

New Mexico District
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



October Mission



The requirement of hospitality was built into Jewish culture and law. Moses laid down the principle in Deuteronomy 10:19 saying, "You shall also love the stranger, for you were also strangers in the land of Egypt." In their worship and in their festivals, the Israelites were always to both welcome and to provide for the stranger in their midst. Deuteronomy 16:14 calls the people of Israel to, "Rejoice during your festival, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, as well as the Levites, the strangers, the orphans, and the widows, resident in your towns."

During the Fall season, I see our churches doing a lot to "welcome the stranger." This week, Roswell First celebrated First Responders with barbeque and volleyball. Many of our churches had back to school events in which back packs, haircuts, and school supplies were handed out. A number of our churches are planning Fall Festival events or something similar. Others are looking forward to including their neighbors in their Thanksgiving celebrations. Still others are finding ways to practice hospitality on a weekly basis with Sunday breakfast or weekly hot lunches, or food box give aways, or simply providing rides to church.

All these efforts are great ways to extend the reach of the church to those to whom the church is a strange and scary place. I am thrilled when I hear stories of churches who are making a place for strangers in their midst. However, might I encourage you to not allow the stranger to remain a stranger.

Sometimes I have walked into a church as a visitor and people have looked at me like I have three heads or something. I feel like the "stranger danger silent alarm has gone off on everyone's phones or something." I am comfortable at church, but, sometimes, church makes me feel very uncomfortable.

Imagine what it might be like for someone who is uncomfortable at church to begin with. What if we made the decision that we would leave our comfortable and familiar group and went out of our way to make the "newby" feel welcome and not alone. It seems to me that "loving the stranger" means more than "tolerating the stranger." If we love the stranger, we would welcome him or her into our midst like long-lost family. We would be the ones to go to them to introduce ourselves and cross the "awkward silence" boundary.

It is good to build programs to reach the strangers around us. Let's go the second step and welcome them into our midst. Then we can teach them to be one of us and welcome the next strangers that come along.

You are loved,

Dr. Larry

CALENDAR OF *Events*

PEOPLE | CHURCHES | COMMUNITIES | A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

**OCTOBER 2026**

GET INVOLVED

Pastor's Appreciation Month

15-16	PLNU BoT
16	BP Master Planning Comm (Zoom)
17	Children's Quiz
17	Teen Quizzing — Check with Quiz Director (dates have changed)
23-25	Mid-Year Meetings (Zoom)

**NOVEMBER 2026**

MAKE AN IMPACT

1	Fall Back (time change)
4	Foundations Retreat (BP)
5	Board of Ministry (Bonita Park)
6-7	Leadership Retreat (Bonita Park) <i>Speaker: Dr. Larry Lacher</i>
14	Teen Quizzing — Check with Quiz Director (dates have changed)
21	Children's Quiz
21	NYI Council Zoom
26	Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER 2025**

STAY CONNECTED

District Christmas Parties/TBA

5	Teen Quizzing — Check with Quiz Director (dates have changed)
8	Bonita Park Christmas Party
10	DAB Meeting and Christmas Gathering
18-21	Mission Encounter
25	CHRISTMAS DAY

MISSION PROJECT FUNDING

Together,
**WE MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**

As we serve together,
we strengthen our churches,
our communities,
and the Kingdom of God.

"For we are
God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus
to do good works,
which God prepared
in advance for us
to do."

EPHESIANS 2:10



MISSION PROJECT FUNDING

Together, we are supporting
missions and making a lasting
difference in the lives of others.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP.

Different People. A Brighter Tomorrow.

Check the
DISTRICT

Calendar online www.nmnaz.com



NAZARENE MISSIONS
INTERNATIONAL

NMI *Monthly Emphases* CALENDAR

PRAY | GIVE | GO | SEND

JANUARY



**Volunteer
Ministries**



FEBRUARY



Alabaster



MARCH



**Easter Offering /
Global Week of Prayer
(March 1-7)**



APRIL



**Mission
Education**



MAY



**Missionary Health Care /
Mobilization**



JUNE



**World Mission
Broadcast**



JULY



**Educational
Institutions**



AUGUST



**Care & Connection
(LINKS)**



SEPTEMBER



**Membership,
Alabaster**



OCTOBER



**Mission Priority
One awards**



NOVEMBER



**Thanksgiving Offering
(U.S. & Canada)**



DECEMBER



**Compassionate
Ministries**



Together in Mission

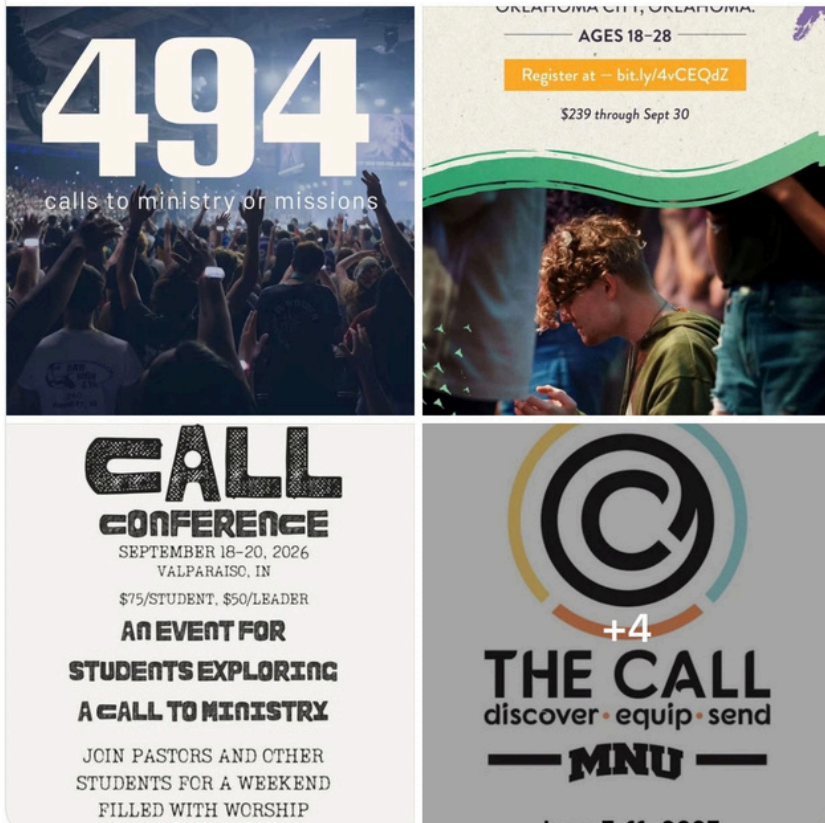


NAZARENE MISSIONS
INTERNATIONAL

MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS

THE MISSION

At NYC 2026, 494 participants experienced a call to ministry or missions. So many more experienced calls to serve the Lord in other ways. Several of our USA/Canada Fields, and our region, have opportunities to foster this call and to learn more about what it means to be called.



Why send a young adult to Ignite the Cause?

Because they'll leave with more than inspiration — they'll leave with clarity on their calling and tangible next steps, whether that's local ministry, cross-cultural service, or global mission.

January 3–6, 2027 · Oklahoma City, OK. Registration is \$239 through Sept 30.
https://web.cvent.com/event/d6955a13-2767-4b5a-8dc9-90857b452311/summary?tm=L_qu1ZZ9CYVNYk_UkoZ-rZzOzd7V35I-FoslydQnbvs



Nazarene Missions International

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Are you a local church pastor or NMI president looking for NMI resources to share with your congregation? Visit the NMI website! You'll find social media graphics, videos, icons, logos, brand guides, PDFs, and PowerPoints in multiple languages—your one-stop shop for NMI promotional materials.

nazarene.org/nmi

1. NMI branded PowerPoint
2. Identity Statement icons
3. Identity Statement PDFs
4. NMI logos
5. Identity Statement social media graphics
6. 5 Areas of Impact icons



What a
wonderful
read take
some time
and read it
over!

THE MISSION

New Mexico District CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Around the District

Wednesday Night CHURCH



**YOUTH
@ 6 PM**



**ADULTS AND CHILDREN
6:30 PM**

ADULTS WILL BE STARTING A
NEW SERIES

Women of Faith

WITH PASTOR LARRY

CENTRAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
LOVING GOD | LOVING PEOPLE | SHARING JESUS

TRUNK OR TREAT

Shine His Light!
Everyone is Welcome!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

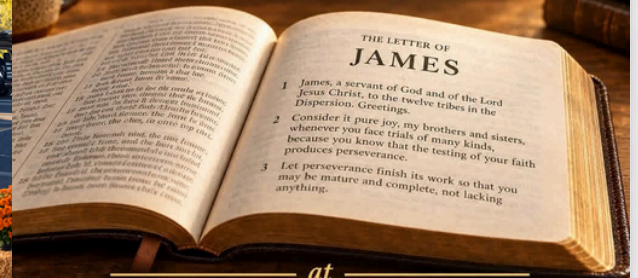
FOOD TRUCKS | DECORATED TRUNKS | CARNIVAL GAMES

CENTRAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
901 E COUNTRY CLUB RD, ROSWELL, NM 88201

Hope. Fun. Community.

Build me Through the Book of James

— A 7-Week Sermon Series —



at
Roswell Central Nazarene Church

901 E Country Club Rd
Service time: 10:45 am

YES Housing, Inc. - New Mexico · Follow
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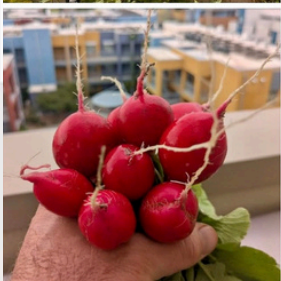
Over at YES Housing, Inc.'s Imperial Building, work on the rooftop community garden continues. James Landry of [Mission ABQ](#) explains that it's been a difficult year for growing due to the intense heat but the garden continues to kick out a lot of good vegetables for the residents of Imperial. The dedication of resident volunteer, Ava, and Mission ABQ's newest staff member, Faila, has been crucial and we are extremely thankful for all of their help! [#yeshousinginc](#) [#downtownabqimperial](#) [#missionabq](#) [#communitygarden](#) [#rooftopgarden](#) [#gardening](#) [#harvest](#) [#communitysupport](#)



Gallup First Church of Nazarene:
Partners with High Desert United Methodist Church in Rio Rancho, NM.

Women with Purpose with Wanda Golsan.

1. Today was the first meeting after summer months off. Great group making bags for the community.
2. Thanks Pastor Reuben for the 30 food boxes that go out to the Navajo Reservation to the needy seniors.



EL PASO FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
YOU'RE INVITED • TE INVITAMOS

BIBLE STUDY

TOGETHER IN FAITH
JUNTOS EN LA FE

MEN OF GOD
HOMBRES DE DIOS

WOMEN OF FAITH
MUJERES DE FE

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
VIERNES, 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2026**

6:00 PM

EL PASO, TX, 2520 SILVER AVE. 79930

ALL ARE WELCOME!
¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!



**Preaching
collaborative if you're
interested for next
year, please contact
Rev Dr. Rusty Brian**



THE MISSION

New Mexico District Church of the Nazarene

District **LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

For Pastors, Spouses, & Families and select Lay Leaders

“A RENEWING GOD, RENEWING YOU”

with

DR. LARRY LACHER

November 5-7, 2026

Cost: \$100 per person
(17 & under are free)

Retired Ministers - \$50

One Day Attenders - \$50

Call Bonita Park to Reserve Housing - (575) 336-4404

Register at: nmnaz.com

MISSION ENCOUNTER

NM NYI & NMI WITH
NAZARENE BORDER INITIATIVE &
MISSION EL PASO

A MISSION IMMERSION & DISCIPLESHIP
WEEKEND FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

DECEMBER 18-21, 2026

\$100 PER PARTICIPANT

EL PASO, TX



NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S QUIZZING

• 2026-2027 •

THIS YEAR WE'RE LEARNING ABOUT THE BOOK OF

EXODUS

QUIZ MEET DATES



SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Digsites 1-4



OCTOBER 17, 2026

Digsites 5-8



NOVEMBER 21, 2026

Digsites 9-12



JANUARY 16, 2027

Digsites 13-16



FEBRUARY 20, 2027

Digsites 17-20



APRIL 3, 2027

All Digsites

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Women Retreat 26

