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NMI SNAPSHOT 

Global Missions and NMI-TOGETHER!



Within the past year, both Global Missions and Nazarene Missions International have seen leadership changes. As always when change comes, it involves transition, moving, taking up responsibilities, and discerning the way forward. By God's grace, the way forward is clearly TOGETHER!

Jim Ritchie, previously Eurasia Regional Director, and Cheryl Crouch, a former teacher and prolific writer of children's missionary books, graciously responded to interview

questions, revealing a distinct sense of the oneness with which they see the Mission of God through the Church of the Nazarene.

Ritchie defines the work of Global Missions simply. “A local church with a global heart, and global church with a local family.” “God has commanded us to fulfill His mission, and our response is that we mobilize people, called of God, as we send them to the ends of the earth, or to the end of the street.” “Dr. Bresee and Dr. Reynolds would likely ask: ‘If a Church of the Nazarene is not both global and local, is it truly a Nazarene church?’”

Crouch defines the work of Nazarene Missions International through its Identity Statement: “NMI is the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions, and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.” “This has confirmed my lifelong understanding of NMI. And with our Areas of Impact, through prayer, and faithfulness in giving through World Evangelism Fund (WEF), we not only deploy and support missionaries—one of our strengths—we remind every local church of their opportunity to join in the global mission of God through the Church of the Nazarene.”

When asked what have been the most positive discoveries they’ve made since taking office, Jim and Cheryl’s responses complemented and completed one another’s:

Jim- “I’ve been so impressed with the Church of the Nazarene’s unyielding and unwavering commitment to reach the lost through evangelism, compassion, and education.” Cheryl- “The absolute joy I see in Nazarenes everywhere I go...really an affirmation that what I believed about our church is true! I see this fresh wind of the Spirit blowing through the church and the response of God’s people is JOY!” Jim- “Yes, it’s a reaffirmation that there is a generation coming, passionate for Jesus and the mission of God. We are here to help them discover God’s call on their life.” Cheryl- “There are so many gifted, talented people who are pouring out their lives in service to God and the church...it’s inspiring!” Jim- “And, there is consistency of heart and atmosphere everywhere I go—whether in a huge urban center, or a small rural setting—the same heart for holiness in mission is there and joyfully expressed.”

When asked how the church may pray for these two vital missions entities and their work, Cheryl said: “Pray that all Nazarenes can remember that they are part of NMI and can therefore choose to fully engage in advocating for global missions and participating in what God is doing around the world through the Church of the Nazarene.”

Jim added: “Pray with the understanding that all intercessory prayer has a name and face... ‘Lord, help the people in....’ We give the praying church enough information to fill and fulfill their time in intercessory ways that can change people and situations by moving the heart and hand of God.”

PRAY

- Pray for 'The Cause', as we call a new generation to missions.*
- Pray for full participation of the church around the world in missions, and the support of missions.
- Pray that Nazarenes everywhere will join In the Global Missions 24 Hours of Prayer** (5-6 December 2025), and Global Week of Prayer (coming 1-7 March 2026).
- **Jesus is still Lord, and still calling people to missions, and people are still saying "YES" all over the world. With 'The Cause' we are giving this generation and the next opportunities to be involved in missions around the world; and the response, so far, has been incredibly encouraging. That provides something for all those who **advocate** for global missions to know how to get involved in dynamic and personal ways."* [Jim Ritchie]
- **The first of these Global Missions 24 Hours of Prayer, called "To the Ends of the Earth," occurred last year. Over a period of 24 hours, split into six segments, each region used its four hours to intercede for the world. Over 3,500 lines and devices were utilized.



PRAISE

- Praise God for the partnership between Global Missions and Nazarene Missions International that is contributing to awareness and excitement for the mission of God through the Church of the Nazarene.
- Praise God for the 'new day' we are experiencing in the church, working together with leadership around the world.



COULD YOU SERVE?

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