



April 2024

**Now GO!... but, Wait.**

I suppose all of us are familiar with Jeremiah 29:11 and can probably quote it. In the NIV it reads, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” It is a wonderful promise given by God through Jeremiah to the exiles in Babylon. For most of us, however, this promise has a resonance to it that makes it applicable to our lives as well. We know that “God loves us and has a wonderful plan for our lives” as well. Therefore, we have confidence that God’s plan is working its way out in our lives just as surely as it was working its way out in the lives of the exiled children of Judah.

Knowing this truth to be constant, we should attend to the instructions of verses 12-14a, “<sup>12</sup>Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup>I will be found by you,” declares the LORD.” Since God has a good plan for us, it only makes sense that we would want to spend time in prayer seeking to understand that plan, so that we can follow that plan, so that it can be accomplished in our lives. I think that the grave mistake we often make is that we stop at verse 11, knowing that God has a good plan, but we never see the plan realized because we do not take time to hear from God about the plan, so the plan is never executed in the way God intends.

This principle is what Jesus was expressing to his disciples when he gave them the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel.” As Luke tells the account, he adds this instruction in 24:49, “but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” In other words, Jesus told his disciples Go!..., but, wait.

They needed to wait until they were **Impowered** to accomplish the mission that Jesus was sending them on.

They needed to wait until they had **Invisioned** the specific vision that God had for them.

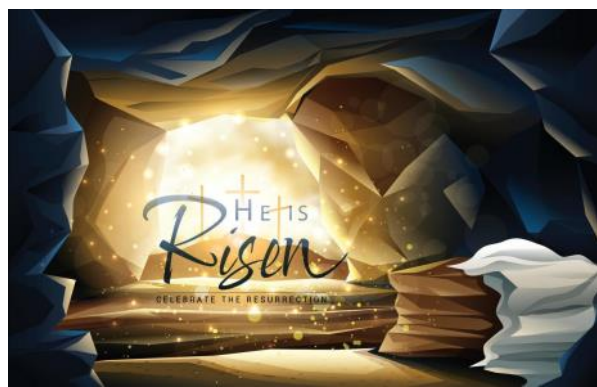
They needed to wait until they were **In Tune** with the purposes of God through the Holy Spirit.

What were they doing while they were waiting? They were praying. Prayer sourced their power, their vision, and their alignment with God.

In this season between Easter and Pentecost, we are, once again, being called to prayer as a USA/Canada region. The purpose of this season of prayer is to discover how God is calling our churches to Bless our Communities. We want to come into alignment with the heart of God so that we can know his vision for our church and become the place where his power becomes active in our midst. Prayer is the key that unlocks the plan.

If you don’t have a Half-million Mobilization Prayer Journal, you can download a digital copy at [Halfmillionmobilization.org](http://Halfmillionmobilization.org) or you can download the app from your app store by searching Half-Million Mobilization. Join me in praying that God will reveal his plan for your church and our district so that we can powerfully bless our communities this year.

You are loved,  
Dr. Larry



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**Man Camp is on its way at Bonita Park, April 25-27, 2024. The cost is \$140.**

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 NOW available on nmnaz.com.**

**Our speaker this year, Rev. Dave Myers, who is a pastor at Christ Community Church of the Nazarene in Concord, CA and a pastoral coach.**

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

**IMPORTANT PALCON INFORMATION!**



**PALCON Theme: One Heart.**

This is the prayer of Jesus for us. It’s also an invitation—an invitation into the love of God, **One Heart**...summons us to live into and from the promise of Jesus to accompany us as, together,

Here is the **conference website** ([www.palcon.org](http://www.palcon.org)) and the dates and location for the PALCON on your field.

**JULY 22-24, 2024**



# The New Mexico District Welcomes our new Pastor and family

## Come Celebrate Jesus Resurrection with us

Resurrection Sunday March 31  
Angus Church

6:30 Sunrise Service at  
the pond

7:30 Breakfast

8:45 Sunday School  
(Kids practice singing)

10:00 Sunday Service  
(Kids singing in  
service)

Easter Egg Hunt

Let's welcome Pastor Jeremy and wife Bethany Martin, along with their children; Emma—15, Leo—13, Eli—9, Nora—7 to our Angus Church, Jeremy will be installed on March 31.

Jeremy@anguschurch.org  
cell:480-432-9844

Rev. & Mrs. Jeremy Martin 116 Oakwood, Angus, NM 88316



## Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District

### 2024

#### April

Bonita Park Pause for Improvement Days Apr 1-14

Ordinands Retreat Apr 10

Year End Meetings Apr 11-13

Man Camp Apr 25-27

NM District Year ends Apr 30

#### May

Pastor's Report Due ! May 15

#### June

Young Adult Retreat May 31—June 2

District Assembly and Conventions June 20 at 7pm –Sat June 22 -12 noon

#### July

District Childrens Camp July 8-12

District Teen Camp July 15 –19

PALCON July 22-25

Family Camp July 26—July 30

#### August

Ladies Retreat Aug 23-5

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

# NMI Central

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

Greetings, NM District!

I pray this email finds you all flourishing in your ministry areas around the district! You all continue to amaze me with your creative engagement in mission in your cities and around the world.

I have a random question to ask: Are any of you active or have been active in Emmaus or Journey ministries? I am leading a clergy team this summer for a Young Women's Journey and I am utilizing this connection to see if we have any other fellow Nazarenes who have been involved in this ministry. Please reach out to me privately if you have.

Below, please find some information on the Easter Offering for WEF, NMI Icons, and submitting Alabaster Offering.

Joyfully,  
Nicole Young

## Easter Offering

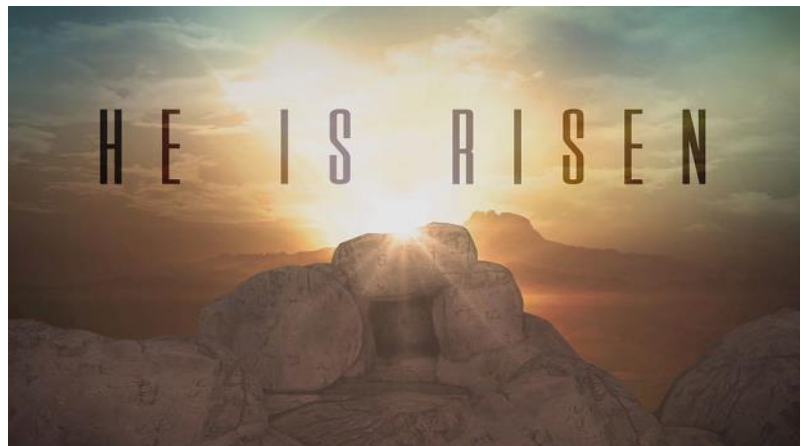
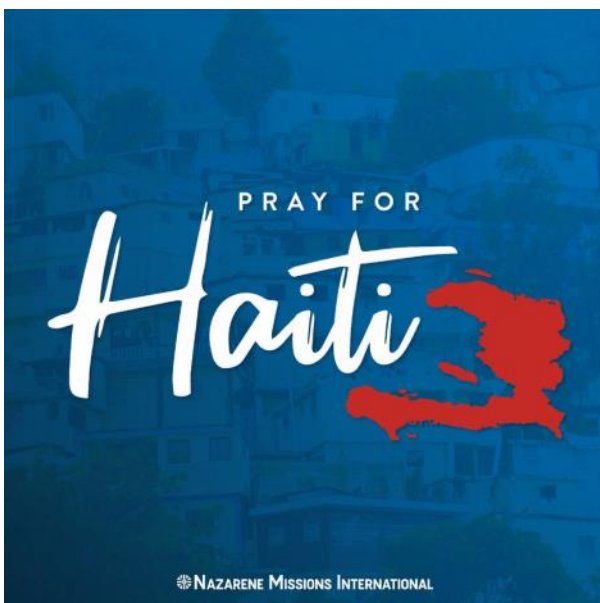
Materials are available for the Easter Offering by clicking [here](#). Resources are available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

## NMI Icons

Click [here](#) to access NMI icons for Advocating, Nurturing, Mobilizing, and Impact along with icons for Prayer, Engaging Children and Youth, Care and Connection, World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster, NMI Central and Kids Kaleidoscope. These icons must be used as presented and not modified.

## Submitting Alabaster Offerings

Thank you for your generous support of Alabaster. Please submit your Alabaster offerings through Funding the Mission or directly to our District Treasurer with the proper allocation for Alabaster.





HALF-MILLION  
MOBILIZATION



### Half Million Mobilization 2024

Half Million Mobilization (HMM) Call to Pray. [Click here](#) for the video of the HMM Call to Prayer for 2024.

HMM 2024 Prayer Journals. [Click here for HMM Prayer Journals](#) from the Foundry. Currently, preorders of the Prayer Journals are being accepted.

[2024 Blessing Our Community Sermon Series](#) is available in English now with other translations coming soon. The Blessing Our Community Sermons are intentionally integrated with the day-to-day devotionals of the Prayer Journal

Children's Resources. These resources will also coincide with the sermon series that runs from Easter to Pentecost.\

### Cycle of Resurgence / Blessing Our Community 2024

The Blessing Our Community Website is live. This is the place to find all available resources, links and everything Blessing Our Community. Please visit <https://usacanadaregion.org/cycle-of-resurgence/blessing-our-community> for all available resources.

Intro to Blessing Our Community Webinar. Please keep sharing the link to the Webinar being held January 17th from 12 Noon to 1pm Central Standard Time. [Register Here](#). We currently have over 130 people registered! Thanks for participating and sharing!

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**Mark your Calendars!!!**



**TEEN CAMP 2024**

*And Yet...!*

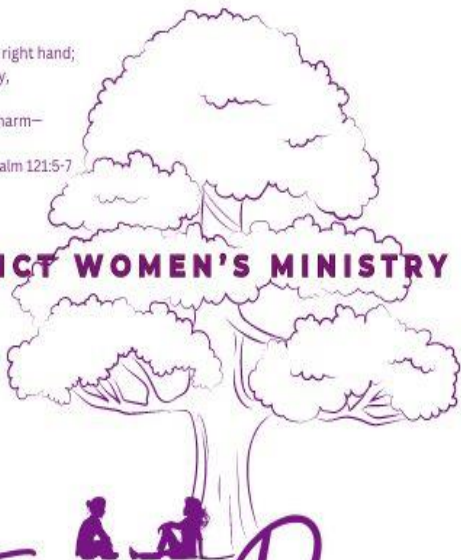
JULY 15-19, 2024

\$230 @ Bonita Park  
with Eden Avalos



The Lord watches over you—  
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
 the sun will not harm you by day,  
 nor the moon by night.  
 The Lord will keep you from all harm—  
 he will watch over your life;  
 Psalm 121:5-7

**NM DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRY**



*Rest and Renew  
 Weekend*

In the Shade of the Father

**Womens Retreat 2024!!**  
 The women's Ministry Council  
 Has been working hard  
 To create a Retreat to  
 Give our women Rest and Renewal!

**Save the Date!!!**

**Aug 24—26**

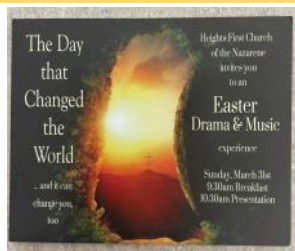
Come and bring your friends  
 To sit in our Father's SHADE to-  
 gether this weekend. New format  
 through out our weekend in  
**His SHADE.**

**Cost—\$165.00 per person**

**HOLY WEEK EVENTS AROUND OUR DISTRICT**

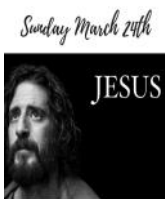


Looking for a church this Easter? Join us for Maundy Thursday 7pm (28th) Good Friday 7pm (29th) Egg Hunt 9am (30th) and Resurrection Sunday 9:30 Breakfast & 10:30 worship. Any questions email heightsfirstchurch@gmail.com



Pajarito Mesa Church

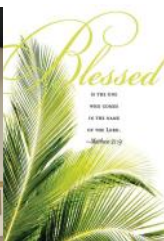
Lovington



Living Stones Community Church of the Nazarene



Join us for Tenebrae service, 6:30 PM Thursday, March 28th, 220 West 5th Avenue, Truth or Consequences, NM



Los Lunas  
 Cornerstone