

2023 Nazarene Fast Facts

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **164 world areas**.
- In 2022, there were **489 missionaries** originating from **63 world areas**, serving in **91 countries**. Of these missionaries, **325 served as global deployed** and **164 were sponsored deployed**. Last year, there were **60 new missionary deployments**. Within these missionary families, there are **306 missionary kids**.
- The number of Nazarene churches dropped to **30,518 churches** with slightly over **2.65 million members**, a decrease from last year.
- In 2022, there were **468 districts** and **33 pioneer areas** around the world, with **31,461 credentialed clergy**.*
- **50 educational institutions, including graduate seminaries/theological colleges, 12 liberal arts colleges/universities, 30 undergraduate seminaries/theological/Bible colleges, including two nurses training colleges, one teacher training college, and 1,032 education centers (extension) had a 2022 combined enrollment of 45,124 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).*
- **376 retired missionaries** received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.*
- **NMI membership for 2022 was 1,042,338, with 19,558 organized local NMIs**.
- **JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), raising \$4.3 million**, reports that World Evangelism Fund (WEF) helped provide infrastructure for **960 JFHP teams** to share God's love. In 2022, teams reported over **two million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **584,063 indicated decisions for Christ**, with **366,191 new believers receiving initial discipleship follow-up**. Teams started **10,771 Preaching Points** in 2022.
- NMI and others partnered with local churches to help raise slightly less than **US \$38.6 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.**
- Churches globally gave **US \$31.4 million for Approved Missions Projects**.**
- In 2022, **99 districts gave 5.5 percent of their income and beyond to the World Evangelism Fund (54 of which were from regions other than the USA/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
- **Missionary Health Care provided US \$406,362** in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts.**

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."

- Nazarenes gave **US \$256,610 to World Mission Broadcast (WMB)**, providing radio, television, and Internet programs to share the gospel globally.**
- Nazarenes gave **US \$4.2 million in deputation and missionary support** offerings for missionaries.**
- NMI has all six regions participating in Care and Connection, contributing **\$129,203**, 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 \$2.9 million for Alabaster**, to fund projects in 2022. 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 **88 scholarships** for students outside the USA/Canada to attend Nazarene theological institutions.
- NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US \$8.4 million**, for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **11,126 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kid programs.**
- NMI assisted **Work & Witness** in raising approximately **US \$999,576**.

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

** Represents data for the fiscal year 1 October, 2021 through 30 September, 2022.

Denominational statistics for 2022

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