

LINKS



HISTORY

Box Work, now known as LINKS (Loving, Interested Nazarenes, Knowing and Sharing) began on the Southern California District in 1916. The Box Work project grew until, in 1922, a Box Work Committee of three was appointed with Mrs. Paul F. (Ada) Bresee as chair.

To effectively pray for missions and the missionaries, personal involvement is essential. The missionaries assigned to your district have given (retired missionaries have served a minimum of 25 years) or are giving their all to follow the Great Commission.

A LINKS cash assignment is given for clothing and household article needs. However, the primary emphasis of LINKS is the loving prayer support of Nazarenes worldwide.

CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Pray** regularly for your LINKS missionaries and their work in church services, prayer meetings, missions services, personal devotions, etc.
2. **Correspond** regularly with your LINKS missionaries, assuring them of your prayers and support.
3. **Inform** missionaries when sending a package, so they will know the date it was sent and what the package included.
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. A missionary is asked to 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 the missionaries are not eligible for Ten Percent Credit.

UNOFFICIAL LINKS

Unofficial LINKS provides additional opportunities for connecting with missionaries by providing some of their “wishes.” Some examples are: rolled bandages, sample medicines, linens, school supplies, sewing needs, used clothing, greeting cards, and literature. The NMI Office compiles these requests each year. Send **only** items listed on the **current** year’s unofficial list.

The updated lists are sent to all district LINKS coordinators in time for their district NMI conventions. The lists are “current” from March to March. All unofficial LINKS requests are listed on the NMI Web site <www.nazarenemissions.org/links>: “Unofficial LINKS Requests.”

DUTY

Send \$2.00 to Global Treasury Services for **every** LINKS and Unofficial LINKS package sent. Checks should be made payable to “General Treasurer” and sent with your local church’s remittance form.