

NMI Central

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USA/Canada Region



East Tennessee, USA

The work of the Church of the Nazarene began officially in the United States in 1887, though the formal organization of the denomination occurred in 1908 with the merger of several like-minded holiness groups. As in many parts of the world, there is an ever-increasing secularization of society, and in the post-Covid world, the United States finds itself fragmenting politically, socially, and economically with many Americans feeling isolated between extremes. There is a renewed emphasis on evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Whether congregational settings are large or small, people are looking for church communities committed to authenticity, open-hearted fellowship, and a sense of belonging. The message of Scriptural Holiness is more relevant than ever, and it embraces and challenges all ages. As you will read in the story that follows, children can play a big part in spreading the Good News of Jesus and in the support of missions. It is never too early or too late to begin doing your part to pray for the lost, contribute to missions giving through World Evangelism Fund or Alabaster, or to become more active in changing your world in Jesus' name.



566,006 Members



4,271 Fully
Organized Churches;
693 Not Yet
Organized Churches



2,223 District Licensed
and 11,199 Ordained
Ministers on 73 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray the children at the East Tennessee Kids Mission Jamboree will continue to seek God and serve others.
 - Pray that all the Region's children's and youth missions events will help revival to break out across the USA/Canada Region.
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PRAISE



- Praise God that USA/Canada districts are intentionally seeking ways to creatively reach out and engage children in missions.
 - Praise God that the East Tennessee Kids Jamboree is making a difference in children's lives and building God's Kingdom.
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Kids Kaleidoscope

Click [here](#) to access Kids Kaleidoscope, a monthly addition to NMI Central to awaken and nurture a spirit of missions in everyone.



Districts in the USA/Canada Region are finding creative ways to involve children in missions. The East Tennessee District uses the opening session of the children's camp to emphasize missions to around 150 children. At a recent Kids Mission Jamboree, the children sat spellbound as retired missionary Geneva Silvernail spoke about an African boy bitten by a deadly puffer snake and healed by Jesus in an African bush clinic. The children then enjoyed an interactive activity where they "treated" the District Superintendent, Rev. Ron DeWitt, head-to-toe in bandages in a pretend African medical clinic.



During the service, the flags of Poland, Mexico, Kenya, and Bulgaria were brought in, representing the fields that the children's offerings have benefited or will benefit in the coming year.

Since reporting the monetary amounts has little meaning to the children, NMI District President Teresa Hodges had big poster board sizes of \$1,000, \$100, \$10, and \$1.00 printed and had as many children as needed to hold up the total amount that the children raised. When the children saw the big bills stretched all across the front, and down the aisles, they were in awe of the offerings God helped them to raise.

The children take active roles in setting goals and raising their offerings for the projects. Many churches help children plan how they will raise their offerings. The children's project has carried over into other NMI emphases, as children from many churches are participating in Alabaster offerings and sending cards to Links missionaries.

Could You Serve?

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