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Mesoamerica Region



Dominican Republic

The Church of the Nazarene began work in the Dominican Republic in 1974. The Church is very active through local churches engaging in community outreaches as well as partnering on Work & Witness trips. A geographically diverse nation, the Dominican Republic is home to both the Caribbean's tallest mountain peak, and the Caribbean's largest lake and lowest point. Its capitol is Santo Domingo, and has a population of approximately 10.8 million people.



19,341 Members



185 Organized Churches and 10 Not Yet Organized Churches



71 District Licensed and 71 Ordained Ministers



16 NCM Child Development Centers and 1 Pastors Kid Program



8 Missionaries Serving

PRAYER



- Pray for the local churches as they continue to reach out to their communities and share about Jesus Christ.
 - Pray for new pastors and leaders to continue to be called to ministry.
 - Pray for revival in the church, that people would continue to know Christ.
 - Pray for the Dominican Republic districts as they continue to make plans for the future. Pray they would be able to meet their goals.
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PRAISE



- We thank God for his care and protection and for the Spirit moving with local churches.
- We thank God for the new churches being planted and their continued growth.
- We thank God for the decrease in severe illness caused by COVID-19.



Dominican Republic church holds Christmas dinner for underserved community

The Iglesia del Nazareno San Miguel in Santo Domingo Oeste, Dominican Republic, organized a collective dinner in the community of Villa Verde, where the church was able to feed almost 700 people, including children and their parents.

"There were so many people that we didn't even have enough chairs and tables for them to eat comfortably," said Newton Ramírez, who pastors the church. "Our idea was to be able to share a Christmas dinner with all of them, and incidentally, to be able to share the message of salvation, through our words but also with this Christmas celebration."

The dinner was held in mid-December in this vulnerable community with limited resources. This event is part of a larger building project that allows the church to carry out similar events in better conditions.

"We want to build a building, and, in turn, create a foundation called Unidos Venceremos (United we'll win)," Ramírez said.



The residents of Villa Verde thanked the church and shared the impact the dinner had on them.

“I want to testify that celebrating this dinner has been a great blessing for me, for my family, and for every inhabitant of Villa Verde,” said Vinicio Valdés. “Thanks to God and Pastor Newton and also to the church for [all the] help.”

A young attendee shared his gratitude as well.

“I am Carlos*, and I live in Villa Verde. I am a 7-year-old boy and I feel very happy when they come to feed us and love to go to all the activities. Thank God I was able to enjoy a Christmas dinner.”

Call to Prayer

Please continue to include Ukraine, Russia, and the entire Eurasia Region in your prayers. To learn more about how the church is responding, follow Nazarene Compassionate Ministries on Facebook [here](#).



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