

With GOD everything is possible!



Dear servants of the Lord,

Thank God for His support during 2018. Thank you for your prayers, work, and support for Nazarene Missions International (NMI) in your local church, our district, and the global church. We pray constantly for you and your family.

Lord Jesus has been doing amazing things with people who supported, or participated in mission activities. We are especially grateful for the testimonies of people each time we go to the Fawn Grove Compassion Center. The Lord is working in and through us.

Praying: Prayer Conference Call: Thank God for the prayer warriors. It has been a great experience to meet every week by phone for one hour to pray, praising and worshiping the Lord with thanksgiving, and interceding for our pastors, missionaries, country, ministries, people who need healing, jobs, and other needs. More churches are now having their own prayer times by phone. Praise GOD! Many miracles are happening during these prayer times.

NMI Leadership Spiritual Retreat: In June, we had our first spiritual gathering at a special place, Ocean Grove, very close to the beach. We were privileged to have our missionaries, the Croffords, with us. They shared their testimonies, and spoke about their ministry in Kenya. Thanks to Rev. Ken Blish who encouraged us into action. We had a time of prayer, testimonies, communion, and a challenge to serve in Missions. Next NMI Retreat will be in 2020.

Ministries around our communities: We are encouraging all NMI presidents to initiate compassion ministries around their churches. We really want to think and act like missionaries, sharing the Gospel everywhere, especially around our communities. They are the mission fields where God has placed us.

Missionary Tour or Deputation: We were very blessed to have David and Naomi Phillips in March, Audrey Landers in May, and Greg and Amy Crofford in June. They visited 18 churches in our District. Their Missionary stories encouraged us to pray more, give, and care for others. Great things are happening in all the churches that opened their doors to our missionaries.

LINKS: We are blessed to have 3 new families: the Potters from Vanuatu, the Benjimans from South Africa, and the Murillos from Mesoamerica.

Missionary Trips: Our district had a total of 18 Mission trips. God mobilized approximately 120 Nazarenes to participate in these trips. Thank you Bay Shore Church, Patchogue Church, Ozone Park Church, Westchester Chapel, Restauracion Church, Warwick Valley Church, Peniel Church, Mossaic Church, East Rockaway Church, Poughkeepsie Church, Jehova Shammah Church, and Passaic Spanish Church. In addition, the Central Point Church of Florida worked together with the Jersey City

Church, and the Crossroads Tabernacle of Texas worked together with Springfield Gardens Church, and First Flushing Church.

Weekend Mission Trips to Fawn Grove Compassion Center: We had 3 weekend mission trips, including 55 people, to Fawn Grove Compassion Center. In total, we packed 307 boxes of clothing that were shipped to Haiti, Florida, North Carolina, Guinea, and refugee camps in Europe. Thanks to Bronx Bethany Church, Newark Casa Peniel Church, Monte Sinai Church, Restauracion Church, and Primera Iglesia de Stamford.

Visiting Churches: I was blessed to visit and speak at 12 churches last year, and met with local NMI leaders. A big thanks to my precious husband Paul, and Jane Halasz for their company, and for driving.

WEF: World Evangelism Fund: We are supporting and promoting WEF 100%, focusing on the Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings. We have shared videos, links and many other resources. The testimonies of visiting missionaries have encouraged our souls to support World Evangelism. However, we have a big challenge. Our churches need to put greater emphasis on supporting the work of WEF.

Alabaster Offering: Our District is always helping us to remind the local leaders about this important offering. We are grateful to all churches who participated in this ministry.

Thanks be to God for His love, strength and guidance.

There have been many changes, but God had been faithful to us. We said good bye to Rev. Pastor Art Alexander. We are very grateful for his life and his support to NMI and Missions; and, I am praying for many blessings for him. We said good bye to my friend Brendy Franco, who had been a great support to me as person, and missions as well. May the Lord use her in His missions wherever she is, she is a virtuous girl!

All of us in Missions, and the local mission leaders, have been excited to welcome our new DS, Rev. Dr. Sam Vassel! We are ready to work with passion, respect, and a new vision. I have great expectations about how the Lord is going to work through us in these coming years.

Thank God for these people who helped me on the NMI Advisory team: Jane Halasz, Marykay Bonfante, Mavis Wiolds, Lydia Samlal, Levere Deane, Dawn Deane, Theresa Brown, Sandy Alvarez, and Joyce Johnson.

To GOD be the glory for what HE has done for Missions Metro New York in 2018!

Respectfully submitted....

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