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District Missions Trip

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A team of 29 people participated in the “Rail to Rail” NMI district mission trip. We traveled together by train from Chicago to Albuquerque, New Mexico. In the morning our team then went to Cactus Nazarene Ministry Center in Cactus, Texas, to minister to the refugees living there. The other half went to Sun Valley, Arizona, to the Native American Christian Academy (“NACA”) (formerly Sun Valley Nazarene School) to prepare for the new school year.

NACA is a Christian boarding school serving 60 or more students of several different Native American tribes. The NACA work and witness team attended Sunday morning service at the Navajo Church of the Nazarene in Nazlini, Arizona. Afterward we enjoyed a wonderful meal



of Navajo tacos and the group visited Canyon De Chelly and the National Petrified Forest. We worked putting up gutters on the school buildings, painting dormitories, cleaning an apartment for new NACA staff, cleaning and serving in the kitchen, re-wiring electric lights and fans, stripping and waxing floors at the school, cleaning and organizing the linen and bedding for the boys’ dorm, mending quilts for the students, cleaning dorm rooms and showers, landscaping, preparing and sorting school supplies for the new year, and tearing out the old gym floor and preparing it for re-sale. We enjoyed being with Rev. Bethany Chouinard (of our District) who is a girls’ dorm parent at NACA.

The Cactus team also had a busy time of ministry! They packed sacks of food for the children in the community, helped with office work for the

center, worked on construction of a new medical facility, painted, cleaned the facility, applied baseboard, ministered to children, and much more! They attended Dumas Church of the Nazarene on Sunday morning and an African church service in the evening, as well as going to Palo Duro Canyon for dinner and a play under the Texas stars, moon and sky!

The 26-hour train ride from Chicago to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and back was an awesome time of bonding for our team. Our devotions and prayers together were some of the best times of the trip. We



are so thankful for the opportunities we had to minister to new-found brothers and sisters in Christ, and to get to know each other better. We owe a big “thank you” to NMI Council members, Jan Crockett and Jennifer Emery, for planning the trip! Our group included dads, moms, teens, young adults, children, middle agers, and senior citizens! We had the largest response from the District that we have ever had for a mission trip. Thank you so much for your many prayers for this trip! God answered in amazing ways!

Jill Rice, District NMI President

District Website

Heather Strom is doing a great job with the district website. You can access important information regarding what’s happening on the district at www.nmdnaz.org. Churches may announce special upcoming activities at [NMD Church News](#). Rev. Ann Salyer is our district prayer coordinator. Read and submit prayer requests at the [Prayer Page](#). Read Rev. Gilmore’s latest blog post at www.nmdnaz.org/blog. Also, Heather has graciously offered to help churches to set up a church website. If interested, you may contact her at stromheather@gmail.com. Make sure you stay updated and connected by visiting the website frequently!



- **July 2018 stats are now due**
- NYI Guatemala Mission Trip - July 2018
- Kid’s Camp - July 30 - Aug. 3 - Manton CC
- Family Camp - Aug. 5-10 - Manton CC;
Evangelist/ Bible Teacher: Dr. Carl Leth
- Men’s Retreat - Sept. 14-15,
Lost Valley Bible Camp, Gaylord
- Women’s Retreat - Oct. 12-13, Lakeside Resort &
Conference Center, Houghton Lake
- Ministry Team Retreat - Nov. 9-11, Frankenmuth

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