

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT NMI  
**MISSION MOMENTS**

MAY 2024



**WE ARE  
ONE PEOPLE**

**ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO  
PRAY FOR ALL EFFORTS OF  
WORLD EVANGELISM  
INFORMING PEOPLE OF THE  
WORLD'S NEED AND WHAT  
THE CHURCH IS DOING TO  
MEET THOSE NEEDS  
CHALLENGING CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH TO LEARN ABOUT AND  
PARTICIPATE IN THE  
MISSION OF THE CHURCH  
RAISING FUNDS FOR  
MISSIONS OUTREACH**

**NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL**  
Nazarene Missions International (NMI) is the organization for mobilizing the local church in missions in the Church of the Nazarene and the denomination's representative for missions on the district and in the local church.



## Missionary Health Care

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Here are some important details about Missionary Health Care:

The cost of providing insurance for Nazarene missionaries is quite high. In fact, the cost for health insurance alone for a year is approximately \$1.9 million, and the costs continue to rise. Yet the Church of the Nazarene wants its missionaries to be able to serve and not worry about where they will scrape up the cost of the next premium.

Nazarene Missions International has helped subsidize some of these funds since as early as 1919. Through your giving to the Memorial Roll, Distinguished Service Award, Gifts from the Heart, and Missionary Health Care plate offerings, you helped offset approximately 23 percent of those insurance costs. Thank you!

The remaining 77 percent of the insurance costs is provided by the World Evangelism Fund. So two important facts to remember are:

- The more money that comes in for Missionary Health Care, the more money from World Evangelism Fund can be used specifically for evangelism.
- Giving to World Evangelism Fund affects many aspects of missions in the Church of the Nazarene.

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE TO MOBILIZE THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE IN MISSIONS THROUGH 1) PRAYING, 2) GIVING, 3) EDUCATING, 4) ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**



# PRAY FOR OUR GLOBAL MISSIONARIES

REMEMBER YOUR MISSIONARIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN PRAYER. MANY ARE OFTEN FACING TROUBLED TIMES IN THE PLACES IN WHICH THEY SERVE. THEY SEEK TO BE PEACEMAKERS AND AGENTS OF TRANSFORMATION. THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH INTERCESSION.

THE CHURCH COMMISSIONS AND AFFIRMS MISSIONARY CALLS. GLOBAL MISSIONS SENDS MISSIONARIES. AND NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL SUPPORTS THAT CALL THROUGH PRAYER, GIVING, AND RELATIONAL SUPPORT.

**Missionaries assigned to our district are Tim and Michelle Eby in the Africa South Field and Tim and Margarett Stearns in Paraguay.**



# **ARE YOU PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT FAMILY REUNION (FAMILY CAMP / CONVENTIONS / DISTRICT ASSEMBLY)**

Have you registered and reserved your room. Every person attending regardless of age must register.

**ROOMS ARE FILLING UP ONSITE  
AND AT MOTLELS ... BOOK NOW**

**THE LINK TO REGISTER CAN BE FOUND ON THE  
RMNAZ.ORG WEBPAGE OR HERE BELOW**

<https://forms.gle/kXTTxQxJ9ahXVTJv8>

**GUEST SPEAKERS:  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT DR. BUSIC  
DR. SCOTT RAINEY (NDI)  
DR. BILL KWON (NMI)**

**MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 5**

**HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL / TEXT  
JOANN AT (406)647-6605**





**CAMP + DIST ASSEMBLY****JUNE 11-16, 2024****HOTEL INFO****BIG SKY MOTEL: 740 MAIN ST. ROUNDUP**

406-323-2303 (ASHLY - CONTACT)

15 ROOMS AVAILABLE

10 - 2 BEDS, 5 - 1 BED

\$80 + TAX PER NIGHT

**IDEAL MOTEL: 926 MAIN ST. ROUNDUP**

406-323-3371 (CAROL - CONTACT)

5 ROOMS AVAILABLE

2 - 2 BEDS \$75 PER NIGHT TAX INCL

3 - 1 BED - \$65 PER NIGHT TAX INCL

**AUTUMN'S INN: 630 MAIN ST. ROUNDUP**

406-323-1000 (SCOTT - CONTACT)

7 ROOMS AVAILABLE

2 - KING BED ONLY, 5 - 2 BEDS

\$90 + TAX PER NIGHT (INCLUDES BKFST)

**BOOK BY MAY 1ST OR ROOMS/RATES WILL BE RELEASED**

**Pricing information**

**HOUSING COST:**

Tent: \$15/night

RV (no hookups): \$15/night

RV (Light elec/non potable water): \$35/night

Family room (6 beds)/Private bath : \$90/night

Family room (8 beds)/Public bath: \$90/night

Single bed (dorm)/Public bath: \$12/night

Hotel - block of rooms reserved: \$80-95/night

**\*\*Room cost does NOT include food\*\***

**FOOD COST:**

\$50/person for 14 meals

or \$30/person for 5 dinners only

or \$10/person per day- all meals

*Day registration + meals*

*(for those not staying onsite):*

\$20/person per day

or \$80/person max for the week

No registration fee for *Ordination service OR*

*Sunday morning*

**See [www.rmnaz.org/family-camp](http://www.rmnaz.org/family-camp)**

Questions? Call or email JoAnn 406-647-6605 or [jlhirning@msn.com](mailto:jlhirning@msn.com)



# RMD FAMILY CAMP AGENDA

Time	Day/Date	Day/Date	Day/Date	Day/Date	Day/Date
	Tuesday, June 11	Wed/Thurs June 12-13	Friday, June 14	Saturday, June 15	Sunday, June 16
06:00	Setup	6:30 - Early morning prayer	6:30 - Early morning prayer	6:30 - Early morning prayer	6:30 - Early morning prayer
07:00	Setup				
08:00	Setup	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:00	Setup	9:15 - Family worship + devo +	9:30 - Worship*	9:30 - Worship*	9:30 - Family worship
10:00	Setup	10:45 Breakouts - adults/kids*	NDI/NYI/NMI*	DA Business*	Kenny Miller/Guest
11:00	Setup		NDI/NYI/NMI*	DA Business*	Clean up/Move out!
12:00	Setup	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Clean up/Move out!
13:00	Arrivals	Free - family games	NDI/NYI/NMI*	Learning session*	Clean up/Move out!
14:00	Arrivals	Free - family games	NDI/NYI/NMI*	Free - family games	Clean up/Move out!
15:00	Arrivals	Free - family games	NDI/NYI/NMI*	Free - family games	Clean up/Move out!
16:00	Arrivals	Free - family games	NDI/NYI/NMI*	Free - family games	Clean up/Move out!
17:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Clean up/Move out!
18:00	Cleanup/service prep	Cleanup/service prep	Cleanup/service prep	Cleanup/service prep	Clean up/Move out!
19:00	Family worship	Family worship	Family worship	Family worship - Ordinations	Clean up/Move out!
20:00	Kenny Miller/Busic	Kenny Miller/Busic	Kenny Miller/Skinner	Kenny Miller/Busic	Clean up/Move out!
21:00	Fellowship/Snacks/Teens	Fellowship/Snacks/Teens	Fellowship/Snacks/Teens	Fellowship/Snacks/Teens	Clean up/Move out!
22:00					Clean up/Move out!
23:00	Generators off	Generators off	Generators off	Generators off	Clean up/Move out!
* = KIDS ACTIVITIES PROVIDED					
Nursery available during ALL worship services and Convention/DA meetings					

Subject to change

See [www.rmnaz.org/family-camp](http://www.rmnaz.org/family-camp) for more information



*Abba's Haven Lavina MT*



## **MESSAGE FROM DS BOB SKINNER**

Dear All...this is for you and your circles of influence. Starting May 1st we are asking the Rocky Mountain District Family to pray each day for the upcoming District "Family Reunion" and District Assembly June 11-16 at Abba's Haven, about an hour north of Billings. Our over-arching prayer is for the Holy Spirit of God to be poured out on the RMD, to freely move among us, that HIS will be done in making us One as He is One!

Dr. Dennis Kinlaw in his book, *Prayer, Bearing the World as Jesus Did* (pg. 91-93), says some amazing things about gathering together!

"I invite you to consider the need for a specific type of prayer: the prayer for revival, inviting Christ to come and dwell anew within his people.

If Salvation is the personal presence of the Lord Jesus, then revival is needed again and again because all personal relationships need times of refreshing.

In Old Testament times, God commanded that all Jews should gather three times a year in the city of Jerusalem for specific festivals.

They had come together because God called them together.

Why did God say his people should travel great distances at great personal sacrifice to come together in this way? Because God can do things for us when we are together that he cannot do when we remain separate and alone. A group of people corporately worshipping God have a spiritual potential that cannot be found in a single person's worship. Groups have a greater potential for transformation, as well as greater accountability for their actions.

"Something holy takes place when a group of people come together to seek God."

In preparation of our hearts and minds for this District Camp and Assembly we would like to suggest some areas of prayer for each day of May and then culminate with a time for all who are able to join in a prayer walk around the camp ground itself on Saturday June 1st.

For families with kiddos, it might be helpful to take the first letter of each day and pray with them for details that also begin with that letter!! Here are some ideas... let them add their own creative thoughts, too! :)



**Wednesday May 1st- Water, Waste, Washing,**

**Thursday May 2nd- Theology, Teachers, Technology, Trips to the altar,  
Thanksgiving, Thirst, Thoughtfulness**

**Friday May 3rd- Food and food prep, Fun, Fellowship, Friendships, Family**

**Saturday May 4th- Sessions, Safety, Sanitation, Septic System, Showers, Sleep,  
Shared Space**

**Sunday May 5th-Services, Sanctuary, Singing, Scripture, Speakers, Servers  
(Salvation, Sanctification!)**

**Monday May 6th- Moms, Motorhomes, Morning devotions**

**Tuesday May 7th-Teens, Tweens, Tots, Teachers**

**May 8th- Pray for Sean Clifton (Pastor in The Bitterroot). He is our overall coordinator  
for our time together.**

**May 9th- Please pray for the committee members in charge of food and those  
working with them (Autumn Roberts (committee), Debbie VanSickle (committee),  
Tyler McCann (meat man from Kinnear, WY), Jessica Schaefer (head cook from the  
Bitterroot), Bruce Becker (Great Falls, MT)... and pray that we have a great host of  
others who sign up to volunteer with serving and clean up!!**

**May 10th- Please pray for the speakers and those representing the many aspects of  
the Church.... Dr. David Busic (Christi) our evangelist**

**Tuesday-Thursday, leader of the Dist Assembly and preacher at the ordination  
service Sat. PM! Bob Skinner as he reports and preaches Friday PM, our morning  
devotion speakers, our morning Adult leaders, teen leaders, and children's leaders.  
Those representing NNU, Naz Foundation and Estate Planning, Naz Bible College,  
Naz Discipleship International, Naz World Missions....Dr. Bill Kwon**

**May 11th- Pray for the Kenny James Miller Band as they lead us in worship. Pray  
for youth and children who will also take part in leading us in worship. Please  
pray that the sound system, lights, and audio visual equipment work smoothly!  
Pray for Jeff Lauver, Lucas Finch and others as they take care of tech details!!**

**May 12th- Today, please pray for our District Secretary, Pastor Joe Arnold, as he  
has a heavy load in organizing all the Assembly business and reports and the Dist  
Journal. Much of the responsibility of the ordination service falls on his plate as  
well. Lift him to the Lord!!**

**May 13th- Pray that your heart will be wide open to the Holy Spirit and that you would clearly hear what the Spirit is saying to you!**

**May 14th- On this day please pray for those working with the registration, housing and finances-- and for all those taking care of the details of pulling off something like this!! Pray for JoAnn Hirning, Carol Skinner, Lily Moore, Matt Tygart, Jacob Carson, and many more!!**

**May 15th- The owners of Abba's Haven, New Life Church in Billings, are needing our prayers for getting permits for the new bath house they are trying to build near the sports fields and for RV'ers. Give thanks to God for our partnership relationship with New Life!**

**May 16th- We have many vendors that are renting equipment to us or allowing us to use generators and other necessary items. Pray that the big tent, the refrigerator, and all the rentals will function properly. Pray that the many logistics of getting everything there, set up, and working will flow smoothly.**

**May 17th- Pray for open, expectant hearts for how God wants to move among us.**

**May 18th- We will gather as a District family and have time worshiping together, eating together, fellowshiping together in the Word, working together. Please pray for a true bond in Christ, a oneness in our witness that permeates the entire District and draws people to Jesus.**

**May 19th- There are many little projects...building a platform, working with the elec. company for more electricity, etc. Please pray for Jacob Carson and Darrell Johnson as they lead in these building and construction areas.**

**May 20th- Pray for those ministering to our children throughout the week. Candace Tygart and her crew as they plan and organize and then deliver and carry out what the Lord has for our children. Pray that God would speak to our kids and that they would be sensitive to hear and respond. We also want to pray for more volunteers to hear God speak about joining the team in serving our children during the week.**

**May 21st- Today we want to pray for Mike Konings and those serving with him to minister with our youth. Some of the young people will be involved in serving as well... Ava Reinbold will be leading drama ministry prior to the preaching in each evening service, some youth are considering a band for music in the mornings!... Let's also pray that more of our young people will hear and respond to God's call into His service.**

**May 22nd- Please pray we get enough pick-ups (4) to haul the generator, pedestals, miles of cable, and breaker boxes -- round trip from Whitefish to Abba's Haven. Pray for Phil Murry from Casper as he uses his gifts as an electrician to get all the electric needs set up!!**



**May 23rd-** Pray for our families that will be coming. Pray that there will be times of good spiritual conversation and praying together as a family. Pray for parents to lead and be Godly role models. Pray for kids to be able to speak freely of spiritual questions and concerns.

**May 24th-** We plan to have altars set up in the front of the tent sanctuary...please pray for us as a people to meet with God! Each day there will be early morning prayer times starting in the sanctuary around the altars and then spreading to God's beautiful sanctuary. Please pray for those who will come and set the pace for the remainder of the day!!

**May 25th-** There will be activities for all at various times!! Please pray for Jason and Amy Wilson, pastors in Whitefish, as they lead the activity times.

**May 26th-** There is an incredible amount of moving parts that need to come together at the right time at the right place!! Please pray for all these details and the people involved, that it will work smoothly!

**May 27th-** Please pray for Dr. Busic as he preaches and opens God's Word to us. He is in the middle of Assembly 'Season' with a very full schedule. Pray for fresh anointing on him as he comes to us and leads us before the Throne of God!

**May 28th-** Please pray for our District educational institutions....NNU and President Pearsall, NBC and President Sherwood. These men and these schools are vital to the training of ministers and preparing people for service. Pray they would continue to be sensitive to God's voice and direction!

**May 29th-** Pray for each of our Pastors as they give reports! Pray that the work of God through each local church would be infectious and spur us all on to greater vision and obedience!

**May 30th-** Pray for our four anticipating ordination! -- Jay Bassett, Patti Hessling, Bryce and Autumn Roberts. Pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring on that special service. We want to give thanks for God's call on many others still in the process. Please pray for them as they continue to prepare for ministry!

**May 31st-** Pray again for your heart...your relationships...an openness to God's Spirit. Then for the Prayer Walk tomorrow (June 1st) on the campgrounds at Abba's Haven!

John 17:20 - "I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me."



**JULY 1 - 5, 2026**

## **NYI YOUTH & TEENS**

**START YOUR PLANNING  
NOW FOR NYC26**

**WONDER-ING  
WHAT FUNDRAISER ACTIVITIES  
YOU HAVE PLANNED?  
LET US KNOW  
PROMOTE YOUR EVENT  
ON NMI ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT  
ON FACEBOOK**



**AVAILABLE ONLINE .. FOLLOW THIS LINK**

<https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/ndi/vbs-2024>

**RIVER RAFTING ADVENTURE IS A FOUR-DAY EXPERIENCE, WITH AN OPTIONAL FIFTH DAY TO TAKE THE LOVE OF GOD TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH A MISSIONS PROJECT. A CLOSING CELEBRATION IS ALSO INCLUDED TO GIVE THE CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED AND ALLOW YOU AND/OR YOUR PASTOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE PARENTS AND OTHER GUESTS TO BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**



## Missionaries coming to the Rocky Mountain District in June & July



**DR. BILL KWON**

In February 1, 2020, Donghwan (Bill) Kwon has been appointed as the new Field Strategy Coordinator for the Southeast Asia (SEA) Field. The field covers 5 countries in mainland Southeast Asia (Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, and two CAA countries). The goal of the field is to plant 300 new churches and organize two new districts by 2025.

In July 2014, Bill Kwon began serving as the Myanmar country coordinator for the Southeast Asia field. He served as the District Superintendent of the Myanmar District from 2015–2019.

Bill Kwon was elected as the 6th chancellor of Southeast Asia Nazarene Bible College (SEANBC) in August 2015. In 2018, SEANBC has surpassed that goal by simultaneously growing and multiplying having grown to 792 students studying in 41 learning centers in mainland Southeast Asia.

**PLANNING IS UNDERWAY  
FOR THESE TWO TOURS.  
PLEASE BE RECEPTIVE TO  
HOST WHEN THEY ARE  
IN YOUR AREA.**



**DR. DAVID & RHONDA ACKERMAN  
AND DAUGHTER SHAN**

David serves as the Academic Dean at Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary and helps with regional education development. Rhonda serves as the Member Care (Missionary Care) and Mission Mobilization Coordinator for the Philippines/Micronesia Field. They reside on the APNTS campus in Manila, Philippines.

The Ackermans were Global Missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene from 1999 to 2008. They spent over seven years at APNTS, where David was Professor of New Testament and Rhonda was part-time campus nurse and involved in various ministries. They also served at Nazarene Theological College in Australia, where David was Lecturer in Bible and Rhonda assisted in campus ministries. They have been involved in pastoral ministry in Idaho, Wyoming, Australia, Colorado, and most recently in Guam.

Rhonda earned a Bachelor of Arts in Compassionate Ministries in 1989 from Northwest Nazarene University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1992 from Rockhurst University and Research College of Nursing. She is a Registered Nurse. Her passion is to come alongside people and help them grow in the Lord. She has become a certified Strengths Advisor through the Church of the Nazarene and is using this in leadership development. Both Rhonda and David are ordained elders in the Church of the Nazarene.



# SAVE the DATES 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

**APR 20** ~~IN-PERSON NAZ SAFE TRAINING at Laurel COTN~~

**MAY 16-18** SPARK Children's Ministry Training at TRINITY PINES

**JUN 11-16** FAMILY CAMP at ABBAS HAVEN

**AUG 5-11** KIDZ CAMP at BEARTOOTH LIONS CAMP

Mark your calendars!



More Dates to Save

Young Adult  
**RETREAT**  
July 19th - 21st  
Save the Date

More information coming soon!

**BASE CAMP**  
*Grounded. Renewed. Transformed.*

**DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT  
SEPTEMBER 27-29  
ABBA'S HAVEN**



PK Retreat  
November 1 - 3

**TEENS**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**July 29 - Aug 3**



**SUPER CAMP**

**ABBA'S HAVEN**

**GOD OF STORIES**

**GUEST SPEAKER: MARIE GREGG**

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME**