

Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **162 world areas**.*
- In 2017, there were **685 missionaries** originating from **59 world areas** (including **225 long-term volunteers**). Last year, **110 new missionaries** were added. Within these missionary families, there are 379 missionary kids.*
- **9,480 volunteers** participated in Global Missions in 2017. In addition to the long-term volunteers, there were **314 short-term volunteers**, and **9,166 Work & Witness team members**.
- Churches in global mission areas numbered **30,875 churches** (increase of 0.98 percent) with **2.55 million members** (increase of 3.19 percent from last year).*
- **479 districts** have been established around the world in 2017 with **28,719 clergy**.*
- **5 graduate seminaries, 30 undergraduate Bible/theological colleges, 14 liberal arts institutions, 2 nurses training colleges, and 1 teacher training college** had a 2017 combined enrollment of **50,799 students** globally.*
- People were treated at **community-based clinics and health care centers** all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Swaziland.*
- **221 retired missionaries** received pensions.*
- **NMI membership was approximately 1 million**, and the **number of organized local NMIs have risen by 2.33 percent to 17,293**.
- NMI and JESUS Film Harvest Partners, through WEF, helped provide infrastructure for **608 Nazarene JESUS Film teams** to share God's love. In 2016–2017, the teams reported **2.67 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **638,319** (24 percent of contacts) **indicated decisions for Christ** with **379,669** (59 percent of decisions) **initial discipleship follow-ups**. The teams started **7,544 preaching points** in 2017.
- NMI partnered with pastors, church boards, Global Missions, and Stewardship to help churches raise **US \$37.44 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2017 fiscal year (FY).*
- Churches globally gave **US \$30.86 million for Approved Mission Specials** (up 17 percent from FY 2016).
- In 2017, **110 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund** (up 21 districts). WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent invests in new works in all world areas, including the USA and Canada.
- **Missionary Health Care** provided approximately **US \$472,769 in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries (up 6.76 percent from FY 2016).
- NMI partnered with **World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, giving approximately **US \$367,327** to provide radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.
- Nazarenes gave **US \$3.7 million in deputation** offerings for missionaries, up 15.9 percent from FY 2016.
- NMI generated approximately **US \$253,347 through Links** (up 4.94 percent), a vital personalized connection between local churches, districts, and missionaries around the world.
- Nazarenes gave **US \$2.46 million for Alabaster** (up 0.24 percent) to fund construction projects in 2017. In 2016–2017, Alabaster funds were released for 216 projects for the Church of the Nazarene in all six regions around the world. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- **International Student Scholarship Fund** (NMI 80th Anniversary project) provided **89 scholarships** for students to attend Nazarene theological institutions globally.
- NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$9.28 million** for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support approximately **12,000 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs. Churches sent **52,320 Crisis Care Kits** and **9,700 School Pal-Paks**.
- NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$1.66 million** to deploy **647 teams**, an **average of 12 teams per week**. **9,166 people** participated in Work & Witness in 2017, donating the equivalent of **329 years of labor**.
- Nazarene churches around the world operated **1,439 pre-school, primary, and secondary schools** with a **total enrollment of 166,231 students**.

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