

Alabaster Offerings

...From the Heart

"There came unto Him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on His head, as He sat at meat. But when His disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? ... When Jesus understood it, He said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? For she hath wrought a good work upon Me... For in that she hath poured this ointment on My body, she did it for My burial. Verily, I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her."
(Matthew 26:7-8, 10, 12-13)

It was this account from the Gospels describing this first-century love offering to Christ—precious ointments in an alabaster box—that in 1949, the General NMI Council launched the "Alabaster Offering" in the Church of the Nazarene.

The Alabaster offering, now a Nazarene "tradition," is collected each February and September from Nazarenes the world over for property and buildings on the mission fields (80% non-North American; 20% North American) of the Church of the Nazarene.

INVOLVE EVERYONE IN ALABASTER!

You can order Alabaster boxes to distribute to your congregation through TheFoundryPublishing.com or 800-877-0700. And don't forget to get the children in your church involved! You can order them their own boxes. The "Noah's Ark" theme helps parents teach children about how GOD provides for HIS people through Alabaster.



Since the first Alabaster offerings were received in 1949, Alabaster has purchased or built more than 6,000 projects.