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# NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL



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## **Mission Focus Areas for 2019-2020 and World Mission Broadcast**

During 2019-2020 at UBNC, the **missions focus** will be on **Alabaster** (September 22 and February 23), **Faith Promise** (January 25-26 with Revs. Alan and Maresa Flood as guest speakers), **LINKS**, **UCOM** (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary November 9), and the **Good Samaritan Fund** (special collections November 24 and April 12). Watch for events and offerings to support these key mission areas. See details on [www.ubnc.org](http://www.ubnc.org).

**World Mission Broadcast (WMB)** takes the gospel to the world through radio, television, and Internet programs. On the air since 1944, WMB reaches even the most remote parts of the world, with words of hope and holiness and lives are changed. Go to <http://www.nazarene.org/wmb-promotional-resources#> for **videos** about WMB. **Give online during June to WMB** at <http://www.nazarene.org/give#>. Thank you.

## **NEW 2019-2022 Florida District LINKS Missionaries** (photos coming soon!)

**Erika Contreras Medina** – (Argentina)

**Joe & Cheryl Young** – (East Timor)

**Beverly Schmelzenbach** – Retired/Floral City, FL

**Mary Meighan** – Retired/Bradenton, FL

## **Praise/Prayer**

### **Peace in Central Mozambique**

- **PRAISE:** Thank God for peace in central Mozambique and more widely in the country. Pray for those who share the gospel in Niassa and Cabo Delgado.

### **Zambia JESUS Film Teams**

- The 15 Zambian teams plan to show the JESUS Film more than 1,100 times this year and will travel to new areas of the country to reach people who may not have heard of Jesus. Give God thanks for these servants and for these opportunities. Pray that those viewing the film will understand God's love through this medium and by the witness of the teams. Pray for the safety and good health of the film teams as they travel this year.

### **Post-Modern Outreach**

- **PRAISE/REQUEST:** Praise God for cross-generational efforts to reach post moderns with the Gospel around the world. Pray that much fruit would result from those churches endeavoring to reach post-modern people in post-Christian settings

### **Wisdom in a Digital Lifestyle**

- **REQUEST:** Pray for those among our worldwide Christian family who face the constant challenge of intrusive surveillance of social media communications. A digital lifestyle opens many doors, but sometimes puts mission, church and school personnel at risk and threatens those we serve. Pray that wisdom may be found to know the right kinds of social media presence, while balancing meaningful personal relationships and always staying vigilant of security strictures.
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# *This Generation is Our Generation*

## **Fascinating Facts**

- By 2025, Millennials will comprise three-quarters of the global workforce.
- Canada has one of the highest percentages of working -age people of all the eight most industrialized countries in the world. (67.4% are between ages 15-64)
- The population of those 80 years or older in the European Union is projected to double by 2080.
- By 2020 in India, over one-third of the country's population will be between the ages of 15 and 34.
- More than 27% of Japan's total population was 65 or older in 2016.
- The population of older Americans is expected to more than double by 2060.
- The population of Mexico was approximately 130.2 million in 2018. Of that population, 79% is urban, and the median age is 27.9 years.
- In 2018, the population of Brazil was 210.3 million. The country ranks fifth in the list of countries by population. The urban population is 85.3%.
- At least 22.5 million people have been displaced by war or persecution. Half of those are under 18.
- It is estimated that 635 million people (8% of the world's population) were living in extreme poverty (\$1.90 or less a day) in 2017.
- Nearly 900 million people (45% are under 15 years old) live in Africa, a continent bigger than the USA, India, Europe, China, Argentina, and New Zealand.

## **This Generation and Unity**

Nothing speaks louder to the world that does not embrace the Gospel than unity among differences. Finding ways to reach *this generation* with a multigenerational multicultural or multi-whatever method clears the way for people to see Jesus at work in ways they don't expect.

## **This Generation and the Skills that Reach Them**

One principle that underpins the mission of reaching this generation is that everybody can do something. Sometimes it takes a little creativity to use whatever a person does best to make a difference. Consider the wide range of skills that made a difference in the following stories.

## **The Motorcycle Club**

Ellen Steward, former pastor to children and families at College Church of the Nazarene, University Avenue, in Bourbonnais, Illinois, wanted to reach a group of 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys. She knew Floyd, a retired layman from the church, loved taking things apart and putting them back together again, especially when it was a motorcycle. That's when the Motorcycle Club was born. While it was a perfect way to interest boys to come to church, the Motorcycle Club developed a mission's component. The club members sold salvaged parts to raise money to buy a motorcycle for a selected pastor in Costa Rica.

Who would have thought that an interest in motorcycles would help boys in Illinois, as well as enable a pastor in Costa Rica to reach more people for Christ?

## **Baseball in a Bullfighting Ring**

When missionary Josh Herndon found out that boys in Illescas [ee-YES-kahs], Spain, wanted to learn how to play baseball, he began to look for churches to help make this happen. The Gateway Church in Murietta, California wanted to help; so, they organized a Work & Witness team, packed up baseball equipment the church wasn't using, and headed to Spain to help conduct a sports camp. When Josh and his wife, Shannon, couldn't reserve the local soccer field or even secure the grassy parking lot belonging to the bullfighting ring for the baseball camp, they were surprised when the city offered them the indoor bullfighting ring itself. Sixty-five children attended the camp each evening, and there was enough room for their parents to watch them play. They learned how to play baseball while they interacted with people who shared Christ.

## **This Generation and Critical Needs**

One way to reach *this generation* is to identify critical needs and find ways to meet them. Meeting critical needs often opens a way to share the Gospel. Two major critical needs for this planet involve displaced people and poverty.

## **This Generation Is Our Generation**

Look around, and you will find your own part of *this generation* to reach. *This generation* is less about age, culture, race, or any other restricting difference. *This generation* is our generation. We share the planet; we share the needs. When we recognize this, the Great Commission becomes the Great Invitation that sends us to use what we can, where we can, to reach any part of *this generation* we can. God help us to do more!

## **Coming Soon in UBNC Missions!**

- **New mission books** – watch for them in June/July
- **2019-2020 Missions Calendar** – now at [www.UBNC.org](http://www.UBNC.org), Click the 3 lines in upper right and select "Get Involved" and "Missions"
- **LINKS** – photos of new LINKS missionaries next issue
- **Outreach opportunities** – globally and locally. Watch announcements.