

# Mid-Atlantic District



## LINKS

Linking Churches With Missionaries

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*"I am happy to say that we have been ministered to many times through the sensitive, caring hearts of those who have been our LINKS Church Family."  
-Natalie Ward, Singapore*



**LINKS is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarenes around the world. Missionaries are assigned to districts and, then on the district level, connected to local churches. This gives each church an opportunity to become personally acquainted with the missionary family and their field of service. Typically, churches send cards, cash gifts, packages, and other remembrances to their LINKS missionaries.**

**In return, the churches feel a sense of involvement with the global mission enterprise of the church through regular correspondence from the missionaries, updates from their field, and even through deputation services while the missionaries are on home assignment. The missionaries are encouraged, knowing people care and pray for them. The relationships built over time personalize names and faces that both the missionaries and their LINKS churches value highly.**

**For More Information Contact:**

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**Mrs Joyce Willey**

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**To Learn More about LINKS and for Ideas**

**<http://www.nazarene.org/nmi/GetInvolved/topic.html>**



## MISSIONARY CARE

The **most important** thing is **prayer**. Pray specifically and effectively for missions, especially the missionary assigned to you.

A LINKS cash assignment is given for personal needs. Birthdays, anniversary, Christmas, and other gifts are in addition. LINKS giving will be reported under Missionary Care rather than separately as in the past. However, NMI assures you that all monies designated for LINKS will go directly to the LINKS missionary designated.

## CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Pray** regularly for your LINKS missionaries and their work during church services, prayer meetings, mission services, and personal prayer times.
2. **Correspond** regularly with your LINKS missionaries, assuring them of your prayers and support. Their birthday and anniversary dates have been included. Cards are always appreciated. Also if you want to send a cash gift you can do that as well. (see #5)
3. **Inform** missionaries when sending a package, so they will know the date it was sent and what the package included. Except for children, money may be the best option.
4. **Appoint** one contact person who will correspond with the missionaries and share responses with the church. Do not expect a missionary to respond to every card and letter. NMI suggests that missionaries correspond quarterly and to acknowledge the receipt of packages.
5. **Send** all LINKS money (assignment amount, as well as any additional cash gifts) to Global Treasury Services in Kansas City for Ten Percent Credit. Gifts sent directly to missionaries are not eligible for Ten Percent Credit.

## DUTY

Send \$2.00 to Global Treasury Services for **every** LINKS and Unofficial LINKS package sent outside the USA. Make a check payable to "General Treasurer" and send it with your local church's remittance form to Global Treasury Services, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116.



## **What Is LINKS?**

The Church of the Nazarene supports their career missionaries through World Evangelism Fund (WEF). Every Nazarene church has a WEF assignment (5.5% of income) so that the missionaries do not have to raise their own financial support. Our missionaries still need prayer and encouragement. Each missionary or missionary family is LINKED to a local church. LINKS is a way for everyone to get personally involved in supporting our missionaries.

Contact Joyce Willey, our district LINKS coordinator if you need to know who your LINKS missionary is or how you can support them. Joyce's contact info is:

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## **Ideas for local church involvement in LINKS**

### **Missionary families like to receive:**

1. Parcels with items that they are not able to get where they live. Note their requests and send only items which they can receive. E-mail the missionary with any specific questions. Some missionaries may not be able to receive packages.
2. Personal letters and e-mails of encouragement (Do not send forwards).
3. Cards that say "we're praying for you" or "we're thinking of you" if serving in a sensitive area to the Gospel. Please do not send e-mail cards unless you missionary has said it is OK.
4. Surprises and inserts in letters, i.e. a stick of gum for a child, bookmark, etc.
5. Gifts of money to eat out on a birthday or anniversary or when a new child is born, or "just because." These should be sent through the Global Treasury Services for your church to receive credit and the missionary to be able to receive and use. This would be in addition to your LINKS cash assignment.
6. A devotional book, music CD, or perhaps a good family movie.
7. Inquiries as to their specific needs and wants.

## **LINKS missionaries on Home Assignment**

Find out when your adopted missionaries are going to be in the States and try to schedule them in your church or attend a service where they are speaking. Some missionaries schedule a year or two in advance, so check on this option early. Be creative in personally connecting with your “own” missionaries and giving them royal treatment.

Notify other churches on your district whenever you have a service scheduled with a LINKS missionary.

Plan ahead. Discover your adopted missionaries’ needs. Find out what they would like to take back to the mission field. Ask about their special interests and hobbies. Be a “loving, interested Nazarene, knowing and sharing” by doing to them what you would have done to you!

### **LINKS missionaries with children**

Adopting a Missionary Kid (MK) can be a real challenge and a lot of fun! What child wouldn’t enjoy birthday party components arriving in the mail? Most teens would enjoy hearing from a church youth group and would appreciate e-mails from other Christian teens. Need a selection of ideas from which to pick? Try these:

- ♥ Family-friendly video tapes or DVDs
- ♥ Craft items
- ♥ Candy
- ♥ T-shirts
- ♥ Sweatshirts
- ♥ Pens
- ♥ Novelty notebooks or binders
- ♥ Colorful folders
- ♥ Magazine subscriptions

Of course, cash is also a welcome gift (send it through Global Treasury Service to get 10% credit for the church and to ensure the MK received it. Specifically mark your gift for the name of the child).

Church children’s groups can also do a boxed-up birthday party for the LINKS MKs. Have your children bring in small gifts that can be easily mailed: crayons, markers, pens, pencils, books, candy, gum, candles, napkins, and prizes. Remember to do the party box well in advance so it will arrive in time. Homemade birthday cards will add a special touch. (Do check to make sure your missionary may receive packages.

### **LINKS missionaries with children in college**

What an opportunity for all-church fun and involvement! Shower the MK with packages of homespun care and love:

- ♥ Care packages filled with goodies and home-made snacks
- ♥ Mad money for the snack bar
- ♥ Laundry soap or money for laundry
- ♥ Gift cards from Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, for everyday items
- ♥ Cash for a college sweatshirt or some personal item
- ♥ Exam crisis care kit during finals (chocolate, eraser, non-doze, fun gifts)

Most of all let them know you care by sending LOTS of cards and notes of encouragement. Plan a “treat month” for your college MK. If it can be worked out, you might even invite them to your church for a weekend. If the school they’re attending is close to you but far away from family members where they will spend summer and Christmas vacations, offer to host them for those brief breaks when they would not be going to a relative’s home. In short, treat your LINKS college MK like you would want your child to be treated.



**Peter and Jenny Isaacs  
Family  
Home Country:  
Papua New Guinea  
Serving: Vanuatu**

**LINKS Church Monetary  
Assignment**

**\$40.00**

### Churches LINKED to the Isaacs

Baltimore Parkville  
Berkeley Springs  
Dover Haitian  
Dover The Cross  
Easton Real Life Chapel  
Ellicott City Crossroads  
Fawn Grove  
Gaithersburg Latino  
Glen Burnie  
Halethorpe Connections  
Hollywood  
Indian Head  
Laurel DE

Laurel Fellowship  
McConnellstown  
Melwood  
Mt Airy New Beginnings  
Northeast  
Petersburg  
Rising Sun  
Rockville  
Severn Grace Pointe Community  
Smyrna Faith  
State College Bethel  
St Charles LifeStream

**LINKS Funds should be sent to: General Treasurer, Church of the  
Nazarene**

**Send to: Global Treasury Services P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO  
64184-3116. On your remittance form, clearly state LINKS assignment  
for Peter and Jenny Isaac**

# Peter and Jenny Isaac

Birthdays: Peter - July 10, 1971  
Jenny -- June 3, 1972  
Bennett -- August 10, 1998  
Ennrich -- August 19, 2001  
Junior -- June 13, 2006



Anniversary: January 6, 1996

Postal Address: PO Box 2047, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Email Address: [pandjisaac@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:pandjisaac@vanuatu.com.vu)

## ***Responsibilities and activities on the field:***

Peter Isaac: Church planting, training local church leaders, teaching SPNTC, DS, Pastor.

Jenny Isaac: Church planting, Bible study, helping women's ministry, Pastor, teaching SPNTC, work with DS. Taking care of family, helping sick people.

Bennett Isaac: Youth president, play music in Church.

Ennrich Isaac: Encourage youth and witness them, playing music, make friends with youths, bring them to church.

Junior Isaac: Make friends with little kids and bring them to Sunday school.

More of all these: Day and night we do all our best to help Christians to live a Christ like life in every individuals. That is our number one priority.

## ***Items of Interest to the Isaacs:***

Our boys education: The schools in where we are has a bit confused of mixture of languages. We want them to learn English, and they tried their best but it needs changing of location so pray for us.

We need a ministry car, our old car has broken down many times and causes problem to us. Please pray for this so that we can afford to find a new one.

Help pray for us to make Christ like disciples in all the people that God has brought to us.

Books, pencils, pen, glue, ruler, dictionary, junior fiction storybooks, and other school materials to help Vanuatu children as well as the boys. Even clothes, shoes and school bags.

## ***We like:***

Foods. We like pizza, snacks, specudies, sweets, cake, and candies.

Sports. We like to play soccer, Rugby, and watch Christian movies

Hobbies. Do Puzzle, Quizzes,

Interest: Like to play music, like guitar, tambourine, play keyboard.





**Ted and Sarah Voigt Family**  
**Home Country:**  
**United States**  
**Serving: Ireland**

**LINKS Church Monetary**  
**Assignment**

**\$40.00**

### Churches LINKED to the Voigts

Baltimore Dundalk  
Bel Air  
Cambridge  
Cumberland First  
Denton  
Dover Mountain Grove Chapel  
Frederick First  
Frostburg  
Gaithersburg  
Gettysburg  
Hagerstown  
Hancock Grace  
Milford

Mount Tabor  
New Cumberland  
New Freedom Trail  
Oakland  
Orbisonia  
Pleasant Ridge  
Ryot  
Salisbury Cross Pointe  
Shippensburg  
South Carroll  
Washington Community of Hope  
Washington Grace  
York Stillmeadow

LINKS Funds should be sent to: General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene

Send to: Global Treasury Services P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116. On your remittance form, clearly state LINKS assignment for Ted and Sarah Voigt

# Ted and Sarah Voigt

Birthdays: Ted -- May 15, 1983  
Sarah -- September 8, 1983  
Abigail -- July 5, 2011  
Simon -- December 31, 2013  
Anniversary: Ted & Sarah -- May 26



Email Address: [voigtfamilymail@gmail.com](mailto:voigtfamilymail@gmail.com)

## ***Responsibilities and activities on the field:***

Ted and Sarah both work with children and families in several capacities, leading a Parent and Toddler playgroup, helping with church ministries and church planting work, and leading Work and Witness visitors as needed.

Ted is also involved in several community organizations such as the Wicklow Writers and The Stage Youth Café. He works with teens in several capacities and is actively involved in the Wicklow arts community.

Sarah leads a children's Bible story group based on the Godly Play material, and is also involved in several community groups, including the Arts Festival, a knitting group, and Healthy Kids, an initiative to help families eat healthier.

## ***Items of Interest to the Voigts:***

Pray for the continuing work of the Church of the Nazarene in Wicklow and for fundraising efforts.

Ted: Interests include writing, poetry, short fiction, cooking, coffee, skateboarding.  
Gift suggestions: Amazon gift card.

Sarah: Interests include crafts (crochet and knitting), reading. Gift suggestions:  
Amazon Gift Card.

Abigail: Interests include arts and crafts, kites, bike riding, princesses, Doc McStuffins, legos, swimming, cooking. Gift ideas: craft supplies, dress-up clothes, money for the swimming pool.

Simon: Interests include animals, balls, babies, Elmo, Winnie the Pooh, coloring. Gift ideas: craft supplies, anything with Pooh or Elmo

## STEPS IN SENDING A PACKAGE

1. Remove all price tags, sales slips, etc., on items. Line box with plastic (e.g., trash bag) to prevent damage from moisture. Do not pack food items in the same box with perfumed items (soap, etc.). It is helpful to wrap items that might break or spill in plastic bags (e.g., Ziploc).
2. Weigh the package.
3. Caution: with postal rates steadily rising, many churches are dismayed at the cost when they take boxes to the post office for mailing. We suggest that churches sending packages verify what the rates will be online, before encountering an unpleasant surprise at the post office. How this is done will vary from country to country, but we offer instructions for constituents in the U.S.A. as an example.
  - a. Go to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), then click on "Calculate a Price" on the left of the home page.
  - b. On the "Select a Destination" line, select the country to which the package will be sent from the drop-down list. (Note: It is important that you start at the top with the instructions; the zip code boxes will disappear when the country is selected.)
  - c. "Select a Flat Rate Service" or "Select Shape." It might be helpful to try both; there might be a price difference.
  - d. "Enter Weight."
  - e. Click "Continue" to determine the cost.
4. A parcel form is available for download on the NMI Web site ([www.nazareneemissions.org/10117/story.html](http://www.nazareneemissions.org/10117/story.html)). Copies may be made as needed. It is also available from NPH (order number—X-13; free). Fill out the form. (Always provide an e-mail address so the recipient may notify the church upon receipt of packages.) Make four copies of the parcel form and do the following:
  - a. Put one list **inside** the package.
  - b. Keep one for your own records.
  - c. Send one to your district LINKS coordinator.
  - d. Send one, with your letter, to the recipient (see #3).
5. Send the letter and package (separately) to the recipient on the same day. In the letter, include the parcel form with an e-mail address, the date of mailing, and the name of the church. In the package, include the parcel form.
6. On the same day you ship the package to the field, send US \$2.00 per package mailed for the Duty Fund. This allows recipients to offset any postage/customs costs on their ends.
  - a. United States: Make checks payable to "General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene." Send to Global Treasury Services, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116.
  - b. Canada: Make checks payable to "Church of the Nazarene Canada." Send to Church of the Nazarene Canada, 20 Regan Road, Unit 9, Brampton, ON L74 1C3, CANADA.
  - c. Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Mesoamerica, South America Regions: Send money to the regional office, where funds will be forwarded to Global Treasury Services at the Global Ministry Center.
7. Duty money, postage for packages, and the cost of items sent in packages are not eligible for Mission Special (Ten Percent) Giving.