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**NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE**  
**REGAINS FINANCIAL FOOTING**

Nazarene Publishing House (NPH) continues to move forward with significant innovation in a season of reinvention. By implementing a restructure focused on increased efficiencies and cost savings, NPH has regained financial stability, according to Interim CEO Mark D. Brown.

As a result of the 2014 reduction in staff and a changing business model, the NPH Board has approved the sale of the administrative offices located on Troost Avenue in Kansas City to the Kansas City Public Schools to be utilized as the district headquarters.

*“We are taking advantage of an opportunity to right size the company,”* said Brown. *“With our reduced need for office space, we will be able to downsize and still remain near our service providers.”* Brown said NPH is pursuing relocation options within two miles of the present site in order to maintain a necessary proximity to the printing facility and the distribution center, which will remain on Troost. Brown expects the transition to a new space to occur sometime after the beginning of 2016. No disruption in services will occur with the move, and the NPH phone and PO Box numbers will remain the same.

In another move forward for NPH, Brown announced the relaunch of Lillenas Publishing Company, the music imprint of Nazarene Publishing House. The nearly 100-year-old music company, founded in 1924, had halted the production of new product in late 2014. Considerations were given to selling the business, but the NPH Board of Directors concluded that at this time Lillenas needs to be a vital part of the publishing ministry going forward.

The new Lillenas leadership team will be led by long-time NPH director Mark Parker, said Brown. Lillenas will premier several new releases in the Fall of 2015, including the 2016 Easter product, which will release by the end of November. Christmas releases for

2016 will soon go to the studio for recording. Moving forward, Lillenas will focus once again on meeting the needs of the ever-changing music culture of the church.

*“Both the sale of the administrative offices and the relaunch of Lillenas are good news for Nazarene Publishing House,”* said NPH Board President Bob Brower. *“These moves are significant pieces in strategic planning for the next 5 years. Under Mark Brown’s leadership, the NPH team is creating a new future for this 100-year-old company.”*

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## FREE VBS RESOURCE CONTINUES TO IMPACT CHILDREN WORLDWIDE

In the fall of 2014, Kids Reaching Kids began work on a new Vacation Bible School curriculum in response to a growing need within many local Nazarene churches for Wesleyan/Holiness Vacation Bible School that could bring children to a saving faith in Christ without creating a financial burden for the church.

*The God of the Underdogs* VBS was sent free of charge to every Nazarene church within the U.S. and Canada; eventually, it made its way across the globe. The curriculum was made available in both English and Spanish, and with the help of some VBS-passionate Nazarenes in Kenya, portions were translated into Swahili.

In addition to hard copies, *The God of the Underdogs* is available as a free download at [gotuvbs.com](http://gotuvbs.com) and will remain there indefinitely.

In 2015, a *God of the Underdogs* VBS was held in:

- 272 U.S. churches across 39 states
- 90 churches in Kenya
- 28 churches in Guyana
- At least one church in Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Trinidad, and Zimbabwe
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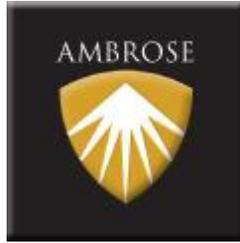
The *God of the Underdogs* curriculum will continue to impact churches in 2016, including:

- 52 churches in Puerto Rico as a part of [Encuentro Puerto Rico](#)
- Potentially more than 100 churches throughout other parts of the Mesoamerica Region

Due to the success of *The God of the Underdogs* VBS, Kids Reaching Kids is producing a second VBS curriculum for 2016. **BOLD: Be Outspoken... Live it Daily!** will lead children on an adventure through the book of Acts. To receive a free **BOLD** VBS kit, visit [boldvbs.com](http://boldvbs.com). **BOLD** will be available in English, Spanish, and Swahili.

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*in the new land. The story I tell is the account of one such family. All of the characters are real people, who by one means or another found their way into a new community and life. The events are all real, but they are not singular. The kinds of things which happen in this story happened again and again, to various people, in various places, at various times. Henry and Velma's story is the story of countless from countless rural places in Canada, who, for a variety of reasons moved to one city or another looking for an opportunity to build a life. In the process, and in the alienation caused by their dislocation, they came in contact with other people of like mind, who shared a common need: to be loved and accepted as they found their way in the complex society of the twentieth century city."*

Lost and Found is available for purchase from the National Office for \$13.00 (includes shipping charges). Additionally, Lost and Found can be purchased by following these links:

\*\*[http://www.amazon.com/LOST-FOUND-Kenneth-Clair-MacMillan/dp/1460251245/ref=sr\\_1\\_12?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430496368&sr=1-12&keywords=lost+and+found+macmillan](http://www.amazon.com/LOST-FOUND-Kenneth-Clair-MacMillan/dp/1460251245/ref=sr_1_12?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430496368&sr=1-12&keywords=lost+and+found+macmillan)

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