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NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL (NMI) IS THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR ENGAGING AND MOBILIZING THE LOCAL CHURCH TO ENGAGE IN MISSIONS IN THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE AND IS THE DENOMINATION’S REPRESENTATIVE FOR MISSIONS ON THE DISTRICT AND IN THE LOCAL CHURCH.

NMI focuses on five strategic areas where the local church can have maximum impact on missions in the Church of the Nazarene:

- Prayer
- World Evangelism Fund
- Alabaster
- Children & Youth
- Care & Connection

PRAYER

Remember our missionaries throughout the year in prayer. Many are often facing troubled times in the places in which they serve. They seek to be peacemakers and agents of transformation. They need your support through intercession.

NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-PRAYER

WORLD EVANGELISM FUND

World Evangelism giving fuels the Church of the Nazarene’s mission by combining each person’s and church’s gifts to fund ministries everywhere. Every church is asked to share a portion of its total income for the purpose of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

NAZARENE.ORG/STEWARDSHIP

ALABASTER

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to “put down roots.”

NAZARENE.ORG/ALABASTER

ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NMI encourages every church, every district to be intentional and encourage and engage every



child, every youth in the mission of God in your community and around the world. NMI continues to encourage churches to involve children and youth in all missions endeavors and to nurture them as they seek to respond to God’s call. We encourage collaboration with Nazarene Youth International and Nazarene Discipleship International to best engage all ages of the church. We believe nurturing and leadership development is best done in the local church and individualized to the needs of each and every person.

CARE AND CONNECTION

LINKS is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarene districts around the world.

Participating missionaries are assigned to districts to help foster a personal connection between missionaries and the local church. A LINKS relationship fosters a sense of involvement with Nazarene Missions through regular correspondence from missionaries, updates from their field of service, and presentations by their Links missionary when they are on home assignment.

TOTAL DISTRICT GIVING 2024-2025

World Mission Broadcast	\$4,220
Child Sponsorship	\$27,470
Alabaster	\$16,492
JESUS Film Harvest Partners	\$6,115
Missionary Health Care	\$4,260
Missionary Deputation	\$34,714

NMI: A movement of God through the people of God



Nazarenes everywhere are sharing the missions stories of the church. Telling the story instills passion for missions. When Christ's followers know what is at stake and hear how others are obeying God's call to missions, they are challenged to participate as well. NMI provides resources and support for the local church as it informs and educates its members, not only in what other Nazarenes are doing in missions, but how they can get involved too.

NMI Central is a weekly email publication focusing on the work of the Church of the Nazarene. Every week prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries will be listed as well as ways you can get involved. It is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

KIDS KALEIDOSCOPE

NMI is committed to engage children and youth, providing missions information and activities, designed to awaken and nurture a spirit of missions in the hearts of children. Kids Kaleidoscope is a monthly addition to NMI Central to awaken and nurture a spirit of missions in everyone. Watch for it on the first Wednesday of each month in NMI Central publications.



NMI

- ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR ALL EFFORTS OF WORLD EVANGELISM
- RAISING FUNDS FOR MISSIONS OUTREACH
- INFORMING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD'S NEEDS AND WHAT THE CHURCH IS DOING TO MEET THOSE NEEDS
- CHALLENGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO LEARN ABOUT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH



*"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."
John 20:21*

NAZARENE MISSIONS CENTERS AROUND COMPASSION, EVANGELISM, AND EDUCATION

Nazarene missionaries partner with local ministers and lay leaders to bring restoration, share the Gospel, and build sustainability within the community.

COMPASSION

Nazarene Missions provides a full range of compassionate ministries that address systemic problems. From natural disaster relief to child development, Nazarene Missions has reach, impact, and longevity.

EVANGELISM

The power of Christ's gospel through the witness of the holy spirit draws people near, prompting transformation of heart and life. Nazarene Missions prayerfully sends missionaries into new territories where they participate in the movement of the Holy Spirit to bring salvation and restoration.

EDUCATION

Our purpose is fully realized when our churches have the knowledge to thrive. Nazarene Missions helps facilitate training, teaching, and resourcing to support our local nazarene churches around the globe.





START YOUR JOURNEY TODAY

- nazarene.org/sendme
- sendme@nazarene.org
- (913) 577-2959

DISCOVER

- *PRAY* for God to reveal your calling
- *SEEK* cross-cultural experiences
- *TALK* with trusted mentors

EXPLORE

- *INTERVIEW* with your local church board
- *ATTEND* a missions preparation event
- *PREPARE* for service with Nazarene Missions

SERVE

- *PARTICIPATE* in an affirmation service
- *INVEST* in your walk with God
- *SERVE* in Nazarene Missions

Find Your Missionary Opportunity!

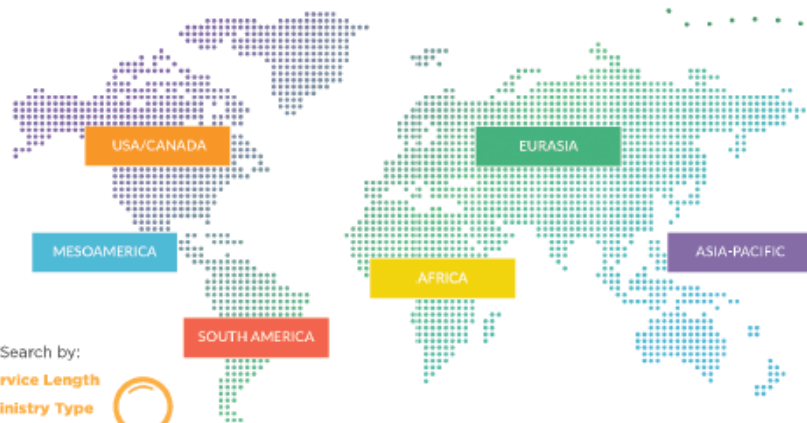
opportunities.nazarene.org

The website makes it easy for you to explore potential missionary service with the Church of the Nazarene. It is designed to help you find positions that suit your interests and gifts. Positions are available on every region with a variety of service lengths.



Search by:

- Service Length
- Ministry Type
- Region
- World Area

Nazarene Missions is making it possible to mobilize Nazarenes from every country to every country!

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

NCM.ORG



NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES (NCM) WALKS ALONGSIDE LOCAL CHURCHES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. THROUGH YOUR PARTNERSHIP, LOCAL CONGREGATIONS ARE CHANGING THE WORLD.

OUR MISSION

Compassion as a lifestyle. Following the example of Jesus, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) partners with local Nazarene congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. NCM exists in and through the Church of the Nazarene to proclaim the Gospel to all people in word and deed.

WHAT WE DO

- HELPING TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH ECONOMIC STABILITY
- EMERGENCY RELIEF- BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DISASTERS
- ENDING HUNGER AND PROMOTING NUTRITION THROUGH AGRICULTURE PROJECTS
- HEALTH CARE
- HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEEKING SAFETY
- CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
- SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



WORLD MISSION BROADCAST

[NAZARENE.ORG/WMB](https://www.nazarene.org/wmb)

Now more than ever, we hold on to the connections all around us, strengthening our sense of community. Thanks to today's technology we are able to connect with others worldwide and broadcast for the better. Now more than ever, it is time to refocus and share the message of hope in Jesus.

Nazarene radio, television, and Internet programs reach millions of people the world over with the gospel every day because of the generous support of Nazarene churches.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

NCM.ORG/SPONSOR

*But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."
-Luke 18:16, NRSV*

For too many children, poverty keeps them from health, education, and hope. Through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries' child sponsorship program, children can create a bright future built on the hope of Christ and supported by educational, nutritional, and social growth.

You can be a part of a child's hope for a better future.

When you sponsor a child, your **\$30 a month** will:

- Provide education, life skills, health care, and spiritual nurturing
- Say to a child, "You matter, and Jesus loves you."
- Build a relationship through letters and updates
- Help a child gain opportunities for a brighter future

Children around the world are waiting for an opportunity to create a future bright with possibility. Will you help children experience the holistic care and support of sponsorship?



JESUS FILM

JFHP.ORG

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. -Matthew 28:19-20

OUR MISSION

To forge strategic partnerships that increase evangelistic exposures and bring new believers into discipleship.

OUR VISION

To give every person an opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ.

For over 20 years, across 139 countries...JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) has been partnering with Kingdom-building ministries and indigenous missionaries to reach the lost in every urban, rural, and remote village on the planet. JFHP is devoted to world evangelism through the JESUS film and other tools. JFHP equips and supports JESUS Film teams of local people to do evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

The JESUS film can be viewed in any of the 1,800+ available languages through the **Jesus Film Project app**. This app is available for iOS and Android. The film can be viewed and downloaded on the Jesus Film Project's jesusfilm.org/watch. DVD copies of the **Watch** film can be purchased at the Jesus Film Project store at crustore.org or by calling 1-800-432-1997.



MINISTRY RESULTS

- SINCE JANUARY 1997 -

BASED ON JFHP'S MINISTRY AVERAGES SINCE 1997, EVERY \$3 INVESTED ENABLES ONE PERSON TO MAKE A DECISION FOR CHRIST. MORE THAN 18M PEOPLE HAVE MADE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST THROUGH JFHP.

93,737,028 Evangelistic Contacts
19,268,473 Decisions for Christ
9,444,377 Discipleship Follow-ups
137,875 Preaching Points

MISSIONARY CARE

The cost of providing insurance for Nazarene missionaries is quite high. In fact, the cost for health insurance alone for a year is approximately \$1.9 million, and the costs continue to rise. Through your giving to the **Memorial Roll**, **Distinguished Service Award**, and **Missionary Health Care** plate offerings, you helped offset approximately 23% of those insurance costs. The remaining 77% of the insurance costs is provided by the World Evangelism Fund.

Cost of Memorial Rolls = \$75

Cost of Distinguished Service Award = \$125



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is a tribute to church people who are living and for their service to the church. Although the DSA is given through NMI, it need not be given in the area of missions. A church may wish to honor anyone in the church for their efforts. Note: The DSA may only be given by a church or a group within the church. Individuals may not give this award.

Angelique Azouri - Chicago Northside
Sean & Susan Henry - Chicago Northside
Andy Holmgren - CCD NMI
Hannah Klein - Chicago Northside
Jan & George Laun - College Church, UA

Scott Long - Chicago Northside
Larry & Denise McKain - CCD NMI
Cindi Schimmelpfennig - Kankakee First
Nate & Katie Turner - Kankakee Eastridge
Doug Ward - Mundelein

THE MEMORIAL ROLL

Established in 1919, is a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. Churches or individuals may place as many names on the Memorial Roll as they desire, and those memorialized need not be members of the church.

College Church, UA

Janet Cline
Patty Cook
Dave Diveley
Beverly Gabrielle
Steve Goodin
Forest Greenawalt
Jan Hockensmith-Laun
Harlow Hopkins
Margaret Hurst
Bill Isaacs
Ruth Isaacs
JoAnn McRoberts
Janet Urbon
Laura Young

Danville First

Nina Raisor

Hoopston Community

A. David Busenbark
Eleanor May Mann

Mundelein

Robert Howard

CCD NMI TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$38,948.15
RECEIPTS	
Total Receipts	\$26,129.34
DISBURSEMENTS	
District Convention (CCKs/Work Projects)	\$10,872.65
District Council/Administration	\$ 2,217.41
Care & Connections	\$ 750.00
Missionary Dep/Camp Speaker	\$ 2,000.00
CCK Emergency Drive, other expenses	\$ 2,366.11
Total Disbursements	\$18,206.17
BALANCE ON HAND 01/31/25	\$46,871.32

February 1, 2024-January 31, 2025

Kathy Matson, Treasurer

NAZARENE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

NAZARENEHOSPITALFOUNDATION.ORG

OUR MISSION

Nazarene Hospital Foundation exists for the purpose of enhancing the Medical and Spiritual mission of the Doctors and Staff at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, Papua New Guinea through the collection of medicine, medical supplies, equipment and cash donations.

OUR VISION

Enabling Kudjip Nazarene Hospital to provide excellent medical care to the people of Papua New Guinea through which they may show the love of Christ and present the Gospel of Jesus to an increasing number of patients affecting lives for eternity.

There is a growing list of current needs at Kudjip. Please go to the website for detailed lists and instructions on how you can help.



WHAT WE DO

- Obtain medicine
- Obtain medical supplies
- Obtain medical equipment
- Obtain cash donations
- Ship containers of supplies to Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea

CONTACT DR. TODD WINTER

wintert@nazarenehospitalfoundation.org

100% OF THE MONEY AND SUPPLIES COLLECTED ARE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE

NAZARENE MISSIONS TEAMS

NAZARENE.ORG/TEAMS



Work & Witness is renamed to Nazarene Missions Teams. This new name includes more areas of service where more people can connect to serve.

Through Nazarene Missions Teams, you can use your skills to learn, teach, play, build, and share HOPE in a thousand different ways from any region of the world. How is God calling you?



WORLD EVANGELISM FUND CHURCHES

By making missions a priority, a congregation demonstrates God’s passion for all people. Churches in mission attract people who want to be part of something bigger than themselves.

MISSIONS PRIORITY ONE CHURCH

Missions Priority One is a way to recognize if a church has embraced the Five Areas of Impact of Nazarene Missions International: *Prayer, WEF, Alabaster, Engaging Children and Youth, and Links.*

Chicago Emanuel Spanish
Chicago First
Chicago First Spanish
Chicago Gage Park
Chicago Heights
Chicago Northside
Chicago Oak Lawn Arabic
Danville First
Danville Westside

Ebenezer
GatheringPoint
Hoopeston Community
Kankakee Eastridge
Kempton
Lombard
Manteno
Mundelein Spanish
New Future Mongolian

North Chicago
Paxton
Potomac
Resurrection Community
Sheldon
The Loop
Wilmington First
Worth

WORLD EVANGELISM CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE

Churches that give at least 5.7 percent, or \$1,500 or more beyond 5.5 percent, whichever is less, to the World Evangelism Fund.

Chicago First
Chicago Gage Park
Danville First
Danville Westside
Hoopeston Community
Kankakee Eastridge
Manteno
Sheldon
The Loop
Wilmington First
Worth



LINKS

RONALD & SHERRY MILLER

Ronald & Shelly Miller have served as Global Missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene on the Africa Region since 2010 and have had the privilege of serving in the countries of Eswatini, Madagascar and are now back in Ronald's home country of South Africa, serving the 6 countries of the Africa South Field (Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Eswatini, Madagascar and South Africa).



Ronald is the Field Administrator working closely with the FSC and with the District Superintendent's on the field. He helps with strategic communication, statistics, literature, chairing district assemblies, coordinating events and many other things.

Shelly works with the Africa Region Communications Team as well as helping ministries on the Africa South Field submit projects that need funding support for approval. To view these projects, go to <https://give.nazarene.org/category/global-missions-projects/africa>. Additionally, Shelly works alongside Ronald to provide training to the leaders of the field.

Both Ronald and Shelly coordinate Nazarene Mission Teams (formerly Work and Witness) for the countries on the Africa South Field.

The Millers have 4 children: Abigail, Malachi, Elijah and Eden who are all four involved in various sports at their school such as soccer, field hockey, swimming and volleyball. Abigail will begin a new chapter of living (for the first time), working and studying in the USA in early 2024.

Please contact our Care & Connections Coordinator,
Tyler Bontrager on how to get more info -
tabontrager114@gmail.com or go to ccdnmi.org.

DEPUTATION TOURS

Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." -Acts 1.8

Rod & Sarah Reed April 7-20, 2025



Scott & Emily Armstrong May 17-26, 2025



Ruthie Cordova Sept. 13-24, 2025



Shawn & Haley O'Connor Oct. 26-Nov. 2, 2025



Please contact our Deputation Coordinator, Natalie Bullock on how to schedule one of these missionaries at your church - ccddeputation@gmail.com.

WE ADVOCATE

Each local NMI president is a member of their local church board who actively participates in the efforts of their local church to ensure that our neighbors know that Jesus loves them.

The local NMI president also serves as the advocate to encourage their local church to participate in ensuring that everyone, living in every place and speaking every language, also knows that Jesus loves them.

- The Church of the Nazarene ministers in **165 world areas** with Belgium on the Eurasia Region recognized in 2024.
- The number of Nazarene churches increased to **30,747 churches**, with over 2.72 million members, and increase of 2.69% from last year.
- In 2023, there were **472 districts** and **30 pioneer areas** around the world, with **31,354 credentialed clergy**.*

WE NURTURE

NMI nurtures a spirit of missions in the local church, working hand in hand with pastors to ensure that every person in each local church has a deep passion to share Jesus with others in our communities and around the world.

This spirit of missions is so alive it fuels all that we do. We will not stop until everyone, everywhere, has heard the Good News.

WE MOBILIZE

NMI mobilizes into action by focusing on five key areas of impact:

PRAYER FOR THE LOST

- We encourage people to pray for all missions efforts of the Church of the Nazarene
- Each week, NMI Central shares prayer requests and praises for a country where the Lord is working through the Church of the Nazarene. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL](https://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)
- Since 1996, during the week that includes the first Friday in March, NMI has called the church to prayer through the **Global Week of Prayer**, with resources for adults and children in multiple languages. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMIGWP](https://www.nazarene.org/nmigwp)

ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- We engage children and youth in learning about and participating in the mission of God. We collaborate with NDI and NYI to ensure that all children and youth have a spirit of missions within them.
- NMI provides Kids Kaleidoscope as part of NMI Central to help nurture a spirit of missions in children. Kids Kaleidoscope connects to the focus story in NMI Central the first Wednesday of each month. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL](https://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)

PROVIDING CARE AND CONNECTION TO NAZARENE MISSIONARIES

- NMI provides care and connection between missionaries and local Church of the Nazarene.
- In 2023, there were **482 missionaries** originating from **59 world areas**, serving in **83 countries**. Of these missionaries, **319 served as global deployed** and **163 were sponsored deployed**. Last year, there were **41 new missionary deployments**. Within these missionary families, there are **257 missionary kids**.
- **Missionary Health Care provided US\$353,677** in medical assistance for Nazarene missionaries, through offerings, Memorial Roll gifts, and Distinguished Service Award gifts.**
- 372 retired missionaries received benefits through the Global Missions Pension Plan for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.*

GIVING TO WORLD EVANGELISM FUND

- We inform our churches of the world's needs and how the Church of the Nazarene is responding through the World Evangelism Fund. We encourage every church to faithfully participate in giving to the World Evangelism Fund.
- JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) teams reported over **2.3 million evangelistic contacts**. Of these contacts, **699,029 indicated decisions for Christ** with **404,511 new believers receiving initial discipleship follow-up**.
- NMI and others partnered with local church to help raise **US\$37.2 million through the World Evangelism Fund** during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.**
- In 2023, **92 districts gave 5.5 percent or above of their income to the World Evangelism Fund (56 of which were from regions other than the USA/Canada Region)**. WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent helps open new work, sustains work opened in recent years, and helps send new missionsries that God calls.¹
- NMI partnered with **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** to give **more than US\$5 million** for disaster response and compassion projects around the world and to support **10,559 children** through Child Development Centers and Pastor's Kids programs.**

GIVING TO ALABASTER

- Churches lay the foundation through Alabaster offerings for places where people worship, heal, and learn by encouraging global participation each year. Every Alabaster project is a joining effort of local contribution and labor, combined with global love and support in bringing tangible presence and a sense of long-term commitment to a community. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.
- Nazarenes gave **US\$2.9 million for Alabaster** to fund projects in 2023. The Alabaster Offering is used in all six global regions.**
- Alabaster videos are available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. <https://bit.ly/AlabasterVideo>

WE IMPACT

NMI supports those called to go and serve as Nazarene missionaries, and NMI provides a place of service for those called to stay and support missions through their local church.

Since 1915, Nazarene Missions International has served Christ and His mission through the Church of the Nazarene in making Christlike disciples in the nations.

- **NMI Central** is a weekly publication that focuses on a different country each week by telling stories of impact, calling the church to pray for specific requests from the focus country, and offering praise for God's activities through the Church of the Nazarene. NMI Central is free to subscribers and is distributed by email every Wednesday in multiple languages. [NAZARENE.ORG/NMI-CENTRAL](https://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)
- NMI membership is now equal to local church membership. In 2023, there were more than **2.5 million** NMI members organized in **28,077 churches** around the world.

¹ "New work" refers to new world areas, a geographical area, or new entities such as institutions. Pioneer areas or Phase 1 districts are considered new work. When a district reaches Phase 2, it is no longer a "new work."

* Supported either directly or indirectly by World Evangelism Fund (WEF)

** Represents data for the fiscal year (1 October, 2022 through 30 September, 2023).

HELPFUL WEBSITES

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

nazarene.org

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

nazarene.org/nmi

GLOBAL MISSION

nazarene.org/globalmission

NAZARENE MISSIONS

nazarene.org/missions

FAITH PROMISE AND WEF RESOURCES

nazarene.org/stewardship

FUNDING THE MISSION

fundingthemission.org

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

ncm.org

JESUS FILM HARVEST PARTNERS

jfhp.org

WORLD MISSION BROADCAST

nazarene.org/wmb

NAZARENE NEWS

nazarene.org/news

BORDER INITIATIVE

nazareneborderinitiative.org

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WORLD REGIONS

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MESOAMERICA

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SOUTH AMERICA

nazarene.org/south-america

USA/CANADA

nazarene.org/usacanada



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