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- Seeking Unity - Belong to God; Belong to Each Other
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- Living out Love - Building Intentional Relationships
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You can find more information about our church and greater Nazarene body through our website

www.mnaz.com.

SERVICES ONLINE THIS WEEK

Message with Pastor Steve — Available Sunday Morning 10:30am on the Website

7 PM Wednesday Night Discussion & Devotional — Join through Zoom link on Website

7 PM Friday Night Hebrews Study — Join through Zoom link on Website

OTHER THINGS ONLINE THIS WEEK

Weekly Special Music from Worship Team — Available Now on the Website

Hebrews Bible Study Video with Ken Schenck — Available Each Week on the Website

Video Announcements from Pastor Steve— Available Friday Afternoon on the Website

GIVING

April Giving Update	
Offering/ Tithes	\$ 8,239.45
Faith Promise	\$ 1,135
Facilities Renewal	\$ 40
<i>Budgeted Need per Month \$10,250</i>	

PASTOR STEVE CONTACT INFORMATION

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT & FRIDAY NIGHT — ZOOM GROUPS

Just a reminder your invited to join us Wednesday and Friday Nights for our Online Discussions, Devotional, and look at this weeks Hebrews readings. If you have any questions people let Pastor Steve know.

The Link for our Group is on the Main Page of the Website: rmnaz.com

Or you can Call In (253) 215-8782 | Our Meeting I.D. Is 841-791-7529



IF YOU ARE IN NEED

The shortage of supplies in our community is still happening, toilet paper and other items are not as easy to come by as they once were. Also, the Stay at home order makes it best to stay at home. However, if your in need let us know. We are able to bring out certain supplies to you if you run short. We are in this together as one body of believers.

Western Mediterranean churches use social media to stay active, united

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To keep the church connected in Spain, the phone application WhatsApp, which allows free international texting and video and phone calls, became the main platform to share updates with congregation members. “We have phone calls with each other to encourage each other,” says Danilo Aguilar, Madrid’s Pelicano church pastor. “We send out prayer requests and praises for the church family to participate in.”

Mutual support between church members and their pastoral family has been more present than ever, he added. There is a constant care that is helping the church to become stronger. “The local churches have responded to needs through mutual support,” Aguilar said. “Giving amongst members is privately done. Local churches use their resources to financially assist those in need. Essentially the family of Christ is bonding here in Spain.”

The Nazarene church in Seville is broadcasting weekday Bible studies and prayer through [Facebook Live](#). In Portugal, even before the government’s mandatory quarantine was announced, evangelical churches had made the decision to move physical gatherings online to avoid contributing to the virus’s spread. Social networks like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and Zoom, a videoconference service, became the main points of contact for the church members. Sunday services have been done through live broadcasts on YouTube, Facebook, or Instagram so that every member can still participate in worship services.

In France, all social gatherings were banned on 14 March, and people were ordered to stay home starting on 17 March. Since then, the church has worked to keep all leaders informed about the instructions given by health authorities to follow hygiene guidelines, and follow-up e-mails have been sent. “As all gatherings were prohibited, the churches themselves had to find the means to remain united and support each other in this ordeal,” said Joseph Toguyera, superintendent of the France District. “Several initiatives were thus put in place to alleviate the ban on gathering. Churches have found ways to stay connected via email, WhatsApp, Facebook, and YouTube.”

National confinements may last at least one more month, so digital communication is essential to help the community remain encouraged and connected while safe at home, and so leaders can swiftly respond to any problems that people may experience. “This new situation is upsetting the life of the community,” Toguyera said. “We keep all our trust in God, and we call for the continued respect of the instructions from authorities.”

Although the number of positive coronavirus cases in these countries have been high, God’s hand has been with the church members. “Miraculously, in spite of the pandemic in Italy, no Nazarenes are reported to be infected,” says Bruce McKellips, leader of the Church of the Nazarene in the Western Mediterranean Field. “In Portugal and France, we also have no reports of Nazarenes infected by the pandemic. But in Spain we do have some cases confirmed and we ask the Church to pray for them.”

Governments in Italy and Portugal are hoping that in May life can gradually return to normal, one step at a time, but they continue asking the populations to be cautious and follow practices to protect their families and society’s most vulnerable to the illness.