

Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **164 world areas**. During the 2021 General Board, **Luxembourg**, on the Eurasia Region, became the latest world area to receive approval for official entry.*
- In 2020, there were **531 missionaries** originating from **64 world areas**, serving in **96 countries**. Of these missionaries, **361 served as global deployed** and **170 were sponsored deployed**. Last year, there were **66 new missionary deployments** (some of whom are awaiting their departure for the field, due to COVID-19 travel restrictions). Within these missionary families, there are **302 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 1,411 education centers (extension)** had a 2020 combined **enrollment of 49,244 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).*
- **406 retired missionaries** received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.**
- **NMI membership was 1,058,137**, with the **number of organized local NMIs rising to 19,143**.
- **JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), raising \$3.67 million**, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for **847 JFHP teams** to share God's love. In 2019–2020, the teams reported **1.9 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **511,097 indicated decisions for Christ** with **314,924 initial discipleship follow-ups**. The teams started **8,632 preaching points** in 2020.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise **US \$37.09 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.**
- Churches globally gave **US \$25.88 million for Approved Mission Specials****.
- In 2020, **77 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund (52 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.¹

¹ "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."

- **Missionary Health Care** provided **US \$304,671 in medical assistance** for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts.**
- Nazarenes gave **US \$233,667 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.**
- Nazarenes gave **US \$3.07 million in deputation** offerings for missionaries.**
- NMI has more than **269 districts worldwide participating in Links**, contributing **\$186,051**, 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.
- Nazarenes gave **US \$2.4 million for Alabaster**, to fund construction projects in 2020. 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 **86 scholarships** for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
- NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$4.3 million**, for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **11,951 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs.**
- NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$1.01 million**, to deploy **270 teams**, an **average of 4.82 teams per week**. **2,659 volunteers** participated in Work & Witness in 2020, donating **173,023 hours of labor (or 86.5 years of labor)**.
- Nazarene churches around the world operated **1,353 pre-school, primary, and secondary schools** with a **total enrollment of 162,797 students**.

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.

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** Represents data for the fiscal year (1 October, 2019 through 30 September, 2020).

Denominational statistics for 2020

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