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## Conversation Starters

The Church of the Nazarene is a connectional ministry with a rich history of generous giving to our global mission. Here are some conversation starters for increasing knowledge about our mission and moving your members to generosity.

The Church of the Nazarene ministers in 155 world areas. The newest world areas entered (in 2008) are on the Africa Region—Guinea Conakry and Niger; and on the Eurasia Region—Moldova and Norway.

During the last 15 years, the Church of the Nazarene entered 57 world areas.

In 2008, more than 790 missionaries were deployed from approximately 40 world areas (including 508 Mission Corps volunteers and tentmakers) with more than 190 missionary kids. More than 11,000 volunteers participated in mission in 2008. In addition to Mission Corps and tentmakers, there were 728 Work & Witness teams and 94 Youth in Mission participants.

Churches outside of the USA and Canada numbered 11,300 churches (an increase of 8.4%) with 1.2 million members (an increase of 9.4%) in those areas.

More than 430 districts have been established around the world with more than 24,000 clergy.

More than 30,500 residential students study in 40 Bible colleges and seminaries and 11 universities in world areas, and 14,539 extension students receive their education at 30 education extension centers.

People are treated at 64 medical clinics and hospitals and thousands of Compassionate Ministry Centers.

More than 320 retired missionaries received pensions.

In 2008, 231 literature projects were completed in 56 languages. More than 700 active projects are currently underway, representing 62 languages. Some of these projects will take a minimum of 3 years to complete.

World Mission DVD and JESUS Film/Harvest Partners benefited from our global infrastructure.

Churches in the United States gave \$29.2 million USD for Approved Mission Specials.

The Award of Excellence overpayment amount exceeded \$1.4 million USD in 2008.

More than 3,000 churches and individuals gave \$2.6 million USD for NMI's 90th Anniversary project, "Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry."

Each region completed a strategic plan for implementation, and several fields have distributed books funded by global giving.

Missionary Health Care provided \$549,437 USD in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries.

NMI partnered with WM Broadcast, giving \$562,316 US to reach our neighbors in 75 countries, 30 languages, 85 programs, and 1,397 broadcasts.

LINKS generated \$251,407 USD for the vital connection between churches and missionaries around the world.

Nazarenes gave \$3.1 million USD for Alabaster to fund 236 construction projects on mission fields — 4.5 projects/week.

International Student Scholarship Fund (NMI's 80th Anniversary project) provided more than 150 scholarships for students to attend campus-based Nazarene theological institutions around the world.

NMI partnered with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to give \$7,686,978 USD to send 43,020 Crisis Care Kits for disaster response and to support 11,913 children through Child Development — an increase of 1,708 children.

NMI assisted Work & Witness in raising \$4.75 million US to deploy 728 teams. An average of 14 teams per week and 10,750 participants donated more than 390 years of labor.