



South Asia News and Prayer Updates:

NEWS:

District Development Trainings

Last year during the months of September and October, time was spent with the District Advisory Boards and selected district leaders working on different ministerial areas. Special attention was given to the stewardship of the church and the engagement of the local churches and its members in faithfully participating in giving for the expansion of the church in each district. **Pray that this training focus will bear ongoing fruit and lead to greater growth of the church.**

Recent District Assemblies

Praise God for the recent District Assemblies in Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka that were followed by leadership trainings focused on Vision 20/20 for our field.

Important milestones in this year assemblies:

- The visit of our General Superintendent in Jurisdiction Dr. Eugenio Duarte to Pakistan and the ordination of seven pastors.
- The creation of two new districts in Bangladesh. The Bangladesh North District became the mother of two new districts; Rangpur and Thakurgaon. Two much respected Bangladeshi leaders were appointed as District Superintendents for the Phase II districts; Rev. Moses Bose and Rev. Puren Roy. The split of the district into three will allow for better administration as well as enhance the ability to go to new communities where the church is not yet planted.
- Another important milestone in our 2017 District Assemblies was the 25 Year Celebration of the Church in Bangladesh.



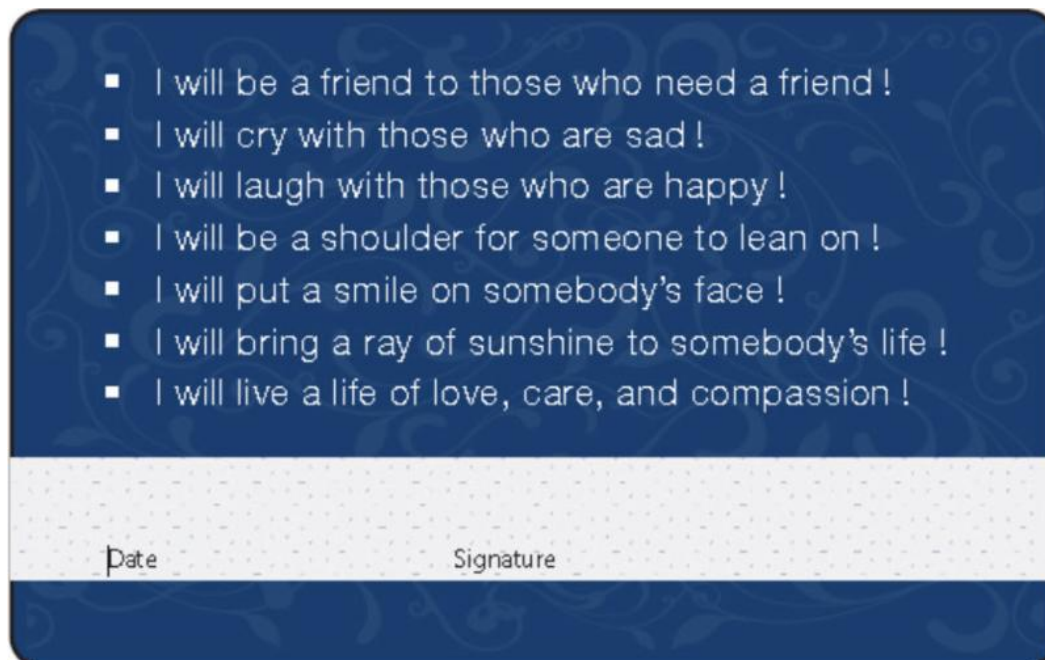




Love, Care and Serve

We praise God because we have started the evangelistic movement; **“Love, Care and Serve”** aimed to engage each Nazarene member in South Asia to reach out to at least one person every year with the love of Jesus, caring for them and serving with compassionate hearts. Nobody can resist the love and care of God when we show it through a compassionate lifestyle. We envision to mobilize at least 60% of our Nazarenes in South Asia and to reach with the love of God at least 1 million people for the next five years.

We have designed a commitment card that has been translated into English, Bangla, Nepali and Tamil and we are distributing among the church charging them to become part of the Great Commission (see below).



Prayer Requests:

- “For the two new Districts and the leadership in Bangladesh. We need God’s direct intervention for the new leaders to be able to cast and share vision with pastors and leaders so the churches fulfill the call God has given them.”
- “For the Leadership Development and Pastoral Education ministries -We need to keep praying for the young people God will call to be enrolled in the South Asia Nazarene Bible College.”
- “For Chinta, Neseta and Abia Roy, our young Bangladeshi family studying at Asia Pacific Nazarene Seminary, as they prepare to become Bangladeshi teachers as part of our plan to train selected young leaders with the goal

they could become the pastor trainers in the different districts. “Please pray for them and for other students who are receiving education to return to serve in their districts. Pray also for the provision of economic resources to pay for their studies. We have been trying to find additional scholarships, but it has been difficult to find support for them.”

- “A very important matter of intercession is our dear Brother Rev. Daniel Kalaichelvan, whose wife, Vathani, went to be in the Lord’s presence, beginning of March, after a severe illness. Please pray for his family and the church in Badulla as they go through this difficult time, and ask God for His comfort, peace and the assurance that this beloved wife is now rejoicing in the presence of our Lord.”
- “We pray for our people in South Asia to be committed and to intentionally reach out to their people, showing love and care through compassionate ministry. Please help us to pray for this to happen. We believe God is preparing the barns for the harvest!”
- “Please pray for our pastors and leaders in South Asia to embrace honesty and integrity as vital parts in their lives and ministries.
- “An important part of the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene in South Asia is to reach new communities and nations. Our vision and goal is to plant the church of the Nazarene and its message to all nations as our Lord Jesus commands us in Mathew 28:19. This year we are planning to visit two additional countries and consider the potential of planting new churches in the near future. Please pray for upcoming trips intended to better develop this vision and upcoming strategies.
- “Please pray for our South Asia Mission Team as they work hard walking hand in hand with local leaders trying to deal with the many challenges and at the same time helping them to live lives that honor God in Holiness.”
- “Please pray for our South Asia Partnership Meeting scheduled in Boise, Idaho, USA, this coming October 26-27. We pray and hope that we will have a good crowd of people that will come and listen to exciting reports about what is happening in South Asia. In addition, there will be information on new ministries and projects we are proposing to reach as our goals for 2023.”
- More information will be coming in the near future.

For information about the South Asia Partnership please contact Ted Diehr (tdiehr@comcast.net).

Donations for the South Asia Partnership need to be designated APT 1017 and sent to the General Treasurer at the Global Treasury Services, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66200.

The needs in South Asia are numerous yet the eternal impact is tremendous. If there is anything in this prayer letter that prompts your interest in further investment, please contact me for any additional details that you might want.

