

# Mid-Atlantic District

LINKS



"Loving, Interested Nazarenes, Knowing and Sharing."

# 2016-2018

*"I am happy to say that we have been ministered to many times through the sensitive, caring hearts of those who have been our LINKS Church Family."*

**-Natalie Ward, Singapore**

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The LINKS program of the Church of the Nazarene is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarenes around the world. Missionaries are assigned to districts and, then on the district level, connected to local churches. This gives each church an opportunity to become personally acquainted with the missionary family and their field of service. Typically, churches send cards, cash gifts, packages, and other remembrances to their LINKS missionaries.

In return, the churches feel a sense of involvement with the global mission enterprise of the church through regular correspondence from the missionaries, updates from their field, and even through deputation services while the missionaries are on home assignment. The missionaries are encouraged, knowing people care and pray for them. The relationships built over time personalize names and faces that both the missionaries and their LINKS churches value highly.

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## HISTORY

Now known as LINKS, Box Work began on the Southern California District in 1916. Box Work grew until, in 1922, a Box Work committee was appointed with Mrs. Paul (Ada) Bresee as chair.

## MISSIONARY CARE

Pray specifically and effectively for missions, especially the missionary assigned to you. Retired missionaries assigned have served a minimum of 25 years. All others are currently actively serving on their assigned field. Remember, the **most important** thing is **prayer**.

A LINKS cash assignment is given for personal needs. Birthdays, anniversary, Christmas, and other gifts are in addition. LINKS giving will be reported under Missionary Care rather than separately as in the past. However, NMI assures you that all monies designated for LINKS will go directly to the LINKS missionary designated.

## CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Pray** regularly for your LINKS missionaries and their work during church services, prayer meetings, mission services, and personal prayer times.
2. **Correspond** regularly with your LINKS missionaries, assuring them of your prayers and support. Their birthday and anniversary dates have been included. Cards are always appreciated. Also if you want to send a cash gift you can do that as well. (see #5)
3. **Inform** missionaries when sending a package, so they will know the date it was sent and what the package included. Except for children, money may be the best option.
4. **Appoint** one contact person who will correspond with the missionaries and share responses with the church. Do not expect a missionary to respond to every card and letter. NMI suggests that missionaries correspond quarterly and to acknowledge the receipt of packages.
5. **Send** all LINKS money (assignment amount, as well as any additional cash gifts) to Global Treasury Services in Kansas City for Ten Percent Credit. Gifts sent directly to missionaries are not eligible for Ten Percent Credit.

## UNOFFICIAL LINKS

Unofficial LINKS provides additional opportunities for connecting with missionaries to provide some of their “wishes.” Items such as rolled bandages, sample medicines, literature, etc. can be found on the NMI Web site [www.nazarnemissions.org](http://www.nazarnemissions.org) : “Get Involved”, then “Unofficial LINKS.” Send **only** items listed on the **current** year’s unofficial list. New lists are posted in February or March.

## DUTY

Send \$2.00 to Global Treasury Services for **every** LINKS and Unofficial LINKS package sent outside the USA. Make a check payable to “General Treasurer” and send it with your local church’s remittance form to Global Treasury Services, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116.



## What Is LINKS?

The Church of the Nazarene supports their career missionaries through World Evangelism Fund (WEF). Every Nazarene church has a WEF assignment (5.5% of income) so that the missionaries do not have to raise their own financial support. Our missionaries still need prayer and encouragement. Each missionary or missionary family is assigned to a local church through a program called LINKS, and acronym for Loving, Interested, Nazarenes Knowing and Sharing. LINKS is a way for everyone to get personally involved in supporting our missionaries.

Contact Joyce Willey, our district LINKS coordinator if you need to know who your LINKS missionary is or how you can support them. Joyce's contact info is:

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## Ideas for local church involvement in LINKS

### Missionary families like to receive:

1. Parcels with items that they are not able to get where they live. Note their requests and send only items which they can receive. E-mail the missionary with any specific questions. Some missionaries may not be able to receive packages.
2. Personal letters and e-mails of encouragement (Do not send forwards).
3. Cards that say "we're praying for you" or "we're thinking of you" if serving in a sensitive area to the Gospel. Please do not send e-mail cards unless you missionary has said it is OK.
4. An e-mail address for each church who is assigned to them.
5. Surprises and inserts in letters, i.e. a stick of gum for a child, bookmark, etc.
6. Gifts of money to eat out on a birthday or anniversary or when a new child is born, or "just because." These should be sent through the Global Treasury Services for your church to receive credit and the missionary to be able to receive and use. This would be in addition to your LINKS cash assignment.
7. Boxes of greeting cards (if mailing out of the country is not difficult) especially nice idea for retired

missionaries living the in the States  
-- and stamps!

8. A devotional book, music CD, or perhaps a good family movie.

9. Inquiries as to their specific needs and wants.

### **LINKS missionaries on Home Assignment**

Find out when your adopted missionaries are going to be in the States and try to schedule them in your church or attend a service where they are speaking. Some missionaries schedule a year or two in advance, so check on this option early. Be creative in personally connecting with your “own” missionaries and giving them royal treatment.

Notify other churches on your district whenever you have a service scheduled with a LINKS missionary.

Plan ahead. Discover your adopted missionaries’ needs. Find out what they would like to take back to the mission field. Ask about their special interests and hobbies. Be a “loving, interested Nazarene, knowing and sharing” by doing to them what you would have done to you!

### **Retired LINKS missionaries**

What a special privilege you have! Let these veterans know they are appreciated and not forgotten! Write and introduce yourself, your church and your locale. Send snapshots of your church, your pastor, and interesting happenings in your area. Team them up with senior citizens in your church as pen pals. Ask about their interests and hobbies, their music and reading tastes. Let them tell you (by phone or by mail) about the mission field where they served. Some are able to come and speak if invited, others could attend a service in which you could honor them, and others have ceased to be able to communicate much. But all have given a minimum of 25 years of their lives (and some as much as 40 years) to carry out the Great Commission in a different culture. Find out what could be special for your retired LINKS missionary. Some general ideas are:

- ♥ Stamps
- ♥ Gift certificates
- ♥ Boxed cards/stationery
- ♥ Pens

- ♥ Linens
- ♥ Magazine subscription
- ♥ Books
- ♥ Personal items or toiletries

Anything you do will be appreciated, especially by older missionaries who are widowed or unable to get around much. They will love hearing from the children in your church. Encourage your children or teens to adopt your retired missionaries as grandparents and remember them on special occasions.

## **LINKS missionaries with children**

Adopting a Missionary Kid (MK) can be a real challenge and a lot of fun! What child wouldn't enjoy birthday party components arriving in the mail? Most teens would enjoy hearing from a church youth group and would appreciate e-mails from other Christian teens. Need a selection of ideas from which to pick? Try these:

- ♥ Video tape/DVD of any sporting events
- ♥ Craft items
- ♥ Candy
- ♥ T-shirts
- ♥ Sweatshirts
- ♥ Pens
- ♥ Novelty notebooks or binders
- ♥ Colorful folders
- ♥ Magazine subscriptions
- ♥ Girls like: Cosmetics, hair things, personal items, inexpensive jewelry

Of course, cash is also a welcome gift (send it through Global Treasury Service to get 10% credit for the church and to ensure the MK received it. Specifically mark your gift for the name of the child).

Church children's groups can also do a boxed-up birthday party for the LINKS MKs. Have your children bring in small gifts that can be easily mailed: crayons, markers, pens, pencils, books, candy, gum, candles, napkins, and prizes. Remember to do the party box well in advance so it will arrive in time. Homemade birthday cards will add a special touch. (Do check to make sure your missionary may receive packages.

Other things LINKS Missionary Kids might enjoy are:

- ♥ Family-friendly video tapes or DVDs
- ♥ Cartoons
- ♥ Musicals presented by your children's group
- ♥ Character socks
- ♥ Jewelry
- ♥ McDonald's toys
- ♥ Bible activity books
- ♥ Computer games
- ♥ Puzzles

## **LINKS missionaries with children in college**

What an opportunity for all-church fun and involvement! Shower the MK with packages of homespun care and love:

- ♥ Care packages filled with goodies and home-made snacks
- ♥ Mad money for the snack bar
- ♥ Laundry soap or money for laundry

- ♥ Gift cards from Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, for everyday items
- ♥ Cash for a college sweatshirt or some personal item
- ♥ Exam crisis care kit during finals (chocolate, eraser, non-doze, fun gifts)
- ♥ Phone cards

Most of all let them know you care by sending LOTS of cards and notes of encouragement. Plan a “treat month” for your college MK. If it can be worked out, you might even invite them to your church for a weekend. If the school they’re attending is close to you but far away from family members where they will spend summer and Christmas vacations, offer to host them for those brief breaks when they would not be going to a relative’s home. In short, treat your LINKS college MK like you would want your child to be treated.



**Peter and Jenny Isaac Family**  
**Home Country: Papua New Guinea**  
**Serving: Vanuatu**

**The Isaacs received their missionary call in 2000 and were assigned to the country of Vanuatu in 2006. They speak English, so communication should not be a challenge.**

**LINKS Church Monetary Assignment**  
**\$40.00/year**

**LINKS Funds should be sent to: General Treasure, Church of the Nazarene**

**Send to: Global Treasury Services P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184-3116. On your remittance form, clearly state LINKS assignment for Peter and Jenny Isaac.**



# LINKS



Last Name	ISAAC.	First Name	PETERI.	Birthday (DOB)	10/Jul/1971.
Spouse Name	JENNY ISAAC.	Anniversary	6/Jan/1996.	Spouse DOB	03/Jun/1972.
Previous Fields	MELANEISA SOUTH PACIFIC.	First Language	PIDGIN.	Other Languages	ENGLISH/ BISLAMA.

## Contact Information

Home Assignment	Field
Dates 01/Jan/2016 to 31/Mar/ 2016.	I can receive packages No Yes
Address P.O.BOX 2047, Port Vila, Vanuatu.	Address: P.O.BOX 2047, PORT VILA, VANUATU
P.O. BOX 456, Kudjip, Mt. Hagen, PNG. Now we are in PNG for our home assignment so we used this address, but when we go back we will use the above address..	.
Home Phone	Field Phone: 71672373
Home E-mail pandjisaac@vanuatu.com.vui.	Field E-mail 1: mel-fsc@apnaz.org
Blog Address	Field E-mail 2:
Home District Chumbu District	Skype Address:
Facebook pages	Web Site: vanuatunazarenemission

## Children (Birth through Age 18)

First Name	Sex (M or F)	Birthday	School Uniform Worn (Yes/No)	Desire Pen Pal (Yes/No)
BENNETT	M	10/Aug/1998	yes	yes
ENNRICH	M	19/Aug/2001	yes	yes
JUNIOR	M	13/Jun/2006	yes	yes

**Give a brief description of each family member's responsibilities/activities on the field:**

Peter Isaac: Church planting, training local church leaders, teaching SPNTC, DS, Pastor.  
Jenny Isaac: Church planing, Bible study, helping women's ministry, Pastor, teaching SPNTC, work with DS. Taking care of family, helping sick people.  
Bennett Isaac: School grade 11, Youth president, play music in Church.  
Ennrich Isaac: School grade 8, Encourage youth and witness them, playing music, make friends with youths, bring them to church.  
Junior Isaac: School grade 4, Make friends with little kids and bring them to Sunday school.  
More of all these: Day and night we do all our best to help Christians to live a Christ like life in every individuals. That is our number one priority.

**List items of interest (major events or grown children/grandchildren not on LINKS and PRAYER requests to be shared with your LINKS district:**

1. Our boys education: The schools in where we are has a bit confused of mixture of languages. We want them to learn english, and they tried their best but it needs changing of location so pray for us.
2. We need a ministry car, our old car has broke down many times and causes problem to us. Please pray for this so that we can afford to find a new one.
3. Help pray for us to make Christ like disciples in all the people that God has brought to us.
4. Books, pencils, pen, glue, ruler, dictionary, junior fiction story books, and other school materials to help Ni- Vanuatu children as well as the boys. Even clothes, shoes and school bags.
5. Our boys need computers or laptops to do their work, if that works out, they would be greatly appreciated.

**Provide a few "Get Acquainted" facts about each family member i.e. hobbies, interests, favorite sports, foods, etc. and list some possible gift suggestions:**

1. Foods. We like pizza, snacks, specudies, sweets, cake, and candies.
2. Sports. We like to play soccer, Rugby, and watch Christian movies
3. Hobbies. Do Puzzle, Quize,
4. Interest: Like to play music, like guitar, tambourine, play key board.

**Isaac LINKS Church Assignments**

<b>Baltimore Parkville</b>	<b>Halethorpe Connections</b>	<b>Northeast</b>
<b>Berkeley Springs</b>	<b>Hanover Trinity</b>	<b>Oakland</b>
<b>Dover Haitian</b>	<b>Hollywood</b>	<b>Petersburg</b>
<b>Dover the Cross</b>	<b>Indian Head</b>	<b>Rising Sun</b>
<b>Easton Real Life Chapel</b>	<b>Laurel Fellowship</b>	<b>Rockville</b>
<b>Ellicott City Crossroads</b>	<b>Laurel DE</b>	<b>Severn Grace Pointe Comm.</b>
<b>Fawn Grove</b>	<b>McConnellstown</b>	<b>Smyrna Faith</b>
<b>Gaithersburg Latino</b>	<b>Mt. Airy Beginning</b>	<b>St. Charles Lifestream</b>
<b>Glen Burnie</b>	<b>Mt. Grove Chapel</b>	<b>State College Bethel</b>