



Dr. Lawrence Lacher



**April 2025**

### The Power of Your Story

While at the funeral of Arnie Leidy a week ago, his son-in-law, Steve Sanchez reminded us all of the power that his testimony had when he shared it when he was preaching. Arnie’s story was a real story of transformation. He had a true BC to AC story that revealed the power of Jesus to take a broken life and completely revolutionize it. When he told his story, it inspired hope and a desire for change in the life of the listener.

Pastor Steve reminded those that were gathered at Arnie’s funeral that our story also has power. So does yours. Whether your story is a “rags to riches” conversion story or whether it is a “grace upon grace” story of having walked with Jesus all your life, your story of how Jesus has impacted your life is a story that has power.

When you tell your story, you give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to confirm its witness and its truth in the heart of the person who is hearing it. It is not up to you to convince people of the power of Christ through your story. In John 16:8, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit will convict the world regarding sin, righteousness, and judgement. Our job is just to tell our story so that the Holy Spirit has the opportunity to add the conformation to our witness.

I am reminded of the command that Jesus gave to the women who encountered Him at the empty tomb, “Do not be afraid, go and tell...” (Matt 28:10). This command, making women the first who were commissioned by Jesus to proclaim the good news, is the simple commission given to all of us in Matthew 28:19.

As witnesses to Jesus, our story has power to change lives. Whether that story is about how he saved us from our sinful rebellion or that story is about how he answered our prayer this week or spoke to us through Sunday’s sermon or revealed something to us while we were reading scripture or helped us in a specific way this week. When you have an encounter with the resurrected Jesus, you have a commission to tell that story. When you do, the telling causes the faith of others to rise, and it cause unbelievers to come to trust in Jesus for their salvation.

So, tell your story and tell your stories. They have more power than you imagine.

You are loved,

Dr. Larry



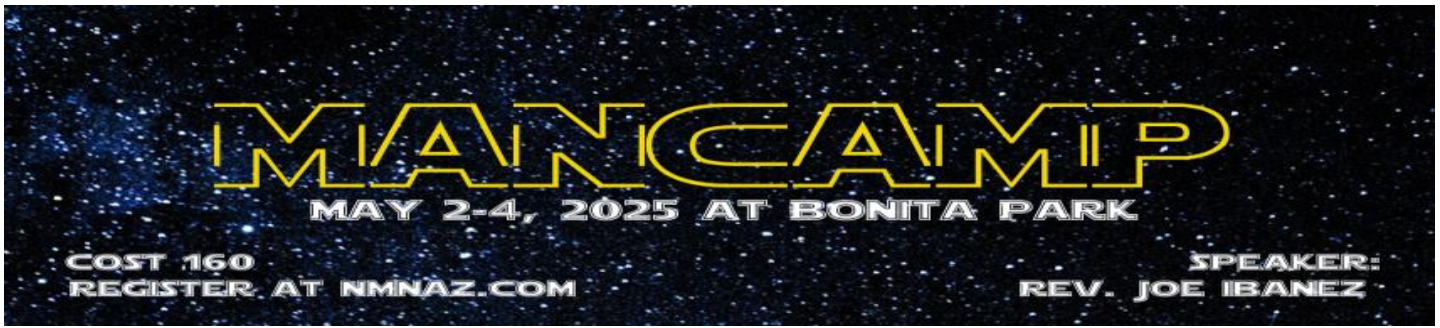
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Capitan, NM 88316

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575-626-1116



Man Camp is on its way at Bonita Park, May 2-4, 2025. The cost is \$160. Please talk to your men's group, friends, and grab your sons and grandsons. As well as all those who might be interested and make plans to attend this year's Man Camp. Registration information will be available on [www.nmnaz.com](http://www.nmnaz.com).

**Bring your Star Wars gear to wear on Star Wars Day & May the Fourth Be With You!**

Our speaker this year, Rev. Joe Ibanez, who is a pastor at Georgetown Church of the Nazarene in Georgetown, TX.

If you have any furthering questions, please email [wade.elftman@yahoo.com](mailto:wade.elftman@yahoo.com) or call 575-522-7120.

**SAVE THE DATE= This is Rescheduled to this month!!!!!!**

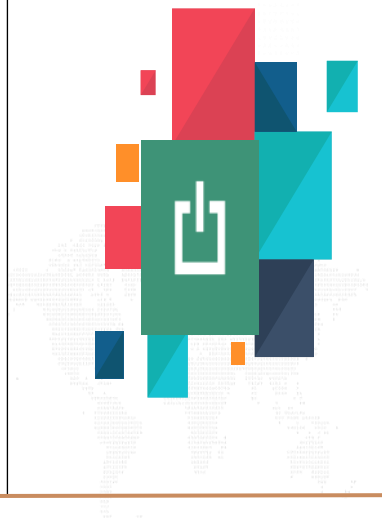
### Church Planting Essentials

New Mexico District Training Event promoting the development of new and renewed churches.

**April 25-26: El Paso, TX**

**Schedule:** Friday April 25, 9:00 a.m.- Sat. April 26, 4:00 p.m.

Go to the District website: [nmnaz.com](http://nmnaz.com) under events to Register.



**Thank you [Nazarene Global Missions](#) 🙏**

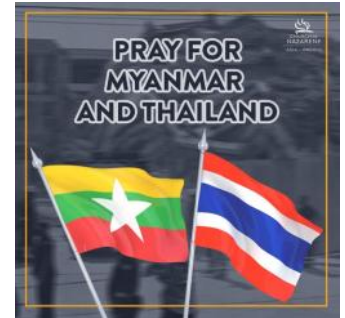
Will you commit to pray?



Myanmar Earthquake Update – March 30, 2025

The death toll from the earthquake has risen to approximately 3,200, with 300 individuals still missing and 3,400 injured.

- Church members are struggling to find food and water.



Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District 2025

APRIL

Year End Meetings April 10-12

Palm Sunday April 13

Easter April 20

Church Planting Essentials (CPE) El Paso April 25-26

Church Year Ends April 30

MAY

Man Camp May 2-4

**\*\*\* Annual Pastor's Reports /NMI Due May 15**

ELEVATE—PLNU May 23=26

JUNE

Onward Young Adult Conference at Ruidoso June 6-8

NM District Conventions and Assembly at Clovis June 26-28

JULY

“The Jubilee Gang” Kids Camp July 7-11

Teen Camp July 14-18

Family Camp July 25– 29

SEPTEMBER

WOMENS RETREAT Sept 26-28

Always check the district Calendar for complete schedule online: [www.nmnaz.com](http://www.nmnaz.com)

**NM DISTRICT YOUTH!! PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THESE EVENTS!**



**ELEV8 May 23-26 @PLNU**

**General Info: [elev8event.com](http://elev8event.com)**

**Leaders - How to register: [elev8event.com/registration](http://elev8event.com/registration)**

Cost for all-inclusive - \$175

Event & food only - \$130

Event only - \$75

(cost is per person)

For more info or question:

Reach out to Rusty Brian

NYI Elevate Coordinator

[pastorrustybrian@gmail.com](mailto:pastorrustybrian@gmail.com)

970.290.6510

**Bring your teens to District Assembly and Conventions!!!**



**TEENS NEEDED!**



We will be volunteering at Matt 25 doing various projects in Clovis, NM on Friday, June 27 followed by a pool party! Make sure to bring a swimsuit and towel for pool fun!



For more information call  
Rebekah Guardiola-Landry  
505-458-9494 or  
Rusty Brian 970-290-6510

**NM DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**



Our NYC Coordinator is:  
Cindy Byerly

She is working hard to plan an amazing NYC26 experience.

**New Mexico District NYI!**

**Are you preparing to come to NYC, July 2026? We have been busy gathering info and will have more info coming soon. If you are thinking about going with us scan the QR code and fill out the interest form.**



## 2025 YEAR END MEETINGS SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2025**

**DAC 5-9 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, April 10, 2025**

8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30	Board of Ministry Meeting
9:00	Ordination Interview
9:45	Ordination Interview
10:30	Break
10:45	Ordination Interview
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00	Ordination Interview
2:00	District License Interviews
3:00	Board of Ministry Wrap-up
5:00	Dinner
6:00	District Finance Sub-Committee

**FRIDAY, April 11, 2024**

8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30	NMI
10:00	Break
10:30	NDI
11:45 AM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Nominating Committee
2:00	Naz-Safe Committee
3:00	Break
4:30	DAB
5:30	Dinner
6:00	DAB Continued
8:00	Calendar Meeting (Following DAB)

**SATURDAY, April 12, 2024**

8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30	Camp Board Meeting
12:00	Lunch
12:30 PM	DAB (If Needed)
1:00	Assembly Finance Committee
2:00	Family Camp Committee

## DISTRICT NMI NEWS– DEPUTATION SCHEDULE

I am working on finalizing our May visit from Chad and Lindsey Dickerson. The Dickersons were our LINKS family a few years ago and will be on home assignment. Below is the current schedule I have for them. Please review the available dates and let me know if you want to host them for a missionary visit. Please consider travel time as they will be traveling with their 18 month old daughter, Phoebe. I am also getting some specifics from the Dickersons regarding their needs during their time on our district. If you have any questions, please let me know. If your church has never hosted a missionary before, please consider doing so! It is an excellent opportunity to hear how God is working around the world. Amy DeWees [daskdeweess@gmail.com](mailto:daskdeweess@gmail.com)

### These are the only open dates left for our District!!

May 8 -

May 9 -

May 15 -



NM District W&W trip to NACA!

Tail to Nicole Young about the other trips there this year!! Bring a team and be apart of W&W



**Native  
American**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Exciting news!** We are starting the “Adopt a Room” project of decorating students’ dorm rooms! 🎉 This room pictured is the first out of a long list of rooms that need to be personalized. Each room takes \$125 to decorate.

This includes curtains, bath mats, rugs and decor! 🖤💙🖤 If you are interested in donating towards this project, or want to personally adopt a room, visit our dorm fundraising site:

<https://www.zeffy.com/.../707856c1-26f4-4788-9d2c...>



For all the Nazarene news around the world clink on this link

<https://nazarene.org/news>



# 1/2 MILLION MOBILIZATION PRAYER BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR CHURCHES

You will find links to the resources that I think you will find important for your ministry in the next several weeks and months. First I have shown you a copy of the 1/2 million mobilization prayer journal, which will kick off from Easter to Pentecost and is available now for purchase in hard copy from the Foundry.

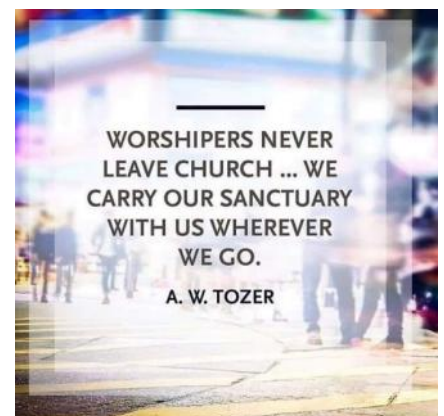
**A link to the journal and all resources is below.**

**As always, I greatly appreciate the work you do for Christ and the church. May you be filled with love and life in your service.**

**You are loved,**

**Dr Larry**

<https://www.usacanadaregion.org/cycle-of-resurgence/blessing-our-community>



**WORLD EVANGELISM  
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## Onward 2025

NM District Young Adult Conference

Ruidoso NM

June 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

Come join us as we study God's word and fellowship with our friends from across the district!

\$120/person

To Register: Contact Nathaniel Pfeifer

Call or Text (719) 251-8673

Email [pfeifernathaniel0@gmail.com](mailto:pfeifernathaniel0@gmail.com)



Get Ready for an Exciting Week of Kids Camp!!

**THE JUBILEE GANG**  
is coming to  
New Mexico District Kids Camp  
**July 7-11, 2025**  
@ Bonita Park Camp  
200 Bonita Park Rd. Capitan, NM 88316

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**NMNAZ.COM**

Early Bird Registration - Now until June 9, 2025  
Camper \$250 Sponsor \$210  
Late Registration - Begins June 10, 2025  
Camper \$260 Sponsor \$210  
\*shirt not guaranteed after June 9, 2025

**WARNING:**  
EXTREME FUN FOR ALL KIDS!

**ADRENALINE-BLASTED GAMES**

**LASERS & ROBOTIC LIGHTS**

**GO FIRST**