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FROM MANIPUR TO MAHARASHTRA

KIM'S JOURNEY OF FAITH

Rev. Pravin Samudre



"When I first came to Washim, I could only smile because I didn't know what people were saying! Now I can smile and answer them in Marathi... most of the time!" – Kim

Following the example of Jesus Christ, the Church of the Nazarene has always believed that we are called to serve rather than be served. This spirit of selfless service has been faithfully passed from one generation to another, inspiring men and women to leave the familiarity of home and respond to God's call wherever He leads. Across India, many continue to carry this mission forward, serving communities with love, humility, and the hope of the Gospel.

One such servant is Zenhoihkim, affectionately known as Kim, who travelled from Manipur to Washim, Maharashtra, to answer God's call. Leaving behind her family, familiar surroundings, language, and culture, she stepped into an entirely new environment with one desire—to serve Jesus Christ and make a difference in the lives of others.

During a recent conversation, Kim shared that she was raised in a pastor's family, where she first experienced God's love and developed a desire to serve Him. From childhood, she believed that God was calling her to christian service. As she faithfully followed that calling, she completed her Bachelor of Divinity from South

India Biblical Seminary in 2024. Soon afterwards, she attended the Discover Mission programme in Kenya, where God renewed and strengthened her commitment to dedicate her life to His service.

After spending a year seeking God's direction through prayer, Kim accepted His leading to serve at the Nazarene Nurses Training College in Washim as the Chaplain, ministering especially among young people. Looking back, she shared that every step of her journey has reminded her of God's faithfulness and His perfect timing.

One of the first challenges Kim encountered was learning the local Marathi language. She explained that she began with simple conversations and practiced every day, gradually becoming more confident in communicating with the local people. She also learned Marathi worship songs, which enabled her to participate more actively in worship and ministry alongside the local congregation.

As the conversation continued, Kim reflected that her journey in Washim has been about much more than learning a new language. Through each experience, God has been teaching her to trust Him more deeply. Becoming familiar with the local culture, participating in different expressions of worship, and understanding local ministry practices have all contributed to her spiritual growth. Looking back, she could clearly see God's faithfulness, guidance, and provision in every stage of her ministry.

Kim also expressed heartfelt appreciation to the Mid Maharashtra District for the love, encouragement, and support she has received since arriving in Washim. She gratefully acknowledged the prayers and partnership of the New Hengkot Church of the Nazarene and the North East India District, sharing that their continued encouragement has strengthened her as she serves in a new place of ministry.

When the conversation turned to youth ministry, Kim's enthusiasm became especially evident. She described the weekly Friday Bible study as one of the most meaningful parts of her ministry. Each week, young people gather for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. Regardless of the number who attend, Kim believes every gathering provides an opportunity to help students discover their identity in Jesus Christ. Through personal conversations, counselling, and prayer,

she seeks to encourage them to grow in their faith and remain committed to following the Lord.

As the conversation came to a close, Kim expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported her through prayer, encouragement, and partnership. She also requested continued prayer for the students who faithfully attend the weekly Bible study, asking that they will grow in their relationship with Christ, discover His purpose for their lives, and become faithful disciples who will one day serve Him wholeheartedly.

Kim's journey reminds us that God continues to call ordinary people to make an extraordinary difference for His Kingdom. Across the India Field, there are many opportunities for young people who are willing to volunteer for three months, six months, or even longer. Whether your gifts are in youth ministry, children's ministry, worship, media, compassionate ministry, teaching, or discipleship, God can use your talents to touch lives and strengthen His Church.

If God is stirring your heart to serve, prayerfully consider taking a step of faith. The Church of the Nazarene India Field desires to see more young men and women discover the joy of serving Christ, using their God given abilities to bless communities, strengthen the ministry of the local church, and ultimately bring glory to the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

NYI INDIA COUNCIL MEET

Rev. Vijay Bhalerao



The Nazarene Youth International (NYI) India Council Meeting was held on 12 and 13 June 2026 at Navaspoorti Kendra, Bengaluru, bringing together District NYI Presidents from across the India Field. The gathering provided an opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness, review ministry progress, and prayerfully plan future initiatives that will strengthen youth ministry throughout the country.

The first day focused on annual ministry reports presented by each District NYI President. The reports reflected God's work through the lives of young people across the districts and highlighted the commitment of local leaders in discipling the next generation. Participants rejoiced in testimonies of transformed lives and the continued growth of youth ministries.

Several important national initiatives were introduced for the coming ministry year. These included the launch of Nexus at the local church, the Creation Celebration on 15 August 2026, the "Aftercomers" leadership initiative to identify and equip future youth leaders, Mission Training together with the "I Love My Neighbour" initiative at Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu, and the India Field Media Training scheduled for Kolkata in October 2026.

A significant discussion centred on developing creative and sustainable ways to strengthen financial support for youth ministry. District NYI Presidents expressed a shared commitment to taking greater ownership of ministry responsibilities so that the mission of reaching young people may continue to expand across the India Field. The council also reaffirmed the importance of intentionally identifying, mentoring, and equipping emerging leaders who will faithfully carry forward the vision of NYI.

The second day was dedicated to Urban Church community training. Young people from every district who sensed God's call to church planting participated in sessions led by resource persons from City Initiatives. The training encouraged participants to view church growth as intentionally building relationships, sharing the love of Christ, and establishing Christ centred fellowships within communities.

The sessions concluded with a renewed commitment among many participants to begin fellowship groups beyond Sunday gatherings and to reach believers, seekers, and those in need of hope.

NORTHWEST INDIA DISTRICT

Youth Seminar

Ps. Manish Kumar



Throughout Scripture, God demonstrates that He delights in using young people who are willing to follow Him with faith, purity, and wholehearted devotion. As they grow in His Word and answer His call, they become faithful disciples who influence others and advance God's Kingdom (1 Timothy 4:12).

With this vision, the NYI Northwest India District organized a one day Youth Conference at Shanti Updesh Church of the Nazarene under the theme, "Living as True Disciples" from Matthew 4:19. The conference brought together 205 young people from local churches across the district for a day of worship, biblical teaching, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement.

The gathering opened with a meaningful time of worship, followed by a devotional message from Rev. A. Singh, District Superintendent. He reminded the youth that while the body grows older, a heart fully devoted to Christ remains spiritually vibrant. He encouraged them to respond to Christ's call and become faithful servants who will impact their communities with the Gospel.

The keynote message was delivered by Rev. R. Singh, widely known as "Priest on Wheel." Drawing from his ministry experience among young people across North

India, he challenged participants to pursue Christ centred lives marked by holiness, integrity, and wholehearted devotion to God.

Speaking on Intentional Discipleship, Rev. V. Bhalerao, NYI India Coordinator, encouraged the youth to embrace the biblical pattern of "Be, Do, and Go." He reminded them that discipleship begins with becoming more like Christ, continues through faithful service, and culminates in sharing the Gospel and making disciples.



Rev. K. Kumar, NDI India Children Ministry Coordinator, encouraged the participants to dedicate their gifts, abilities, and lives to God's service, emphasising that committed disciples can become instruments of transformation within their families and communities.

Throughout the conference, many young people actively engaged with their pastors, seeking spiritual guidance and expressing a renewed desire to grow in their walk with Christ. The local church pastors expressed their appreciation to Pastor S. Masih for coordinating the conference, which strengthened the district's vision of raising a generation of holy, Christlike disciples who will faithfully serve the Lord and advance His Kingdom.

WESTERN MAHARASHTRA DISTRICT

NDI, Children & VBS

Ps. Nanda Savantsare



A healthy church grows when believers of every generation are encouraged to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and faithfully live out their Christian faith. Throughout 2026, the Western Maharashtra District Assembly continued this commitment by investing in the spiritual growth of both adults and children through Discipleship Training Programs and Vacation Bible Schools.

Under the leadership of Ps. Nanda Savantsare, Discipleship Training Programs were conducted at the Church of the Nazarene, Ramtekdi, Pune, and the Church of the Nazarene, Badlapur West, Thane. The training was designed to strengthen believers in biblical understanding, spiritual disciplines, and practical Christian living. Through Bible teaching, prayer, group discussions, and interactive learning, participants were encouraged to develop Christlike character, strengthen their personal walk with God, and actively support the life and ministry of their local churches. The sessions also highlighted the importance of mentoring others and building spiritually healthy families and congregations.



The district also rejoiced in the successful conduct of Vacation Bible Schools across several local churches during April and May 2026. Few Churches in Mumbai, Pune & Gujarat, welcomed hundreds of children for days filled with Bible lessons, worship, Scripture memory, action songs, crafts, games, and fellowship. Through themes such as Living for Jesus, Jesus Loves and Cares for Me, Jesus Is My Saviour, I Love My Country, and Signet Ring, children were encouraged to grow in their understanding of God's love, develop Christian values, and build a strong foundation for their faith.

These ministries were made possible through the faithful service of pastors, Sunday School teachers, volunteers, parents, and local congregations who invested their time, gifts, and love in the lives of others. Together, the Discipleship Training Programs and Vacation Bible Schools reflected the district's desire to nurture believers at every stage of life, equipping them to grow spiritually and faithfully serve God within their families, churches, and communities.

The Western Maharashtra District Assembly gives thanks to God for His continued guidance and blessings upon these ministries and prays that the lives touched through these efforts will continue to grow in faith and become a lasting testimony of His grace.

South Karnataka District

Women's Seminar

Rev. Anitha C. R.

God continues to strengthen His Church by nurturing women who faithfully serve their families, local congregations, and communities. As women grow in their relationship with Christ, they become powerful witnesses of His grace and faithful partners in advancing His work.

With this vision, a Women's Meeting was organised for the Bangarapet Area, bringing together women from six Church of the Nazarene congregations in the surrounding villages and town. A large number of women participated in the gathering, which provided a meaningful time of worship, biblical teaching, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

Rev. Anitha C. R., District Superintendent, shared God's Word, emphasising the importance of Christ centred families and the Church's calling to participate faithfully in God's mission. The message encouraged the women to strengthen their homes while actively supporting the ministry of the local church.

Speaking on the theme "Beauty for Ashes," Mrs. Joyce Simon reflected on the life of Esther and the promise found in Isaiah 61:3. She encouraged the women to seek the Lord through prayer and fasting, reminding them that God is able to transform seasons of sorrow into testimonies of His grace, replacing discouragement with hope and joy.



A Bible study from the Book of Ruth further highlighted the blessings of obedience and unwavering trust in God. Participants were reminded that nothing is impossible for the Lord and that He continues to work through those who faithfully follow Him.

The gathering was enriched through heartfelt worship, including a theme song composed by Pastor Chandrasekar, which beautifully reflected the purpose of the meeting. Throughout the day, many women testified that they experienced God's presence, received fresh encouragement from His Word, and returned home with a renewed commitment to serve the Lord and His Church.

The meeting was warmly appreciated by pastors and women across the area, with many expressing a desire for similar gatherings to be held regularly. The event concluded with thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness and for the support of the India Field and the district in making this ministry possible.

Central Maharashtra District

Father's Day Celebration

Mr. Mushahid Khan



Strong families are built when fathers faithfully reflect God's love through their leadership, care, and Christlike example. As fathers nurture their homes in faith, they also strengthen the witness and ministry of the local church. With this vision, churches across the Central Maharashtra District observed Father's Day,

expressing gratitude for the invaluable role fathers play in their families and congregations.

Among the churches that marked the occasion were the Church of the Nazarene, CIDCO, and the Church of the Nazarene, Deulgaon Raja. The celebrations provided meaningful opportunities for worship, biblical teaching, prayer, and appreciation for fathers who continue to serve their families with love, commitment, and godly character.



At the Church of the Nazarene, CIDCO, Rev. P. D. Patil shared a message encouraging fathers to lead their families with faith, wisdom, integrity, and humility. Fathers were honoured with special gifts in recognition of their faithful service, and the congregation united in prayer, asking God to grant them strength, wisdom, good health, and

His continued guidance as spiritual leaders in their homes.

At the Church of the Nazarene, Deulgaon Raja, Ps. Sanjeev Yangad delivered a message on "The Ideal Father," challenging fathers to model their lives after God's example of love and faithfulness. During the service, children honoured their fathers with flower garlands, while the congregation presented gifts as an expression of appreciation. A special prayer of blessing was offered, and the celebration concluded with words of gratitude from Rev. Sonawane, who thanked the church leaders, volunteers, youth, and congregation for making the event a meaningful occasion.

Across the Central Maharashtra District, these celebrations served as a reminder that fathers have a God given responsibility to nurture their families in faith and lead by example. As churches honoured the fathers among them, they also renewed their commitment to encourage and support them in their calling. The district rejoices in God's faithfulness and continues to pray that every father will remain steadfast in raising families that love the Lord and faithfully serve His Kingdom for generations to come.

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The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray



Samuel D. Gordon



1. **Pray for** all those affected by the floods in different parts of India, asking God to provide safety, healing, daily necessities, and wisdom for those involved in rescue and relief efforts.
2. **Pray for** the upcoming Nazarene Advanced Media Cohort, asking God to call and equip men and women who are willing to use their media skills to serve the Church, share stories of God's faithfulness, and bring glory to His name.
3. **Pray for** FSC and all District Superintendents of the India Field and their advisory boards, as they play an important role in extending the Kingdom of God.
4. **Pray for** all coordinators and their teams in the India Field as they spread the Word of God in different parts of the country.



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