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### Back in the Saddle

I'm officially back from the longest season of sabbatical I have ever enjoyed. Together Lisa and I drove nearly 15,000 miles from Niagara Falls to San Diego and from the furthest point of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (White Fish Point) to the furthest south point of the New Mexico District (Rio Grande Village). We have been blessed to spend time with each of our children and their families, with Lisa's mother, with one another, with MCW Candidates, with District Superintendents at the Leadership Conference, celebrated the inauguration of the new president of Nazarene Bible College, Dr. Scott Sherman, and enjoyed three days in the beautiful Colorado Rockies near Durango compliments of the district.

After two tire rotations, two oil changes, and way too many potholes, traffic jams, construction zones, and close calls, there are a few impressions I want to share in this article.

**First—I am thankful.** There are many things for which to be thankful and I cannot begin to make a list, but let me focus on just a few. I am thankful for your generosity that has given us this season of rest. Truly, Lisa and I have not had a time to rest since we took my mother in to live with us over ten years ago. Since then, we suffered the grief of her loss, the stress of our call to New Mexico, my election to this role of service to you and the changes that it has brought, Lisa's retirement and the changes it has brought, and all the indignities that we have all lived through with COVID. We were exhausted. Thank you for the gift of time, the gift of rest, and the gift of your love, which has brought us the opportunity to find our footing again.

**Secondly—I am longing.** Much of these last four weeks have been spent exploring parts of the district where we do not have churches South West Texas, Northwest New Mexico, and many other places in New Mexico and around El Paso that clearly are church-able. God has put a longing in my heart to possess the land that He has given us. I have resonated with the question of Joshua 18:3, "How long will you delay going out to take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, gave you?" I have felt like the patriarchs of old, praying that God would allow us to multiply and to fill the land.

**Thirdly—I am lonely.** It has been good to be away, but; I miss you. I am so looking forward to Leadership Retreat this week and other opportunities to get to see you in the weeks to come. You have probably noticed on my Facebook page that we have already visited a few churches while "on sabbatical." I've been scolded a bit for breaking my sabbath, but I couldn't help myself. I miss my peeps. It is good to be back with you and back in the saddle again. I'm looking forward to all the things we are going to get to do together as we share in the work of the Kingdom together.

See you down the road a piece.

In His Love,  
Dr. Larry



# ACTIVITIES IN SOME OF OUR CHURCHES

*Special Guest Missionaries*



**Don & Evie Gardner**  
**October 24, 2021**  
 International Potluck to follow Worship Service.

Saturday, October 30th 3-5 pm

Noah's Ark Preschool and RosiNaz present a

## harvest FESTIVAL

A FAMILY EVENT

Hot Dogs, Sno-Cones, Popcorn, Candy, Games, Prizes, Trunk-or-Treat

I know I have missed many of our churches activities but I captured what I could to share in this month's Mission.

Our churches are impacting and reaching into their communities large or small.

I attempt to save things I find on Facebook, if you aren't posting there then please send your info to me so I can post it

Thank you churches for being flexible, creative and engaging with the people around you.

Lisa



### Aztec Church of the Nazarene

1061 Hwy 516

October 31, 2021

5:30-7:00 PM

Food, games and family fun!

Free Admission!



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

FREE!! Games - Candy - Prizes

Oct 23rd 11AM-4PM

3504 Isleta Blvd. SW

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

## TRUNK OR TREAT



CANDY - FUN - MORE!

OCTOBER 30 AT 6 PM

LIVING STONES NAZARENE CHURCH

## CRAFT FAIR

Aztec Church of the Nazarene is hosting a Craft Fair

1061 Hwy 516, Aztec

OCTOBER 09, 2021

9am - 2pm

Free admission!

A variety of items available

Navajo tacos and a drink - \$6

*Thank you for supporting Aztec Church of the Nazarene Ministries!*

## INTERSECTION

Food & Fellowship

INTERSECTION WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Good fellowship and good food!!



O LORD, WITH HUMBLE HEARTS WE PRAY  
 THY BLESSING THIS THANKSGIVING DAY  
 AND ASK THAT AT TABLE PLACE,  
 WHERE GRATEFUL FOLK SAY WORDS OF GRACE,  
 THAT THOU WILL COME TO SHARE THE YIELD  
 THY BOUNTY GAVE TO FARM AND FIELD.  
 WE PRAY THY LOVE WILL BLESS, O LORD,  
 EACH HEARTH, EACH HOME, EACH FESTIVE BOARD,  
 AND THAT THY PEACE WILL COME TO STAY  
 WHERE CANDLES GLOW, THANKSGIVING DAY.  
 —BRIAN F. KING



### Light the Night, trunk or treat

October 31st from 6-8

Hotdogs, Chips, Hot Chocolate, Candy, & Family Fun!  
 come eat and warm your hands by the fire

## CROSS ROADS

COMMUNITY EVENT

# TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

5:00—7:00 P.M.



We missed a lot of faces today, but it was a great way to start out quizzing from Zone 1!!



Zone 2 had an awesome kid's quiz meet at Angus Church of the Nazarene. we had a total of 18 Mini

Memory Masters 🙏 That means they said all their memory verses. —



### Gallup First Church of the Nazarene:

Halloween fun with the kids.  
Thanks Wanda Dreuer n Janette.  
Thanks McGrady Foundation, a family received a food box.

### Rio Vista Church of the Nazarene Women's Ministry

14th Annual Craft Fair going now  
9am to 2pm Oct 23,



## Cross Roads Community Church, Farmington, NM Pastor Appreciation Words



It's Pastors' Appreciate Month!

Meet our lead pastor, Rev. David West. We call him Pastor Dave, P.D., P. Dave and Poppy Dave to some of our littles. But don't let his name "Pastor" confuse you! He's not perfect, but he is a man of God, and an amazing Husband, Father, Grandfather and friend.



Today we had the privilege of honoring our Executive Associate Pastor, Rev. Eli Wyatt.

We call him Pastor Eli or Pastor E. He jokingly says "my name is only three letters, E L I... and people cut down to one, E."





Which one is Nicole??



Greetings, NM District!

Below you will find an update from Global NMI. I would love to hear what your church is planning for a Christmas Project this year. NCM has a powerful option and you can find more information by clicking the link below. I am praying for all of you in your work in NMI and in your communities! Thank you for all you do to sow the love of Jesus into those around you!

Joyfully,  
Nicole Young

## NCM Christmas Project

This year Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' (NCM) Christmas Project will support children who are caught in a crisis through scholarships to Nazarene schools, while also providing emotional and mental support, spiritual guidance, food, and more.

## Children in Crisis

The United Nations estimates that 117 million children will need some form of humanitarian assistance in 2021.

## You Have Influence

Thank you for serving Christ and the church through NMI. Your efforts to involve everyone in praying for the lost, giving to missions, and providing care and connection to our Nazarene missionaries is changing our world.

For locating any information of any department of The Global church of the Nazarene:

[www.nazarene.org](http://www.nazarene.org)

This website has a drop down Menu in the upper Lt corner to help with locating the information you are seeking. Take time to explore all the areas of the information for the Global Church of the Nazarene.





NM NYI has begun providing a new opportunity for youth and young adults to connect with one another during Zone Events which are to be scheduled quarterly. On Saturday, October 23rd, churches from Artesia, Carlsbad, and Roswell joined together for an afternoon of fall festivities at Heirloom Acres which is located in Artesia, NM. The youth groups gathered between the hours of 2PM-6PM to enjoy fellowship with one another. The afternoon started off with some bounding around and bouncing on the air pillow as well as youth participating in various yard games. We tackled the 8-acre corn maze and only managed to “lose” one small child who was found navigating his way through the maze with the “big kids”! After conquering the maze, we settled in at a campfire for s’mores. The Grain Train was a hit for all ages while Corn Hole matches and Concession munchies rounded out the rest of the fall festivities. Some even went home with pumpkins of varying colors, shapes, and sizes. Artesia First COTN, Roswell First COTN, and Carlsbad Church Street COTN are three of the nine churches included in this Zone Event; other churches who were unable to attend were from Angus, Broadview, Clovis, Hobbs, Lovington, and Portales. We hope to reconnect everyone at the next Zone Event which is tentatively set for Saturday, February 5, 2022.

**If you have any questions about Zone Events for these churches, please, contact Summer Neill (sdneill81@icloud.com or 803.257.2067).**

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe and well until we meet again



## youth quizzing

**Hi All, You will find below some of the new initiatives we are rolling out for the season. We are excited for these opportunities and will continue to communicate regularly to fill in the details.**

**Be blessed,  
Jordin**

### **Themes**

Each quiz meet will have a theme for which the participants can dress up. The theme for October is Halloween so dress in your best, appropriate costumes or other Halloween related gear. Prizes will be awarded for those who participate.

### **April Quiz Meet**

In an effort to see our teenagers learn and take on positions of leadership within NYI, we are adding a quiz meet in April that will be entirely run by them. They will set up, direct, quizmaster, keep score, handle awards, tear down and more. And, of course, they will be quizzing as well. We will begin to train them in these areas at our October meet. This means if you have teenagers that are interested in being a part of the quiz ministry, but not actually quizzing, we have a place for them too. Our annual Reindeer Games will still be themed, but we will remain in our church teams and points will count as they would in a normal meet in order to accommodate for this special meet.

### **Q 2022**

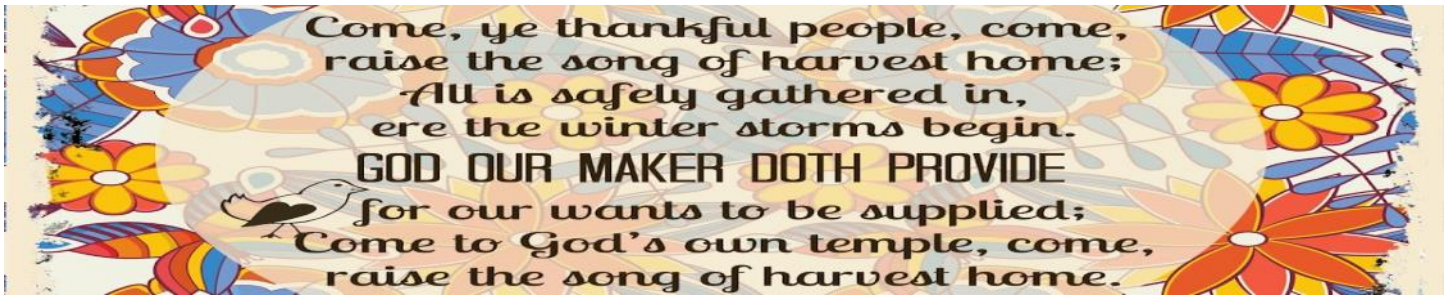
Everyone is invited to attend the national quiz competition called Q, June 27th-July 2nd, at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. However, in order to be eligible to receive a portion of our district funds to put toward this trip, you must quiz in at least 4 of our district meets during the season. Depending on eligibility and season standings, funds will be distributed accordingly.

### **Travel Opportunities**

The top quizzers should keep their ears open for more details about opportunities to travel to participate in meets across our field this season!

### **End of Season Party**

Stayed tuned for details about a district-wide end of season quiz party!



**THANKS OFFERING NOVEMBER 2021**  
**World Evangelism Offering**

