

# THE ENGAGER

Praying

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"for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'  
How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in?  
And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard?  
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"  
Romans 10:13-14

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## Exhort His Name!

Greetings in the Lord my dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Welcome to our first edition of our missions newsletter for Ossian Nazarene!

This is something the Lord has really put on my heart to start doing every quarter to help us all stay informed of what God is doing through our church and around the world. I pray you will be just as blessed as the Lord is blessing me to be able to share with you.

Every newsletter we will have all of the topics you see in this first edition. If you have any ideas or something that you would like to hear about, please let me know and I will do my best to meet your request.

In Christ's love,  
Brittany Bingham  
NMI President



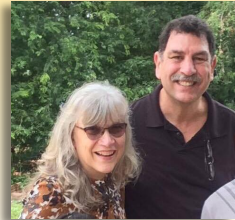
## Missionary Highlight- David & Naomi Phillips

David and Naomi have served in the Church of the Nazarene for nearly 33 years. Their vision is for Acts 2:42-47 churches to multiply through the Philippines, Southeast Asia, and the world reaching the unreached.

David and Naomi were married in 1984. They pastored a few churches up until their family was sent to the Philippines as missionaries in 1998. David was appointed field coordinator in 2001. The field expanded to include Micronesia in 2006.

In 2010 David and Naomi returned to the states for a short time and were redirected to South East Asia in December 2011, but wouldn't arrive until June 2012. There David was also field coordinator, and for a short time served as Chancellor of Southeast Asia Nazarene Bible College (2014-15). Naomi helped David and worked with child sponsorship.

Both David and Naomi have now just retired this year back in March when they returned home. They both have beautiful testimonies of how the Lord has blessed in so many ways from churches being planted and the lost being reached to laborers being trained to continue to spread the Gospel. **What a legacy of ministry!**



## Country Highlight- Argentina

Population= ~44.5 million

President= Alberto Fernandez

State Religion= Roman Catholic (63.3%)

While Argentina's official religion is Roman Catholicism, their constitution protects religious freedom. Evangelicals stand at about 11%, those who are unaffiliated at 24%, and those who practice other religions at 2.1% of the population.

**Last October (2019), the Nazarene Church celebrated a 100 years of ministry in Argentina!** Over 1,500 people gathered from all over for the special celebration. The congregation was reminded how they are now reaping from the abundant seeds that were sewn with fervor, hard work, and faithfulness at the beginning. Also, 19 new candidates were ordained into the Church of the Nazarene as elders. One attendee, Carlos Juarez, described the celebration by stating, "It was a moment filled with emotion and brotherhood among those present. Everyone remembered and was aware of all that God has done, is doing, and will do with the church, the embassy of the Kingdom on earth."



## OCN Missions Highlights!



Alabaster:

September(19')= **\$180.75**

February = **\$138.62**

Samaritan's Purse(19'):

Christmas Shoe Boxes= **29**



Love offering(19'):

Riggins Family= **\$180.00**

Thanksgiving/Christmas

Offering(19')= **\$210.00**

Crisis Care Kits= **28**



Collection of Prayer Animals to date= **310**



## Upcoming Events & Projects

- We will be collecting Prayer Animals until the beginning July.
- All future missions services, starting in July, will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night of every month, unless announced.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> missions service we will be having a bonfire (details to follow).
- October 4th @ 6pm Lisa Lehman will be speaking on her ministry in Thailand.

## Reflecting With Our Brothers & Sisters In Christ

Many Christians around the world may only have no Bibles or just bits and pieces of Scripture, no freedom or severe restrictions in practicing their beliefs and sharing the Gospel, and may have very little guidance in discipleship because missionaries may not be allowed to enter their country. However, the Lord has one open door (among several) through the Nazarene Church called **World Missions Broadcast**. This ministry allows the Gospel to travel across the world through radio and television.

Countries like Syria, Morocco, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Sudan, and beyond that are so challenging to reach can now hear the Gospel more effectively and in secret. The many different television and radio shows also have online groups and chat lines that any believer can comment, ask and answer questions, or request prayer. Many times Christians from these particular countries are speaking and communicating with each other! Most have one language in common, Arabic.

One popular Arabic Christian television program is called *Follow Me* lead by Nazarene pastor Ayman Kafrouny from Beirut, Lebanon. This show airs globally on the Arabic Christian network and reaches 25 Middle Eastern and North African countries, as well as 50 European countries. It was reported in 2017 that the network had over 21 million viewers.

Here are just a few highlights from an article titled **Arabic TV Program Teaches Holiness (Oct.16, 2018)** {\*Names changed for protection\*}:

\*Tahir and his wife \*Rima, from Syria, came into a relationship with Christ in 2017. As they are growing and learning in their faith, a key role in the support they receive is from the program of Pastor Kafrouny's *Follow Me*. This is also so for \*Kahmal, who is one of many that have come to Christ from another faith, but does not have the freedom to talk to others in his area about his faith, ask questions of other believers and fellowship with them. He watches *Follow Me* to worship and listen to testimonies of other Christians. Both the couple and Kahmal are just a few who reach out to the show's response team using social media, phone calls, and texts to express gratitude, praise, comment on the stories and music shared, and request prayer.

For example, the show focuses on topics such as where is God when there is dislocation and war; whether Christians should be involved in politics and how; and how to reflect God's character in the home. Pastor Kafrouny says in the beginning of starting to produce *Follow Me*:

"Visual broadcasts are the most popular in the Arabic world. We noticed that almost all of our previous productions so far were focusing on the Great Commission. So it's time for us now to put more emphasis on our doctrine (holiness) that distinguishes us from other denominations, and to give a simple clear explanation on how we believe a Christian should live his or her life as a witness for Jesus Christ. We hope this program will help our audience to know that holiness is not designated just for an elite group of Christians. Rather, it's a command in the Scripture, and it's attainable for every person since God is the one who will accomplish it in the life of those who believe it. Our hope, our prayer is to reach people who we cannot see face to face. The results, the fruits, we may not see them all. We believe the people we are reaching, that many are becoming members in the Kingdom of God."

\*You can read the full article at <https://nazarene.org/ar/node/2212>.\*

## Let us PRAY!

- ❖ For our our missionaries in this pandemic, that their ministries be even more fruitful and multiply, and that the Lord will continue to open doors of new ministries as some are still under quarantine and stay at home orders.
- ❖ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in hiding who face persecution daily and may have little to no contact with other believers.
- ❖ For those who are imprisoned, tortured, and may be facing death that the Lord will give the an abundance of grace, faith growth, peace, and comfort.
- ❖ For our nation, that we will see our country continue to turn back to God.
- ❖ For our own church family as many of our ministries are growing because we are growing!
- ❖ For all our district leaders including Dr. Roland and his wife Cheryl as they move onto another journey, and for the succeeding District Superintendent.

