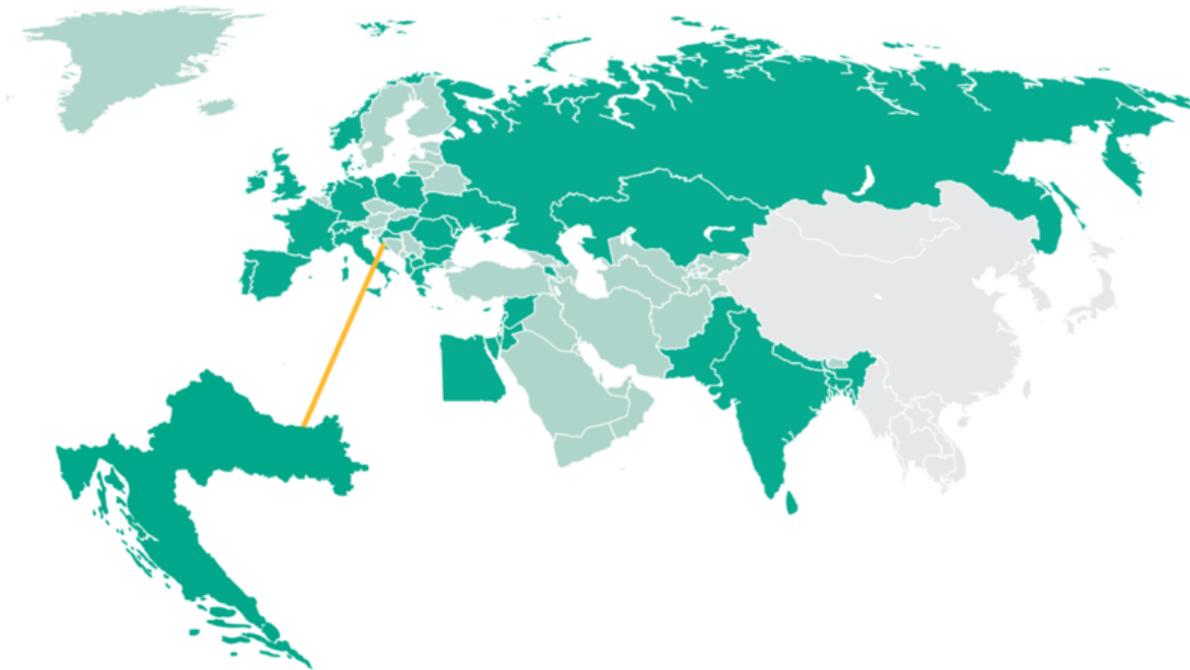


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Croatia

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Croatia in 1999. The work in Zagreb began in 2015 as a response to the Middle Eastern refugee crisis. Croatia is at the crossroads of Central and Southeast Europe. It is in the northwestern part of the Balkan peninsula and is known for its geographical diversity. It has a population of approximately 3.9 million people, and the official language is Croatian.



40 Members



2 Fully Organized
Churches



3 District Licensed
Ministers

PRAYER



- Pray for the many Croatians who feel they need leave their nation to find employment and life resources elsewhere.
- Pray for God to help Croatian asylum seekers be successful as they go through the hardships of social integration.
- Pray for Nazarene churches to find adequate worship space to allow their ministries to expand.

PRAISE



- We praise God for the success of the first Nazarene camp in Croatia.
- We praise God for the mighty ways that He is working to bring redemption to the lives of refugees.
- We praise God for His faithfulness to the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Croatia over the last seven years.



First Nazarene Church Camp in Croatia



On the 24th of August, the Church of the Nazarene in Zagreb held its very first church camp in Croatia. The theme of the camp was “Unity - We are better together,” building on the image of the body of Christ, which Paul talks about in Corinthians 12.

The Church of the Nazarene in Zagreb started out of the Middle East refugee crisis in 2015. The church has always been on the front line of the crisis through the work of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM), witnessing the love of Christ to people who have never heard about Him. Out of this compassionate work, people were not only provided with physical needs but many became aware of Christ's activity in their lives and decided to follow His way. Most of these people have left Croatia to pursue better opportunities in other parts of Europe, but a small number of them have made Croatia their home and the Church of the Nazarene their community of faith.

Bringing people from different backgrounds together is the way God works, but it is not always easy, especially when we have people from groups who have been in conflict with each other for centuries. Therefore, it became essential to create a space where different narratives which have been passed from generation to generation are challenged by biblical and personal narratives of love, compassion, and reconciliation. Storytelling was at the heart of our camp. As we told these stories, we were able to see ourselves and God's image in the other's life. Our lives have been bound forever through the healing and transformation of the Holy Spirit.

We danced in the rain, we laughed, we cried, we sang, we prayed, we played, we grieved; we all felt the presence of God in a deep way. We left the camp more united than we have ever been with the challenge and the awareness that such a blessing shall not stop with our lives but shall be passed to our families and neighbors.

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Could You Serve?

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