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2017 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

J. K. Warrick delivered the annual Board of General Superintendents' Report during the 94th Session of the General Board 26 February in Overland Park, Kansas, USA.

Dr. Warrick's report, titled "The Mission of the Holiness Message," was enthusiastically received by the members of the General Board, officers, Global Ministry Center directors and staff, regional directors, Nazarene Publishing House leaders, and guests.

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NOTE FROM NCM CANADA

Within the past two weeks, there have been Facebook pages circulating with links to damaging news articles about Bangladesh Nazarene Mission. This has prompted NCM Canada to release to you this update on the status of the investigation in Bangladesh.

If you should receive questions which cannot be answered by the attached statement, please direct them to me, copied to Dr. Clair MacMillan.

Dr. Clair MacMillan has received and approved this statement, and is sharing this information with Canadian District Superintendents (Church of the Nazarene Canada).

We urge you not to forward, share, retweet, or pass on in any way, any gossip concerning Bangladesh and/or Bangladesh leaders that is appearing in social media and elsewhere. We ask that if you learn of others posting, sharing, or re-tweeting such articles, that you urge them to refrain from doing so.

With thanks and much prayer,

Rev. Elaine Bumstead
Executive Director, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada



EASTER BACKPACK CAMPAIGN

\$45.00 will provide one backpack filled with personal hygiene products to help one person start again. Every Easter, Open Door Outreach asks the community to fill backpacks.

Lack of trust is a tangible road block for many marginalized women. At Open Door Outreach, we use backpacks of personal hygiene products to let women know that we are available to them with no





strings attached. We also supply backpacks for men who are being released from corrections in cooperation with the John Howard Society.

Personal hygiene products are things many people take for granted, but these items will go a long way to help Open Door Outreach assist someone in the community who may have very little to call her own.

We are meeting a need which then leads to further connections after release from incarceration. Open Door Outreach has given out over 400 backpacks

over the last six years with the help and aid of individuals and groups in the community. It is a significant need which Islanders have never failed to meet.



A REFUGEE'S STORY

We would like to introduce you to a former MP Maintenance Associate, Alan Kipson. We love Alan's story because he took advantage of all that Mission Possible has to offer such as training, employment coaching, and work experience. Alan was a delightful member of our Mission Possible team and we wish him the best in all his future endeavours.

FROM ALAN...

Hello, my name is Alan Kipson and I was an MP Maintenance Associate. I love to read, especially self-help books and I used to play rugby for six years where I won a championship and the title of MVP.

FLEEING GENOCIDE

When I was 10 years old, my family moved from Burundi to flee the genocide that was taking place. We landed in Canada as refugees and eventually I moved to Vancouver. I was looking for a work opportunity when I ran into Andrew, an MP Maintenance supervisor who was working downtown. I explained to him I was interested in what he was doing and that I was eager to work. He told me about Mission Possible's opportunities for training, mentorship and employment – all of which were things that I was looking for.

WORKSHOP

I participated in the [3-day workshop series](#) with Jennifer, which gave me a wide perspective and a really good foundation for the work I wanted to do. I learned about the importance of soft skills and how to have resilience by getting back up on my feet, even with a difficult past.

FIRST FEW SHIFTS

Soon after the workshops, I was interviewed by MP Maintenance and given an opportunity to work part-time on the team. My first few shifts were exciting and I was supported and encouraged as I learned all of the different tasks I had to do. My favourite is pressure washing; it's hard to understand at first, but when you get the hang of it, it can be a lot of fun.

TEAM ATMOSPHERE

The team atmosphere at Mission Possible was great and the supervisors were significant mentors to me. It reminded me a lot of my days playing rugby. As a team, you want to support and encourage each other to do better and become champions. That's how I felt on the MP Maintenance team and there wasn't a single day that I came to work without a big smile on my face.

PROUD OF MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I'm really proud of the accomplishments I made at Mission Possible, and I feel like my advising sessions with Jennifer helped to highlight those. I recently worked hard to upgrade my high school marks and got over 90 percent in all of my courses. With this I'm hoping I can go to BCIT next year. While I was with MP Maintenance, I was able to find additional work at a local restaurant as a dishwasher and I'm training to do prep work in the kitchen. Who knows, maybe I'll be a kitchen manager some day!

GRATEFUL

I'm really grateful for this experience at Mission Possible and I didn't actually think that anything like this program existed. I'm learning applicable job skills, have goals moving forward and – perhaps most importantly – am really starting to understand what my purpose is. I'm still growing, but I feel optimistic for what lies ahead.

Update:

Alan has been promoted to cook and is still hoping to go back to school. Alan was also chosen as one of our 2016 [Comeback Award Winners](#).



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The Poverty Studies Summer Institute, held from June 5–23 on the Ambrose campus, is a unique learning opportunity to deepen your understanding of poverty with leading experts from across North America.

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