

**Jesus is the First Missionary!**  
**He left the Heavens to be on our planet and died for us!**

**The Church of the Nazarene has a heart of Missions!**  
**Every time it breathes, it breathes with the heart of the Lord!**

## **1. Making Connections with Pastors and NMI Presidents:**

**Emails:** This year we send regular emails every week to Pastors and NMI Presidents, and weekly e-mails for the Prayer Conference Call. Thank you to the district for the use of Constant Contact, it helps us to give information to many more Nazarene leaders.

**Calling:** Last year, we made approx. 200 calls to Pastors and NMI presidents. Which was great! This year we continue communicating by phone or text. It is so amazing, we not only talk about Missions activities or business, but we pray for each other!

**Facebook:** We started with approx. 50 leaders from our district and many youth, plus connection with 10 churches. Now we have about 80 leaders, and many churches, and together through the District Facebook we can keep more than 2,000 Christians informed. Way to go!

**Texting:** Last year I had communication with 15 - 20 Leaders and proactive young people. Now, I am constantly texting leaders in our churches.

**2. Prayer Conference Call:** Focus: Praising the Lord, praying for our district leaders, pastors by zone, our missionaries, the missionaries in the creative access areas, and for personal prayer requests.

### **Tuesday 8pm English:**

- We started last year August 9, 2013 with 4 people.
- From that day to now, every Tuesday between 8 and 12 mission oriented Nazarenes from different parts of our district are praying together.

### **Mondays 8pm Spanish:** We started August 10 with 3 people. Now, we usually have 5.

- We have some scheduling conflicts with churches because they are busy Monday through Thursday with Theological classes, prayer meetings, Bible studies, and Youth meetings, etc.
- If is God's will, we will to open a new time for mornings at 5:30 a.m.

### **3. Mission Encounters: 2013** we had 4 Encounters

Warwick Valley CN(9/28/13)

Long Island -Massapequa Park CN (10/26/13)

Beulah CN(11-02/13)

High Mountain CN (11-09-13).

- Goals:**
- Mobilizing Local NMI Presidents
  - Connecting Global, District, and local NMI
  - NMI Information availability
  - Hearing their voices and hearts
  - Praying together.

- Process:**
- Praying for Missionaries by Continents.
  - Global NMI Mission Statement: Introducing the Themes
  - Sharing through prayer conference Calls
  - Sharing about Missionary Tour
  - Praying for Pastors
  - Videos: NMI Greetings and Resurrections
  - Missions around their church
  - Celebration of NMI 100 years!
  - Emphasis on the importance of **connection and care** (Global, district, and local)
  - Questions and suggestions: Great conversations, dreams, ideas and visions, ACTION!!!

**As a result of 2 months** of calling (from the last week of Sept to the beginning of Nov) and praying: we have **70 Nazarenes** with a love for Missions crying to God for a Big revival in the NMI Metro NY District, **12 pastors** (6 American & 6 Hispanic), and **19 NMI Presidents** (12 Americans & 7 Hispanic), and many great Nazarenes who are becoming part of the new NMI District Team.

**Praise to God for Nazarenes with love for Missions!**

### **4. Deputation - Missionary Tour: 2013:** Missionary Luis Meza visited **12 churches** in our district

Metro New York.

Nov 6, Iglesia del Nazareno Aliento de Vida, Farmingville, Long Island

Nov 7 Brooklyn Beulah Church of the Nazarene, Brooklyn

Nov 19; First Community Church of Nazarene, White Plains

Nov 20 and 21; Bay Shore Church of the Nazarene, Long Island

Dec 15: Primera Iglesia del Nazareno, Stamford, CT

Dec 15: Iglesia del Nazareno de Wallingford, CT (New England District church of the Nazarene)

Dec 20,: Brentwood Restauracion English, Long Island

Dec 21; Queens Roca de los Siglos Church, Jamaica, NY

Dec 22 : Warwick Valley Church, Warwick, NY

Dec 24 : Queens Richmond Hill, Richmond Hill, NY

Dec 28: Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene, Bronx, NY

Dec 29; Patchoughe Church Nazarene, Long Island.

**2014:** We have two missionaries:

**Missionary Dr. Bill Kwon (From May 19<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014)**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, First Community Church of Nazarene, White Plains

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dinner with Pastor and members from the Grace Bible Church of the Nazarene, Queens

May 25<sup>th</sup>, Brentwood Restauracion Spanish, Long Island

June 1<sup>st</sup>, Richmond Hills , Church of the Nazarene, Queens

June 1<sup>st</sup>, First South Asian Church of the Nazarene, Queens.

**Missionary Luis Mesa (From June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014)**

In process!

## **5. Visiting Churches and events:**

**2013:** I visited 4 Churches and 1 youth event:

- English Brentwood – Long Island (8/4/13).
- Aliento de Vida –Long Island (10/06/13)
- Queens Flushing First (10/20/13)
- New Paltz - NY(11/03/13) and
- JNI Camp -Spanish Youth (8/24/13).

They were encouraged by: Missionary Stories: "The Indian Tears", and "The Missionary and the Witch",

Videos: WEF & Resurrection Rodrigo (Spanish) or Resurrections Cody or Larry (English),

The Message was from Ezekiel 33:1-9: You are the Watchman!,

Explaining WEF, Mission Trips, the importance of praying for our missionaries and sharing and opening new ministries (Examples: Back Packers- NJ, free water from Long Island, help portrait, NY, food banks from North Bergen-NJ, Gifted hands, & free water and free prayer- NY), Emphasis on the importance of **connection and care** (Global, district and local) and Celebration of NMI 100 years!

- Other events:
- NMI Eastern Zone (09-06-13).
- Work and Witness Conference: (09-07-13)
- Missions Conference at NY: (10-09-13)
- Movement Day Conference at NY: (10-10-13)
- The Stand: Fall Rally (11-16-13), and
- **Back Packers Penn Station - Newark** (11-15-13): This event was amazing, 13 young people led by Tito, Nancy Rivera and Dayana Arrue from Casa Peniel Church of the Nazarene-Newark NJ were distributing socks, underwear, gloves, hats, soap, shampoo, towels, deodorants, brushes and tooth paste, scarves, cookies, burgers, etc. to about 60 people in the street and praying and talking with them. These young people are people of compassion =Love + Action, Amazing! They are prayer warriors.

**2014:** This year started very busy, I have visited 8 churches and 2 district events:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stamford Church on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>- Connecticut
- Rock Hill Church March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>- NY
- Bedford Zion Church and St. Paul's Church March 9<sup>th</sup>-Brooklyn NY
- Blessed Hope Church on March 16<sup>th</sup>- NJ
- Templo Emmanuel Church on March 23<sup>rd</sup>-NJ
- Elizabeth Church March 30<sup>th</sup> -NJ
- Butler Church April 6<sup>th</sup> -NJ
- I attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Spanish Pastor Retreat on March 14<sup>th</sup> (Amazing moment- very challenging)
- Youth Event SOMA at Elizabeth Church January 25<sup>th</sup> – NJ (almost 200 young people praying to God for a new year with the Holy Spirit for 2 hours).

They were encouraged by: Message from Ezekiel 33:10-20: **God's Justice and Mercy**

- The theme of these visits is **Redemption is Here!**
- Sharing a power point presentation: "The Missionary and the Witch"
- 2 videos (the new WEF video, Resurrections Jara, Cody, Devora, Rodrigo, Nidia, Larry, and Easter)
- Explaining WEF.

- Mission Trip 2014: Cherokee W&W to North Carolina
- Sharing about the ministries around Metro NY, such as: Back Packers, free water from Long Island, help portrait, food banks from North Bergen, Gifted hands, & free water and free prayer, the bikers, cafés, etc
- Emphasis on the importance of **connection and care** (Global, district and local)
- Celebration of NMI 100 years!

## **6. Prayer and organization of a new NMI advisory team:**

I had my First Meeting with the new NMI Advisory Team on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> . We are 13 people + 7 extra helpers, men and women from different backgrounds, and all of our zones, who have a love for missions. This new team is working with me to organize and mobilize Missions in Metro New York district. They are not responsible for specific ministries like LINKS or Deputation. They are learning and helping to mobilize Missions. Next year they can decide to take on specific responsibilities in Missions.

<b>Names</b>	<b>Zones</b>
<b>Ken Blish</b>	District
<b>Noe Franco</b>	Long Island
<b>Maynor Franco</b>	Central Up
<b>Doreen Ruty</b>	Central Up
<b>Mavis Welds</b>	Central Up
<b>Glenda Martin</b>	Brooklyn
<b>Nathalie Nicholls</b>	Brooklyn
<b>Cheryl Boland</b>	NJ North
<b>Denise Huffman</b>	NJ North
<b>Dayana Arrue</b>	NJ South
<b>Ricardo Vicente</b>	NJ South
<b>Tonette Cirujano</b>	Queens
<b>Extra Helpers:</b>	
Diana Vicente	Videos -NJ South
Jennifer Karon	Pictures - North NY
Stacey Loudici	Extreme – Long Island
Pastor Don Overby	Fawn Grove - NJ South
Veronica Velasquez	Everything we need
Aplfean Clarke	Everything we need
Jeanne Schmidt	Everything we need

**7. Developing the Website:** together with the district we are developing a website for Missions; it is going to be published May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Missionary Trips in our District:**

#	Church	Country-City	Pastor	Leader	Date
1	Clinton Church of the Nazarene	Nicaragua.	Rev. Andrew J. Paton		Last week of Feb and 1 <sup>st</sup> week of March
2	Queens Ozone Park Church of the Nazarene	Alabama Mission	Errol Vieria		July 14 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>
3	The Bridge Church of the Nazarene	Costa Rica	Christine Paolino		July 5 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>
4	Maranatha Church of the Nazarene	West Virginia	Charles Rizzo		July
5	Patchogue Church of the Nazarene	West Virginia	Gerald Bonfiglio		July 10 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>
6	Massapequa Church of the Nazarene	Ecuador	Thomas Boyd	Joyce Johnson and Stacy Laudici	October 9 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>
7	1ra Iglesia del Nazareno de Stamford.	Honduras	Juan Riofrio	Max Garzona	August 4 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>
8	Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene	Colombia	Dammuel Vassel		July 19 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>
9	Beulah Church of the Nazarene	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Wenton Fyne	Natalie Nicholls	July 11 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>
10	NMI District Mission Trip	Cherokee Compassion. North Carolina	NMI DISTRICT	Yelssy Manza	July 15 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>

## **9. Mission events in process: Praying for these Key events!!!!**

**District Assembly (May 8-10):** the NMI Metro NY District is responsible for:

- A Prayer Room (May 8-10): following the example of the General Assembly, a great opportunity for our leaders to come and pray to the Lord.
- Missionary LUNCH (May 9): following the example of the General Assembly, we want to have an encouraging time for every NMI President and Pastor. This will be a time of sharing and celebrating Jesus together. We are going to present ideas for the NMI 100 year celebration.

**Kids Day (June 7):** working together with Connections (SDMI), we are going to have a Mission time with our little district children!

**Cherokee Missions Trip (July 15 to 22):** 25 spots to help Missionaries Lester & Lisa Hardesty at Cherokee, NC.

**Missions in Family Camp (July 27<sup>th</sup> to Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>):** we have been invited to have Missionary time at this years Family Camp. Thank you to Connections (SDMI).

**(Tentative) Weekend Trip to Fawn Grove Compassion Center** to Maryland (Friday to Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>). We will teach the new NMI Leaders of the district to be part of CCK, School Pal Packs, and we will be packing clothing.

**(Tentative) Missionary Night on October:** a celebration night of Metro New York Missions. This event will be decided at the Missionary Lunch.

## Conclusions:

- It is a great honor to work for the Lord who has the victory in everything...
- I am so grateful with all my heart for the life of my great friend Ken Blish. He was my first American Nazarene friend in the Metro New York District. I am grateful for his love for the Lord and Missions, his care for people, his example of being a friend to everyone without discrimination, his prayer life, and his example of humility and holiness. He is my dear professor (he corrects my English), he helps me to be accountable, he listens to me. I am going to miss him and his precious wife Mrs. Susana very much! He may retire from his job in the district, but he will always be my advisor and friend.
- It is amazing to visit churches and seeing the Holy Spirit working in Pastors and Nazarenes who are praying for a **Big Missions Revival**.
- The Lord is with us. He is not finished yet, He is just starting....
- It is exciting to see churches, pastors, NMI presidents, asking to God for vision to see the needs of the people around their churches, and around the world, and to work with compassion hearts.
- In this year 2014, may all be shouting one day: "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; **but I come to you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.**"
- There are moments when I am doubting or questioning my efforts and abilities. Then, I remember that He loves us so much and His Spirit helps us in our weakness and He cries for us with groans that we can not understand!
- Just **trusting in the Lord** deeply, very deeply, **very very deeply!**

## To God be the Glory!

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