



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



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ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR MISSION:

To make Christlike disciples in the nations.



1,319 NEW CHURCHES

146,577 NEW NAZARENES

221,730 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

WORLD
EVANGELISM
FUND

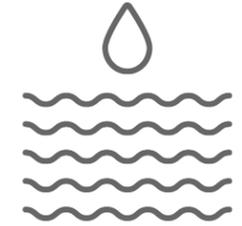
The World Evangelism Fund is the mission network that all Nazarene ministries are built upon. Your prayers, participation, and contributions make it possible to bring the transformational love of Jesus Christ to people, communities, and nations through our globally unified Nazarene family.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

There are many ways to measure our missional effectiveness. Here are just a few statistics that highlight the Church of the Nazarene's global ministry in 2017:

2,550,374 TOTAL MEMBERS

91,175 BAPTISMS



140,000+ RECEIVED DISASTER RELIEF

10,936 SPONSORED CHILDREN

28,719 NAZARENE MINISTERS

685 NAZARENE MISSIONARIES



451 COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

52 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

NEW WORLD AREAS

In 2017, the Church of the Nazarene officially entered three new world areas. As the church expands, our missionaries, pastors, and members share the transformational love of Jesus Christ and the message of holiness.



SINGAPORE

In the summer of 2006, four missionary families moved to Singapore to embark on a great adventure for God. They began focusing on the people God brought in front of them each day: the taxi driver; the guard at the condominium; the international student; the teenagers on the community basketball court; the cashier at the local grocery store.

One family learned about some individuals from Myanmar wanting to improve their English skills. As relationships deepened, a ministry to people from this nation began that continues today.

Another family opened their home to international students to help them improve their English. Christmas and Easter seasons became great times of outreach with some students hearing the stories of Jesus' birth, life, and resurrection for the first time. One Christmas, the group learned that "Bethlehem" meant "house of bread." Since there was always fresh, warm homemade bread for lunch, the group began to call themselves "The House of Bread."

Slowly, the community of believers began to grow. Jesus was building His Church! Many who were touched by the ministry were students who moved on to graduate school or to work in other countries, but the core group continued to grow.

Today, the House of Bread is a vibrant organic church composed mainly of young professionals. Another worship group composed of workers from Myanmar meets several times a month for worship and fellowship. An English class meets every Sunday evening. During the week, smaller groups meet, including a men's group, a ladies' group, a discipleship group, and a philosophy group.



CURAÇAO

The Church of the Nazarene found a new home in a small island off the northern coast of Venezuela. Curaçao is a Dutch island, but there were no Dutch-speaking churches in the area. This meant there was little church growth up to this point. The Nazarene church decided to focus its endeavors by orchestrating an international team to respond to these challenges.

Crossroads Church of the Nazarene in Ellicott City, Maryland, provided several of the Curaçao team members. They were joined by Dutch immigrants Jonathan and Lissett Petrus and missionaries Scott and Emily Armstrong.

After some prayer and brainstorming, Crossroads announced a long-term partnership with Curaçao in June 2014. That following December, church members Richard and Karen Brash went to Curaçao on a short visit to check out the island. They quickly felt God's calling to join the team as well.

Their efforts began with a small Bible study, and they are now beginning to think about future endeavors. Their initial plan is to reach into the Dutch-speaking populace, which makes up about 20 percent. After that, they will begin outreach to the rest of the island.

What started as a small team sent to a remote island now stands as a powerful testament to the faithfulness of God.



MONGOLIA

In 2012, Sunny and Lisa Um became the first Nazarene missionaries to Mongolia. The Um family built a well and planted the "First Yurt of the Nazarene." The pioneer congregation has 30 to 40 members at any given time and the Ums are looking for a new village to build another church.

Joshua and Christina Cho joined the Ums in 2013. The Chos are building relationships through small group Bible studies, compassionate ministry projects, and through their Mongolian language classes.

Another missionary family, Chris and Courtney Troutman, also followed the call to missionary work in Mongolia. Chris is currently developing a community outreach center that will serve as a hub for many activities, including a Bible study, children's clubs, and worship through song while Courtney teaches English to children at a local international school.

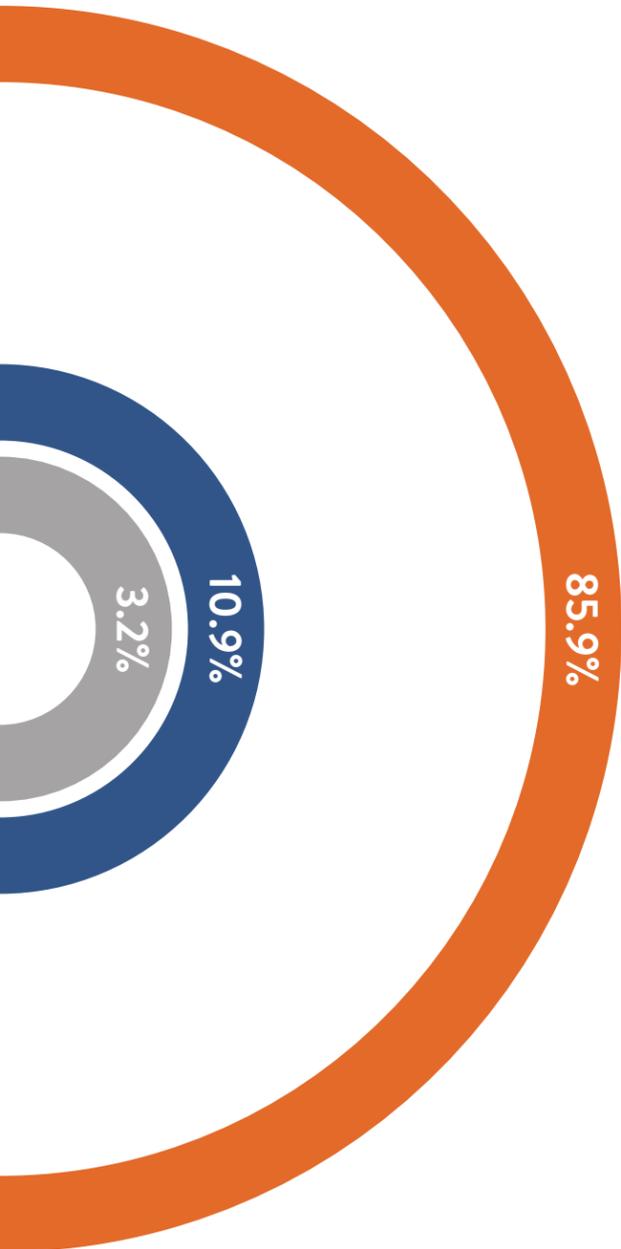
Through the work in Mongolia, local leaders are also being formed. Reggie, who attended a Christian church, felt called to study Bible and theology. Reggie enrolled at Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in the Philippines and graduated in 2015 with a Master of Divinity. She returned to Mongolia, where she works at the community center with Chris and Courtney.

Thanks to the faithfulness of church leaders such as these, the presence of the Church of the Nazarene is officially recognized in Mongolia.



EXPENSES BY FUNCTIONAL PERCENTAGE

This graph displays the expenses that make global ministry possible.



PROGRAM
\$62.8 MILLION

ADMINISTRATIVE
\$8.0 MILLION

FUNDRAISING
\$2.3 MILLION



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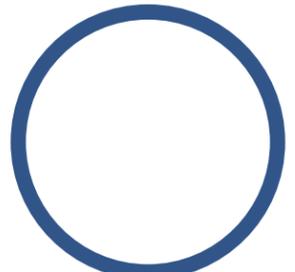
USE OF MISSION GIFTS

Thank you for your investment of \$37.5 million in the World Evangelism Fund and \$30.9 million in Mission Specials.

\$54.6
MILLION

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Ministry support and funding for the six regions, including global youth and discipleship ministry



79.8%

\$7.4
MILLION

MISSION SUPPORT

Programs, technology, processing, and additional services that enable global ministry



10.8%

\$3.1
MILLION

HIGHER EDUCATION

Oversight of clergy development and 52 colleges, universities, and seminaries located in 35 countries, including support for Nazarene Theological Seminary, Nazarene Bible College, Nazarene Theological College–Manchester, and Ambrose University



4.6%

\$2.4
MILLION

DENOMINATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Logistics and support for the Board of General Superintendents as they provide vision, strategic development, ecclesiastical policy, clergy ordination, and theological guidance for the global church



3.5%

\$0.9
MILLION

EVENT SERVICES

General Assembly arrangements, General Board committees, corporate activities, and legal services



1.3%

\$68.4
MILLION

TOTAL GIVING



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