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NCN News

Top Stories for the week of December 03, 2007

165 Nazarene families affected by Bangladesh cyclone

Cyclone Sidr hit land in Bangladesh on the night of Thursday, November 15. According to the *Associated Press*, more than 3,200 people have lost their lives, another 1,180 people are considered missing, and at least 34,500 were injured.

The phase-4 cyclone left a path of destruction from the southwest part of Bangladesh toward the center of the country. In addition to dumping large amounts of rain, the storm has sent flood waves into coastal areas.

Communication has been difficult because road, telecommunications, and the country's power system were interrupted and not everything has been restored. Houses, crops, and trees are destroyed. Ninety-five percent of approximately 1,100,000 hectares of rice fields and 500,000 hectares of winter vegetable fields in 14 districts are destroyed.

Millions are homeless. Approximately 80 percent of rural houses in the severely hit areas are damaged. Many are still living in the temporary shelters without enough food. Rain, cold, and water born diseases added to people's suffering.

This is the biggest cyclone in last 50 years. According to various media outlets, the damage caused by the storm is more than the damage from the recent disastrous flood.

Church of the Nazarene District Superintendent for Bangladesh Nathan Biswas has been providing updates to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries concerning damage to Nazarenes.

In Bagerhat and Khulna, 14 Nazarene churches and approximately 165 families have been affected. About 55 houses belonging to Nazarene church members were blown apart completely. Others are damaged only partially. About 99 percent of these people lost trees and livestock. The Mongla Child Development Center has also been affected.

Two churches in Satkhira have suffered damage, and their temporary shelter is blown out. Nazarene congregations in Goplagonj, who also suffered damages from the floods earlier this year, were also affected by the cyclone.

"We need to do something right away," Biswas urged.

The thousands who have lost everything need food and clean water immediately. In the rebuilding process, they will also need cyclone-proof housing. NCM is undergoing a major effort to respond to the needs of those who are suffering. Please consider joining the church as it shares hope and celebrates God's love in the midst of this hardship.

"As our sisters and brothers in Bangladesh live through yet another natural disaster," World Mission Director Louie E. Bustle states, "we must continue to pray and respond with love and care. God is working through the church to help those who struggle through the pain and suffering of these difficult days."

Persons and churches wishing to make a donation through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries can mark their

checks “ **South Asia Disaster Relief ACM1549**” and mail them to the General Treasurer, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. In Canada, checks should be made payable and sent to the Church of the Nazarene Canada, 20 Regan Road, Unit 9, Brampton, Ontario L7A 1C3. On-line donations can be made at ncm.org.

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There was nothing left

Robert was concerned. The winds in his Bangladesh community had been increasing steadily. He began to fear as the storm increased. “Let’s go to the shelter,” his wife, Alpona, admonished him. “Our girls will be safer there.” [Read More](#).

--NCM

Disaster relief continues in Peru

Disaster relief continues through compassionate ministries in Southern Peru as Nazarenes begin to enter the third phase of their ministry plan.

The first phase provided immediate assistance with blankets, clothes, and tents following the massive 8.0 earthquake on August 15. Five Nazarenes perished in the quake.

Four community kitchens fed more than 500 people or 75 days.

The second phase is near completion with 31 prefabricated homes being built in the devastated cities of Pisco (11 homes), Ica (10 homes) and Nuevo Ayacucho (10 homes). Nazarene leaders still desire to offer more assistance in these cities with many still living in tents on the streets.

The third phase will be beginning very soon, which includes a health plan. The Nazarene Professional Association of Peru is coordinating the efforts of many Nazarene health professionals from Peru and neighboring countries.

Persons and churches wishing to make a donation through NCM can mark their checks “Peru Earthquake Relief -- ACM 1596” and mail them to Global Treasury Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. In Canada, checks should be made payable and sent to the Church of the Nazarene Canada, 20 Regan Road, Unit 9, Brampton, Ontario L7A 1C3. Online donations may be made at ncm.org.

For more information about the ministry plan taking place in South America (SAM), contact NCN News-SAM: wmcsam@gmail.com.

For the original NCN News story on this disaster, [Click Here](#).

--NCN News-SAM (Slideshow available)

Korea Nazarene University president shares with global Nazarene family

Korea Nazarene University (KNU) President Abraham Im recently spent 10 days in the U.S. visiting three American-Korean churches and Nazarene institutional and headquarters leaders. His heart-felt desire is for KNU to make a contribution to the global Church of the Nazarene.

Im was met with kindness, openness, generosity, and great concern for KNU. He preached five times at two Korean Nazarene Churches in Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois, and one time at the Kansas City Korean Church. Kansas City is his second hometown since he studied there in the 1980s. Im was impressed by the pastors and congregations as they are strongly identifying themselves as Nazarenes and exhibiting a strong faith in Jesus Christ.

While in the U.S., Im also visited several non-Nazarene institutions including Oberlin University of Cleveland,

Ohio, and Kent University of Kent, Ohio. Oberlin University's history reminded Im of the importance of maintaining the Christian faith, and Kent University helped him to see the possibility of a relationship between KNU and Kent.

In Colorado Springs, Im visited the Focus on the Family (FOF) Center and also discussed possible future alliances between KNU and FOF. FOF provides internship opportunities for international students in which KNU could become involved. Im also visited the Global Prayer Chapel, and he saw many countries' flags including both the South Korean and North Korean national flags. During this time he remembered the importance of prayer for world mission.

Also, while in Colorado Springs, Im was welcomed by Nazarene Bible College (NBC) President Harold B. Graves Jr., along with his wife Cheryl Graves, and other NBC faculty. Discussions were carried on regarding semester study abroad programs for KNU students, especially in the areas of English as a second language and theology. NBC believes it could provide an excellent orientation for Korean students called to plant new churches especially in the U.S. or Korea. A possible professor exchange program between KNU and NBC was also presented.

At Nazarene Headquarters in Kansas City, Im reported to International Board of Education Commissioner Jerry Lambert and World Mission Director Louie E. Bustle about the present and the future ministry of KNU. Both of them encouraged Im's ministry and promised to pray for him and KNU. He also met with Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) President Ron P. Benefiel and Academic Dean Roger Hahn. They discussed ministerial programs and advanced study programs at NTS for KNU graduates.

At MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas, Im met with President Ed Robinson, KNU founder Donald Owens, and several professors of the nursing department. Many positive ideas were exchanged for the possibilities of the future nursing major degree program at KNU.

In the Chicago area, Im met with the director of Olivet Nazarene University's nursing program and Chicago District Superintendent Brian Wilson. Cooperative ministries between KNU, the Chicago District, and the Korean National District were discussed.

Im has become increasingly convinced that KNU is not only a blessing for Korean students, but also for the global Church of the Nazarene. He believes KNU has been commissioned by God to work together with the Asia-Pacific Regional institutions and also other institutions around the world.

In the summer of 2007, KNU welcomed students from many of the 57 Nazarene institutions of higher learning to a Cross-Culture Student Leader Conference. In 2008, KNU would like to send a Korean student to each of the 57 schools for a short-term study opportunity to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Nazarene. This would help provide KNU students with a global orientation for future leadership in the Church of the Nazarene. It would also help them to identify with the Church of the Nazarene as a global church and understand that KNU is one of the 57 higher educational institutions in more than 150 countries.

Prayer is requested for this endeavor and to help make it possible for the students to participate in this journey. To donate to this cause, contact the KNU International Affairs Office at mj29010@kornu.ac.kr.

Im gives thanks to everyone he met while in the U.S., and KNU opens its gates to all who are interested in cross-cultural educational opportunities in South Korea.

--[KNU](#)

First Work and Witness teams since 1980s enter Colombia

On September 29, God opened the doors for the first Work and Witness team to enter Colombia since the 1980s. Led by Field Strategy Coordinators Dwight and Carolyn Rich, the majority of the U.S. team came from Texarkana, Arkansas, with one person from Kansas and another from Kentucky.

God blessed and protected the team as they laid all the perimeter blocks for the first story of the Southwest Colombia District Center located in Cali, Colombia. Although there were many issues in re-opening this country to teams, God allowed the team to successfully begin the work. The national church is incredibly excited and grateful for this team's contribution to their field.

Second Team Arrives as One man's eight-year prayer to Enter Colombia Is Answered

In 1999, in preparation for a mission trip to Colombia, team members from Virginia were given an envelope with un-cut emeralds as a reminder to pray for the trip and the country. The emeralds represent Colombia because it is the largest exporter in the world of the gem. The mission trip was canceled when the country closed to mission groups. For the past eight years, several team members have faithfully prayed for the Church of the Nazarene in Colombia and have sponsored several projects on the North Andean Field.

Imagine the joy felt when four of these original team members recently traveled to Colombia on the second Work and Witness team to enter Colombia since the 1980s. With tears and a rejoicing heart, Dennis Patrick shared this answer to his eight-year prayer during a service at the church in Cali.

Team members hailed from Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee. Greg and Dianne Hall, Mission Corps volunteers serving in Ecuador at the time, also joined the team. They continued the work on the Southwest Colombia District Center located in Cali, Colombia. They poured new footers and columns and completed the block for the first level.

Although they were pleased to have finished their planned jobs, they were more excited about making new Colombian friends, participating in 5 A.M. prayer meetings, and experiencing the great work of God in Colombia. As team leader, David Argabright said, "God's timing allowed us to serve during the current move of God."

--NCN News-SAM (Slideshow available)

Ukraine rehabilitation center director showing miraculous improvement

Earlier this year a report was published on Andrei, the director of a Nazarene drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Kazatin, Ukraine, who broke his neck in a swimming accident May 24. The early diagnosis stated Andrei had a broken neck, a damaged spinal chord, and he was initially paralyzed from the neck down.

Hospitals would not originally admit Andrei as he is HIV positive. However, due to the diligent work of Nazarene missionaries and doctors from a church in nearby Kiev, Andrei was eventually under hospital care.

A June update on Andrei from a CIS Nazarene Compassionate Ministries representative stated Andrei was still unable to move and faced expensive surgery. Neurologists at the time said any surgery would only allow Andrei to sit up and he was not expected to walk again. That report ended with a plea for continued prayer for Andrei.

Now, five months later, Nazarene Missions International (NMI) reports Andrei underwent two surgeries and is doing much better.

He is walking.

NMI states that while Andrei still has a ways to go in his recovery process, his partners in ministry are giving thanks to God for this miracle in his life.

Continued prayer is again requested for Andrei.

--NMI, NCN News

New TNU Center for Social Justice to honor J.V. Morsch

Trevecca Nazarene University announces the establishment of the J.V. Morsch Center for Social Justice. Recently at Trevecca, Morsch family members and friends celebrated J.V. Morsch's lifelong commitment to serving human need and announced their intent to raise the money needed to fund this new program to Trevecca, named in his honor.

The goal for the center is to offer an interdisciplinary approach to empower service-minded students with the skills and experiences needed to become leaders in serving human need. The center will offer a variety of non-credit programs and experiential opportunities and an interdisciplinary major in urban ministry that trains persons in theology, sociology, business, law, and technology. Its goal is to equip individuals to work from a Christian perspective in the reengineering of urban areas and to be able to respond to human need on a larger scale—a unique combination of skills and training that are needed in the field of social justice.

Students in the Center will work with civic groups, write grants, study societal problems and legal issues, participate in urban development and entrepreneurial business practices, and reflect biblically and theologically on concerns of social justice. The new inter-disciplinary major and minor will be offered in the fall of 2008.

For J.V. Morsch, retired pastor and district superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene, meeting the needs of a hurting world has been a significant part of his ministry career. He continues to be an active volunteer in compassionate ministries, both nationally and internationally. He presently serves as pastoral care minister at Center Pointe Community Church of the Nazarene in Orlando, Florida, and as the national volunteer liaison coordinator for Nazarene Disaster Response, an organization which he founded and served as first national field director. Morsch is a former pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Nashville, Tennessee, and a past chairman of the Trevecca Board of Trustees. He earned two baccalaureate degrees from Olivet Nazarene University, did graduate studies at Fuller Theological Seminary, and earned a doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

The Morsch family is leading the effort to fund and establish the J.V. Morsch Center for Social Justice. Sons Gary, physician and founder of Heart to Heart International and Docs Who Care, and Mark, a trial attorney, are taking leadership roles. The goal is to raise an initial \$1 million for the center's establishment and to create an endowment for ongoing program funding. Already, more than \$507,000 has been pledged toward the goal.

For more information on how to make a gift, please contact Trevecca's Office of External Relations at 615-248-1355.

--[TNU](#) (All funds expressed in U.S. dollars)

Caribbean regional director hospitalized

Caribbean Region Director John Smee was recently hospitalized in Olathe, Kansas, with a ruptured disk in his back.

Prayer is requested Smee and his wife, Caribbean Region Nazarene Missions International Coordinator Mary Alice Smee, and their family.

If you would like to send a note of encouragement or prayer, write to communications@caribnaz.org.

Additional prayer is requested for:

David and Joy Wilson

Joy's father, Robert H. Spear Jr., passed away Friday night, November 30, in Nashville. Prayer is requested for David, Joy, and the extended family. David serves as general secretary for the Church of the Nazarene.

Christian and Margit Sarmiento

Margit's step-father passed away early Thursday morning, November 29, and they are traveling to Colombia for the funeral. Christian is the regional director for the South America Region.

For more prayer requests, see the [NMI Prayer Mobilization Line](#).

--NCN News, Caribbean Communications Office

Inaugural International Master's Plan Conference held in Cali

The first annual "Master's Plan" Conference was recently held in Cali, Colombia. The main propose of the conference was to share the testimony of the House of Prayer Church of the Nazarene, which has seen unprecedented growth in recent years and boasts a weekly attendance of 8,000.

More than 800 were enrolled for the conference. Over 100 from the U.S. participated, as well as people from as far away as Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, and the different countries of South America.

Main speakers for the conference were Adalberto and Nineye Herrera, lead ministers of the House of Prayer Church of the Nazarene, and special guests General Superintendent Jerry D. Porter and Pastor Ricardo Santiago from Bogota, Colombia.

The event closed on a Sunday afternoon with an evangelistic campaign in the city's Plaza de Toros stadium, with an estimated 13,000 people in attendance. Special music was provided by Alex de Castro from Puerto Rico, with General Superintendent Porter delivering a powerful message. More than 1,100 people made decisions to accept Christ.

--NCN News-SAM (Slideshow available)

Choonadi (The Truth) Church of the Nazarene opens in Mozambique

In May 2007, John and Carol Fillmore, Mission Corps volunteers in Mozambique, delivered roofing to several churches in one area. While John Fillmore visited two churches approximately 4 and 6 miles away, Carol Fillmore waited by the vehicle under a tree.

While there, she made friends with some children and soon the children were looking up into the tree and chattering excitedly. They finally were able to make it clear to her that there were snakes in the tree. Needless to say, Carol Fillmore found a new place to wait for her husband to return.

There was not a Nazarene church in that location, but some of the community members had heard the preaching of the Nazarenes, and decided that there should be a Nazarene Church in their community.

They said that through the Church of the Nazarene they had heard "the truth." Now, five months later, there is a new Nazarene church built on the site and a thriving congregation of 70-80 new Nazarenes.

"As we drove to the church with the roofing for their new building," John Fillmore commented, "the congregation came to the car welcoming us, waving branches and singing and dancing.

"Pastor James Mangane of the new congregation asked me to name the church. 'Well,' I said, 'I didn't think the Lord would like it to be called the Snake Church of the Nazarene, but that I thought the congregation had already named the new church by calling it Choonadi (The Truth) Church of the Nazarene.' That name pleased everyone and we now have a new congregation near the site of the 'snake tree.' Praise the Lord!

"The entire congregation committed themselves to the covenant relationship of serving Jesus Christ with the whole heart, in seeking His will in everything they do, and to tithing. It was a great service."

--NCN News-Africa

Philippine leadership committed to reaching the nation's youth

"It's just so encouraging to know what is actually happening on other districts and how God is accomplishing great things with them," expressed one of the participants in a meeting of district superintendents and district Nazarene Youth International (NYI) presidents in the Philippines. "We share many of the same visions and struggles for our NYI groups," he added. "This has rejuvenated me to do more for God and to put into action the things that we have learned."

In the past six months, all 11 district superintendents and district NYI presidents in the Philippines have gathered with Philippine Field leadership and Asia-Pacific NYI leadership to discuss effective ministry involving youth.

The southern six districts met for two days at the beginning of June while the northern five districts met November 16-17, 2006. The events highlighted the partnership between the district superintendent and district president to support, encourage, and build up youth in local churches; to be discipled and to be disciple-makers. This partnership is essential to reaching this nation since, according to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, approximately 57 percent of the Philippine population is children and youth.

A major benefit of this meeting was in identifying youth issues that are prevalent in the Filipino society: identity formation, lack of resources for education and living, sexual abuse, and youth sexuality. They also evaluated ways in which the church is responding to these issues as they minister to youth. The group recommended workable strategies pilot-tested by other NYI leaders to demonstrate how youth can possibly be engaged, such as Bible quizzing and mission opportunities designed specifically for youth.

District leaders also focused their time together to pray for the young people on their own local districts. One participant responded, "We had a great time sharing issues and problems of our youth for today as well as sharing plans we have for our districts. God is so great because He refreshed our minds and encouraged us during these sessions."

The event was hosted by Asia-Pacific NYI in partnership with the Philippine Field.

--NCN News-Asia-Pacific (Slideshow available)

Caribbean pastor passes away

Pierre Paul Belidor of Haiti's Central District died on November 17.

Belidor, 83, was the longtime pastor of the Church of the Nazarene near Archaie, Haiti, as well as other mountain congregations.

He is survived by his wife and four sons, three of whom have worked with Haiti's compassionate ministries over the years.

A funeral service for Belidor will be held on December 2. If you would like to send a note of condolence, please write to: communications@caribnaz.org.

--Caribbean Communications Office

Nazarene deaconess celebrates 100th birthday

Saturday, November 10, Gertrude Kemp celebrated her 100th birthday. Kemp is a licensed deaconess on the Belize District. As she celebrated her 100th, she was surrounded by family, friends, and church family.

Kemp joined the Church of the Nazarene in the early 1950s as the Nazarene church began work in the city where she lived. She has served on many of the local and district boards and has always promoted mission work.

She has been faithful to her Lord and has been a great blessing to all who have come across her path. Kemp lives in the Northern part of Belize and currently attends the Corozal Nazarene church.

--Caribbean Communications Office

MAC district evangelism coordinator killed in car accident

Leonel Marroquin was the coordinator of evangelism for seven years in the South East District of Guatemala on the Mexico and Central America (MAC) Region. He was traveling with his family late one Sunday afternoon recently when an accident occurred and Marroquin was pronounced dead at the scene.

At the graveside ceremony, MAC Evangelism Coordinator Bernie Slingerland was asked to speak/preach on top of a tomb in the cemetery "John Wesley style."

Slingerland told the people, "Leonel was a man of God in every way, and was loved by you in this community (Jalapa, Guatemala). Furthermore, I know where Leonel is, in heaven, because he believed that 'Jesus is the resurrection and life and he who believes in Him will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25) Do you believe this?'"

Slingerland reiterated the question "Do you believe this?" to the crowd of 250 people. He proceeded to share the Gospel and gave an invitation for those who wanted to commit by faith to believe in Jesus Christ, in the same way Leonel had done in his life. Many people committed their lives to Jesus.

Prayer is requested for the Marroquin family.

--NCN News-MAC

Kenneth MacMillan, father of Canada Nazarene National Director Clair MacMillan, passes away

Kenneth Ross MacMillan passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 14. He was 87.

MacMillan was father to Church of the Nazarene Canada National Director Clair MacMillan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle MacMillan (1993).

Kenneth MacMillan had six children: Al (Goldie), Clair (Donna), David (Kathy), Barbara MacMillan, George Robert (Diane), and the late Roberta Handler (Harry). He was also the cherished "Papa" of 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two brothers, Lorne (Joyce) and Fred (Jeanette) MacMillan.

Funeral services were held November 17 at Bridlewood Church of the Nazarene in Ottawa, Ontario.

The MacMillan family would like to extend their thanks for all the kind expressions of remembrance and love. Prayer is requested for the MacMillan family in the coming days as they remember their father.

--Nazarene News Canada

NNU presidential nominations open until December 10

Northwest Nazarene University's (NNU) Board of Trustees approved a leadership statement to guide the search for NNU's 12th president in response to President Richard A. Hagood's retirement announcement.

Nominations and recommendations are being accepted.

The leadership statement articulates that NNU seeks a spiritual, visionary, educational, relational, fiscal, and bridge-building leader. Interested parties may view the complete leadership statement, submit nominations, or express interest in the position on-line at www.nnu.edu/presidentalsearch. All nominations or expressions of interest will remain confidential.

The search committee has implemented a plan that will lead the university through the development of criteria as well as the search, interview, and election process for the NNU president. The committee will screen all initial applicants, conduct interviews, and make the final nomination to the full Board during their regular meetings March 5-7, 2008.

"We are aware that alumni and friends of NNU are vitally interested in this search process. Your prayer support is requested," said Chair of the NNU Board of Trustees Randy Craker.

The Board of Trustees has designated the 12th day of each month as a day of prayer and fasting for the selection of the 12th university president and invites alumni and friends to participate.

--[NNU](http://www.nnu.edu)

BHP releases new book by SNU professor and NTS professor emeritus

Beacon Hill Press (BHP) of Kansas City has newly released the book *Discovering Missions*, written by Howard Culbertson, School of Theology and Ministry professor at Southern Nazarene University (SNU) and Charles R. Gailey, professor emeritus of missiology at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

According to BHP, *Discovering Missions* is a foundational textbook that examines the importance of missionary work overseas as well as within one's community. With perception and relevancy, it supplies understanding and awareness for important terms and practices related to mission work and strengthens one's calling to serve others and teach them about Christ. Objectives, sidebars, key-word lists, and discussion questions are included in each chapter to enrich the reader's study and comprehension.

BHP also states the book offers capable, qualified teaching on the study of missions. It is a valuable tool for seminaries and universities as well as pastors and laypersons seeking to increase their comprehension of missiology and its impact on the Church and the world today.

"This is a very good introductory textbook, and has some very strong endorsements from mission leaders outside and inside the Church of the Nazarene," said Hal Cauthron, chair of the School of Theology and Ministry at SNU.

Culbertson teaches missions at SNU and helps head the short-term mission trip opportunities program Commission Unto Mexico. He has been heavily involved in church-planting programs in Slovenia, Croatia, and Bulgaria. He is a veteran missionary and has spent 10 years in Italy and 5 years in Haiti. Culbertson has also been instrumental in the ministry of helping with the immigrants in Venezuela.

For more information on Culberston, visit his website at <http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/>.

--[SNU](http://www.snu.edu)

PLNU students help give neighborhood a face lift

Earlier this month, as part of a Community Housing Works project, more than 30 student volunteers from Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) participated in a Facelift opportunity in the City Heights community of San Diego. Facelift is a program that takes on house improvement projects in just one day, to help improve existing homes in low income neighborhoods.

The Facelift team was charged with painting the exterior of eight houses along the same block. They also

removed debris from the yards and did basic landscaping improvements on the homes. This year the leaders from the university's Student Ministries (these students that volunteered) decided to spend their fall retreat in service to the community.

According to sophomore Kelcey Price, the students were able to work alongside other community volunteers, neighborhood associations, and local business improvement leaders. In all, more than 280 volunteers helped assist in the beautification effort.

"It was really great to see the students sacrificing their time to help people they've never met and probably might never have the chance to meet again," said Price. "There was a general attitude of people being grateful, especially those who can't afford to or have the time to clean up these areas. It was a great day."

Community Housing Works is a San Diego-based nonprofit organization that helps people in low income neighborhoods improve their quality of life by providing a full range of housing options combined with training and support. Price said that a block is adopted for improvements every six months. PLNU students have expressed interest in helping with the next project, when it is selected.

--PLNU (Slideshow available)

ONU campus goes "green"

Following the start of the New Year, Olivet Nazarene University will begin implementing its Environmental Management System (EMS). Still in the beginning stages of the initiative, the school has a number of plans that will be gradually integrated into campus policies.

The EMS will oversee projects such as: recycling, chemical safety and accountability, maintenance for chemicals and fertilizers, water quality and conservation, accountability for everything poured down drains, active conservation of energy, occupational safety and health, and vigilance to the safety of overall life.

The hope is to create an even healthier and safer campus and to be good stewards of the environment.

"The project will be ongoing with the idea of continuous improvement as we move forward," explains Doug Perry, Olivet vice president of finance.

"The timeline is to begin working with a task force after the first of the year to determine how we will proceed with the green campus initiative. We are just beginning to get organized. We are doing this because it's the right thing for a Christian campus to do."

--ONU

Nazarene pastor sets world record for free throws

Watonga (Oklahoma) First Church of the Nazarene Senior Pastor and Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach Jeff Liles recently entered the *Guinness Book of World Records* for free throws made in one hour (1,415). He is the world record holder in additional free throw categories. For more, view this Oklahoma High School Sports Express feature on Liles posted to YouTube: [Click Here](#).

--NCN News submissions

Ambrose Lions capture volleyball championship

The Ambrose University College (formerly Canada Nazarene University College) Lions men's volleyball team captured the Alberta Colleges Athletic League (ACAL) championship with a 3-1 win over Camrose, Alberta's Augustana University College.

After beating Edmondton, Alberta's Taylor University College 3-0 on Friday night in the semi-finals, they were set for the anticipated final against host and perennial ACAL champion Augustana. The team took the first set, lost the second set, but then took sets 3 and 4 over the Vikings to capture the Lions' first volleyball championship in four years.

In other Ambrose sports news, their two-time defending ACAL champion hockey team is having another successful season. They recently beat rival Rocky Mountain College 10-0.

--[Ambrose University College](#)

NCN Sports Update

A weekly review of Nazarene colleges and universities competing in NCAA or NAIA athletics.

Records (Wins-Losses-Ties) as of November 29, and recent results are as follows:

[Eastern Nazarene College Crusaders](#)

NCAA Division III, Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC)

Men's Basketball: 1-3. Defeated Mitchell 70-62. Lost to Eastern Conn. St. University 79-60, Lesley University 80-63, Wheelock College 65-63.

Women's Basketball: 3-2. Defeated Gordon 48-32, Newbury College 72-63, Albertus Magnus College 52-48. Lost to PBU 39-36, Daniel Webster College 56-41.

Men's soccer: 1-19. Season complete.

Women's Soccer: 4-14-1. Season complete.

Women's Tennis: 6-9. Next @ 2008 Spring Training in Hilton Head, SC.

Women's Volleyball: 10-17. Season complete.

[MidAmerica Nazarene University Pioneers](#)

NAIA Division II, Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC)

Football: 9-3, NAIA No.13. Lost to Bethel (TN) 55-34 in NAIA playoffs. Season complete.

Men's Basketball: 8-0, NAIA No.1 in Div. II preseason poll. Defeated Oklahoma City University 88-83, Briar Cliff 89-88, Northwestern College 87-75.

Women's Basketball: 5-4, NAIA No.7 in Div. II preseason poll. Defeated the University of St. Mary 66-48. Lost to South Dakota Tech 92-91, Black Hills State 80-73.

Men's Cross Country: Ranked No.18 in final NAIA poll. Placed 17th in NAIA national championships.

Women's Cross Country: Ranked No.17 in final NAIA poll. Placed 24th in NAIA national championships.

Men's Soccer: 11-7. Season complete.

Women's Soccer: 11-8-1. Season complete.

Women's Volleyball: 11-26. Season complete.

[Mount Vernon Nazarene University Cougars](#)

NAIA Division II, American Mideast Conference (AMC)

Men's Basketball: 5-0, NAIA No.19 in preseason Div. II poll. Defeated Ashland University 90-82, Northwestern Ohio 81-64.

Women's Basketball: 5-1. Defeated Montreat (N.C.) 68-62, Tennessee Temple 96-40 (Tennessee Temple University Tournament), Northwestern Ohio 81-57. Lost to Daemen (N.Y.) 66-64.

Men's Soccer: 14-5-3. (NCCAA National Tournament) Defeated Greenville (Ill) 3-1, Indiana Wesleyan 2-1. Tied Palm Beach Atlantic (FL) 0-0 (2OT).

Women's Soccer: 15-7-1, NAIA No.25 (Final Ranking). (NCCAA National Tournament) Defeated Palm Beach Atlantic (FL) 1-0. Lost to Indiana Wesleyan 3-0, Trinity Christian 3-2. Kristy Brandolini received NCCAA

Akers Player of the Year Award.

Women's Volleyball: 39-5, NAIA No.13. (NAIA National Tournament) Lost to Madonna (Mich.) 3-2, Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.) 3-2, Concordia (Calif.) 3-0.

[Northwest Nazarene University Crusaders](#)

NCAA Division II, Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC)

Men's Basketball: 3-0. Defeated Chico State University 91-77, Notre Dame de Namur 69-65, Pacific University 75-69.

Women's Basketball: 3-1. Defeated Cal State Stanislaus (twice) 79-63 and 72-61, Humboldt 95-87. Lost to Cal State Dominguez Hills 68-77.

Women's Soccer: 7-10-2. Season complete.

Women's Volleyball: 18-9. (NCCAA Div. II Pacific Regional) Lost to UC San Diego 3-2.

Track & Field: [Updates](#)

[Olivet Nazarene University Tigers](#)

NAIA Division I, Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC)

Football: 5-5. Season complete.

Men's Basketball: 3-4, NAIA No.18 in preseason poll. Defeated Illinois Wesleyan University 97-79, Huntington University (Ind.) 68-67. Lost to Pointloma Nazarene University 75-72 (OT).

Women's Basketball: 5-3, NAIA Honorable Mention in preseason poll.

Men's Soccer: 14-10-1. (NCCAA National Tournament) Defeated Oakland City University (Ind.) 1-0 (2 OT), Greenville College (Ill.) 3-0. Lost to The Mater's College (Calif.) 4-0.

Men's Cross Country: Ranked No.25 in final NAIA poll. Placed 15th in NAIA national championships.

Women's Soccer: 14-9-2. Defeated Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.) 1-0. Lost to Indiana Wesleyan University 3-0, Hope International University (Calif.) 2-1.

Women's Cross Country: Ranked No.23 in final NAIA poll. Placed 23rd in NAIA national championships.

Women's Volleyball: 23-21. (NAIA Region VII Tournament) Defeated William Penn University 3-0 (Iowa), Saint Xavier 3-1, (NAIA National Tournament) Mount Vernon Nazarene University 3-2 (Ohio). Lost to Concordia University (Calif.) 3-0, Madonna University (Mich.) 3-0. Season complete.

[Point Loma Nazarene University Sea Lions](#)

NAIA Division I, Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC)

Men's Basketball: 6-1, NAIA No.22 in preseason poll. Defeated Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.) 75-72 (OT), Azusa Pacific University 69-65, Biola University 63-59.

Women's Basketball: 3-1, NAIA No.9 in preseason poll. Defeated Biola University 79-69. Lost to Azusa Pacific University 65-53.

Women's Cross Country: Ranked No.19 in final NAIA poll. Placed 27th in NAIA national championships.

Women's Soccer: 13-6-1, NAIA No.11 (Final Ranking). Lost to Carroll (MT) 2-1.

Women's Volleyball: 17-13, NAIA No.9. Defeated Westmont College 3-2. (NAIA Region II Tournament) Lost to Concordia 3-0. Season complete.

Men's Soccer: 13-3-1, NAIA No.12 (Final Ranking). Season complete.

Men's Golf: Next @ CSU San Marcos Cougar Invitational 2/11

[Southern Nazarene University Crimson Storm](#)

NAIA Division I, Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC)

Football: 6-4. Season complete.

Men's Cross Country: Did not receive any votes in final NAIA poll.

Men's Soccer: 18-1-1, NAIA No.3 (final ranking). (NAIA national tournament) Lost to Auburn-Montgomery 3-2.

Women's Soccer: 13-7-2. Season complete.

Women's Volleyball: 17-23. (Regional tournament) Lost to Lubbock Christian 3-0. Season complete.

Men's Basketball: 4-3, NAIA No.9 in preseason poll. Defeated Park 70-65. Lost to Langston 71-66, Evangel 87-78, Northwestern Oklahoma 71-65.

Women's Basketball: 6-1, NAIA No.5 in preseason poll. Defeated Mobile 71-52, Spring Hill 79-40, Park 80-45, Northwestern Oklahoma 69-50.

Men's Golf: Next @ Oklahoma Christian Invite 2/11.

Women's Golf: Next @ CS San Marcos Invite 2/18.

Trevecca Nazarene University Trojans

NAIA Division I, TranSouth Athletic Conference (TSAC)

Men's Basketball: 4-0, NAIA Honorable Mention in preseason poll. Defeated Voorhees College 96-65.

Women's Basketball: 2-1, NAIA No.4 in preseason poll. Next @ Temple Baptist (Pops Duncan Classic) 12/7.

Men's Soccer: 5-9-1. Season complete.

Men's Golf: Next @ Buffalo Wild Wings Classic 3/10.

Women's Soccer: 5-12. Season complete.

Women's Golf: Next @ TranSouth Tournament 4/7.

Women's Volleyball: 26-10. (Regional XI Tournament) Defeated Martin Methodist 3-2. Lost to Georgetown 3-1. Season complete.

Key:

Record = Wins-Losses-Ties

[NAIA](#) – National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

[NCAA](#) – National Collegiate Athletic Association

[NCCAA](#) – National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association