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Mesoamerica Region



Guatemala

Guatemala is known as the place of origin for the Mayan civilization, which flourished there for the first millennium A. D. In 1821, it won its independence from Spain following three centuries of Spanish rule. In 1996, its government signed a peace agreement that ended a 36-year guerrilla war. Apart from the official language, Spanish, there are 21 Mayan languages commonly used. The work of the Church of the Nazarene began in Guatemala in 1904, making it the third-oldest Spanish mission of the Church of the Nazarene in the Western Hemisphere, after Cuba and Mexico. These nations have received missionaries for over a century, but they are also sending missionaries out. One of Guatemala's own sons, Dr. Gustavo Crocker, was elected 41st general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene in June 2013. As you will read in the story that follows, Guatemala and other countries of the Mesoamerica Region are committed to a vision that, with God's help, will have a significant impact.



103,949 Members



770 Fully Organized Churches; 116 Not Yet Organized Churches



351 District Licensed and 461 Ordained Ministers on 15 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray that Nazarenes in this country will be an important part of the decadal regional faith goals: 1 million Nazarenes; 700,000 people attending worship services; 700,000 in Sunday school attendance; and sending \$1.5 million to the World Evangelism Fund.
- Pray that the growth of vibrant Christians in Guatemala will continue to increase. Currently, statistics report that from 2020 to 2023 there was an increase in this demographic from 42.8% to 46.1%.

PRAISE



- Praise God that in Guatemala, across its 15 districts, there is freedom to preach the Word of God. Pray for receptive hearts to hear the Good News of Jesus.
- Praise God for the number of church planters from Guatemala who were trained at the NMI and Evangelism Summit, and for their mission to reach their communities.

NMI SNAPSHOT



NMI AND EVANGELISM SUMMIT “TOGETHER IN THE MISSION”



Recently, the North Central Field of the Mesoamerica Region held the NMI and Evangelism Summit “Together in the Mission.” There were 120 participants from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, including NMI leaders, pastors, district superintendents, and church planters.

This event was held at the facilities of the Christian Convention Center, Guatemala. The conference was one of many initiatives of NMI and Regional Evangelism to mobilize churches to multiply, and to develop leaders. One of the goals set by the Mesoamerica Region is to reach one million Nazarenes by 2030.

One memorable experience of the conference was the celebration of a sending service of a sponsored missionary from the East District of El Salvador to serve in Ecuador.



The speakers were a great blessing and a great contribution to the field. Among them were the global NMI director, Lola Brickey; NMI regional coordinator, Ana Maria Crocker; regional Evangelism coordinator, Milton Gay; and regional NDI coordinator, Monte Cyr; as well as Carlos and Nancy Cordero, field strategy coordinators, and other leaders from the North Central Field.



With the provision of materials and resources to equip participants to be more effective in church planting, and the challenge to all to become more engaged in the regional mission, the conference had significant impact upon the leadership in the field. Above all, participants were challenged to fulfil the great mission of “Being and Making Christlike Disciples” in the nations, beginning with their own communities.

Could You Serve?

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