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Nazarene Compassionate Ministries: Sharing Compassion Through the Church

Compassion has been part of the Church of the Nazarene's story since the beginning. From early relief efforts in India to building hospitals and schools, Nazarenes have always responded to the needs around them. In 1984, the church formally established the Office of Compassionate Ministries, which became NCM.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) exists to share the love of Christ through acts of compassion. Following the call of Matthew 25, NCM partners with Nazarene churches worldwide to feed the hungry, care for the sick, welcome the stranger, and walk alongside those experiencing poverty, injustice, and crisis.

NCM is not separate from the Church—it is the Church. Rooted in the life and mission of local congregations, NCM supports churches as they respond to the needs of their communities. Because these churches are present before, during, and after emergencies, their work is lasting and deeply personal.

Whether through child sponsorship, education, disaster response, or health initiatives, NCM is child-focused, community-based, and transformational. Every project reflects God's compassion in action.

With local churches, supporters, and global partners, NCM is building a future of hope—one where the Church lives out the Gospel in word and deed.



- More than 14,000 children worldwide have been supported through holistic child development in local churches and child development centers.



- After two devastating hurricanes struck Southeastern parts of the United States in 2024, local churches in partnership with NCM distributed more than 900 Crisis Care Kits.



- Through the support of the 2024 NCM Christmas Project, 100 women in Ethiopia have completed literacy and numeracy classes, which have allowed them to start their businesses.

PRAYER



- Pray for communities in the United States impacted by last year's hurricanes and still recovering, and for all that will be impacted by major weather events this year.
- Pray for the more than 14,000 children being cared for through holistic child development. Pray that they would feel and know the love of Christ through the care they receive.
- Pray for women and girls in Ethiopia, and worldwide who are working hard to create opportunities to provide for their families and better their lives.

PRAISE



- Praise God for the teachers, pastors, and volunteers who care for the children in Nazarene Child Development Centers worldwide.
- Praise God for churches that provide resources, housing, and support for those impacted by devastating weather events, or natural disasters.
- Praise God for the 85 women in Ethiopia who have completed vocational training in bee-keeping and cosmetology.



Kids Kaleidoscope

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Sharing Stories, Inspiring Compassion

Sharing stories about God at work in the world through local churches is one vital way to share the gospel. Stories connect us. They remind us that we are not alone. And they show us what God is doing through the Church around the world.

Across every continent, Nazarene churches are responding to the needs of their communities with compassion, creativity, and deep faith. From providing clean water and trauma care to ensuring children have access to education and safe spaces, these churches proclaim the good news—not just with words, but with their lives. When these stories are told, they shine a light on what’s possible when the people of God embody the love of Jesus.

NCM is committed to equipping and supporting local churches to share their stories. These testimonies—of resilience, healing, and transformation—don’t just reflect what’s already happened. They spark hope for what’s still to come. They inspire people to serve, give, and join in. When others hear about the impact of local churches, they begin to imagine how they, too, might be part of this work.

We want to equip churches with tools to communicate effectively, build partnerships, and grow their ministries sustainably. This is more than storytelling. It’s witnessing the Kingdom of God breaking through in hard places. It’s creating a global conversation around compassion, justice, and hope. And it’s an invitation—for every church, every leader, and every supporter—to participate in what God is doing through the global Church of the Nazarene.

That is why NCM has developed new resources to help you share Christ’s hope with the world.



good news to the world

In the following pages of this report, you can find stories of the ways people have acted through the transformative love of Christ to respond to great needs. Each of these actions took individuals seeking to address the needs in their communities holistically.

As you read about the impact of this work, know that this report represents just a few samples of a tangible web of hope in the midst of disasters, war, famine, and poverty. This is the work that Nazarene Compassionate Ministries has facilitated through local churches who saw the needs in their communities and mobilized to meet them.

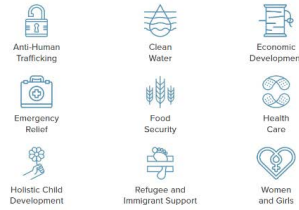
There have been many moments of pain and struggle over the last year, but there have also been moments of great hope and connection. In the children who have learned and grown through holistic child development, the Nazarene disaster response teams who have mobilized in the face of disaster, the new farmers seeing the first fruits of their labors in their fields and communities—in these things, we are privileged to see the hope of Christ at work through tangible compassion. You, too, have become the hands and feet of Christ through the work of the church. May we continue to offer hope and friendship in all circumstances, together.

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Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) is the church in action. We are an outflow of the Church of the Nazarene in our world, working to mobilize local congregations to live out Christ's call to care for those considered the "least of these" (Matthew 25). Through your partnership, NCM walks alongside local churches when they are looking for ways to meet the needs around them. We use a holistic ministry model that both proclaims and demonstrates the gospel of Christ, resulting in lives that are transformed through Christ.

Together, we partner with congregations around the world to provide tangible expressions of Christ's compassion through church-led community development and emergency relief work. We are seeing lives and communities transformed through these nine areas of work:



Let's keep telling the story—together.

Visit ncm.org/resources to check out the new tools we have created for you to share what Nazarenes worldwide are doing in your church services, on social media, in print, and on video.

Could You Serve?

Is God calling you to join Him in His compassionate response to the world's needs? If you have questions or want to request specific resources, email [here](#).

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