

DECEMBER:
NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Nazarenes worldwide have the privilege of emphasizing in this month the very important ministry of "Compassion" by participating in one or more of the following Programs:

I. DISASTER RESPONSE:

A. Through SPECIAL OFFERINGS we are able to respond to any "Crisis" as it occurs around the World. You may learn of these special needs through the "N.C.M." website listed below. Some examples of these "Crisis needs" (during the hurricanes of a few years back) and our "Southern Florida Response to them is:

The victims of Hurricane "Charlie": \$ 31,717.00 (2005)

The victims of Hurricane "Katrina": \$ 42,029.38 (2006)

The Gulf-Coast Hurricanes: \$ 1,464.00 (2006)

B. Furthermore, you can help *always* by preparing **CRISIS CARE KITS (CCKs)** throughout the year, according to the suggestions given on the sheet included. The specified items are packed in 2 GALLON ZIPLOCK BAGS, and then put into "banana boxes" (6 in each one). The deadline for shipping them and get credit within any given year is December 1st, but they can be sent anytime because they're needed year-round! Please feel free to contact Rev. Ardee Coolidge, Jr. at 786-227-1120 if you have any questions!

II. CHILD SPONSORSHIP:

This Program allows YOU to give HOPE to children in different ways:

A. Feeding: Such as the "Haiti Hot Lunch Program" (any contribution, though \$ 10.00 will feed up to 4 children per month);

B. Educating: Such as helping "pastor's kids" (at \$ 25.00 per month);

C. Vocational training: Such as the Sun Valley Indian School in Arizona (which need \$ 30.00 /mo.), and others (at \$ 25.00 /mo. Each)!

TOTAL CHILDREN SPONSORED LAST YEAR IN WHOLE DENOMINATION: around 10,000 (2,000 are in need of sponsors)!

NOTE: The total number of children sponsored by our District is of 80, by 62 "sponsors", in 33 Churches.

Our GOAL is that "EACH CHURCH SPONSOR ONE"!

III. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

There are various other ways in which Nazarenes can show true "Compassion" in their communities, and in their World:

A. N.M.O.: This is a "Nazarene Medical Organization" that donate time and resources in order to help people with health needs around the world.

B. OTHER: At the "local level, you can get "creative", with God's help and guidance, and find other ways of helping needy people in your community, such as: food pantry, clothing distribution, drug and/or alcoholic rehab, soup kitchens, helping shut-ins with lawn work...

NOTE: We have a total of churches on our District that are named "GOOD SAMARITAN CHURCHES", and many others who "do" Compassion in many different ways! Our total giving for "Compassion Ministries" for this past year is \$ 75,069.43—our second highest year ever!

CONCLUSIONS:

1. COMPASSION = EVANGELISM + GROWTH (Matthew 28:18-20; 9:35-38; John 6).

2. ANYONE can and should be a part of "Compassion Ministries" by PRAYER, INVESTING, FAITH PLEASE JOIN THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY DOING "COMPASSION" around S. Florida..!

TOTAL MONIES SENT IN FOR "NAZARENE COMPASSION MINISTRIES" THIS YEAR:

www.nazcompassion.org / www.nazchild.org / e-mail: child@nazarene.org.