

**February 2021**



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**District Superintendent**

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## Mission Reflections

If you were a part of the 21 days of prayer and fasting that took place in January, you know that I encouraged you and your churches to think about the next "new thing" that God would be doing. I am excited about the new things that He is orchestrating on the New Mexico District. We are hosting a Church Planting Essentials course on Feb. 5-6 because God is calling several of our churches to plant new churches around the district. I have heard several of our churches talk about new horizons of ministry that God is talking to them about and new "target groups" that He is asking them to engage for the Kingdom. I am so proud of the new things everyone has been trying in order to continue missional effectiveness during these difficult days. God is, indeed, up to something and I can hardly wait for it to be revealed. As you are having the conversation about what's next with your church and leadership, here are some things that I would suggest you keep in mind.

1. Technology is going to be more central, rather than tangential to the way the church reaches its community. People will expect to connect to the church in new ways.
2. "High touch" is the wave of the coming church. Churches will be expected to be less focused on the "big show" and more focused on making a difference in individual lives.
3. Mission will be everything. Churches will be expected to know their mission, be on mission, and to make a missional impact on their communities. People will get involved in mission before they decide to come to church.
4. We will move from programs to Presence. People who come to and stay at church will do so because they sense the presence of God, not just because there are great programs for all ages.
5. The church will be more diffuse. There will be fewer grand churches and a growing multitude of small groups of people gathering together in all sorts of places, not to do church, but to be the church.
6. The generations we are trying to reach will expect that the church is doing something to bring justice and mercy to the community. The church must get "out there" if it expects to have anyone show up "in there."
7. And finally, if it ain't authentic, they won't buy it. Glitz and gleam will not reach people. People will expect us to be real, not perfect, to be honest, not flawless, to be broken, not veneered.

**The Kingdom is breaking in in new ways. Embrace it. God wants to amaze us.**

**Dr. Larry Lacher**

***"We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to learn that it is God shaking them."***

Charles West

LOOK AT WHATS GOING ON IN OUR  
CHURCHES EVEN DURING COVID!

**An update from our director at Nueva Esperanza:**

Below are a few of the highlights from the last couple of months, Maria, 81, faithfully comes to bible study and volunteers at our small thrift store as long as she has energy and her legs keep going. Not only is that remarkable alone but more remarkable is her persevering prayer for a troubled man, Ramiro (name change), who broke into our store and has a no trespass order at Nueva, finally are reaping fruit! Ramiro is a new man. He isn't the skinny, dirty, red flushed eyes, aggressive and demanding person that he used to be. This time he was clean, gained some weight and came to return something valuable that didn't belong to him. God challenged us to not give up on him because he never gives up on us. Maria's prayers reached heaven. There are a lot of Ramiros, Ronnies, Davids on the streets... our hearts ache for them. We constantly ask. What would Jesus do? Dale, the most recent homeless man, got a multi-color evangelism hat with the gospel story. Ruth shared food, clothing and overall love, hope and acceptance. He was thankful someone care enough for him, didn't judge him quickly and instead gave him a pile of good frozen pizza which he quickly devoured. Omar, a young Hispanic man, had wandered away from the Lords path, though he came to the Lord, and to Nueva's ministry as a kid. He faced so many challenges and limitations growing up, being raised by grandma alone. Yet that cold morning, he received one of the Christmas boxes and shared some of his struggles. In a few minutes he was sobbing and asking Jesus to help him and to forgive him. He was encouraged to keep trusting in the Lord, who never gives up on anyone, and to fix his eyes on him not in the stormy waters we have all around us. Would you help us by praying for all these individuals, Christmas miracles, and families in Bernalillo? At a personal note, thank you for your prayers on behalf of my close and extended family. My dad, in South Mexico, is declining as he's fighting advanced cancer though he is receiving radio and chemotherapy to alleviate his pain. He knows where he is heading! I am thankful I had the chance to say goodbyes. We have the promise of heaven! –

Pastor Erika Hasenauer

**Gift Hope is at Portales Church of the Nazarene**

Last week we served tons of homemade chicken soup.  
Next week we'll serve jasmine rice and Chinese style chicken (baked) and vegetables.

1 🍚 of rice and 1 🥦 of veg and chicken 🍴❤️👉



It will be yummy. **This is available every other week.**

You can pick up for yourself or your neighbor or- a friend with kids- or your mom- or your friend who is at work or the guys who hang out in that alley or by that corner- anyone in our community who might enjoy a hot homemade meal.

We are cleaning before we start. Cleaning as we go. Wearing masks and being wise as we prepare and give meals. I spoke with Shirley and this is a brand new ministry! God laid this on the heart of a new family. They want to fund it themselves, but the United Way heard about it and have gifted them financial support !

**Next free hot meal: Tuesday 26 January 2021**

At the Portales Church of the Nazarene  
5 PM - 7 PM (while it lasts) @ Portales Church of the Nazarene  
**Shirley Tafoya**



**Church Planting Essentials Training**

The New Mexico District will host a Church Planting training for all pastors and people interested in being part of planting a new church on the district. **This training takes place Feb 5-6 and three subsequent Mondays in February via zoom.** There is no cost to this training, except a commitment to participate in all of it. Trainers will be Dr. Pete Myers, Dr. Larry Lacher, and Rev. Patti Rivas.

**For more information or to register for this event, contact Pete Myers**  
at [pastorpete@abqnaz.org](mailto:pastorpete@abqnaz.org).



**Please be watching for the new NMI Monthly Focused Zooms!**

Nicole will be sending out the needed information for each as the time gets closer.

**Next one Feb 23**



## Sandra Lopez has passed away

Sandra López, 47, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away from complications due to COVID-19 on 20 January 2021. She was the wife of Benjamín López, superintendent of the Southwest Latin American District. Sandra was born 12 April 1974 in Mexico City, Mexico, to José Emiliano Pérez Juárez and Adela Maya García. After immigrating to the United States, she met Benjamin at Tucson West Nazarene Church in Arizona, when Benjamin became the youth pastor. They worked together in the youth department and fell in love, marrying two years later in 1990. While serving in Arizona, Sandra gave birth to two of their daughters. In 1996, they moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where Benjamin had been named pastor of Iglesia Del Nazareno Vida Abundante, where he still leads. In 2016 Benjamin was elected as superintendent of the South West Latin American District.



Sandra served most recently as the district's missions president. "Only heaven knows what a wonderful and eternal impact her years of faithful prayers have had on Ben, her family, her friends, the SW Latin American District, and the world at large," said Bob Broadbooks, director of the USA/Canada Region. "Her signature gift of sharing God's love to all people will never be forgotten." Sandra's favorite things to do were cook, read, and spend time in nature, but most of all, she loved spending time with her four grandchildren. She cared for people with special needs until 2014 she could no longer work due to a medical condition. Her smile was infectious. When I met Sandra for the first time, I noticed her beautiful smile," Carol Broadbooks, Bob Broadbooks' wife. "You wanted to spend time with her. Very quickly you discovered she was a kind, loving, compassionate, Christian woman who devoted herself to Ben, her family, and God." She is survived by her husband, Benjamín López; her parents, Adela and Emiliano; her brothers, Yaros and Jimmy Pérez; her daughters, Berenice Figueroa and Sandra and Estefanía López; and her beloved grandchildren, Aidan, Ozzy, Benji, and Arely. A private memorial was held on Jan. 25.

Please keep Ben and family in your prayers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE DISTRICT 2021

<i>CPE Training</i>	<i>Feb. 5&amp;6 and Momday evenings 15, 22, March 1</i> <b>See pg 2 for details!</b>
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Feb.17</i>
<i>Camp Board Update:</i>	<i>Feb.20</i>
<i>NYI Extreme:</i>	<i>March 12-14</i>
<i>Ladies Retreat:</i>	<i>March 19-20– Virtual! See pg 4 for all the Details!</i>
<i>Palm Sunday:</i>	<i>March 28:</i>
<i>Easter Sunday:</i>	<i>April 4:</i>
<i>Year end Meetings:</i>	<i>April 8-10</i>
<i>Man Camp:</i>	<i>April 23-25</i>
<i>Church Year ends:</i>	<i>April 30</i>

➡ EVERY MONDAY Dr. Lacher leads a Leadership ZOOM for our ministry leaders at 2 different times to better fit your schedules. 10:00am and 7:00pm

The Monday 10:00am link is: <https://zoom.us/j/678230148>

The Monday 7:00pm link is: <https://zoom.us/j/598220646>

➡ EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 9:00PM Dr. Lacher is leading a Prayer Meeting on Zoom. Everyone is invited to be a part of this worship in prayer.

The ZOOM meeting link is: <https://zoom.us/j/338982217>

If you already have the ZOOM app just select: Join a meeting and enter the numbers.



New Mexico and El Paso, Texas

## Women's Virtual Retreat

### March, 19-20 2021

### Susie Shellenberger



Susie is fun, creative, and has traveled to every continent in the world—yes, even Antarctica. Susie grew up in Bethany, Okla., and attended Southern Nazarene University where she received a B.A. in Communications with minors in education, English and creative writing. She received her Master's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma. She joined Focus on the Family to create a magazine for teen girls. *Brio* was launched in March of 1990.

Susie, already an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, entered fulltime evangelism while launching a new magazine for teen girls titled *SUSIE Mag*. Three years later, she changed the title to *SISTERHOOD Magazine*. Susie continued as editor until 2014. Susie was a youth pastor, and has taught English, drama, creative writing in the public schools. Susie loves bright colors, the smell of brand-new tennis shoes, burnt hotdogs, sock monkeys and laughing till her sides hurt. She is a master at blending Scripture, creativity, depth and humor when she speaks. I can't wait to hear Susie speak to us at retreat.

*Woven into God's Story* will be fabulous!

### Yay for Women's Retreat

Women's retreat is almost here!! What a great time we will have March 19th and 20th! Look forward to fun, fellowship, door prizes, and hearing from the Lord through our speaker, Susie Shellenberger. Expect a blessing. Clear your calendar for Friday night the 19th at 7:00 for our first session. Plan to be together Saturday the 20th for a morning and afternoon session. I am so excited that we get to be together by way of zoom for women's retreat. **There will be no charge to you, but you do need to register.** Please register by March 10th so we can make plans for you. See that information on the District website.

For more info contact DeAnn -- [pastordeann16@gmail.com](mailto:pastordeann16@gmail.com).



Great job by everyone today. Thank you so much for your patience with all of the technical difficulties today.

Our next quiz will be on Feb 20 and will cover chapters 1-25.  
On to today's results....



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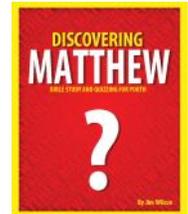
**Team**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Hope Springs/LL Cornerstone
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Heights
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Living Stones/Heights
- 4<sup>th</sup> place Aztec TnT

There was a tie breaker to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Also, 2 of the quizzes were determined by tie breaker.

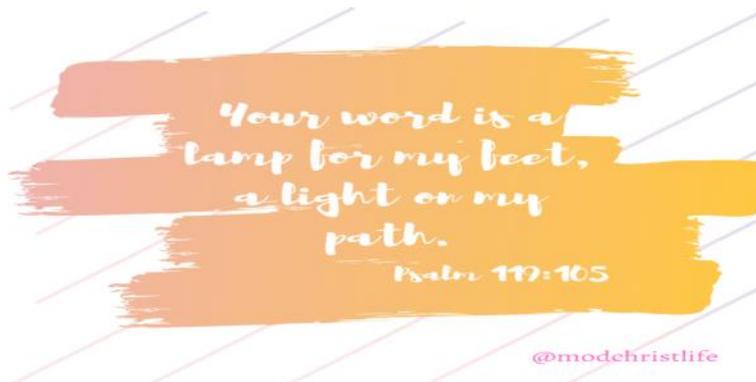
**Individual**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Allison Storch, LL Cornerstone
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Erika Cooke, Living Stones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Toby Compton, Heights
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – Josiah Hurst, Heights
- 5<sup>th</sup> place – Merrilee Martin, Hope Springs
- Rookie – Taylor Todd, Aztec
- Memory Master – Allison Storch, LL Cornerstone – quoted all 65 verses



We are at 298 verses for the year so far.

Jordin



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**Women in Ministry Virtual Fellowship**

\*\*\*\*\*W.I.M.\*\*\*\*\*

**\*\*\*Saturday Feb 27, 2021—1:00pm**

We will enjoy a time together on Zoom.

**NOTE TIME CHANGE**

Meeting ID on zoom ; 831 5944 5875

Passcode: 806233

Invite link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83159445875?pwd=S1jCOXMya0JOUmFhYnlGMVKUT09>

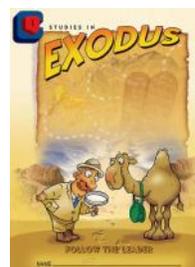
This Fellowship is for all our Women in Ministry– Ordained, Licensed, Pastors, Pastor's wives including Staff. If you have not received an invite to this then I do not have your email address. PLEASE send it to me ASAP. [lacherlisa@yahoo.com](mailto:lacherlisa@yahoo.com) Looking forward to seeing you all in February!!

Lisa Lacher

# NM District Children's Quiz PAGE

Greeting New Mexico!

This year of quizzing has definitely been a challenge for everyone. With hard work from families and quiz coaches, many churches are still able to do quiz meets virtually. There are some churches that use Zoom, others use Kahoot and some just do the quiz meet in their Bible Study class with COVID safe practices. Although it has been hard to not get together this year and quiz, I know that all of us are still completing the mission that God has called us to. We are still reaching the families in our District through quizzing and teaching them how to hide the Word of God into their hearts.



Special shout out to Delaina Van Soest (Carlsbad) who has been a big help for me this year as Zone 2 coordinator. Also, a big shout out to Abbi Hurst (Heights) and Charise Young (Carlsbad) for getting 3 perfect rounds for blue level in our January quiz. I would also like to give a big shout out to all of the quiz coaches and their families. I know quizzing has taken more time than usual and there has to be more planning for the quiz meets. Thank you for stepping up and helping our kids grow in Christ! We cannot do this without you!



We have two more quiz meets left in our season. Our next one is February 13, 2021 which will cover all Dig Sites for Exodus. Our last one will be our District Quiz, which will be March 6, 2021. Please look out for more information for our District Quiz.

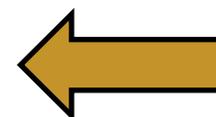
If you have any questions or comments at all, please email ([pastorarthur@abqnaz.org](mailto:pastorarthur@abqnaz.org)) or Facebook message me! :) )

Thank you!

Arthur Pacheco  
NM Children's Quizzing Director

Memory Verses	
Name	Church
Rhett Ford	LSCC
Joshua McCord	LSCC
Malorie Ford	LSCC
Javan McCord	LSCC
Keilah McCord	LSCC
Nate Hurst	Heights
Abbi Hurst	Heights
Adah Young	Carlsbad
Bree Laughlin	Carlsbad
Charise Young	Carlsbad
Lathan Ingram	Carlsbad
Evan Young	Carlsbad
Cayla Keller	Carlsbad
Cassie Keller	Carlsbad
Leah Ingram	Carlsbad
Janay Gibson	Carlsbad

Blue Level			
Placing	Name	Score	Church
1st	Abbi Hurst	300	Heights
1st	Charise Young	300	Carlsbad
2nd	Abbie Compton	295	Heights
2nd	Mallorie Ford	295	LSCC
2nd	Adah Young	295	Carlsbad
3rd	Madison Strange	290	LSCC
4th	Alex Byerly	285	La Vista
4th	Kelvin Nebris	285	El Paso Trinity
4th	Evan Young	285	Carlsbad
5th	Melody Ybaben	270	Carlsbad
6th	Annabelle Bloomquist	265	Heights
7th	Arianna Landry	260	Sandia
7th	Leon Ortega	260	Sandia
8th	Brennan Myers	255	Sandia
8th	Iris Loftis	255	Carlsbad
9th	Bree Laughlin	250	Carlsbad
9th	Cassie Keller	250	Carlsbad
10th	Cayla Keller	240	Carlsbad
P	Keilah McCord	220	LSCC
P	Javan McCord	220	LSCC
P	Lathan Ingram	220	Carlsbad
P	Freedom Laughlin	220	Carlsbad
P	Rosalynn Martin	190	Heights
P	Janay Gibson	170	Carlsbad
P	Reuben Diaz-Jimenez	165	La Vista
P	Leah Ingram	150	Carlsbad
P	William Cooke	125	LSCC
P	Bobby Armijo	95	Sandia



January  
Quiz  
Results

Red Level			
Placing	Name	Score	Church
1st	Rhett Ford	200	LSCC
2nd	Ben Compton	190	Heights
3rd	Dorothy Martin	180	Heights
3rd	Nate Hurst	180	Heights
4th	Jeremiah McDuff	175	Los Lunas
4th	Jonah Byerly	175	La Vista
4th	Joshua McCord	175	LSCC
5th	Annabelle Yocom	165	Carlsbad
5th	Genevieve Anderson	165	La Vista
6th	Trenton Strange	160	LSCC
7th	Kil Kat Ortega	150	Sandia
7th	Maddie Bloomquist	150	Heights
8th	Joy Anderson	140	La Vista
9th	Myles Yocom	115	Carlsbad
10th	Lyrical Loftis	110	Carlsbad

## Our Missionaries on Mission

**January 25, 2021.**

Dear Friends,

The Lord's work continues to press forward! The need for Him is greater than ever!

We are blessed the Lord allowed us to continue our work throughout 2020. Additionally, he has found us worthy of more responsibilities - Diane will add the position of regional NMI coordinator to her ministry service.

As we are unable to return to South Asia at this time, we are relocating to housing at the Regional office in Busingen am Hochrhein, Germany. This new assignment requires us to have an automobile.

This is a great expense – \$22,500 USD for a used car. Your kindness to us through prayers and support has been so great we hesitate to ask for more.

However, our goal is to raise \$22,500 by March 8<sup>th</sup> – ten days prior to our departure. As the Lord places this need on your heart - your financial gifts, of any amount, would be greatly appreciated.

Following are ways to **give** either **one-time** or a **monthly on-going gift**.

- Secure On-line **Giving** at <https://give.nazarene.org/fund/robbins>

-Checks should be made payable to “**General Treasury Service**” (GTS) with “**Robbins Deputation**” in the memo.

Mail Checks to:

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
GLOBAL MISSION/ROBBINS DEPUTATION  
17001 PRAIRIE STAR PARKWAY  
LENEXA, KS 66220

If you wish to partner financially, please know we are grateful.

Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Rusty and Diane Robbins



Our missionary family, the Tarrants, are transitioning from their role in El Paso TX to begin a new assignment in Poznań, Poland this Spring. In order for them to get to Poland, Andrew, Hayley, Samuel, Rees & Emily, need to raise approximately \$2370 USD a month for ministry expenses, to compliment the salary and health insurance the Church of the Nazarene is providing through the World Evangelism Fund.

Would you or your church consider joining the Poznań Impact Team by helping them reach their financial goal? By giving a one-time gift, or in giving monthly over the next 2 years, you will be partnering with the Tarrants, as they join with what God and others are already doing, to build a Kingdom Community in Poznań, Poland, and across Central Europe. Partnership is Mission. You can find more info about their assignment and needs at [tarrantfamily.com](http://tarrantfamily.com)

The Tarrants are also available till the end of March to connect with your people virtually or in person, for services, small groups or by sending video greetings. Thank you!

### Missionary Deputation

Randy & Joani Goossens (pronounced GO-sens) along with their children Emma, Levi, and Ethan are currently serving on the Melanesia South Pacific Field on the island of Fiji. Our District is honored to support and pray for them as one of our LINKS missionaries for 2019-2022. They are planning to move to a new assignment in the Philippines in July/August or when the borders open. They will be on home assignment and plan to visit the New Mexico District April 24-May 3. If you would like to take the opportunity to host the Goossens in your church (either virtually or in person),

Please contact Regena Fry at [schotzie2004@msn.com](mailto:schotzie2004@msn.com) or 575-914-6050.

