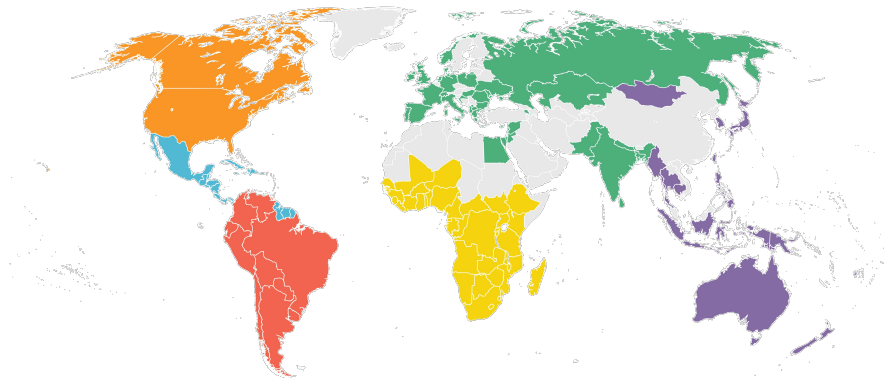


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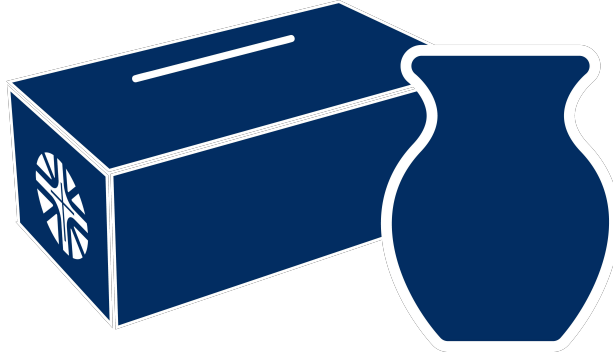
### Alabaster 75th Anniversary Year

Following the end of World War II, in the late 1940s, the Church of the Nazarene was experiencing a need for more mission funding. At a meeting of the Global NMI Council, Elizabeth Vennum was asked to find a way that could be used to raise funds for land purchases and building construction needs around the world. As she rode the train home from that council meeting, she said the Lord gave her the details for the Alabaster offering.

The offering was based on the story of the woman pouring perfume on Jesus from a container carved from soft alabaster stone. Building on that Biblical story, Nazarenes were asked to put off buying new perfume for themselves or postpone purchasing something for themselves, and to give that money in the Alabaster offering instead. In much the same way that the woman gave her bottle of perfume to Jesus, we have been called to pour out a lavish offering for others. Alabaster was first promoted using this phrase: "Give up a want to meet a need."

Alabaster, an offering that for 75 years has been a hallmark of Nazarene generosity and sacrifice, is still achieving great things, laying foundations where people worship, heal, and learn.

To download the Alabaster 75th Anniversary video, click [here](#).



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## PRAYER



- Pray that the Lord will continue to multiply the generous giving of Nazarenes from across the globe through Alabaster offerings.
- Pray for a renewed spirit of generosity in every generation to give to Alabaster, laying foundations where people worship, heal, and learn.

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## PRAISE



- We praise God for the past 75 years of faithfulness in giving to Alabaster from Nazarenes around the world.
- We praise God for the significant response in Alabaster giving prompted by monthly videos from around the world, celebrating this 75th Anniversary of Alabaster.

Thank you for giving!

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