

Mid-Atlantic District



L I N K S 2019 - 2022

Missionaries and Churches

LINKS

The LINKS program of the Church of the Nazarene 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, financial gifts, email communications, and special 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 the possibility of deputation services while the missionaries are on home assignment. The missionaries are encouraged, knowing people care and pray for them. The relationships build over time personalize names and faces that both the missionaries and their LINKS churches value highly.

For More Information Contact:

Mid-Atlantic District NMI LINKS Director

Holly Kemberling

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Local Church responsibilities:

Pray specifically and effectively for missions, especially the missionary assigned to you. Retired missionaries assigned have served a minimum of 25 years. All others are currently actively serving on their assigned field. Remember, the **most important** thing is **prayer**.

A LINKS cash gift is given for personal needs. Birthdays, anniversary, Christmas, and other gifts are in addition. A cash assignment is not made but every church is encouraged to give a financial gift of any amount to their LINKS missionary each year.

You Should --

Pray regularly for your LINKS missionaries and their work during church services, prayer meetings, mission services, and personal prayer times.

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. Correspondence can be by postal letter, cards, email, etc. Your first correspondence should be via email. You may ask them to provide you with their postal address for future postal correspondence.

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. When sending a package ask the missionary before you send if they can receive packages and the best way to send them. Be sure to send in Duty money to Global Treasury Services.

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.

Send all LINKS money (assignment amount, as well as any additional cash gifts) to Global Treasury Services in Kansas City for Approved Mission Special Credit. Gifts sent directly to missionaries are not eligible for Ten Percent Credit.

If you have questions or need assistance feel free to contact Holly Kemberling or the District NMI President.



Erin Meier
Global Missionary
Home Country: United States
Serving: Papua New Guinea

Special Days: Birthday, December 30

Preferred email address: elmeier14@gmail.com

For Erin's online profile: <http://nazarene.org/asia-pacific/missionary-profile?id=114>

Other ways to stay connected: https://www.facebook.com/erin.meier.528?ref=br_rs

Blog: www.erinpng.blogspot.com

Language fluently spoken is English

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 Erin Meier.

Gaithersburg Glen Burnie Gettysburg Martinsburg
Milford Mount Tabor New Cumberland Laurel
Pleasant Ridge Shippensburg Wash Grace Stillmeadow

There is no assigned LINKS monetary amount. Each church is asked to give a monetary gift each year to their LINKS missionary.



Napoleon and Elena Guerrero

Global Missionaries
Home Country: Peru
Serving: Bolivia

Special Days: Napoleon Birthday, October 22, Elena Birthday, July 29
Wedding Anniversary, May 11

Children: Napoleon (adult), Nelson (adult), Luz Elena (adult)

Preferred email address: nguerrero@samnaz.org

For their online profile: <http://nazarene.org/south-america/missionary-profile?id=445>

Other ways to stay connected: <https://www.facebook.com/napoleon.guerreroayoza>

Language fluently spoken is Spanish (little to no English) *You will need to translate your communications. Ask your District LINKS or NMI Pres for assistance.*

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 Napoleon and Elena Guerrero.

Bel Air
Denton
Oakland

Berkeley Springs
Dover The Cross
Dover Mtn Grove Chapel

Berlin The River
Hollywood
South Carroll

Cambridge
North East
Ryot

There is no assigned LINKS monetary amount. Each church is asked to give a monetary gift each year to their LINKS missionary.



Jonathan Phillips

Sponsored Missionary

Home Country: United States

Home District and Church: Mid-Atlantic / York Stillmeadow

Serving: Romania

Special Days: Birthday, March 5

Preferred email address : jphillips@eurasiaregion.org

For their online profile: <http://nazarene.org/eurasia/missionary-profile?id=161>

Language fluently spoken is English

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Baltimore Dundalk
Hagerstown
Orbisonia
St Charles LifeStream

Fawn Grove
McConnellstown
Pleasant Ridge

Frederick First
New Freedom Trail
Wash Comm of Hope

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Hilbert and Sadie Miller

Retired Missionaries

Home Country: United States

Home District and Church: Mid-Atlantic / Chambersburg Mosaic
Served in Africa and Germany

Special Days: Hilbert Birthday, February 18, Sadie Birthday, May 14
Wedding Anniversary, May 18

Preferred email address : hilbert99999@gmail.com

Language fluently spoken is English

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 Hilbert and Sadie Miller

Baltimore Parkville
Hancock Grace

Cumberland First
Seaford

Denton
Westminster

Severn Grace Pointe Community

There is no assigned LINKS monetary amount. Each church is asked to give a
monetary gift each year to their LINKS missionary.

When Contacting Missionaries ...

- Do not use titles (e.g. Rev., Dr., Pastor, missionary, etc.) of any kind for missionaries in any format (e.g. Internet, ground mail).
- Use plain envelopes, not church stationery. Some countries are not receptive of the Gospel. Letters pass through many hands before their arrival.
- Contact the missionary about sending e-mail attachments. Are there limitations (e.g. cost, size, content) for attachments, or are attachments even accepted? Many missionaries are not on highspeed connections and cannot handle attachments.
- Remove special signatures, backgrounds, happy faces, etc. These take up time and space and can cost money to access them.
- Be aware of our personnel insensitive areas. If a missionary is not on the WM Web site (www.nazareneworldmission.org) under the link "Missionary Profiles," do NOT place their photos, bios, or even names on ANY Web site or in print. This will provide them maximum security. If they are not on the GM site, any mail or e-mail sent to them should NOT reference ministry activities or have religious phrases. Do not use the term missionary, ministry, evangelism, etc.
- Please do not forward articles and photos to the missionaries. This can be expensive and slows down their computers, preventing important e-mail connected with their responsibilities.
- Keep your communication personal, short, and sweet (concise and positive). Avoid mentioning people groups and negative public information. Always be positive and to the point.

BEFORE SENDING PACKAGES --

Communicate with your missionary to ask if they are able to receive packages and if so, how they should be sent. Follow their instructions carefully. Do not send packages without first checking with the missionary and sending in funds to cover duty on the package.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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