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## Senior Pastor Annual Report

Aloha Mission Church!

This past year I have made Church Health a high priority in our church. I preached an 8-week series on Church Health and followed it up with a Church Health Survey. Through the survey, we identified the areas of our church where we could improve the quality of our health. We have been working on those areas, and we have seen the health of our church continue to improve. The reason that is important is because healthy churches grow naturally.

Some clear signs of our church health include welcoming 12 new members into our church family, baptizing 8 people to the glory of God, and issuing 4 local minister's licenses, one district licensed minister and having one of our own, Kirstyn Teegarden be ordained as an elder in the church at our next District Assembly in June. It is very exciting to see people answering God's call and stepping forward in faith to serve in ministry.

Beyond these measurable outcomes, we have also witnessed a deeper sense of unity, spiritual growth, and engagement within our congregation. Small groups have become more vibrant, participation in ministry has increased, and there is a renewed passion for prayer, worship, and the Word of God. These are all indicators that our church is not only growing in number, but also maturing in spirit.

A core principle of Church Health is seeing our church as an organism and not an organization. All organisms, if healthy, not only grow but reproduce themselves. I am excited to share that in the coming weeks, Mission Church has plans to reproduce a new church. We are starting a Spanish Service that will begin on Easter Sunday that will meet monthly. This Spanish service will be led by Spanish Speaking people from our own congregation who long to worship and hear God's Word in their own heart language. They also desire to reach Spanish speakers in our community for Jesus.

I am grateful for the honor and privilege to Pastor Mission Church. I look forward to continuing to grow the health of our church as we Authentically Love God. Humbly Serve Others and Intentionally Share Jesus!

Mahalo Nui Loa

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## Children's Ministry Annual Report

March 21, 2026

To Mission Nazarene Church family:

This is my 2nd year end report as the Children's Director. It's hard to believe another year has passed! Thank you for allowing me to minister to our children and their families. I have loved every minute. I used to be concerned about being the "oldest children's pastor ever" but now I realize that God is using my experiences and faith journey for His work.

I am very thankful for the volunteers in the children's ministries. There are 32 individuals who help with check-in, Sunday school, Nursery, Preschool Church, Children's Church, and Caravan scouting program. There is no way we could serve and minister to our children without the volunteers. We have 5 teens who are part of the volunteer crew. I am currently working to find a way to honor and celebrate them. I am also grateful for the help I receive from our office staff: Evelyn Quina, Heather Slater, and Abigail Crosby. Their creative gifts and advice have been invaluable to me. A big thank-you to our amazing staff. They support my wild ideas and jump in whole-heartedly.

We've had quite a few events but I want to mention two. Remember that "wild idea"? Last June we had an "All-Family VBS." It was 3 nights and included ALL AGES. Each night we provided dinner for families and volunteers. We had fantastic music led by Jeremy Watkin and the Worship team. Our theme was "The Great Adventure"...all things western! Turns out Jeremy was a huge fan of Steven Curtis Chapman who sang that song in the 90's. It was meant to be! Big thanks to Andrea Wolfe who was my co-leader and Jeff Birdsell who led fun-time and games. When we met to plan, they understood my desire to provide an all-family event. They were such a blessing and were totally on board with "The Great Adventure." That's what it was, we kind of invented and tried something new. Each night included dinner for everyone, fun-time, music, devotions, outside games, and snacks. My favorite? Sheriff Bob (Rev. Bob Smith) deputized everyone who learned their scripture verse. They came forward and raise their right hand, promising to "hide God's Word in their hearts." They received a deputy badge to wear proudly! If you missed VBS last year, you can join us this year! The dates are August 5-7, 2026.

Our Christmas program was another highlight. We had our babies participate as angels. The 4 of them were just delightful and calm! The children sang "Noche de Paz" (Silent Night). We have quite a few Spanish speaking families. Jayce Birdsell memorized the scripture and presented it so beautifully. That was his idea and I know he worked hard at it with his mom and dad! Our parents practice the music at home with the kids so we don't have to spend a Saturday rehearsing during Advent. We couldn't have any of our special music presentations with the parents' help. I would also like to mention that our angel babies' high chairs were decorated by Traci Smith. I gave her my tiny idea and she ran with it and made it better than I imagined! She was also the mastermind behind the wonderful VBS decorations.

Sunday school this past year was taught by Deborah Kirby. I am so thankful for her time and faithfulness to the children. She is gifted and has a heart for the kids to know Jesus.

Deborah had to step down from teaching and it was a huge hole to fill. Rachelle Wong has stepped in to teach in her place. Thank you to Rachelle for filling in the void. What a blessing.

The Caravan scouting program is on Wednesday nights. It is led by Janet Crow and her faithful crew: Tina Nickel, Andrea Wolfe, Barbara Anderson, Evelyn Quina, Cynthia Stockwell. Ella Quina, and Anabel Aparicio. We have 12 students participating.

We are currently in the process of finishing re-decorating the preschool church room. After Easter, we begin re-doing the Children's Church room. I am excited to bring color and something fresh to the rooms! Some dear people have already volunteered to help! Thank you! If you would like to help, please contact me at the church office.

- Number of kids who attended camp – 4
- Learned the Lord's Prayer – Barbie Serrano and Georgia Hope
- Favorite songs: "L-O-V-E", "Boom Chaka Laka", "On We Go", "This Little Light of Mine"
- Favorite video: "Your Way's Better" by Forrest Frank
- Baptized! – Amelia Lutes, Olivia Lutes
- Snacks served – over a million
- Favorite craft – the Prayer Sandwich
- Favorite "gift" – the hand-me-down bean bag chairs
- Favorite day – Team Jersey Day and "snow" on Christmas Eve!
- Recently promoted to Preschool church – Sarah Torres and Rose Wolfe
- Best break-out performance at Christmas – Victor Rivera Jr.
- Favorite nickname – "Yib"
- Person most likely in the courtyard after church, waiting for his wife – Jim Bergherm!

Matthew 19:14 – "Jesus said, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

Children matter to Jesus. They matter to Mission Church of the Nazarene. They matter to me. I am honored to be their Children's Director. Thank you for trusting me.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth "Yib" Bergherm

# **Student Ministries Annual Report (Jr High–Young Adults)**

Dennis Beckner  
Tait Leeper

## **Introduction**

This report highlights the great things happening from Jr. High to Young Adults at Mission Church. This has been a rebuilding year, but also an amazing year. We've seen a lot of progress toward health.

## **Youth Ministry**

This year has been both amazing and a bit of a struggle. Tait was out for a good portion of last Summer because of Officer Candidate School. However, to the students' credit, our group actually grew during the time he was gone. We have a very faithful group of students who are tight-knit and committed to this group.

We have added layers to our ministry this year in a few ways:

- Updating the look and atmosphere of the youth room to create a multimedia environment for learning
  - Adding a stage set that gets adjusted for each series
  - Adding "Impossible Shot" - an opportunity to engage visiting students and immediately make them feel welcome and known
  
- Creating tools to help students grow spiritually on their own outside of group
  - H - Hang Time With God (Prayer journal)
  - A - Accountability With Another Believer (Accountability tool)
  - B - Bible Memorization (Bible verses on a keychain for them to take home and memorize)
  - I - Involvement With The Church Body (We nudge students to get involved with our intergenerational church)
  - T - Tithing - We will soon be releasing a tool to help them understand tithing and how they can do it, even if they don't have an income.
  - S - Study Scripture (Devotional journal to walk them through how to study their Bible and journal what they are learning.)
  
- Giving our ministry away
  - We have communicated to students this is their space. We want them to take ownership
  - A few ways we have already made that happen
    - Students lead worship with the leadership of Ryan Enchelmayer and Jeff Birdsell
    - Students choose and help with events they can bring their friends to
      - End of Summer Bash (Slip and Slide Night)
      - Overnighter
      - These have helped our group grow significantly
  - Decorations
    - Students help with our stage design for each series
    - Students have decorated the room for events
    - Students have created a giant backdrop to help visitors know they belong

- Creating fun events that are engaging and serve the purpose of sharing Jesus with students
  - We took students up the coast for our annual Winter Retreat, where we stayed at Las Flores Church of the Nazarene and Rancho Life Church of the Nazarene. We also brought in Goose Ramos from Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene as our speaker for the weekend.
- The quizzing team is preparing for the national tournament in Salt Lake City in July of 2026. The team went to the national tournament at Olivet Nazarene University in June of 2025. Our quizzing team continues to be led by Sam Ireland, Chandra Morton, and Jason Morton.

### College/Career

This ministry is in a relaunch phase. While the college portion has a solid foundation, we don't have many young adults. We are working to build what we have toward health. As we do that, and invite people in, we believe our numbers will grow.

This year we've had mostly students from PLNU attending. Our hope is to expand to other universities in the area. One of the ways we are encouraged is our church's support of InterVarsity, a ministry at SDSU.

We have been studying books of the Bible in discussion format. Since the 2025-2026 school year has been in session, we've covered Philemon, Ephesians and Colossians in a discussion format.

Part of the development of this group has been seeing students take leadership. Josh and Maddie Johnson have poured a lot of energy into this group specifically through event planning, social media, and teaching. Thanks to their leadership, and the faithfulness of the members in the group, they have begun to show autonomy. This is a great sign of the group maturing and taking on a life of its own.

Our events this year have been:

- Pumpkin Carving competition and dinner
- Christmas Party
- Day trip to Julian (a 1-day Winter Retreat)
- San Diego Zoo
- Serving on Ohana Sunday (setup, tear down and running the bounce house)
- Setting up and tearing down for Palm Sunday

We meet for lunch and Sunday School after church each week. However, we're moving back to 9:00 AM on Sundays starting March 22.

## **Associate Pastor and Preschool Board Chairman Annual Report**

### **Statement of Ministry Activities**

What a privilege to serve my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the role of Associate Pastor here at Mission Church.

This report summarizes my ongoing ministerial activity to the congregation of Mission Church as we join with Churches of the Nazarene throughout the world to fulfill our denominational mission "To Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations."

This past church year Mission Church focused on four key areas that define a healthy church: Inspiring Worship, Gift-Based Ministry and Outreach, Prayer Ministries, and Leadership Development and Administrative Support.

### **Inspiring Worship**

- Participation in weekly 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning prayer gatherings with pastoral staff, worship team members, sound technicians, greeters, teachers, and office personnel in preparation for corporate worship.
- Teaching the Care & Share Sunday School Class each Sunday, providing discipleship opportunities for adults seeking biblical teaching and fellowship.
- Providing pastoral presence each Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, particularly ministering to those seated in the overflow/foyer area.
- Serving Communion on a regular basis, ensuring that all present—including those unable to enter the sanctuary—are able to participate in the Lord's Supper.
- Greeting attendees and latecomers to foster a welcoming environment for both long-time members and guests.
- Assisting in special services throughout the year, including Christmas Eve worship gatherings and memorial services for members and families connected to our church.

### **Gift-Based Ministry and Outreach**

- Leading our weekly Monday Homeless Outreach in downtown San Diego at Living Water Church. This ministry mobilizes 7–10 volunteers weekly and provides 60 to over 100 meals each Monday, accompanied by compassionate Christian witness.
- Leading a Tuesday morning Sermon Application Bible Study via Zoom, encouraging participants to apply the preached Word in daily life and ministry.
- Participating in a weekly writing group that strengthens communication skills for preaching, teaching, and devotional writing. This contributed to the publication of my devotional resource, *Have Yourself a Messy Little Christmas*, which has been shared with members of our congregation and community for spiritual encouragement.
- Supporting youth and family ministries through hospitality, including hosting youth fellowship gatherings in our home.
- Participating with my wife, Aleta, in marriage enrichment opportunities such as the Sacred Marriage Workshop.

### **Prayer Ministries**

- Leading and participating in our Wednesday morning congregational prayer gathering attended by approximately twenty individuals who intercede for our church, community,

and those experiencing illness or personal crises.

- Assisting in the scheduling and development of lay leadership for prayer gatherings in collaboration with the Lead Pastor and other ministry leaders.
- Participating in additional weekly prayer opportunities connected with worship preparation and congregational care.

### **Leadership Development and Administrative Support**

- Participating in weekly staff meetings with Lead Pastor Gordon Wong and church staff for leadership development and ministry planning.
- Leading the San Diego Zone Pastors Meeting, including times of fellowship, encouragement, and celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- Attending district-related gatherings such as the San Diego Zone Pastors Breakfast.
- Supporting the Director of Women's Ministries in planning and implementing church-wide events such as the Epiphany Tea.
- Serving as Chairman of the Mission Nazarene Preschool Board, providing governance and support for staff serving children and families through this important ministry of the church.

### **Conclusion**

Serving with me is my wife Aleta, whose partnership in the gospel has made our ministry together joyful and fulfilling. Serving Jesus and His church gives unity to our marriage relationship. You are fortunate as a church that she married me 58 years ago come July 13!

Paul L. Slater, Associate Pastor  
Mission Church of the Nazarene  
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## Mission Nazarene Preschool Annual Report

Here we are reflecting on 2025! What a great year it was for Mission Nazarene Preschool. God brought us new teachers and lots of new families. We currently have 29 staff members and 96 children.

Here are some of the highlights at Mission Nazarene Preschool:

- 2025 was the 30th anniversary of the preschool. So fun to hear stories of past times from staff who have been with us over the years.
  - We currently have two parents and one Aunt who were here as children and now bring their own children to MNP!
  - One of our teachers, Ms. Carmen has been here since the beginning. Ms. Denise T. has been here for 22 years.
  - Ms. Irma became the Assistant Director and has been with the preschool for 15 years.
- I would like to acknowledge the support and dedication of the Mission Nazarene Preschool volunteer board members. They give of their time and share their opinions which support the preschool and teachers. The current board members are Roxie Fuertes, Annette Rawers, Colleen Hartman, and Aleta Slater.
- In last year's report, we had just begun the planting and growing of our gardens. Over the year we have seen and tasted many different flowers, herbs, and vegetables. A few of the favorites were harvesting the strawberries and potatoes.
  - This year, Bev Horton will be watching over the gardens. Thank you, Bev, for loving on the gardens.
- Here at the preschool, we continue to partner with two community groups. Soccer Shots and Coco Motion Dance come weekly to offer classes to the children. Ms. Coco even has dance recitals. If you want to watch something adorable, feel free to come to the next dance recital on May 21st.
- We would also like to invite you all to the Mission Nazarene Preschool Art show coming up May 22nd @ 5:30pm-6:30pm. It is an open house style, so feel free to come see all the artwork and creations done by the children. There are even some auction items.

Thank you for all the prayers each and every week for the building, staff and families. We feel them and appreciate them!

Here's to a great 2026!

Blessings,  
Evie Kensel  
MNP Director

## Executive Administrator Annual Report

As the Executive Administrator of Mission Church, my role primarily focuses on behind-the-scenes support. I work closely alongside Pastor Gordon, supporting him and the pastoral team through encouragement, assistance, and guidance as needed. I also oversee our facilities, and with the faithful support of Abigail Crosby, our Financial Secretary, and Aldo Osuna, our Lead Custodian, we are able to effectively manage the day-to-day operational needs of our campus.

In addition to facilities oversight, my role helps support our pastoral leadership as we actively seek ministry program leaders to fill several critical staff positions. Our goal is to cultivate a cohesive pastoral team—one that encourages and supports one another—as we prepare to add additional interns and staff to better serve our growing and evolving church community.

We continue to prioritize staff training throughout the year and remain committed to fostering a culture of support, collaboration, and shared purpose. As our church programs continue to grow, we appreciate your ongoing prayers as we seek to fill additional ministerial positions that are currently being supported by dedicated volunteer leadership teams.

With the support of our Stewards, our Communication Team has focused on sharing “**Our Story**” with both our church family and our visitors. This team is dedicated to visually communicating who we are, what we value, and what guests can expect when they join us on Sunday mornings. As part of our commitment to keeping our messaging fresh and engaging, we have intentionally refreshed the look and feel of our communication while remaining faithful to how we live out our Mission Church values—to Authentically LOVE God, Humbly SERVE Others, and Intentionally SHARE Jesus.

### Facilities Update

With the support of our Church Board of Trustees and dedicated volunteers, we have made significant strides in beautifying our church facilities. Through organized **church workdays**, teams have painted our RED curbs in the parking lot, cleaned windows, refreshed landscaping, cleaned children’s play equipment, and painted our storage Sea containers to better match the church campus.

Over the past year, our church and preschool communities have experienced encouraging growth and have enjoyed meaningful opportunities for fellowship on our campus. This growth has inspired us to continue improving our facilities so we can serve our community in the best way possible.

As part of our ongoing initiatives, we are working to enhance the overall appearance of our campus through improved signage that thoughtfully communicates who we are, our values, and how we serve our community. These efforts also include intentional attention to ambiance and safety, ensuring our facilities remain welcoming, functional, and secure for everyone who gathers here.

Over the past year, we have completed several significant improvement projects across our campus, in addition to many smaller enhancements. One of the largest projects was

the installation of an upgraded solar array. This included replacing just over half of our solar panels and repairing the remaining system to help meet the increasing electrical needs of both our church and preschool.

Our trustees and volunteers remain committed to educating themselves and the Board as we explore the best long-term options for developing a solar system that effectively supports the ongoing needs of our facilities.

It is a true pleasure to serve alongside each of you here at Mission Church as the Executive Administrator. Thank you for the opportunity and for your continued partnership in ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Horrex, Executive Administrator

## **Nazarene Missions International Annual Report**

The 2025-2026 Church year was again a very busy year in reaching our world for Christ through missions. We have Authentically Loved God, Humbly Served Others, and Intentionally Shared Jesus through our going and our giving this year. This past year we have participated directly in international missions in three different countries. We have also looked for ministries in the United States and local opportunities to serve God beyond the walls of Mission Church. Here are some of the highlights:

- The Family Mission Trip. We traveled to Tecate in November and December and built a classroom for kids with disabilities and 40 people from Mission Church participated. We also had a great Vacation Bible School at one of the local churches.
- We took a team of 13 to the Native American Christian Academy and completed significant updates on several of their facilities.
- We partnered with the Mavericks trip to Bolivia in July to continue work started by Larry Webb. Our very own Vic Enchelmayer leads that ministry.
- Our ongoing work with Cocal Gracias in Honduras and Director Brian Ruark, including a trip to the ministry in August. Many from Mission also helped financially support the purchase of a new ministry center and God is moving in mighty ways through the new center.
- We continue to support Casa Esperanza para Niños in Hermosillo, Mexico, including a trip in March where we connected with the kids at the orphanage and made needed repairs. Several other short-term trips were also made throughout the year.
- Another banner year in Faith Promise. Over \$85,000 was pledged, and over \$115,000 was actually received and we look forward to using the pledges to reach people for Christ through missions.
- Locally supporting the urban ministries of Mid-City Church of the Nazarene, Southeast Church of the Nazarene and Living Water Church of the Nazarene. Along with providing financial support, we have people regularly serving in a variety of ways.
- We also had multiple couples lead teams around the globe through Point Loma Nazarene's LoveWorks program.

In this new year we will continue to pursue different opportunities to engage in Missions, both locally and beyond. We invite you to join us in 3 ways:

- Personally participate in missions opportunities. We have a trip to the Native American Christian Academy in June, the 25-year celebration Family Mission Trips planned for December, a trip to Bolivia (July), and a trip to Cocal Gracias in August.
- Regularly pray for missions.
- Generously give so that we can continue to live out our call to be missional people.

Serving Him,

Barry Jones,  
NYI President

## Nazarene Discipleship International Annual Report

The discipleship ministry at Mission Church has a long and strong history. The strength of our discipleship ministry has been the amazing pastors, teachers, leaders and facilitators who have given themselves to plan, prepare and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This past year has been a vibrant year of development and growth.

Elizabeth Bergherm leads our children's ministry with such love, care and creativity for our children. Tait Leeper and Dennis Beckner creatively lead our youth ministry, which has grown in numbers this year. Our college age group has gathered weekly and planned additional outings and activities to engage new people.

Chandra Morton and team continue to lead our teen Bible quizzing team. Their devotion to teaching our kids God's Word has been a blessing.

Janet Crow leads a great team of people who lead our Caravans. Our children are given a solid biblical foundation through our Caravan program, earning badges and having fun.

Our women's ministry has been a highlight at Mission Church for many years. We have a vibrant ladies' Bible study and prayer time meeting regularly on Thursday mornings. We have a dedicated leadership team who actively plan events throughout the year, including an annual fall retreat, dinners, brunches, and other gatherings.

Mission Men's Ministry, better know as 3M, meets regularly for breakfast, worship, and devotional time together. 3M continues to grow spiritually and relationally.

DISH.COMM (Discipleship Communities at Mission Church) has filled the need for intentional discipleship and intergenerational community building. We are seeing deeper relationships develop that pass through generational boundaries. This year our groups are viewing *The Chosen* together, having rich discussion and studying the scriptures that the show is based upon. DISH.COMM continues to be a vital part of growing in God's word and deepening relationships.

If you are not involved in one of our Discipleship opportunities at Mission Church, you are missing out on one of the best things about Mission Church. Get involved and get connected!

Respectfully,

Colleen Hartman  
NDI Superintendent



In accordance with the Nazarene manual, among the pastor's administrative duties:

**125.4.** Read to the congregation the Constitution of the Church of the Nazarene and the Covenant of Christian Conduct contained in paragraphs 1-21, 28-33, both inclusive, within each year, *or have this section of the Manual distributed annually to the members of the church.* (Links below)

Below is a QR / link to the PDF version of the 2023 Nazarene Manual



<https://resources.nazarene.org/index.php/s/KGiJra8WZQjjZwb/download/2023%20Manual.pdf>

- Constitution of the Church of the Nazarene on pages 26-38 (paragraphs 1-21)
- Covenant of Christian Conduct on pages 44-61 (paragraphs 28-33).