

MISSIONARY HEALTH CARE

A few years ago, former missionary Roxanne Alexander Jones (Ukraine) was in the United States for home assignment. During an eye appointment, the doctor said she had a tear in her retina that required eye surgery that day! In the follow-up appointment the next day, Roxanne told the doctor that she would be speaking for the next two weeks in California. The doctor prescribed two antibiotics and gave her the name of a doctor in California, should she need assistance. "God not only took care of me physically, but He provided all I needed financially. Thanks to Missionary Health Care and World Evangelism Fund, I did not pay one penny. I am so thankful for these plans for giving and those who are faithful to give. It really does make a difference."

MISSIONS RETREATS

Nazarene missionaries, **Trino and Anna Jara**, serving in Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, will be our speakers for both retreats.

LOCATION FOR BOTH RETREATS:
DODGE CITY FIRST



October 12 –13, 2018

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN SEPTEMBER

STUDENTS
OUT TO SERVE

October 12 –14, 2018

JESUS FILM

In 2008, a large JESUS Film equipment set weighed up to 200 pounds. Today a mini solar set weighs less than 25 pounds.



NMI IDEAS SITE

NMI Ideas is a community-contributed site filled with ideas from NMI leaders and participants from all over the world. Visit the sit (www.nmiideas.org), and share your ideas via the link in the upper-right section of the home page). No log in is required.

ALABASTER

The Church of the Nazarene has begun a new work on the island of Zanzibar. A semi-autonomous country off the coast of Tanzania, is 97% Muslim. A Nazarene congregation already exists on the island, with some having had their lives threatened because of their conversion to Christianity.

In order for the church to be registered on the island, property is needed to be purchased. Just after Easter last year, the Church of the Nazarene purchased property in Zanzibar. Alabaster funds that you and congregations around the world raised were used to purchase the land. Thank you for giving to Alabaster.



CULTIVATE KANSAS

encourage + inspire + inform

First annual, mid-year gathering for Kansas Nazarenes working with
ADULTS, YOUTH, and CHILDREN, for all
PASTORS, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS / SMALL GROUP LEADERS, NYI / NMI PRESIDENTS AND COUNCILS.

FEBRUARY 18 DODGE CITY FIRST 6 - 8 PM
1700 WEST ROSS BLVD, DODGE CITY

FEBRUARY 25 HUTCHINSON FIRST 6 - 8 PM
4290 NORTH MONROE, HUTCHINSON

CULTIVATE KANSAS WORKSHOPS



ADULTS-

An emphasis on the Bible as our source and authority for Sunday School and Bible Study ministries.

NYI—Presenters: KNYI Youth Pastors

*Best Things We've Seen in Youth Ministry
Ideas for resources, media & ministry needs

*We're in This Together

How can we help you? - Q & A

CHILDREN- Presenter: Paul Meinke

This interactive session will talk about ministering to all ages (birth-6th grade), addressing multiple areas and important strategies for igniting a first class and meaningful Kids Ministry.

NMI - Presenter: Kelly Love

Updates on recent NMI global changes, vital to helping local presidents, council members and pastors share up-to-date information with their church families.

CHURCH PLANTING

By Jeremiah Wood

Lead Pastor of PAX City Church

What is all the hype about church planting?



Whether you are the pastor, a leader, or a layperson in the local church, you have probably heard about this strange phenomenon called church planting. It seems like everyone is talking about it these days and if you're anything like I was, your first response has probably been pretty skeptical.

So what is all the hype about church planting anyway?

I have been a pastor now for nearly two decades. The first ten years of my ministry I had only led one young man to the Lord and it wasn't even under my ministry. I was at a Christian concert and the lead singer of a band gave an altar call and invited all the pastors to come pray with those responding. That night I prayed with a young man named Andrew and watched God do a miraculous transformation in his life.

Other than Andrew, no conversions.

Fast forward to just 4 years ago. I was invited to a church plant training called Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI) in Atlanta, GA. While at that training, I received from the Lord an amazing vision to plant a new church on a college campus. I went back to my church, did the planning necessary and within two months of planting we had already seen 50 students come to the Lord for the first time to be saved.

So what was the difference between my first ten years in ministry and those two months? Simply put, it was the act of starting a new church.

Church planting is not a new concept. As a matter of fact, church planting is how every church got its start. And when you think about it, church planting was the job of every disciple and apostle in the Bible.

Jesus said to go into the world and make disciples. The local church is the most effective way to make new disciples. As the disciples brought the gospel to new cities and countries, they started new churches to teach people everything about Jesus and how to live for God. That's why so many New Testament books are written to the churches of that region.

You might be thinking, "Well... I guess that makes sense. But, those places didn't have churches yet. Our city already has a ton of churches, aren't there enough churches already?"

In any given city, no matter the population or the number of churches, statistically, more than 50% of the population has no church affiliation and does not attend any church. More so, churches in America are in a drastic decline in attendance and many are closing down each year. If the average church sat 100 people, and you had 50 churches in a town with 10,000 people, even if every church was full, the existing churches would still only have enough seats for half the town. And, as far as evangelism is concerned, while every church should be evangelizing, the truth is that new churches are the greatest means of evangelism in the world today.

Planting churches are about evangelism and making new disciples.

Jesus said He would build His church.

He does so through the commission to go and make disciples.

New churches just happen to be the most effective way to do that.

**WE MUST FIX OUR SIGHTS ON PLACES WHERE THE CHURCH IS NOT YET, ENGAGING
IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER, SACRIFICIAL GIVING, AND PHYSICALLY GOING TO AND
MOBILIZING OTHERS TO GO TO THESE PLACES. EACH TIME YOU GIVE TO THE
WORLD EVANGELISM FUND, YOU SEND THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL INTO AREAS WHERE
“THE CHURCH IS NOT YET.”**