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Venezuela

Venezuela gained independence from Spain on 5 July 1811. In 1830, what had been known as the Gran Colombia collapsed, and Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador emerged as independent countries. Throughout much of the 20th century, Venezuela has been governed by democratically elected governments, though not all transitions have been smooth or deemed legitimate. The Church of the Nazarene established work in Venezuela in 1992 and has been effective in planting churches that seek to live the life of Christ in diverse communities across the country to bring transformation and hope. Recent years have seen significant movements of refugees from neighboring countries into Venezuela, while at the same time, large numbers of Venezuelans have sought refuge and asylum across Central and South America, hoping for a better life. These relocations have led to a growing poverty rate, reported at 82.4% in 2023. This means that over 50% of Venezuelan households are living in extreme poverty. With over 25% of the population being under the age of 14, many Venezuelans feel the impact of the current economic challenges at a very early age. All of this leads to uncertainty and instability, yet at the same time, opens many doors for sharing the love and grace of Christ with those who have lost hope. The Church of the Nazarene is committed to raising up a generation of children and youth who look outwards in mission and live with generosity, grace, and commitment to be like Christ in their generation.



11,396 Members



115 Fully Organized Churches; 21 Not Yet Organized Churches



208 District Licensed and 69 Ordained Ministers on 5 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray that God would encourage and strengthen Nazarenes in Venezuela as they face many difficulties and challenges in that country's current situation.
 - Pray that faith would grow in the midst of hardship, and that hope will remain undiminished, as the churches seek to be agents of that hope in Venezuela.
 - Pray for Venezuelan Nazarenes who have migrated to other countries in search of a better future, that God will use their lives and witness to spread the Good News of Jesus throughout the nations.
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PRAISE



- Praise God for the leaders of NMI in Venezuela who understand the importance of nurturing new generations with the missionary spirit, training future missionaries.
 - Praise God for the resilience of the church in Venezuela, which, despite political and social difficulties, remains committed to the Great Commission, ministering grace, and planting new churches.
 - Praise God for faithful Nazarenes in Venezuela, who with grateful hearts continue to give to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), supporting global missionary work.
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Children's Missionary Orientation Camps (COMI) in Venezuela



In Venezuela's Primero District, the Children's Missionary Orientation Camp (COMI), promoted by NMI, has grown and strengthened in recent years. The COMI is an experience that contributes to the formation of Christian character in children with a focus on missions and sensitivity to the missionary call. This camp has had a profound impact on the churches of the district, with ever-growing participation.



Since its introduction in 2022, the COMI has been adapting to the reality of local congregations. In 2023, eleven churches in the Primero District implemented it, reaching nearly 400 people—children, youth, and adults. Since then, the COMIs have continued to grow. This success reflects a passion for the mission and a desire to train new generations.

Churches have shown great creativity in adapting the COMI to their local contexts. For example, the Church of the Nazarene in Barcelona organized the camp in a park, mobilizing nearly 40 people. At Valles del Cordero Church, they used a bus as part of the activity. Other churches, such as Monumental and Árbol de Vida, offered a joint camp with exciting activities, like the “time tunnel,” where children could receive messages from current missionaries.



One of the teenagers, passing through the “time tunnel” and seeing herself reflected in a mirror as a “missionary of the future,” was filled with emotion at the thought. These types of experiences make a difference in the lives of the children and young people involved.

Despite the challenges faced, the dedication and efforts of each church have made these COMIs a blessing for all involved. Andrea Dellepere, district NMI president, said: “We thank God and each local participant for their dedication in terms of time, resources, and willingness. We remember the shared Word, knowing that He goes ahead of us, giving us victory and enabling us to train and disciple new generations in Missions.”

The COMI remains a valuable tool for training the missionaries of the future, and in the Primero District of Venezuela, the seed of the gospel continues to be sown in the hearts of children, who are called to be the missionaries of the future. “That’s what we do in Nazarene Missions International—we advocate, nurture, mobilize, and impact lives. We sow the seed and trust that God, in time, will give growth.”

COMI is an experience that will mark the hearts of the little ones with the seed of the call to be part of missions, either as those who go out to the nations, or those who stay to support the work in the world.

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