

World Evangelism Fund

What Is the World Evangelism Fund?

The World Evangelism Fund is the cooperative genius of the mission enterprise of the Church of the Nazarene. It is based on the concept that ***we can do more working together than could ever be done working alone.*** The World Evangelism Fund supports the ministries of the Church of the Nazarene in more than 150 countries.

Why do we have World Evangelism Fund?

Missions in the Church of the Nazarene is a large enterprise. To accomplish the Great Commission—spreading the gospel and the message of holiness around the world—requires money.

In "faith" missions, missionaries must spend valuable time raising financial support. They conduct services, take offerings, receive pledges of support, and then pray the amount raised covers living expenses. Sometimes if the money runs out, missionaries are forced to return home and begin the process again. In this type of support, churches do not always share equally in the mission work. Larger churches are sometimes visited by more missionaries than they could possibly help, while some smaller churches are overlooked.

The World Evangelism Fund was created to allow missionaries to work more effectively and to encourage all churches to support missions.

How does the World Evangelism Fund work?

Full-time missionaries (excluding volunteers) in the Church of the Nazarene are employed by the World Mission Department. Each missionary receives a monthly paycheck based on a standard amount plus a cost-of-living adjustment.

Missionaries also receive medical insurance (see **Missionary Health Care**), a pension provision, and other items (such as housing and travel costs).

The World Evangelism Fund comes from Nazarene churches around the world. Each church is challenged to give an amount based on its income as its participation in the world mission enterprise. Approximately 75% of the World Evangelism Fund is used for world evangelization in one form or another. The remainder supports the structure of the system through such ministries as office administration, literature, and other resources.

How is the World Evangelism Fund collected?

Traditionally, it has been through two large offerings a year—the **Thanksgiving** and **Easter** offerings. Some churches continue to successfully raise their entire fund this way.



What is the Thanksgiving Offering?

The Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism is a tradition in many Nazarene churches. The Thanksgiving season is a wonderful time to express gratitude to God for His many blessings through giving to the World Evangelism Fund.

What is the Easter Offering?

The Easter Offering is for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). Easter is the high point of the Christian Year—the culmination of the season of Lent—when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is appropriate that we express our gratitude to God in a concrete way through our gifts to the Easter Offering for World Evangelism. This offering supports mission work and ministries of the Church of the Nazarene to almost 150 areas around the world.



What is available to help promote the Easter and Thanksgiving offerings?

The general NMI website has several downloads and promotion resources available. **Stewardship Ministries** also provides a multitude of resources to assist local churches in promoting the Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism Fund (WEF) Offerings. Promotional material specific to the Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings is available to be downloaded or printed, free of charge, and can be found on the [Easter Offering page](#) and the [Thanksgiving Offering page](#) of the Stewardship Ministries website. Some of these resources include posters, bulletin inserts, and clip art.

Offering envelopes and posters to promote the World Evangelism Fund are now available, free of charge, through the Nazarene Publishing House, www.nph.com.

The "HOPE Offering for World Evangelism" envelope design will be used through 2009 and can be ordered at any time. Any left-over envelopes can now be used in your pew pocket to promote the World Evangelism Fund year round. The envelope set-up and printing charges are free to all churches.

Stewardship Ministries

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Faith Promise is a plan based on giving at systematic intervals rather than just twice a year. Through Faith Promise, people pray about the amount they should give for missions (over and above their tithe). The amount is often given weekly, biweekly, or monthly. Over time, churches find they raise their mission support and often go over their goal through this giving plan.

The Benefits of the World Evangelism Fund

Missionaries—They receive a regular paycheck, freeing them from the added worry of raising finances. Missionaries still write letters and conduct deputation services to inform people of happenings in their field of service; however, such activities do not consume a large portion of their time on the mission field.

Churches—Regardless of size, each church has the opportunity to take part in the global mission endeavor. Also, just as individuals are blessed by God when they commit a portion of their resources for His kingdom, so churches are blessed when they allocate funds to help reach the lost around the world.

What is Award of Excellence?

In 1991, the Award of Excellence began, honoring those local churches overpaying their World Evangelism Fund by 3 percent or \$1,000, whichever is less. A district receives the district Award of Excellence by paying 100 percent of its World Evangelism Fund goal.

In an effort to encourage further giving to World Evangelism Fund, the Board of General Superintendents, at the suggestion of the General NMI Council, approved the Award of Excellence, a World Evangelism Fund overpayment plan, in 1992. All monies paid by the local church toward the World Evangelism Fund above their goal are used to explore and begin new work in specific areas of the world which are announced annually.



Get the latest with the click of a button!

Check out the NMI Web site—www.nazarenemissions.org.

There is something for **EVERYONE!**

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Find out how to have your own Fashion Show with 'Hats off to Faith Promise!'



Easter Offering Egg Hunt

Here is an idea to get the children in your church involved in the Easter Offering and to promote it to the adults as well... Plan a special Easter Offering egg hunt for the children on Easter Sunday.

Two weeks prior to the Easter Offering Egg Hunt—preferably during the morning worship service—have the pastor or local NMI president call all of the children to the front of the church. Explain to them that people in the Church of the Nazarene of all ages give money to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) through the Easter Offering. Tell the children that WEF provides:



- Salaries for Nazarene missionaries and their families so that they can have a house to live in and food to eat
- Insurance for missionaries and their families, so they can go to a doctor if they get sick
- Money for education so that missionary kids and their parents can go to school
- Visas and passports—important papers missionaries need to travel from their homes to where they will serve
- Support and operation of churches, schools, and hospitals around the world

Once WEF has been explained, show the children some pictures of missionaries and their families and tell the children their names and where they are serving as missionaries. (Be sure and include your LINKS missionaries in these photos.) Ask the children if they want to help raise money for the Easter Offering.

Once the children answer “yes,” announce that on Easter Sunday there will be a special Easter Offering egg hunt for the children after the morning service. Tell them that the eggs they find will have money and candy in them. Explain to the children that all the money in the eggs will be given for the Easter Offering to help pay the World Evangelism Fund and provide for the needs of Nazarene missionaries. Be sure to let the children know that the candy they find in the eggs will be theirs to enjoy!



On Easter Sunday morning, have the adults bring their offering, plus some candy, placed in plastic

eggs and hide them while the children are in Sunday School. Let everyone watch as the children search for the eggs, remove the money and place it in large offering containers at the front of the church.

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Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. For our Easter Offering, we challenged the church to turn the 30 pieces of silver into something good. We asked them to save 30 pieces of silver (nickels, dimes, quarters, etc.) for the Easter Offering to support missions around the world. (For those who can give more, ask them to give their offering in multiples of 30—60, 90, 120 pieces of silver.)

I used little drawstring bags, put the instructions in each bag, and distributed them. The congregation brought in their offering in the bags on Easter Sunday morning.

~ Leeann Curtis • Colfax,

Washington

“Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist.”

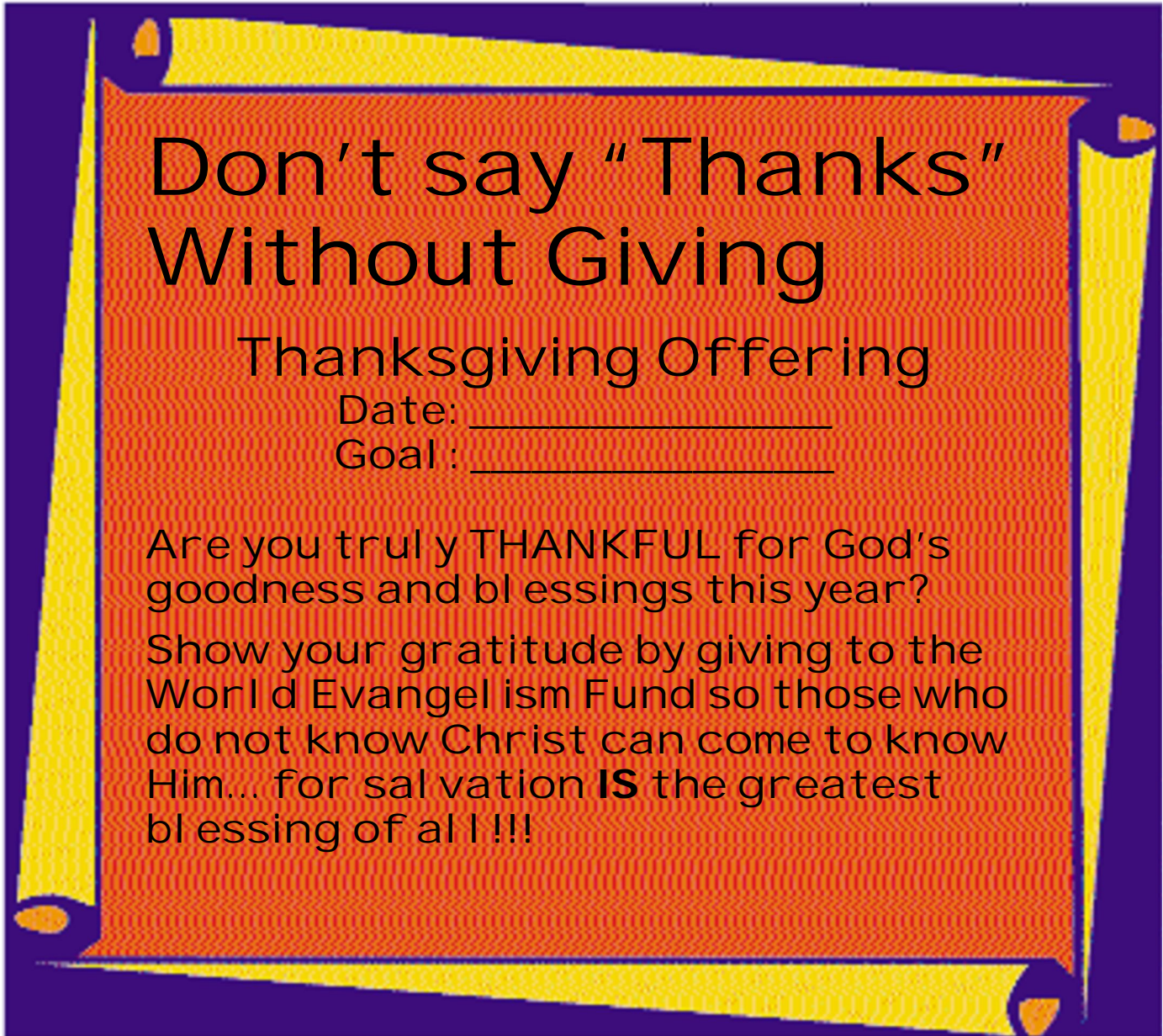
- Oswald J. Smith





Bulletin Board/Poster Idea for Thanksgiving Offering

To promote the upcoming Thanksgiving Offering, display a colorful bulletin board in a high-traffic area of your church. In large letters, give pertinent information:





World Evangelism Fund

- the Life Line of our Missionaries

World Evangelism Fund supports

- Outreach ministry in 155 world areas
- Approximately 790 missionaries and more than 190 missionaries' children
- Monthly pensions for more than 320 retired missionary units
- 40 Bible and theological colleges, 11 liberal arts universities, and 5 vocational and training schools with 30,500 students enrolled and 14539 extension students
- 2 hospitals , as well as community-based health care/medical clinics
- Literature in 67 languages
- Casa Robles (Nazarene Missionary Retirement Center)
- The facilities of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Work and Witness, Alabaster, and World Mission Broadcast
- Administrative costs to facilitate ministries and services to 11,300 churches in world mission areas

Extend Your ministry throughout the World by giving to the
World evangelism fund