

# 2022 Nazarene Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **164 world areas**.
- In 2021, there were **492 missionaries** originating from **63 world areas**, serving in **91 countries**. Of these missionaries, **336 served as global deployed** and **156 were sponsored deployed**. Last year, there were **50 new missionary deployments**. Within these missionary families, there are **306 missionary kids**.
- The number of Nazarene churches grew to **31,049 churches**, an increase of 0.56 percent, with **2.64 million members**, an increase of 0.90 percent increase from last year.\*
- In 2020, there were **489 districts** around the world, with **30,184 credentialed clergy**.\*
- **51 educational institutions, including graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 13 liberal arts colleges/universities, 30 undergraduate seminaries/theological/Bible colleges, 2 nurses training colleges, 1 teacher training college, and 1063 education centers (extension)** had a 2021 combined **enrollment of 47,997 students** globally.\*
- Persons in need were treated at **community-based clinics and health care centers** all over the world with concentrated efforts in India, Papua New Guinea, and Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland).\*
- **393 retired missionaries** received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- **NMI membership was 1,001,381**, with 18,916 **organized local NMIs**.
- **JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP)**, raising **\$3.67 million**, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for **914 JFHP teams** to share God's love. In 2020–2021, the teams reported **1.6 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **480,222 indicated decisions for Christ** with **310,633 initial discipleship follow-ups**. The teams started **9,717 preaching points** in 2021.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise **US \$37.8 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.\*\*
- Churches globally gave **US \$27.7 million for Approved Mission Specials**.\*\*
- In 2021, **95 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund (53 of which were from regions other than the US/Canada region)**. WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains works opened in recent years, and helps send new missionaries that God calls.<sup>1</sup>
- **Missionary Health Care** provided **US \$457,915 in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts.\*\*
- Nazarenes gave **US \$292,638 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.\*\*
- Nazarenes gave **US \$3.78 million in deputation** offerings for missionaries.\*\*
- "NMI has all 6 regions participating in Links, contributing **\$183,821**, and creating personalized connections between local churches, districts, and missionaries around the world. Each connection is vital in continuing to share about the impact of missions."

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<sup>1</sup> "New work" refers to new world areas, a geographical area, or new entities such as institutions. Pioneer areas or Phase 1 districts are considered new work. When a district reaches Phase 2, it is no longer a "new work."

- Nazarenes gave **US \$2.29 million for Alabaster**, to fund construction projects in 2021. 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 **79 scholarships** for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
- NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$5.7 million**, for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **11,236 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs.\*\*
- NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$664,502**.

God has blessed the efforts of the Church of the Nazarene during the COVID-19 pandemic, extending grace, bringing hope, and ministering peace to those in need of Him around the world. Thank you for your faithfulness in these uncertain times.

\* Supported either directly or indirectly by World Evangelism Fund (WEF).

\*\* Represents data for the fiscal year (1 October, 2020 through 30 September, 2021).

Denominational statistics for 2021

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