Annual Report of the President, *Nazarene Missions International* North/East Texas District 2022-2023

It is my honor to present my annual report as District NMI President of the North/East Texas District. What a joy it is to serve God & our district through missions! I truly have the best job!!! Missions is contagious, and the stories of God's work around the world fuels everything that we do! The identity statement for NMI is what guides us in our endeavors throughout the year: **We are the global missions advocate** *in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world*.

We joyfully collaborate with NDI and NYI to ensure that all children and youth can catch a spirit of missions within their hearts! One way we do that is to provide the opportunity to meet and interact with missionaries during their respective camps during the summer. Our keynote speaker today will be at Children's Camp later this summer. We had a missionary scheduled for teen camp, too, but that was changed at the last minute due to scheduling problems with the storms that impacted our campgrounds, as well as much of the East Texas area, and that missionary's homebase in Oklahoma.

It has been a delight to have missionaries tour our district this year!!! We were honored to host Dr. Floyd Cunningham, Jonathan Daugherty, Thandeka (Creative Access) already this fiscal year. We welcome Shahade Twal as our keynote speaker today, and for his district tour. We will also be hosting Chad Dickerson again this year. There are others still "in the works" because of General Assembly this year – so if you want to host a missionary, please send me a note.

Thanks for bringing your *Crisis Care Kits* to convention again this year – they are well received everywhere we send them, and it's vital to keep our stockpile ready to go! We have about 200 boxes ready to be shipped to the warehouse. We will combine ours with those from other districts so that the stock is replenished at the warehouse. We will also keep some here to meet the needs of those in our USA South Central area that are victims of disasters.

As we do each year, it is our joy today to celebrate the local churches that have met the goals of NMI – to encourage people to pray for missions, educate people about the world's needs and what our global 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. <u>THANK</u> <u>YOU</u>, local presidents and pastors, for continuing to give of yourselves – with your time, talent and treasure!!

<u>World Evangelism Churches of Excellence</u> (5.7% or more, in order by % given): North Dallas Connections (CTM), Commerce Bread of Life, The Haven (Grand Prairie), Mount Enterprise, Mineola, Gun Barrel Cityt, Pottsboro New Start (CTM), Maranata, Carrollton, Restaurcion, Martin's Chapel, Gladewater, Bruton Terrace, Casa de Oracion, A Place of Hope (CTM), Faith Fellowship (Terrell), McKinney New Life, North Dallas, New Life of Paris, Jacksonville, Pittsburg, Mount Pleasant Journey, Denison, Nexus Community, Texarkana First, Faith Community (Atlanta), Athens, Dallas First, Richardson

<u>Mission Priority One (MPO)</u>: (5.5% or more to WEF, and all NMI Objectives met, including submitting a local NMI report): **34 churches** *A Place of Hope (CTM)*, Athens, Bruton Terrace, Carrollton, Commerce Bread of Life, Cornerstone Community, Dallas First, Faith Community (Atlanta), Faith Fellowship (Terrell), Gilmer, Gladewater, Grand Saline, Gun Barrel City, Henderson, Heritage (Sherman), Jacksonville, Kilgore, Living Hope, Lone Star Cowboy Church of Collin County, Longview First, Maranata, Martin's Chapel, Mineola, Mount Enterprise, Mount Pleasant Journey, North Dallas, *North Dallas Connections (CTM)*, Palestine, Pittsburg, Restaurcion, Richardson, Texarkana First, The Haven (Grand Prairie)

World Evangelism Churches (5.5% or more, but less than 5.7% & not MPO): Journey Community, NewStart - Frisco

As I complete this report, **our combined giving to World Evangelism Fund** (WEF), is **\$376,184.80**, which is **\$39,878.83** short of our goal of \$416,063.63. Our churches have also given \$117,300.87 to Mission Projects.

Thank YOU, delegates, for allowing me to serve! District leadership team – DS, Dr. Keven Wentworth, the District Advisory Board, District NYI President, Chip Lee & District NDI Director, David Baker! District NMI Executive Council: Gloria Nelson, Valerie Farris, Debbie Gossage, Margaret Cash, Connie Friesen,& the other members of the District NMI Council: Brooke Smith, Barbara Schuler, Lindsay Parson, Jeremy Talley, Chance Henson, Jerry Messer, Sara Pineda, Tracey Hord.

With God's help and guidance, your District NMI Council will continue to work toward implementation of our **District NMI Vision Statement** that was introduced last year by your District NMI Council at convention – living it out in creative ways!

• "Reaching those in our 'Jerusalem' that have come from the "uttermost parts of the earth".

We will not stop until everyone, everywhere has heard the good news of the gospel - that Jesus loves them!!

Respectfully submitted, *Cheryl Adams*