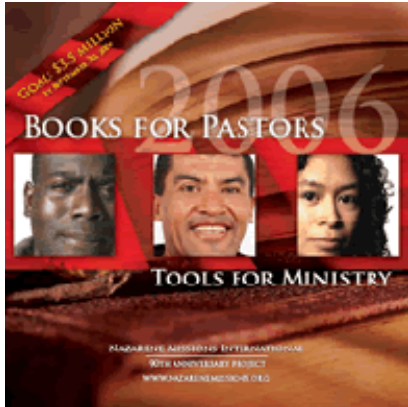


NMI UPDATE

March 7, 2006



“Books for Pastors” Update—As of February 24, 2006, more than \$2.56 million has been received for the NMI 90th Anniversary Project: “Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry.”

The General NMI Council and International Board of Education Committee agreed in February 2006 that we should refocus our efforts in order to complete our denominational goal no later than September 30, 2006. (Monies will continue to be received throughout 2006.)

At the recommendation of the General NMI Council, a new promotional packet is being

produced which will include an all-new “Books for Pastors” DVD. Local NMI presidents (U.S.A./Canada) will receive the new promotional materials enclosed in the April/May/June 2006 issue of *Mission Connection* magazine. Pastors (U.S.A./Canada) will also receive a packet. In world mission regions (outside the U.S.A./Canada), regional NMI program coordinators will distribute the new NMI 90th Anniversary promotional materials.

For more information, visit the NMI Web site <www.nazarenemissions.org/books>.

“Books for Pastors” Resources Distributed in Mozambique—

Thanks to the generosity of Nazarenes worldwide, 30 pastors in Mozambique (Africa Region) now have their own study Bibles. The first resources provided by the NMI 90th Anniversary Project: “Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry,” the Bibles were presented during the Mozambique Nazarene Seminary graduation ceremonies. As the pastors stepped forward to receive their diplomas in theology or certificates of ministry, they also received a study Bible.



While it may be difficult for some to imagine pastors without Bibles, it is common in some countries for women and men preparing for ordination to have to borrow Bibles and other holiness books. Because of insufficient resources, the borrowed books must be returned when the pastor completes his or her studies. The goal of “Books for Pastors—Tools for Ministry” is to raise \$3.5 million as a denomination to properly equip pastors preparing for ordination. As of February 24, 2006, \$2.56 million has been received.

Thank you for participating in “Books for Pastors.” Because you gave, 30 pastors graduated from seminary better equipped for their future ministry. Imagine the hearts and lives that will be transformed as these pastors “Share the Cross” in Mozambique and beyond.

*Adapted from an article by Rev. Margaret Scott, missionary to Mozambique
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