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Do You Love Me?

You probably immediately recognize the reference to the title of this article. It is the question that Jesus asked Peter in John chapter 21 as he met with them following the resurrection. The question came to Peter right after he had eaten a hearty breakfast that Jesus had prepared for them while they were out fishing. Nevertheless, Peter understood that Jesus was not talking about changing Peter's call to become a chef. He was calling Peter back to the core mission that he had called them to the first time he had come to them on the seaside, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people" (Mark 1:17 CSV).

Jesus clarified this missional intent one last time as he left them from the mountain saying, "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:18-20 CSV).

The way we demonstrate that we love Jesus is by continuing his mission and making disciples who know him and make more disciples.

What interests me here is that in none of these places did Jesus command us to make churches. We have churches because they are the necessary outgrowth of the disciple-making activity of Christians. However, disciple-making is not the necessary outgrowth of making churches.

Many people confess that they do not know how to go about making a disciple, so they have never tried. Yet Jesus gave us a very simple plan with his call to the first disciples.

Follow Me. Discipleship begins with an invitation into relationship. You begin making a disciple when you begin building relationships with people who do not know Jesus. That's right, discipleship begins *before* a person makes a commitment to Jesus as their Savior.

I Will Make. Discipleship is a journey of transformation. Dr. Busic has called it a *Journey of Grace*. Jesus said, "teach them to observe everything I have commanded you." More simply, he told Peter, "feed my sheep." Discipleship is a formative journey in which a person comes to know Jesus and learns to imitate Jesus.

Fish for People. The disciple-making process is reproductive. A true disciple of Jesus makes disciples of Jesus. If you are a follower of Jesus and you are not investing in other followers or potential followers of Jesus, you are a disobedient follower of Jesus. Every follower of Jesus is called to be on mission with him. His mission was to meet people where they were, invite them into a transformational relationship, and release them to do the same for the next people.

"Do you love me?" Jesus asks. There are many ways that we can demonstrate that we love Jesus. We could worship him; we could give great offerings to his work; we could attend church regularly; we could go on mission trips. All these things and more would be ways to show Jesus that we love him. However, there is only one way that Jesus asked us to demonstrate that we love him. How are we doing in that department?

You are loved,

Dr. Larry

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MAN CAMP APRIL 24-26



COST—\$170.00

Man Camp 2026 is coming up April 24-26, 2026.

The Cost is \$170.

Our speaker this year is Michael Pigg, who is the pastor of Wayfinder Church in San Marcos, TX.

He was actually the speaker at our teen camp last summer. So if you want some recommendations ask some of your teens at your church. I'm positive they will highly recommend you coming to hear him be used by the Lord at this years Man Camp.

As always online registration will be available on our district website...in the near future, at nmmaz.com.

Grace and Peace— Wade Elftman

DISTRICT NMI NEWS

I am so excited to share with all of you our own NMI Resource Handbook!

Here is the link!

NM District NMI Handbook

We have been working on this document for several months and our hope is that it is a useful tool for you as you lead your churches in NMI!

You will find loads of information and links pertaining to all things NMI. You will also find some brand new NMI initiatives and opportunities in there!



This is a living document that I will continue to edit so the information is current and accessible for our District.

I appreciate all that you do for NMI in your local churches and around the world.

Please send me any feedback on this Handbook including anything you'd like to see added!!

Joyfully,

Nicole Young

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New Mexico DISTRICT CHURCHES!!!!

MEET OUR LINKS FAMILY FOR 2026-2027



Monte and Bethany Cyr, with their family!

We are excited to introduce Monte and Bethany Cyr (pronounced “Sear”) as our new New Mexico District Links Missionaries. With the recent change from one-year to two-year Links appointments, we now have an extra year to build relationship, pray intentionally, and invest in this incredible missionary family. Monte and Bethany are Global Missionaries serving in the Mesoamerican Region (Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean) and bring decades of faithful ministry with the Church of the Nazarene. Their experience, heart for discipleship, and love for the global church make them such a wonderful fit for our district.

The Cyrs have four adult children and three grandchildren, and they love staying connected with churches that partner with them in prayer and support.

We encourage every church and individual in our district to pray for them, reach out to them, and help support their ministry over the next two years. You can learn more about their story and roles in the missionary profile that is found

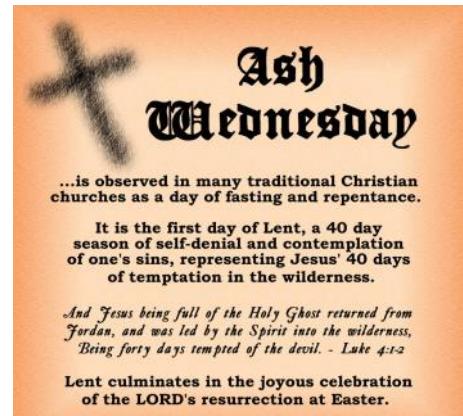
at: <https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/cyrfamily>

To contact the Cyrs, email Monte@TheCyrFamily.org.

Let's make the most of these two years by building a strong and encouraging partnership with Monte and Bethany as they serve God's mission!

NM DISTRICT LINKS FOR 2 YEARS

As we begin the journey of the 40 days of LENT.



Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District 2026

FEBRUARY

Childrens Quiz Dig Sites 17-20 Feb 14

ASH Wednesday **Feb 18**

MARCH

District Children's Quiz All Dig Sites Roswell 1st **March 7**

Teen Quiz **March 7**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS **March 10**

District NYI Zoom **March 21**

Palm Sunday **March 29**

MISSION PROJECT FUND MONTH!!!

APRIL

EASTER April 5

YEAR END MEETINGS (BONITA PARK) April 9-11

MAN CAMP April 24-26

MAY

ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORT/NMI REPORT DUE **MAY 14**

THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING ON OUR DISTRICT, SO PLEASE BE CHECKING THE CALENDAR AT:

www.nmnaz.com

Look What's Happening Around our District and the WORLD!



World Radio Day

World Radio Day is celebrated every year on February 13th to recognise radio as a powerful medium for communication, education, information dissemination, and freedom of expression. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness of the value of radio, promote access to information, and encourage networking among broadcasters

The Church of the Nazarene has an active broadcast ministry known as World Mission Broadcast. Thanks to new technologies, we can now communicate, share, and interact with people beyond Africa. We broadcast information related to the message of holiness through over thirty programs in multiple languages across nearly twenty FM stations in about sixteen countries. We receive regular testimonies from our listeners and currently reach around 5,000 people each month, with our audience steadily increasing as we expand into new regions. Our programs are transforming lives through the Holy Spirit.



Gallup First Church of Nazarene:

Thank you Rio Rancho United Methodist Church, Pastor Reuben, and staff, Judy, Carol, Wanda, Lynn.

They prepared 25 food boxes for the Reservation Ministry.

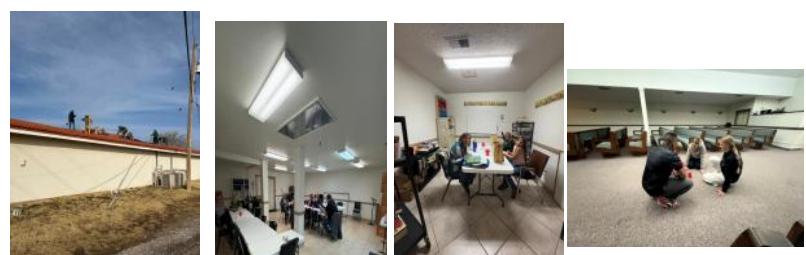
And made 100 sack lunches for the street ministry.

Stopped by The Mission school in San Fidel, NM to drop off sack lunches for the kids prepared by UMC.



Thank you to Living Stones Church of the Nazarene! During their time here, they completed most of our floor installation in our Justice dorm, landscaped all of our campus, prepared the electrical for our furnace installation in Justice, and ran electrical for our pergola's out-

door lighting! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ We are so blessed to have teams like this on campus with us, and look forward to welcoming upcoming teams!



Love my church! God is doing some new and great things at Central!! One step at a time we are seeing growth, change, deeper relationships, new roof, we are seeing how God is moving.

God is Good!!! Pastor Jett Davis



Alabaster helps open mission center in Myanmar