



# Varina Church NMI

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## “WHO IS NMI”

YOU - VARINA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS

[www.vanmi.org](http://www.vanmi.org)

**We are ONE PEOPLE with a mission to Equip the Church, Engage the Culture, and Expand the Kingdom.**

***Matthew 28:16-20*** <https://nazarene.org/beliefs>

### **Faith Promise**

- **April 1 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023-2024.** Goal \$12,000, to date - \$4,119.38.

### **Missions – 2023/24 Fiscal Year**

- **Adult & Teens** – The Deputation Dinner for the Domroes Family was cancelled for July 30<sup>th</sup> due to their rescheduled visit in June. Our next Mission meeting/event TBD.
- **Children’s Mission Study** – Temporarily on Hold.
- **CRISIS CARE KITS:** CCK is always needed so PLEASE keep those donations coming. See Judy Kennedy or Cathy Pope. Drop off Barrel located in the lobby.
- **World Mission Broadcast** – June – It’s not too late to make your donations by placing them in the offering plate – make sure to note the envelop for **WMB**.
- **Compassionate Ministries-** <https://ncm.org/> Learn how CCK and other donations are helping to rebuild Syria, Turkey, Ukraine. Child Sponsorship, and more.
- **Feed/Clothe the Homeless Communities of Richmond.** There are two opportunities each month: The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month beginning in August:
  - Help distribute food and clothing in various street locations in Richmond.
  - Help cook/serve a meal at noon - Tabernacle of Praise Ministries Int.
  - Sandra Witherspoon needs our help. Sign-up sheets will be in the Lobby to see who is interested in helping.
- **November 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service** - Shannon Smith
- **November – Alabaster Month – plus Renewal of Faith Promise.**

**\*PRAY FOR THIS-HAVE FAITH-BE WILLING**

### **Why do I need NMI Central?**

How many verses in the NIV tell us to PRAY – 367 SPECIFICALLY tell us to Pray, and many more indirectly give the same message. No wonder we are a PRAYING CHURCH. With so many things we can pray for, VA NMI helps with a weekly informational email specific to the needs in the Mission Fields. Please check out these links, get to know our missionaries, their work, resource needs, and how you can help.

***Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them,”.***

[NMI CENTRAL](https://www.vanmi.org)

**SUPPORTING YOUR LINKS MISSIONARIES**

<https://www.vanmi.org/missionaries>

### **A message from VCN NMI President**

When you hear NMI – what comes to mind? Alabaster, Crisis Care Kits, Faith Promise, World Mission Broadcast, Deputation Dinners for Missionaries, Work & Witness Scholarship, Pregnancy Crisis Center Baby Bottles, or helping our homeless communities. Annual events that require both donations and volunteers, but have almost become routine, making us at risk to become complacent and comfortable with our work. There is also Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. These projects are larger and typically in response to world events/crisis that require great dedication and sacrifice. Sometimes they are our local events. But more important is that they all require 4 things – Fervent PRAYER – Spirit Filled Heart of Compassion and Love – Faith in what God calls you to do, and Willingness to Obey His call. Not everyone is called to do the same things – but [Revelations 203:15-16](https://www.bible.com/bible/1/Revelations/203/15-16) warns us not to become complacent.

And then there is [Matthew 9:36-38](https://www.bible.com/bible/1/Matthew/9/36-38) He saw the crowds, He had COMPASSION for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.