

OUR MISSION

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
Matthew 28:19-20b

The Church of the Nazarene believes in, and is committed to, this mandate from Jesus Christ. Reaching our world is done locally, as well as globally through the church. We also believe God calls individuals to serve specifically as missionaries.

We understand a missionary is one called of God to serve cross-culturally and then sent by the church to go and share the good news of Jesus Christ. The Church of the Nazarene desires to help those who experience God's call to become missionaries.



If you are clarifying God's direction and sense of calling, this brochure will help you become familiar with the process to become a missionary with the Church of the Nazarene.

OBEYING GOD'S CALL

To be an effective missionary requires training and sacrifice. We believe a "call to go," is a "call to prepare." It requires an attitude of willingness to go where God and the church need you. It means being flexible and working in cultures and situations that are different from where you now live and work.

Mission Fact: As of December 2005, more than 35 million people have seen the JESUS Film. Of those, 5,114,992 made decisions for Christ. A total of 1,979,367 participated in discipleship follow up. JESUS Film translations in 190 languages are used in 98 countries.



Imagine what God is going to do through His church!

The Church of the Nazarene began partnering with the JESUS Film in 1997.

12 CORE ELEMENTS OF PREPARATION

Personal Development

1. Relationship management
2. Spirituality
3. Holistic wellness

Professional Development

4. Language development and mastery
5. Cultural awareness and adaptation
6. Contextualization
7. Global perspective
8. Leadership development and training
9. Foundations and principles of Christian faith, discipleship, and evangelism
10. World religions, philosophies, and ideologies
11. Foundations and principles of missions and evangelism

Institutional Development

12. History, polity, and doctrine of the Church of the Nazarene

THE MISSIONARY OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Missionaries are catalysts for evangelism and church development. Some of the ministries in which missionaries serve are:

- Administration
- Church Development
- Communications
- Construction
- Compassionate Ministry
- Financial Management

- Health Care
- Information Technology
- Theological Education
- Work & Witness

Whatever a missionary does, the primary goal is to glorify God by reaching the lost, assisting in the starting of churches, and nurturing local people so they can grow and flourish in the Lord.

MISSIONARY PROFILE

A missionary in the Church of the Nazarene must meet a number of qualifications. Some basic qualifications are:

- Called to serve cross-culturally
- Membership in the Church of the Nazarene
- College / university education
- Good health
- Adaptability
- Flexibility
- Two years of practical work experience
- No major debt
- Missiological training
- Appropriate licensing and certification

Mission Fact:

In 2005, 801 mission personnel served throughout the world. This includes global, intern, specialized assignment, volunteers, Youth In Mission, and tentmakers.



As of February 2006, the Church of the Nazarene had mission work in 151 world areas.

BECOMING A GLOBAL MISSIONARY

The process of becoming a global missionary will help assess and re-assess your call at various points in your journey. This process is designed strategically, to develop you to be the very best missionary possible. Our goal is to see you prepare for a lifetime of missionary service, placed where God can best utilize your gifts.

Level 1: Recognition and Contact

1. Recognition of a call
2. Contact the Candidate Development Coordinator at WMmissionary@nazarene.org
 - Children and teens: student form; can enroll in Developing Tomorrow's Missionaries (DTM) program
 - College age students and older: Preliminary Information Form

Level 2: Development

1. College/university education in your area of interest and calling
2. Cross-Cultural Orientation: three day event exploring cross-cultural ministry and life
3. Concentrated growth in the twelve core elements
4. Cross-Cultural Experience: ongoing experience inside and outside your country. Opportunities such as:
 - Work & Witness
 - Short-Term and Long-Term Mission Corps Assignments
5. Practical Experience: Ability to perform work in your own culture is one way in which World Mission can evaluate you for work in a cross-cultural situation.
 - Minimum of two years required
6. Formal Application: Should be completed in consultation with the Mission Candidate Coordinator within two years of eligibility.

Level 3: Evaluation

Candidate Assessment: Candidates within two years of eligibility status are considered for invitation to an assessment event. Each is evaluated in several areas including their competency in the twelve core elements.

Level 4: Appointment

1. Placement Interviews: Candidates approved for service are interviewed for assignment consideration. Assignments are made by the World Mission Department Director.
2. Pre-Field Training (PFT): When the candidate receives and accepts the assignment, World Mission offers pre-field training and a contract. The five month process includes:
 - World Mission Orientation (3 months)
 - School of World Mission and Evangelism (3 months)
 - Missionary Internship Program (3 months)
 - Deputation Services
 - Intensive study of assigned world area
3. Internship: After PFT, the candidate is offered an internship contract. This three year period includes:
 - Deployment to field assignment
 - Language school
 - Ministry assignment
4. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Interview: Before the end of the internship, interns meet with the RAC on region where they served. The RAC makes recommendation to the World Mission Department Director (WMDD) for global status.
5. Interview with General Board: WMDD Committee schedules an interview with the interns upon WMDD recommendation.
6. World Mission recommends interns ready for global appointment

Level 5: Global Mission Appointment

Affirming God's call upon your life and His gifting you for service; the General Superintendents give final approval and the General Board commission you as a Global Missionary in the Church of the Nazarene.

GOD CALLED... WHAT'S NEXT?



STEPS TO BECOMING A MISSIONARY IN THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



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