LEGACY CONNECT

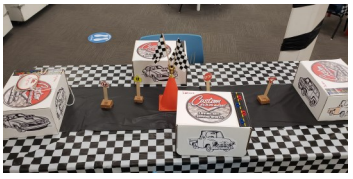
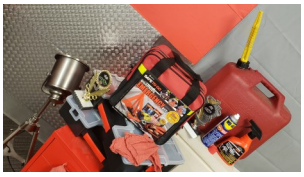
Bi-Weekly Encouragement Newsletter August 9 - 31, 2020

Good day Readers:

We are so grateful to the Lord and to you for your faithfulness in these days. Despite all of the adjustments on multiple levels of life we have much to be grateful for, so be encouraged and think on the things… the blessings in your own life and all around us. This issue of Legacy Connect is our mid-summer update on what's happening through the life and ministry of your church. The summer has been action-packed and even though we are at arms length in a physical sense and not yet back to corporate worship, the outreach of your church has grown over these months. From new online ministries to staff development, facility updates, inside and out, Coquitlam property developments, as well as a host of plans that are leading us into the future, these are very exciting days.

Onsite we are in the midst of our "first-ever" hybrid VBS with children and workers in place as well as others viewing and participating online.

In addition, some articles in this newsletter are written by staff members giving you a bit of insight into their experiences this summer.

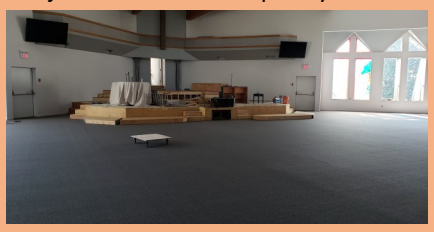
As well, there is a substantial article from NCM giving you a first-hand accounting from Lebanon and information on how you can help…NOTE: ALL giving to NCM must go through the Canadian National Office OR through your local church to comply with requirements of the Federal government.

Soon we will move to a monthly newsletter and hope to continue this practice even after we have returned to on-site gatherings. Thank you so much for your support of this "piece" of our ministry efforts intended to support you during these past months.

Pastor Lorna

CARPET'S IN

Adjustments to the Baptistry area



Massive explosion rocks Lebanon

On Tuesday August 4, a large explosion ripped through Beirut, the capital city of Lebanon. The devastating blast, which was centered near the port, killed more than 150 people and injured more than 5,000. While the search for survivors is ongoing, the death toll is expected to rise.

The explosion demolished the port area and sent shockwaves of destruction throughout the city center. Many have lost their homes and livelihoods.

Among those impacted are Nazarenes in the area. Windows were blown out in all three nearby Nazarene church buildings and a Nazarene school, and window frames, doors, and other parts of the buildings were damaged. Volunteers gathered the day after the explosion to assess the damage and sweep up broken glass and remove debris.

"We are grateful (though heartbroken for those who are injured) that no staff were here, especially our accountant," the director of the school said. "His glass door exploded and the glass with big chunks were spread all over the office. Today, we gathered at the school and started cleaning up the glass. Praise God many volunteers came to help out."

The needs in the city are enormous, and two Nazarene crisis teams have already been mobilized to help those who are most in need. They are focusing on cleaning up broken glass and debris from people's homes, helping with urgent transportation needs, and distributing food. The church is also exploring ways to support those who cannot return to their homes and have nowhere to live. In addition, two young boys from one of the Nazarene educational

programs were taken to the hospital to be treated for their injuries. Both are in stable condition.

The city-wide catastrophe comes in the midst of a crippling economic crisis, with rising unemployment and increased food insecurity across the country. Coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated lockdown restrictions, the impact on life in this city is devastating. Even before the explosion, there were shortages of essential products like bread and medicine. "We can't really bear much more," said the district superintendent. "Our people have nothing to eat; how shall we then rebuild the city?"

The Church of the Nazarene has been distributing food to families in need for months and has ongoing educational support for refugees, a long-term project that has been adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both of these projects will continue alongside new responses.

How You Can Help

Pray

Pray for those who have lost loved ones. Please pray for those facing loss of homes and livelihoods and for those coping with trauma. Pray for the swift delivery of the supplies and care they need, and pray for those who are hungry and without food. Pray for those who are living in Lebanon as refugees, who already face many obstacles. Pray for others who are also vulnerable, especially senior adults, individuals with disabilities, and people living in poverty. Pray for church leaders and churches responding to the needs around them. To send a prayer or note of encouragement, go to ncm.org/pray.

Give

Churches and individuals around the world can provide support through the Lebanon Crisis Response fund. Donations will be used to alleviate the immediate needs from both the blast and ongoing economic crises as well as long-term response.

To send donations by mail:

In **Canada**, make checks payable to "Church of the Nazarene Canada" and send them to:

Church of the Nazarene Canada
3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON | L4X 1W5

Be sure to put **135318** in the Memo area.

OR give through your local church, clearly marking your offering.

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PASTOR AARON WILL BE ON VACATION AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 12

Please pray for the Austins that they will experience a special time of rest and restoration in these days.

REFLECTIONS *from summer students*

SUMMER GRANT STUDENT working out of Legacy on behalf of CPD

Abby Austin

I never thought I would be a part of a pandemic. Not in a million years. I first heard about the Corona Virus back in January when my Sociology class was discussing current events. I thought nothing of it because I figured it was something that was happening in China and would eventually end. As we have all experienced, that was not the case.

Of course, there has been a lot of negative aspects from this pandemic, but I have chosen to find the good during this time. Even though my first year at Ambrose was cut short and I had to finish my classes online, quarantine has pushed me to do things that I didn't have the time to do over this past year. I have been able to get back into doing some art again, spend more time working on creating a more intimate relationship with God and extra time with my family. I have also been very blessed to start working full time with the CPD LAMP-iLEAD team this summer under the leadership of Pastor Lorna and Mariana. When Covid-19 hit, I didn't think that this would happen for me and I wouldn't be able to work. So, I am very grateful that God has provided me with this opportunity and all the experience I have gained working for the district.

I'll admit that it felt somewhat different working for the district but inside Legacy. While being here, I have noticed how different things were due to restrictions that were put in place. No hugging, shaking hands, and everyone having to stay 6 feet apart; it was hard not to do those things. But I've also noticed the hard work that the staff here at Legacy has been doing to ensure that everyone stays safe and healthy through all of this and in a way that we are still able to connect with one another.

I'm not saying all of this has been easy and it has been especially tough for a lot of us, but God sustains and uses this, and good things will come from it. He is working through us and teaching us new things through this.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

-James 1:2-4

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DIRECTOR

Shaka Fonderson

There has been a lot of prayer and meditating for a vision that will best serve our youth and young adults here at Legacy. God gave me a community in a time where I most desperately needed it and I feel it so deeply that it is the vision that the Lord wants us to pursue.

The youth and young adult ministry have been set with strong and tangible goals in place to create COMMUNITY. Now, before we get into that, I'd like you to imagine the Cross. There are both vertical and horizontal components. The vertical represents our personal relationship with God and the horizontal represents our relationships with our brothers and sisters on Earth.

The term community can mean many things, but the intention of our goal is to create a place where our youth and young adults can freely grow their vertical relationship with Christ. The second half of this is allowing them to feel called to other areas of ministry. This is the horizontal relationship between each of us in community.

One of the projects we're currently working on is called NYI - LAMP | Presents: Let's Talk series that will take the form of Youtube videos & Podcasts. Our prayer is to bring modern day topics that may be considered "taboo" or difficult to talk about for our youth and young adults, to the discussion table. There are so many sources of information that are available today with each individual attempting to discern for themselves what is right and true, we would be remiss if we did not provide a place for discussion through a Biblical lens.

Without going into too much detail, our NYI (Nazarene Youth International) ministry follows the theme put forth by the Global NYI which is Be, Do, Go. We must Be who God calls us to be. We must Do life together as Christ guides us. We must Go to our communities and be the leaders that we are called to be.

I hope that this short summary of our larger plan gives you some insight to the vision that is in place. I ask that you keep the ministry and the youth in prayer as we continue to develop. Please also pray that the Lord be glorified through these works. None of this is possible without Him and we are so excited to see lives changed for Him.

Blessings,

Shaka

PUPPET MINISTRY

Throughout the LAMP - iLEAD implementation week July 6 - 10, participants signed up to be apart of a ministry project that they felt called by God to initiate or join. One of these ministry ideas was for puppet ministry. From our local church, Emily Harnett, Abiel Escobar, and Neemma Agak have showed interest in this area of ministry. In the past few weeks this group of students have been a part of a puppet class led by Monica Wood and Brandi Munro from the Abbotsford church via Zoom. During these weeks, they have learned about arm positions, techniques, syllables, and character development. With the new skills and techniques they have learned, they will put those to the test as they are preparing their very own skit to perform on August 21 at 2pm. As well, we will be having a special guest observing this skit, Deb Munro who is a professional voice actress. Deb will be providing her insight on the skit, as well as mentoring and teaching these students in perfecting their puppet character voices.

Also, this past week we have received a delivery of new Bible character puppets and we are very excited to start using them to share the Word of God.

It amazing to see what God is doing through this ministry and we excited for where this will lead in the future.

Children's Centre Update

This summer has been different from previous ones. Since the pandemic started, our staff have been working diligently. to provide quality care and programming to the children who are currently attending the Centre in the safest possible way. As required by our Licensing officer, we follow our check-in routine asking parent(s) questions regarding health issues when they arrive in the morning. The Centre's staff also clean and sanitize toys, tables, chairs, door knobs, etc. with greater frequency.

Due to this current situation, even though the enrollment for this summer has dropped significantly, the children are enjoying their time at the Centre. Our teachers have created some fun activities such as: water play, field trip to Fleetwood Park, rock paintings etc.

One of our summer students is in charge of teaching the school-aged children crafts at 1:30pm each day. The children have enjoyed learning new things.

Please pray for our staff and children that we stay healthy and safe. Also, pray for our Centre's parents as some of them are going through hard times due to the pandemic, especially pray for those who still do not know the Lord and yet are open to having their child(ren) learn about Him at the Centre.

Ministries Online

The following link is for all the online groups at Legacy: https://legacynazarene.ca/staying-connected

- Adult Sunday Class
- Pre-Teen Sunday School
- Youth@7 - Zoom Event
- Sunday Worship
- Children's Ministry Helps |
- Monday Prayer Circle
- Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
- Saturday Men's Ministry

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During the LAMP - iLEAD Preparation Week, July 6 - 10, some young people from Legacy church decided they would like to serve seniors by offering a special event. As well, their leader, Josefina Rodriguez hopes to keep working on other ministry to Seniors inviting them share life-stories. Stay tuned for more on that but in just a few weeks the group will be hosting afternoon Tea on August 29 and September 5.

Seniors, please mark on your calendar these two special days. You can bring one guest with you (either your spouse or sibling). We are allowed to have limited numbers of guests in the church facity. There are 3 different time slots for you to consider on both August 28 & September 5:

1:00pm - 2:00pm | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | 4:00pm - 5:00pm. Both August 28 & September 5

In the next few days, the Youth organizers will reach out to you via phone calls to invite you and explain more about the event as well as help you register for the Senior's Tea Party.

Please join us at the upcoming Ministry Festival!

SONGS TO ENCOURAGE

It's been quite awhile since we sent along music links so we thought we'd add some in this issue.

Hope they encourage your spirit.

SONG BY SYLVIA BURNSIDE AND JONATHAN RAE
https://youtu.be/itXz1xsNcWM

NO NEED TO FEAR - SYLVIA BURNSIDE & NEW IRISH ART | https://youtu.be/KkabiFoIhDg

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SDMI Global Director
(Live via Zoom)

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Thanks MJ & Mariana and all your workers for creating a special week of discipleship!