

**Annual Report of the President, Nazarene Missions International
North/East Texas District
2020-2021**

It is my honor to present my 4th annual report as District NMI President of the North/East Texas District – my 15th as your District NMI President – I am **SO THRILLED** that we are able to meet face-to-face for convention this year!!! Though there have been challenges over the last year, **KINGDOM BUSINESS** has been accomplished in the midst of the pandemic, and eternity will show that our local churches have responded well. **THANK YOU!!** I celebrate with each of you today as we continue to re-envision what Nazarene Missions International looks like in our local settings.

For many of you, and for me, a huge highlight of any year is the hosting of missionaries on our district, and this fiscal year we only hosted one family – The Hords – and they like us so well that they decided to STAY on our district!!!! Several of our churches hosted “virtual” missionaries – either via recorded video, or live via Facebook, Zoom, or other technology. We have been so thankful for these venues, and plan to use them more. We are thrilled that we have several missionaries scheduled to be on the district yet this year – beginning with Rev. Cindy & Rob North, and continuing with Phil & Katie, Tim & Michelle Eby, and Chad Dickerson.

Our keynote speakers last year, the Fothergills, were not able to be with us, but the District NMI gave them the stipend they would have received had they come, and I am grateful to all of you who enthusiastically agreed that this gift should be given!!

With our keynote speakers this year, Rev. Cindy & Rob North, we are able to celebrate a highlight from last year that was not celebrated like we had planned. In February of 2020, right before the pandemic hit with full force, we sent our first Work & Witness team in a very long time outside the USA – our team went to Africa Nazarene University in Nairobi, Kenya! Those participating were: Team Leader, Rev. David Baker, Rev. Ron Hight, Rev. Randy Larpenter, Samuel Hight, Angela Sneed, Jim Baker, Keith Johnson, Kevin Hames, Diane Hames (and the Baker’s brother, Jerry, also joined the team from Europe). We are thrilled to have Rob & Cindy here with us this year to bring highlights from ANU, and to help us recognize our team.

Though the days have been challenging, many of our local churches have continued to excel in meeting the goals of NMI – to **encourage people to pray for missions, educate people about the world’s needs and what the church is doing to meet those needs, challenge & engage children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church, and raise funds for missions outreach.** THANK YOU for continuing to give of yourselves – with your time, talent and treasure!!

World Evangelism Churches of Excellence (5.7% or more, in order by % of income given): North Dallas Connections, Pottsboro New Start, Mineola, Journey Community, Gun Barrel City, Bruton Terrace, Carrollton, The Haven (formerly Grand Prairie Family), Maranata, Gilmer, Richardson, North Dallas, McKinney New Life, Mount Enterprise, Henderson, *Bass Lake Worship Center*, Pittsburg, Longview First, Casa de Oracion, Faith Community, Mt Pleasant Journey, Nexus Community, Martin’s Chapel, Gladewater, Irving First, Tatum Crossroads, Kilgore, Palestine, Jacksonville, Faith Fellowship, Dallas First, *(italics indicate Church Type Mission)*

World Evangelism Churches (5.5% or more, but less than 5.7%): A Place of Hope, Athens, Cornerstone Community, Denison, Grand Saline, Heritage (Sherman), Hilltop, Living Hope, Lone Star Cowboy Church of Collin County, Marshall Community, NewStart Frisco, Roundup Cowboy, Texarkana First, The Shepherd’s House

Mission Priority One: (5.5% or more to WEF, and all NMI Objectives met, including submitting a local NMI report): Athens, Bruton Terrace, Carrollton, Casa de Oracion, Dallas First, Gilmer, Gladewater, Grand Saline, Gun Barrel City First, Henderson, Heritage (Sherman), Irving First, Jacksonville, Kilgore, Longview First, Martin’s Chapel, Mineola, Palestine, Pittsburg, Richardson, The Haven (formerly Grand Prairie Family)

Thank you local Pastors, NMI presidents and NMI members for your diligence and sacrifice!!

As I complete this report, **we have given \$413,411.51 to World Evangelism Fund (WEF)** this year, which is **98.14%** of our goal. Even in the midst of the pandemic, your giving has increased!!! Last year’s WEF goal was \$376,855 (97.19% met) and the year before was \$388,580 (99.9% met). Our goal this year is \$427,621.78, and though we are *still \$7960.12 from that*, you have given more than you did the last 2 years, and your generosity and love for missions is **cause for celebration!!**

THANK YOU’S - I continue to receive **exceptional support from our district team** – very special thanks to our **DS, Dr. Keven Wentworth, District NYI President, Chip Lee & District SDMI Director, Mark Henson** for their willingness to support my missions ideas with enthusiasm!! I am also deeply grateful for our **District NMI Executive Council:** Margaret Cash, Valerie Farris, Debbie Gossage, Connie Friesen, and Gloria Nelson – **and those appointed to the council:** Rev. David Baker, Brooke Smith, and Sara Pineda. **Last, but not least – to my husband, Pastor Ron Adams, for his unwavering support for me and missions!! And Thank YOU for allowing me to serve!!**

Your District NMI Council still has a **vision for reaching those in our “Jerusalem” that have come from the “uttermost parts of the earth”**, and we are excited about the future, as God unfolds His plans!! We realize that **the Mission Field literally has been brought to us in North/East Texas, and it is our responsibility to reach them for Christ!!**

Respectfully submitted, *Cheryl Adams*