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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!

I am always fascinated by the value of things people often say. They usually don't realize just how much weight their words carry. I recently received a little note from someone who had just lost a loved one and facing the cost of a funeral they said....."dying these days is expensive."

That statement struck me as a potent theological truth.

Not only is dying expensive these days, but it has always been expensive. Dying has been a line item that makes it hard to balance the budget of life. In fact, the only way that we can offset that expense is to have an income line equal to it. The great news is that we do indeed have a deposit of grace, mercy, forgiveness, into our account. Romans Chapter 6 verse 23..... "***For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.***" Dying is indeed expensive, but it has been that way from the moment the best of God's creation made a decision to transgress. It has been that way from the moment humanity rose up against God and said.....I will do it my way!

Suddenly the riches started to evaporate, suddenly princes became paupers, suddenly the wise became foolish, suddenly the asset became a liability. Suddenly limitless life now has limitations, suddenly bodies that could have withstood sickness begin to succumb to disease.

Suddenly freedom is reigned in and the highest price of all now has to be paid. Oh yes, dying these days is expensive! Recognizing this, God from before the foundation of the world, sent His Son Jesus to pay the price for our sin! So dying takes away so much from us, dying robs us of so much, but the price has been paid by the precious blood of Jesus. Let us never forget this. Let the words of Mrs. C.F. Alexander echo through the ages.....

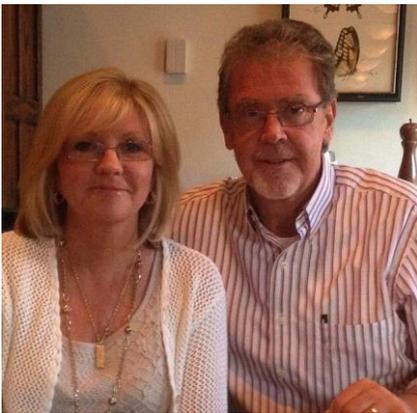
*"There is a green hill far away, without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all.
We may not know, we cannot tell what pains He had to bear,
But we believe it was for us, He hung and suffered there.
He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heaven, saved by His precious blood.
There was no other good enough, to pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate of Heaven and let us in.
O dearly, dearly has He loved and we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming blood and try His works to do."*

In the Name of our Risen Lord and until the next time!
Blessings
Ian Fitzpatrick.

I would ask that you be praying for the following ministry activities across our country...

ATLANTIC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:	Thurs 31 st May - Sat 2 nd June
CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & NMI CONVENTION:	Tues 5 th - Thurs 7 th June
QUEBEC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & NMI CONVENTION:	Fri 15 th - Sat 16 th June
WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:	Thurs 21 st - Sat 23 rd June
PACIFIC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:	Thurs 28 th - Sat 30 th June
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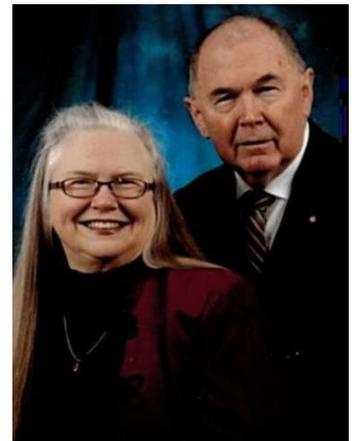
I would also ask that you be in continual pray for our district leadership in Canada.....



National Director & DS
Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick
(Pat) - Canada Quebec



D.S. Reverend Earl Wood
(Vernita) - Canada Pacific



D.S. Reverend Clair MacMillan
(Donna) - Canada Atlantic



D.S. Reverend Larry Dahl
(Audrey) - Canada West



D.S. Reverend Steve Ottley
(Pat) - Canada Central

Pray also for.....



Director of Stewardship Services:
Dr. Riley Coulter (Karen)



Ambrose President:
Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)



NCMC Executive Director:
Reverend Elaine Bumstead (Dennis)

My prayer for you.....

“May you experience PEACE in the midst of trial, JOY in the midst of sadness, COURAGE when you face the “impossible”, CONFIDENCE when others would seek to strip you bare, REFLECTION in looking back, EXCITEMENT in looking forward, LONGSUFFERING when your patience is exhausted, and LOVE FOR ALL - AMEN”.

Blessings
Ian Fitzpatrick

IN MEMORY

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

The Board of General Superintendents, Church of the Nazarene, extends its heartfelt love, passionate prayers, and deepest condolences to the families of all affected by the Friday, 18 May plane crash in Havana, Cuba.

It was with heavy hearts we learned that 10 Nazarene pastoral couples were among the 100-plus people who lost their lives in this tragedy. They had just completed a national conference for the Cuba Nazarene Church.

“Sharon and I had the privilege of being at the Cuba East District Assembly in January,” said David W. Graves, jurisdictional general superintendent for the denomination’s Mesoamerica Region. “We were touched by their love and passion for Jesus and the Church of the Nazarene. Our hearts are heavy for the families, churches, and the district, and the loss is personally felt by our global family.”

We are comforted by the report from Rev. López, president of the Church of the Nazarene in Cuba, who said the couples were singing, praying, and testifying on their way to the airport. The promise of the resurrection assures us that we will be reunited in praising and worshiping God together.

We grieve with the families of those who lost their loved ones. We also grieve with Regional Director Rev. Carlos Sáenz, Rev. Leonel López, and East District Superintendent Rev. Luis Batista during this time. May the Lord carry the children of these mothers and fathers, surrounding them with His all-embracing peace and love that transcends our understanding.

To Nazarenes around the world, please continue to join us in prayer for all affected by this tragic loss. We embrace Christ’s mandate to console the grieving and care for the widows and orphans.

To Cuba Nazarenes, East District churches, and all hurting in that nation today, we love you. You are truly our brothers and sisters in Christ. We mourn with you, hurt with you, pray for you, and will continue to lift you up in prayer in the days, months, and years ahead.

Our prayer is that God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:7). May you hold on to the reality that God, our “Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace” (Psalm 29:11). Our prayer is for the peace of Christ to be with the people of Cuba during this time of grief and pain.

Source: NCN News



We are grateful for and we remember their consecrated lives:

Mirza Rodríguez Rondón & Juan Luis Vega Velázquez

Luis Manuel Rojas Pérez & Maricela Peña

Norma Suárez Niles & Jesús Manuel García Oberto

María Virgen Filandez Rojas & Rafael Vega Velázquez

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(Pastor and District Treasurer)

Manuel David Aguilar Saavedra & María Salomé Sánchez Arévalo
(District Secretary)

Grisell Filandes Clark & Lorenzo Boch Bring



LATEST NEWS FROM CUBA

As you can imagine, the recent airline tragedy has caused tremendous grief and increasing financial hardship for the church in Cuba. I am so grateful for the faithful Nazarenes across the country who support the work in the Island nation. Now, in addition to the “regular” support mechanism, we are praying for God’s direction as to how best address the issue of supporting those children who have now been left without parents. Also, the parents of those lost in the tragedy are left to raise their grandchildren. I want to thank you for the funds already raised, and wish to assure you of a definite long term plan to assist the above mentioned. This will happen through consultation with the District Superintendents in Canada and our NCMC Executive Director. We will be sure to keep you informed as decisions are made.

We are committed to helping our church family in Cuba and in particular those whose lives have been drastically changed as a result of the plane crash tragedy. Please continue to pray.....Thank you.



National Director praying with some of the young people from Holguin Central Church. They lost their pastoral family in the plane crash
← →



Pastor Esther Boodhoo (Canada Central) caring for families in Holguin, with Yuli (DS Luis’ daughter).



Pastor Osmel & Rev. Mark Collins



Reverend Mark Collins and ND with Pastors Armando (NCM Coordinator for Cuba East) at the Funeral home



Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick, DS Luis Batista Ramirez, Alina Rodriguez, and Rev. Mark Collins sharing about the urgent need in Cuba as Cuba East and Cuba West respond to the tragedy and loss of 20 members, pastors and leaders.



Holguin City Central cemetery where Maria and David were laid to rest.



Dr. Carlos and Rosa Saenz, Rev. Donna Wilson and a member of UNAS Cuba COTN, (Pastor - Norma and Jesus are with the Lord)



A crisis team from Mesoamerica assisting DS Luis and Iliana in caring for the families



Sorting supplies for the children's families



←Rev. Joel Ortega Dopico (Cuban Council of Churches) and Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick, as he encourages all churches in Cuba to uphold the Church of the Nazarene.



←Playing football with Eliezer (11) who is receiving care after the passing of his parents Pastor Norma and her spouse Jesus. He is with his Grandma and his Aunt in Holguin.

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST 2018



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
addressing the gathering on
Tuesday 8th May , 2018



Ottawa Pastors , Reverend
Charmaine Kofler
(Bridlewood)and Reverend
Frank Chouinard (Trinity) with
our National Director

STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

The Bible is very blunt about money and possessions. Consider that 1/6 of the New Testament, 2,350 verses in the Bible and 16 of 38 of Jesus' parables address the topic of money and possessions. More is said in the Bible about money than about heaven and hell combined. Five times more is said about money than prayer!

We live in a culture and society of great affluence. The challenge for those of us who follow Christ is to sort through the constant influence of materialism and consumerism to live by the principle of stewardship - God has blessed us with a measure of wealth and prosperity that He wishes us to use for the development of His Kingdom on this earth.

God describes us as stewards, responsible for our Owner's property and affairs. The issue isn't whether we have a little or a lot, it is really our willingness to cooperate with God in the stewardship of the resources He has blessed us with.

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HERE IS WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THROUGHOUT OUR NATION:

CANADA CENTRAL



Reverend Frank Chouinard from Ottawa Trinity Church wrote an Easter Sunday Poem/Message. Here is the link: Enjoy!!!

[Click here](#)

CANADA QUEBEC



Meliza Massenat (song leader)
Alex Jacque (Assistant Pastor)
Joelle Constant (Pastor) Voltaire Charitable (Evangelist from South Florida district) and Rev Randy Barrington (Quebec Zone Director)

CANADA PACIFIC

In Memory

Dear Pastors, members and friends of the Church of the Nazarene Canada Pacific District

It is with the greatest of sadness that we tell you our dear friend Rev. Neil Allenbrand went home to be with his Lord and Saviour last evening. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, June 9th at the Penticton Church in Penticton. Details are yet to be confirmed.

“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30. Pastor Neil shared the joy of God’s love with family, friends and strangers and I’m sure would declare “how wonderful is the life you have given me!”

We offer our condolences and our prayers to Heather Allenbrand and the wider family during this difficult time.

Every blessing,

Lee

Canada Pacific District Secretary (Clerical) Church of the Nazarene





CANADA NYI



Canadian N.Y.I. Presidents:
(Left to right): Brad Silliker (Atlantic), Robenson (Quebec),
Helen Theissen (Canadian NYI Global Council Vice Chair),
Ian Fitzpatrick (National Director), Matt Wood (Pacific),
Ryan Wood (West) & Marg Stahlbaum (Central)





GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER TO END FAMINE

The Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) is inviting Canadians to join Christians around the world in a Global Day of Prayer to End Famine on Sunday, June 10. The call to prayer has been issued by the All-Africa Council of Churches together with the World Council of Churches. They simply ask Christians around the world to let those who are hungry know they are not forgotten in their hour of need.

In Matthew 25, Jesus says, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” On June 10, join me and millions of Christians around the world and let’s pray for our brothers and sisters caught in this food crisis.

Resources to help your faith community pray can be found on the Global Day of Prayer website and on the Foodgrains Bank website. You can also register your church or organization to join here.

Helping NCM Canada and CFGB End Famine

You can be part of our effort to end famine. You can sponsor an acre either in the Seeds of Life Growing Project at www.seeds-of-life.ca or in the Grow Hope Markdale Growing Project at www.growhopemarkdale.org.

The sponsorship of one acre (about the size of a soccer field) pays for the crop inputs. The Canadian farmer grows the crop, sells the crop and sends the funds to Canadian Foodgrains Bank. A sponsorship of one acre costs \$375 - \$400 (depending on the crop grown). The crop when harvested sells for around \$500 per acre or more. When matched 4:1 by the Canadian government, this becomes \$2500 or more, to feed hungry people.

You can also mail a cheque to "Church of the Nazarene Canada, 3657 Ponytrail Drive Mississauga ON L4X 1W5 or call 1-888-808-7490.

Thank you for helping us end global hunger!!



NCM CANADA AND A GROUP OF O'LEARY LADIES

MAKE AN IMPACT!

There is a small group of women who enjoy meeting together Monday evenings at the O'Leary Nazarene Church. They have been getting together consistently for years for Bible study and prayer. Every year they collect money and choose to where it will be donated.

This year, prior to Alan's and my trip to Malawi, one of the ladies approached me (Dennis) and said that the group had decided that they wanted to donate some money to "something in Malawi". I said, "Sure!", but I told them I wasn't sure at that moment what it that should be. I asked if they would trust me to put it to something worthwhile, and they agreed. Our treasurer gave me a cheque with their money, adding a bit more to it from our church funds. In Malawi, business transactions use Kwacha or U.S. dollars; when the Canadian funds were exchanged, it came to a little under \$100 U.S.

In Malawi, I kept my ears open for something we could do with this gift of money, and when Alan and I received a request from a group of ladies in the village of Chasawa – I knew what we should do.

A Bit of Background

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada has been working with a group of farmers in the village of Chasawa for at least five years, helping them with food during times of famine when the rains didn't come and also teaching them a different, more effective farming method called "Conservation Agriculture." This is a very poor village.

"We Need Some Help"

When Alan and I visited Chasawa, we spent some time speaking with the women of the village, and we asked if they had any questions for us.

One of the ladies replied, "*We need some help.*"

"We have a building and we have a teacher. We would like to start a Child Development Centre, but we have no school supplies. We would like to provide education for our children."

We didn't promise anything at the time, but I spoke with Chinsinsi afterwards and told him that I had some money from our Ladies Bible Study group that could go toward a blackboard and supplies. "Supplies" also includes a large cooking pot, as the children are given a meal each day. This could be the only meal the children have in a day.

Here's What Happened!

Chinsinsi has since purchased those supplies and has presented them to the village of Chasawa. This 'Thank-you!' picture shows the kids in Chisawa with some of the supplies.

The Story Does Not End There

This situation was a bit unusual in that normally it is the local church that starts a child development center; however, there is no church in this village. This was discussed with the zone leader and as a result, Pastor Edward Banda of Ndaula (a neighbouring village) has started a daughter church with a preaching point in Chasawa. Pastor Lawirani has been mandated by the zone to lead this group.

Chinsinsi sent me an email to express the Malawi church's appreciation for our church and our women's Bible study group, not only for providing school supplies but for our help in planting a church in the village of Chasawa.

Who knew that a small group of women meeting for Bible study in O'Leary, PEI would do something that was directly responsible for the planting of a new church deep in Africa through the hands of NCM Canada!



Working Together to Build Christ's Kingdom Here



NOTES FRO DELL MARIE'S TRIP TO ALBANIA AND UKRAINE:

CRW in partnership with NCM Canada has sent containers to the Ukraine and Albania. In both of these containers, we sent a crate for setting up a skill development centre plus sent other hand tools and hardware to assist with fixing homes, churches and schools.

These are loved.....and so useful! These tools are hard to find in these countries- and if we can find them-- very expensive!

In Ukraine, they operate rehab/safe homes for people who are in addiction recovery. These tools have been invaluable in fixing up these homes, - fixing doors and windows. They really love the cordless tools!

In both the Ukraine and Albania, they have set up programs to go and assist widows and single moms in fixing and repairing their homes.

They also were grateful for the buckets of fasteners - nails, bolts, screws, and any type of hardware. We are being asked if we can find longer term solutions for storage of these items.

Thank you to those who work in the tools area- both at the farm and at Esquimalt.

Both in Albania and in Ukraine, the Church of the Nazarene is involved with kindergarten and ESL classes (for all ages). These classes are vital for children to be able to attend first grade in school. CRW in partnership with NCM Canada sends supplies for these schools. Most of these children could not otherwise attend school. The parents are asked to pay a very little fee for the child's attendance. All other schools charge so much more- but this allows these parents to also say "hey, we are paying for school!"

The public school system is very pleased with the children graduating from these classes- a few of them had to run 2 sets of classes per day.

I sat in classes and heard the teachers teach, saw handiwork being done, saw the children playing and singing and even reading. They were excited to "perform" for a new person!

For most- learning to read, write and do regular kindergarten classes is a joy. They also receive a nutritious meal- and for some, this is their only meal of the day. They love the toys we send- most of these children do not have toys at home, so they really love going to school!

I was more than pleased and amazed at what the ESL teachers accomplished with so little supplies. Learning English increases the opportunity for employment- especially in the larger cities.

They are asking for more of the same supplies in the next container - so we need to gather and get prepared!

Thank you to those who gave and those who sorted and packed so carefully. It makes such a difference in the life of a child....and a teacher.



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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

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Please keep in mind, when sending mail or cheques to Church of the Nazarene Canada and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries it must be addressed to **Church of the Nazarene Canada** (It is a bank requirement).

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