

Mission Update
“Across the Street...Across the Sea”

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

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Across the Street...

District NMI Convention – Saturday April 25. Our district NMI, NYI, and Sunday School combined convention will be held at Highland Park Nazarene in Lakeland. We are looking forward to this, first ever combined conventions. Our very own Pastor Ronda is working with the other two district leaders in putting this unique program together. We would encourage all who can to come and enjoy this special day. The morning service starts at 9:00 A M.

General NMI Convention and Assembly – June 26 through July 3. Every four years, Nazarenes from around the world hold their General Convention & Assembly. For the first time ever it will be right here in Orlando. Approximately 60,000 Nazarenes will come to Orlando from all over the world for this wonderful event. Apopka Calvary will have about 12 participants from the Caribbean and 30 from the Nashville TN, Grace Church of the Nazarene bunking in our facilities. There is a possibility (if they receive their Visa) that a dozen or so delegates from Belize, our partnering country, will be with us and will need housing. If you are able to house any from Belize, please let Vivian know.

...Across the Sea

TV Station Hails Mujer Valiosa. Canal 5 TV celebrated its first year of broadcast in Hurlingham, Argentina, and praised World Mission Broadcast’s television series Mujer Valiosa as one of the reasons for the station’s success and acceptance by the community. Canal 5, a secular station, and is the city’s sole TV media source. Despite competing with larger stations out of Buenos Aires, Canal 5 is the most-watched station in Hurlingham and surrounding communities. World Mission Broadcast, South America Churches Operate in Refugee Camp and more than 14 churches meet in the Kibati refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Congregations are made up of people displaced by ongoing fighting in the country, which affects more than 40 percent of the Nazarene churches in the North Kivu District. Nazarenes throughout the Africa French Equatorial Field have been collecting items to help their brothers and sisters living in the camps. *Please be in prayer for these refugees and those presenting the gospel to them through acts of compassion and evangelism.*

Food and Water Sanitation Project. An estimated 40 percent of the 12 million people in Zimbabwe cannot provide basic sustenance for themselves. A 10-year agricultural crisis created a food shortage, and inflation made what remains too expensive. Compounding the crisis is a cholera epidemic. To combat these issues, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries has developed the Food and Water Sanitation Project. Local Nazarenes will distribute maize meal, cooking oil, pulses (similar to lentils), and chlorine tablets for water purification to over 1,500 families on a monthly basis for at least three months. *If you would like to give to this project you may do so by marking your donation “Food & Water”.*