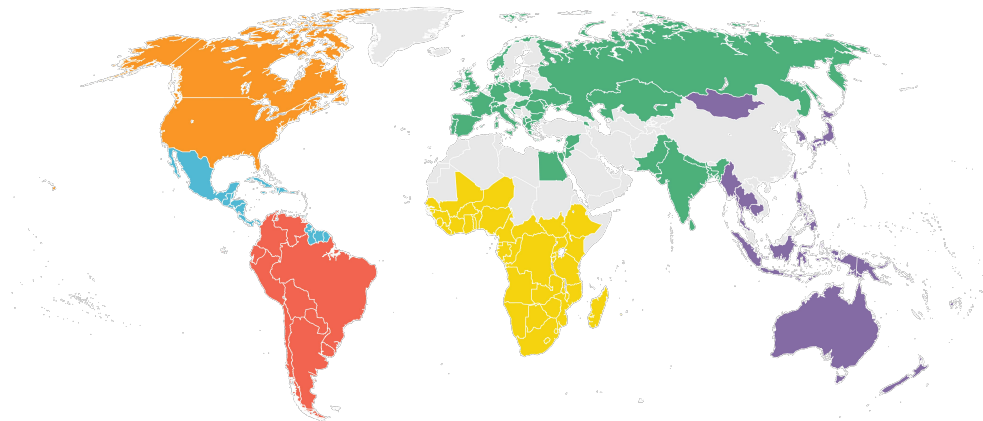


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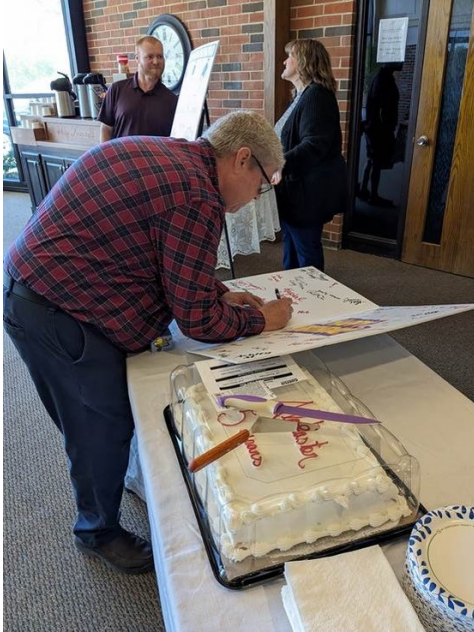
### 75th Anniversary of Alabaster—A Birthday Celebration

Recently, in one Nazarene church in Independence, Missouri, USA, the 75th Anniversary of Alabaster was celebrated as a birthday. The event was planned by the local NMI council, with the keen support of the pastor.

*“The congregation was challenged to give an extra sacrificial offering to help us celebrate this big milestone [of 75 years of Alabaster]. Our final total was \$1,000, almost doubling what would normally come in,”* the local NMI president, Kevin Williamson, said.



Williamson continues: *“The back story is that we had the idea of someone making a huge cake model to put in the foyer, but we didn't have the right skills for that. A council member said, ‘Why don't we make a BIG card and have people sign it instead?’ So we did. It didn't hurt to have a talented artist in the congregation who did the card for us. We had the card in the lobby for a few weeks and then on the Sunday we received the offering, we had folks sign the card and served up the cake! It was a fun and great day!”*



Though the 75th Anniversary year of Alabaster concluded in June, 2024, Alabaster is always in the local church calendar—often in September and February each year. There are many ways to celebrate the decades of powerful impact of this offering! All Alabaster funds go directly to projects, building places where people worship, heal, and learn.

What creative ways will your local church employ to keep Alabaster thriving for another 75 years. We don't just celebrate the past, we anticipate the future—and it is bright!

Thanks for faithfully giving to Alabaster!

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