, we heard the testimony of a woman who was going to be ordained. She said that several years ago her precious teenage daughter died, and she was overcome by grief. Later, she and her husband traveled to Israel, and as they were walking in the footsteps of the crucified Christ on the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, God spoke to her. He said, “You’re grieving for one, but I’m grieving for many.” The Lord brought to her mind the people in her neighborhood who did not know Christ and were in great need. His grieving was for those people.

She said that moment really changed her perspective. She returned from that trip focused on the question, “What can I do for my neighborhood?”

She and her husband started a children’s ministry in the neighborhood, and from that grew a church.

In India, when a couple gives birth to a girl, on that day they start saving up for her wedding and all the things they want to give her when she starts her new family. This mother and her

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Local church

## VBS reaches families in Armenia

Adults and teens work side by side to reach other teens and kids for Jesus.



During a vacation Bible school in Armenia, which focused on the theme of talents and serving God, the leaders invited local professionals to share with the children about their vocations, and to give the children advice on choosing their future careers.

Afterward, the leaders gave each guest professional a Bible, and the children told them interesting facts they had learned from the Bible during the VBS. One guest, who was a doctor, was amazed when a child told her that Luke, the Gospel writer, was also a doctor.

“[The doctor] said that not only does she have something to give to the kids, but also there are a lot of things she needs to learn from them. After the VBS, she shared that she has started reading the Bible,” according to a report written by the VBS leaders.

Nearly 50 Nazarene volunteers spread out over five towns in Armenia last summer and fall to hold vacation Bible schools and camps for children and teens, serving more than 350 children, and also reaching many parents.

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# VBS: Parents involved in planning, carrying out

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Sevan, Armenia, is a very poor city with a lot of economic and social difficulties, with few services or positive activities for them to engage in. The only entertainment place is a sport club, but most parents are not able to afford the monthly fee. People see the only way forward for their families is to leave. Thus, there is a very high level of migration there.

Five Nazarene volunteers took the initiative to go and minister to the youth of Sevan, in cooperation with the local parents and teenagers. Seventy-five children participated in a three-day vacation Bible school (VBS) in Sevan city. The children were very excited about this unusual opportunity. One of the children said that he has never colored pictures before, and he learned how to do it for the first time during VBS.

After making the initial contacts and relationships through the VBS, Nazarenes continue to minister in Sevan, visiting the children once a month. They also held a meeting with parents to explain how the Nazarenes fit within the broader Protestant movement and the overall Body of Christ, and that they just want to share the love of God with the people of Sevan.

Nazarenes' dream for next year is to hold a five-day VBS in Sevan, to continue sharing the hope of God with children and teenagers.

In another town, Nazarenes held a special



VBS for Syrian-Armenian children who have fled with their parents from Syria because of the civil war there.

The VBS program generally includes games and activities, English class, craft sessions, Bible reading, prayer and worship time. The volunteers also involve the parents in planning and carrying out the VBS. This gives an opportunity for the volunteers to spend time with the parents, as well, who are mostly unfamiliar with biblical beliefs. While working together, the volunteers share their values, faith and God's love.

A number of teenagers also assisted, most of whom formerly attended VBS as children. One of these is Valerie\*, 13, who now attends the Nazarene teen club. Through these ministries to children and youth, Valerie has given her life to Jesus and is eagerly growing in her relationship with Him, as well as helping in the children's ministry. Nora\* also has given her life to God and has helped with VBS and camps throughout the summer. ♦

*\*Names changed for privacy. All information from a report prepared by VBS leaders.*





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## One Body, One Spirit, One Hope

Nazarenes will celebrate oneness at the quadrennial global assembly in the USA and 10 other sites

By Gina Grate Pottenger

More than 20,000 Nazarenes from around the world gather every four years to meet old and new friends, worship and fellowship, participate in service projects and training, and also formulate doctrine and policy and make other decisions that will affect Nazarenes for years to come.

The 2017 General Assembly will be held 21-30 June in Indianapolis, USA. The Nazarene Youth International (NYI) and Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) Conventions will be held in 10 locations globally, including at Indianapolis. The Eurasia

Region will host two of these locations: Manchester, England, and Hyderabad, India.

“Our General Assembly and Conventions is a unique opportunity for Nazarenes to sit together and hear what the Lord is doing in all these countries,” said Eurasia Regional Director Arthur Snijders. “Where else could a German Nazarene talk and pray with a Sri Lankan Nazarene, and understand each other -- what their challenges and blessings are?”

The theme will be “One Body, One

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## GRIEVING: Region represented at denominational board meetings

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husband decided to take the money they had set aside for their daughter’s marriage and use it to build a church for their congregation.

Hearing about that gift was very moving. This is not just a call to ministry, but it’s showing how love can transform grief into something that is redemptive for others. Of course it does not take away the love for her daughter. That was a testimony that I carried with me: that God can even use our mourning to open our eyes for the needs of others.

Pray with us for the church in India, that God would continue to instill in each Nazarene there His grief for those who don’t know Him, that this would compel them to be salt and light in their neighborhoods and communities. Pray that He would instill this in all of us.

This month, Annemarie and I traveled to the United States to attend a leadership conference for district superintendents. While there we connected with several leaders whose districts are partnering with our region. Afterward we attended meetings with the other regions’ directors, followed by the denomination’s annual General Board meetings, where I presented the report for the Eurasia Region.

For two of our region’s longstanding General Board members, Hans-Günter Mohn (Germany) and Paul Tarrant (United Kingdom), this was their last General Board meeting. And this was the first General Board meeting for Stéphane Tibi as our Regional Education Coordinator (REC). Former REC John Haines and Stéphane presented a report together.

Please pray for these important meetings, that God would speak to us, guide us and humble us as we depend on Him to work through us in transforming the people, communities and nations on our region.

--- Arthur W. Snijders, Regional Director

# ONE: 'What unifies us is greater'

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Spirit, One Hope.”

“After a lot of prayerful discussion, we wanted to emphasize both the oneness of our global church and the diversity of our church,” said David A. Busic, chair of the Board of General Superintendents, in an article in Nazarene News. “While we celebrate our diversity, we know that what unifies us is greater than our differences.

“There’s a difference between unity and uniformity,” he went on. “Uniformity is everybody has to be alike and act alike. For us, that’s not the best expression of the church as a body. The church is unified – with all of our differences – around one Lord.”

According to Nazarene News, during each of the event’s five corporate worship services, the general superintendents will focus on the first five “one” phrases in Ephesians 4:4-6, the verses upon which the assembly’s theme is based: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and

in all.”

“Underlying all of those ‘ones,’ one Lord is what holds it all together,” Busic said. “There is no ‘one body’ without one Lord and there is no ‘one spirit’ without one Lord. One Lord defines the unifying core of who we are as Nazarenes.”

In Indianapolis, the assembly will include an exhibit hall, featuring “booths” for many Nazarene institutions of higher learning around the world, various Nazarene and affiliate ministries and vendors, and spaces representing each of the denomination’s six world regions, including Eurasia. The exhibit hall is always a popular area for people to meet each other, get information and network for ministry.

Districts around the world elect delegates to attend the main assembly site in the U.S., but visitors are also welcome.

“Pentecost (in the New Testament) was an international gathering where the outpouring of the Holy Spirit enabled thousands to hear about what God was doing,” Snijders said. “Our General Assembly and

## Register to attend General Assembly

Delegates and visitors, alike, can register and reserve housing by contacting the Eurasia Region General Assembly Coordinator, Jennifer Mann, at [rgac@eurasiaregion.org](mailto:rgac@eurasiaregion.org), or calling the Eurasia Regional Office at +49 7734 93050 (Germany).

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<http://ga2017.com>

Conventions need our prayers to kindle the same fire and cross-cultural testimonies that glorify God.”

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## NYI convention to have England, India sites

This June, Nazarene youth from across Eurasia, and even from the United States, will gather at two Nazarene Youth International (NYI) convention sites on the region: Hyderabad, India, and Manchester, England.

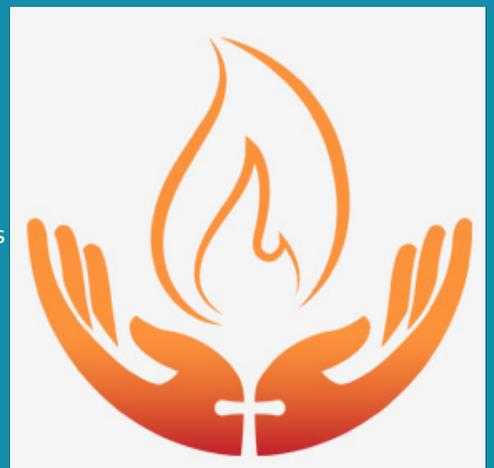
This is the third time in the last 12 years for Global NYI Convention to hold regional convention sites outside of the United States, simultaneous with the convention site in Indianapolis.

“We’re decentralizing the convention -- the convention will happen everywhere,” said Diego

Lopez, Eurasia Regional NYI leader.

About 110-120 people are expected to attend the England site, and Lopez hopes as many as 180 will attend in India. The Central California District is also planning to send their NYI delegates to Manchester, rather than Indianapolis; the Northern California District will send its delegates to India. Additionally, following the convention at the Manchester site, the young people are staying for a six-day mission project across the British Isles.

Lopez said that nearly 80 percent of



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# NYI: Up to 80 percent never attended international youth event

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City Centre, Manchester, England.  
Photo courtesy Mark Andrew

## 2017 NYI Convention sites

*Pilar, Argentina*

*Manchester, England*

*Guatemala City, Guatemala*

*Port au Prince, Haiti*

*Hyderabad, India*

*Manila, Philippines*

*Johannesburg, South Africa*

*Sam Boucaud, Trinidad*

*Indianapolis, USA*

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Register to attend the convention site in Manchester, England: <https://www.nyiconvention.com>

delegates expected to attend this year have not participated in an international NYI event before.

“We are excited about sending a few dozen youth from Central Europe to the NYI Convention and mission experience in Manchester,” said Jay Sunberg, field strategy coordinator for Central Europe. “Momentum for NYI is building in Central Europe and this event will propel that momentum further.”

“We think it is critical for the development of the church to provide opportunities for [youth] to experience the wider church family and to be involved in mission,” Sunberg added. “This event does both. We pray that the event’s excitement will be brought back to districts and local churches across Central Europe and more young people will give their lives completely to Christ and answer His call to lifelong ministry.”

According to the NYI convention website: “The Global NYI Convention takes place every four years, just before the Church of the Nazarene General Assembly. NYI delegates participate in the business necessary to advance youth ministry. At convention, delegates are also equipped to reach young people for Christ as they

implement discipleship in their lives and are empowered for ministry.”

The groups at each site will lead 20 minutes of worship for all the sites, via a two-way video feed. On the final evening, all the sites will join in the first worship service of the 2017 General Assembly, happening in Indianapolis.

“This year, [NYI] is not focusing so much on business, we’re focusing on vision-casting,” Lopez said. “In four years, NYI will be 100 years old. We’re going to spend a lot of time speaking in small groups, and casting vision, so business will be reduced to a minimum. We’re trying to figure out what NYI should look like, moving forward.” ♦

# 'Love your neighbor as yourself'

## Syrian refugees by the numbers

- Turkey: 2.7 million
- Lebanon: 1 million (1 in every 5 people)
- Jordan: 655,000 (10% of population)
- Iraq: 3.1 million internally displaced, including 228,000 Syrians
- Egypt: 115,000

### Living below the poverty line:

- 93 percent in urban Jordan
- 70 percent in Lebanon
- 65 percent in Egypt
- 37 percent in Iraq

According to December 2016 data from Amnesty International.

## Local church

## Middle East church shares its heart with refugees

**By Gina Grate Pottenger**

**C**rammed into a very small Jordanian jail cell with 60 people, Bahram\* wept at his sentence: three years in jail for illegally exchanging money outside a bank. It was a misunderstanding, he says, with a heavy penalty.

"I said to [the Lord], 'I don't know how You can accept me, but if You can save me from this place, I will give You my life and I will serve You.'"

As a child he had attended Sunday school at the oldest Nazarene church in his country. His oldest brother was already a pastor and their mother was a strong believer, so he knew about Jesus.

After several days of constant prayer, Bahram was miraculously released from jail, his sentence cancelled.

At that time he was 20 years old. He gave four years of service to the army, and then earned his bachelor's degree

at a seminary in Lebanon.

When he was taken on as a young pastor at his church, he struggled to earn the trust of the older church members. The church, which numbers about 120, also experienced opposition from other denominations in the country.

"Every year, if I look back, I see how God is really faithful and helping me," Bahram said. "First through my study in the ministry, and especially now with the Syrian refugee people.... I can see how God fulfills our needs, especially the financial issues. The income from the church is not that big. The area we live, it's a poor area that affects the income for the church. But God never leaves us."

### **Going into the neighborhood**

Many times, Christians talk about

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# HEART: Family dedicates miracle baby to Jesus

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“neighbors” almost in the abstract, in response to Jesus’ command to His followers to love their neighbors in the same way they love themselves. But for Bahram’s congregation, loving their neighbors is not just figurative or symbolic.

When the civil war began in Syria in 2011, refugees poured across the borders into Bahram’s country. A refugee camp was established some miles away from the church where he says nearly 80,000 people now take shelter, and those with some money rented homes or rooms in the neighborhoods surrounding the church. By now, he says more than 250,000 Syrians live near the church.

The congregation could not ignore the great need surrounding them. Most of the members have organized themselves into teams to serve these new neighbors.

The church is open 24 hours a day. They have offered the church’s laundry room to neighborhood women for washing their clothes; in the next room, they play the *JESUS* film, and invite the women to watch while they wait for their clothes to wash and dry.

But the volunteers also go out from the church.

“We started visiting the people, we started getting to know them more and more,” Bahram said. “We started helping them to fulfill some of the needs. Then the ministry is getting bigger and bigger.

“We’re helping now around 1,500 families. We started a school for them. We have 25 kids in the first level, which is KG1, and we have afternoon school from 1st grade to 6th grade. We have around 120 kids.”

At the time of this interview, the church had shown the *JESUS* film to more than 8,600 people, mostly children, as well as distributed copies of the film and Bibles.

A team from the congregation showed the *JESUS* film to one man and his family, and afterward asked the man if he would like to pray the prayer of repentance. He said, “Of course I want to do this,” and he also led his children in the prayer.

“When we wanted [to leave] his house, he said, ‘Can you write down this prayer? Because I want to keep praying this prayer.’”

### **Praying for miracles**

Bahram and several volunteers once visited a woman whose daughter was traumatized by their experience

of the war in Syria. At night the girl was too terrified to sleep, and could not speak to anyone. The group prayed for her, and asked the mother to tell them if anything changed.

Later the woman called to say that her daughter was now speaking, playing with the other kids and sleeping well.

One Syrian family had fled their country with their five daughters, and now attend the church’s Sunday school. The parents desperately wanted a son. The church prayed for God to grant their desire. Quickly, they became pregnant, and after nine months passed, the mother delivered a healthy baby boy. The church hosted a celebration for the family, and many other Syrian refugee families attended.

“An amazing thing happened,” Bahram said. “The mother and the father and the kids, they came in front everyone. They gave me the boy, and said, ‘Pray for our son. We are going to surrender this boy for Jesus in the church.’”

When the team visited a man who had lost his leg in the Syrian war, they noticed that he had hundreds of DVDs in his house, because the family had nothing to do but watch movies. He accepted from them a copy of the *JESUS* film for his collection. A week later when they returned, all the DVDs were gone, except the *JESUS* film. When they asked him what happened to his collection, he said that he threw away all his movies because he only wants to see the *JESUS* film each day. Then, the man began asking questions, starting with, “What do you mean when you say Jesus is the ‘Son of God?’”

The man has accepted Christ as his savior. His family members later said to the team, “He’s like you. He talks like you, he acts like you. What did

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Testimony

## Lyosha's Story

In Central Asia, a young man finds Christ through children's camp.

By Gina Grate Pottenger  
Eurasia Region Communications

We were a typical family. We were not believers, but I think our family was a good family. We did the same things as other families, but I felt when I was a child that something was wrong with my family because my father and mother had a lot of conflicts and my father liked to drink alcohol. I thought that something was absent in our family.

My faith story started in 2001 when I was 10. I went to a Christian camp. I didn't know that it was a Christian camp. My mother booked a ticket for me to attend this camp because it was cheap.

I remember the first experience when I came to the camp: I felt love, I felt peace that I didn't experience before. My childhood was full of fear because every evening I knew that my father would come home and bad things would happen. I feared my father.

It was amazing for me to experience the emotions of love and peace in the children's camp. I realize now it was God's love for me. And then I wanted to find that experience again.

I learned at the camp that all believers, when they come to God, experience His love. When I came home after the camp, I tried to find a place where I would experience that emotion again which I had in the camp.

After several years my mother visited a local group of believers. She came through a man who built our house. He was a believer and he

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## SYRIA: Refugees start new churches

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you do? Now he is exactly like you."

### *Iraqi refugees plant churches*

The church has added a ministry to Iraqi refugees, who are primarily Christian. A number of the Iraqi families attend the church now, bringing their kids to the kindergarten. The church hosts English classes for the adults. Many of the Iraqis apply for and eventually receive visas to resettle in other countries. Bahram said he hopes that wherever they go, they will plant more churches. Thus, the church tries to provide them with theological training. Several of the Iraqi refugees are now pastors in Europe, including one who had not been a believer until he fled to Jordan. His church in Europe has 30 people attending. His son, who resettled in a different city, planted a church which now reportedly has 200 people attending.

"These people were in the church, I trained them," Bahram said. "I believe if we help these people now, when they go out they will be servants, also. They will have great ministries even greater than our ministries."

Bahram said the needs of the refugees are immense. The church needs additional financial support to effectively assist the refugees and meet their needs. They also want their volunteers to receive training to counsel the people psychologically. Many have experienced incredible emotional and psychological trauma.

To support the compassionate work of this and other local churches in the Eurasia Region who are ministering among refugees, visit <http://ps.ncm.org/> and scroll down to "Refugee and Immigrant Support." ♦

*\*Name changed and some details omitted for security reasons*

# LYOSHA: Youth struggle to lead in absence of male role models

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invited my mother, who took me and my sister. I remember the first time I saw them worship, it was strange for me. I started to laugh because they seemed like such crazy people who danced and worshipped and fell to their faces before God. But I also liked it.

In 2008, I truly accepted Jesus sometime after the leaders of another camp washed our feet like Jesus did for his disciples. It was powerful and I thought about what Jesus did for me. I can't describe these feelings, but it was like something very warm, very hot, like a fire in my heart because His love is very amazing. I can't describe it.

Now, my mother, my sister and my grandmother are believers and today we worship with the Nazarenes.

My father still likes to drink and he has another family, and my mother has another husband who is also a believer.

I don't have a good relationship with my father. I don't feel like he is my father because he didn't take part in my life as a normal father. I also can't accept God as my father because of that situation. When people come to me and say you should accept God as your father, I realize He's my father, yeah, but I can't do it. I am in this stage now and I think God will work with my father and with me.

The situation in our country is that there are mostly women believers and a lot of children, because women teach their children about God. Males often don't believe. And I think it is our culture because our fathers are mostly not open people. For women it is easier to accept Jesus because they are more open. They try to help their husbands, but their husbands don't see problems in their families. They don't take part in the family.

This absence of men in the group has a powerful impact on us (the young men and



boys) and to me because when we started to organize something in our group, we didn't know how to do it, how to behave as male leaders, because some skills our fathers didn't teach us.

The first time when we (the youth group) started to do something, people thought, "They are so young, they are teenagers. What can they teach us? What can they do for us?" Some of them went to me and they said, "Don't teach me, don't tell me something, because you are so young and I know more than you."

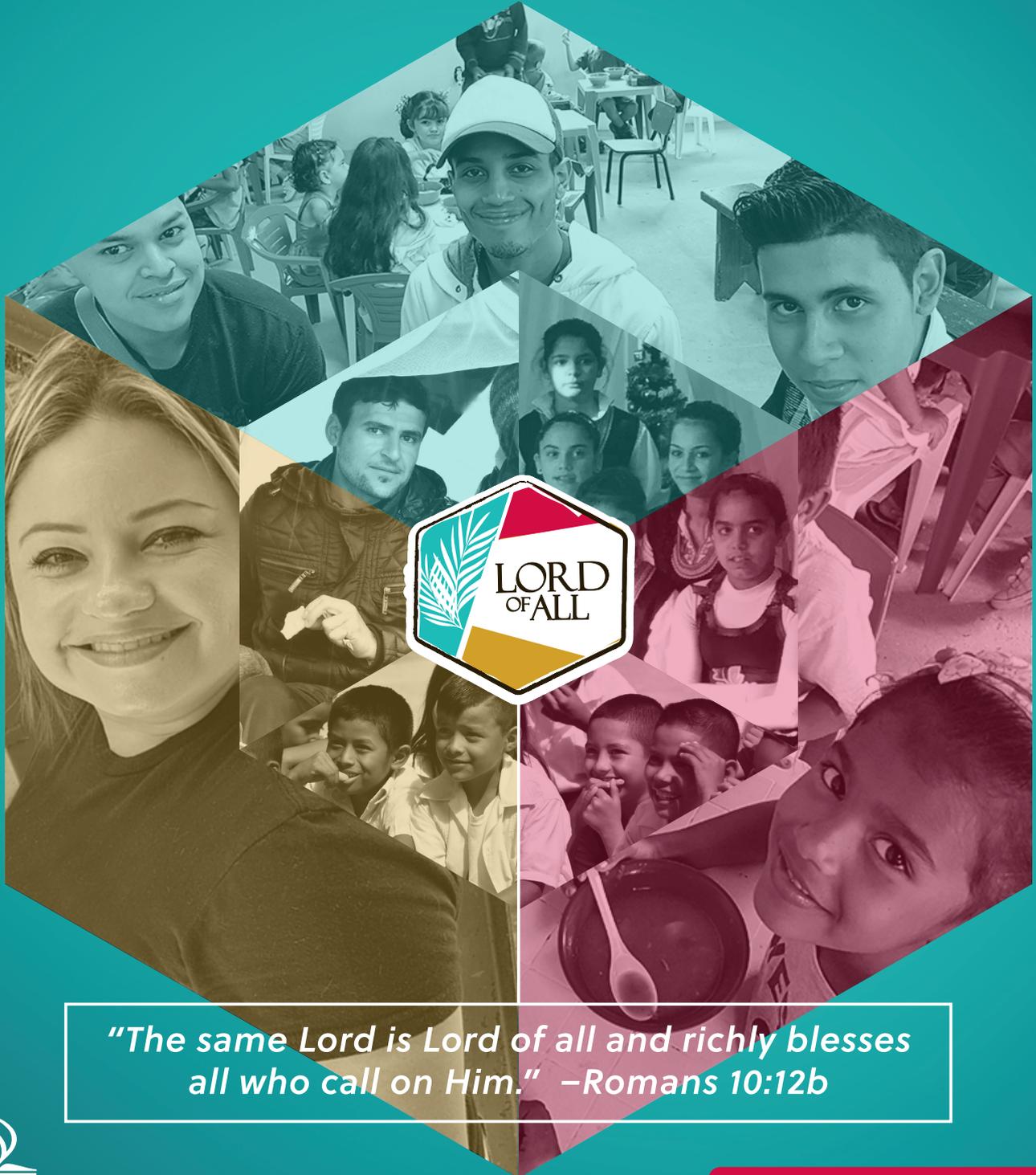
Our pastor, she wanted to train us as preachers, and in the first years it was difficult for us. People see our age and they say, "He can't teach me." But now they are used to us because they realize that God is doing something from us and now the situation is different.

Because I came to faith through a children's camp, I want to take part in leading children's camps because a lot of children bring their parents and they begin to believe God. ♦

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*"The same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses  
all who call on Him." –Romans 10:12b*

# Helping Hands e.V. celebrates 25 years of serving others

By Dorli Gschwandtner

On 27 February 1992, a handful of Nazarenes in Germany who had decided not to remain immune to suffering established a small organization which they called "Helping Hands". A quarter of a century later, Helping Hands has relieved suffering and laid foundations for holistic transformation through sustainable development and disaster response projects in more than 50 countries, especially in South Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa.

"Assist. Empower. Transform." is a loose English translation of Helping Hands's

German motto ("Wirkungsvoll helfen, nachhaltig verändern") and illustrates the way in which the organization has chosen to extend "helping hands" - by assisting the poorest of the poor in a culturally appropriate and effective manner, empowering people to become independent and help themselves, and holistically transforming the lives of individuals, families and whole communities.

While the organization is registered as an independent non-profit charitable society in Germany, it works closely together with German Nazarene congregations as well as ministering in partnership with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in many countries, raising funds, assisting



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projects (also through child sponsorship), offering services and reporting back to donors. One of the ways in which Helping Hands collaborate with the Germany District of the Church of the Nazarene is the annual Christmas parcel project, where Nazarenes all over Germany pack parcels with food and hygiene items in order to provide "Christmas joy" to families in Romania and Bulgaria. Helping Hands

also joins hands with the district through the "Shadow Riders" bicycle fundraiser that supports a Nazarene child development center in Sri

Lanka and various other fundraisers conducted by and in churches throughout the year, including a number of "Joggathons" that support different projects.

Helping Hands is also making an impact through the "paXan" young adult mission trips that are done in collaboration with NYI Germany. Since 2002, 14 teams have ministered in Europe, Asia and North America, supporting small projects with manual labor but also offering peace and encouragement and showing marginalized people that they are valuable and loved. As a result of this ministry, several long-term projects

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could be established, for instance child development centers in Sri Lanka and Albania.

No matter where or what sort of project is supported, Helping Hands emphasizes sustainable development with long-term effects and local empowerment in the context of reaching out with the love of Christ and His transforming power. On their 25th anniversary, Helping Hands is looking forward to the next quarter century of assisting, empowering and transforming in the name of Christ. ♦

***“For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.”***

***—Isaiah 41:13***

## Prayer requests

Pray for the believers in Armenia as they share Jesus with children, teens and their parents. Praise God for how He is already working in their lives. Ask God to continue to nurture the fruit, and to plant more seeds.

Pray for Pastor Bahram and the congregation ministering to refugees in their community. Ask God to send them abundant resources, as well as continue to grow their faith and love more deeply for God, each other and their new neighbors. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bring many people to belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Pray for the upcoming 2017 General Assembly and Conventions taking place in June in Indianapolis, United States, and nine additional locations. Ask God to anoint the gatherings with His Holy Spirit, that our international church family would hear His voice, obey His leading and move forward united in His mission.

Pray for Arthur and Annemarie Snijders (regional director) as they continue to travel internationally and lead the Eurasia Region. Also pray for the Eurasia Region's seven field strategy coordinators, district superintendents across the region, and Nazarenes in leadership at all levels. Ask God to anoint, encourage, and provide vision, wisdom and resources to continue His mission, disciple believers and expand the church into new areas.