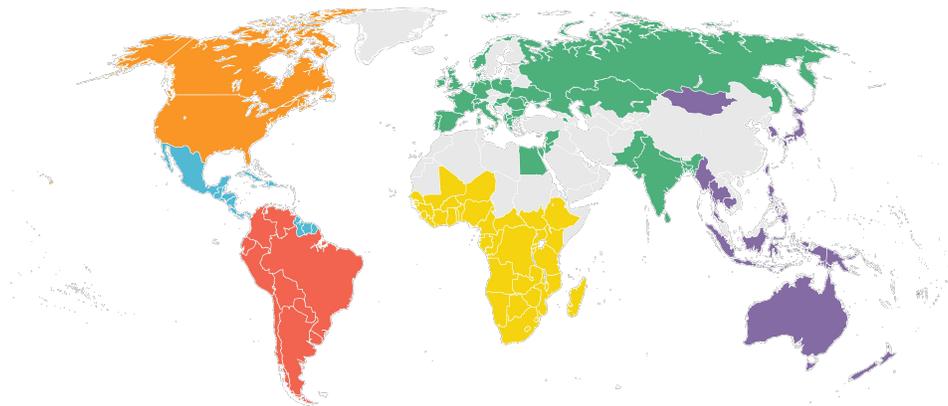


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“Additional Areas”

Work in “Additional Areas” began in 1994 and continues to the present. These “Additional Areas” are located on several of the regions where the Church of the Nazarene has works. These areas tend to be resistant to the gospel, which means that the open proclamation of the gospel can be restricted, requiring creative approaches for ministry, and missions. They may also be areas where the Church of the Nazarene is officially registered with the government, but whose political, social, or religious environment may not always be conducive to Christian outreach and church development. Often, we connect specific languages with specific countries on which we are focused. However, in this instance, the language that matters most is the language of grace and love, sharing hope in Christ. Regardless of the political, economic, social, or religious circumstance, the Church of the Nazarene is present to demonstrate the unconditional love of God to persons of all ages, living in every kind of human conditions.



15,603 Members



133 Fully Organized Churches; 116 Not Yet Organized Churches



106 District Licensed and 16 Ordained Ministers

PRAYER



- Pray for those who serve in these areas to remain strong in their faith, despite significant opposition and resistance.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to help new believers share Christ, grow in Him, and bear much fruit.

PRAISE



- Praise the Lord for doors that are beginning to open, to share Christ in difficult contexts.
- Praise God for the faithful workers who must discretely share their faith and extend Christ's love in their communities.



This nation continues to be a difficult place to share the gospel. The landlocked country is resistant to outside influence, but the Lord is providing opportunities. Creative approaches are called for in the effort to share the Good News of Jesus in “Additional Areas” such as this.



Soccer is being used as a means of outreach. The soccer clubs organized for matches creates space to meet unbelievers and share the gospel. Additionally, sports teams continue to provide a safe place to bring church leaders together to talk and share about outreach efforts. One worker intentionally participates on a team. He reports, “Recently, we had a friendly soccer match with an unbeliever. The door opened so we were able to share the gospel with a few of the team members.”

In this culture, once all avenues are exhausted, a Christian may be called as a last resort to pray for a given situation. One worker was called to pray for a man suffering from various diseases. Arriving to pray for him, the worker met several other people who were present. He shared about Christ with all of them. A few have expressed interest to know more about Jesus.

On another occasion, a worker and his wife traveled to one of the remote villages where they were able to share the gospel with a few people. Unfortunately, the situation was difficult, and they were unable to lead anyone to Christ, but seeds have been planted.

Every Tuesday the church gathers to learn new songs. The first week of each month they focus on praying for their country and Nazarene ministry around the globe. Recently, two more members have joined their fellowship, and one woman is a new believer in Christ. Praise the Lord for how He is working!

Could You Serve?

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