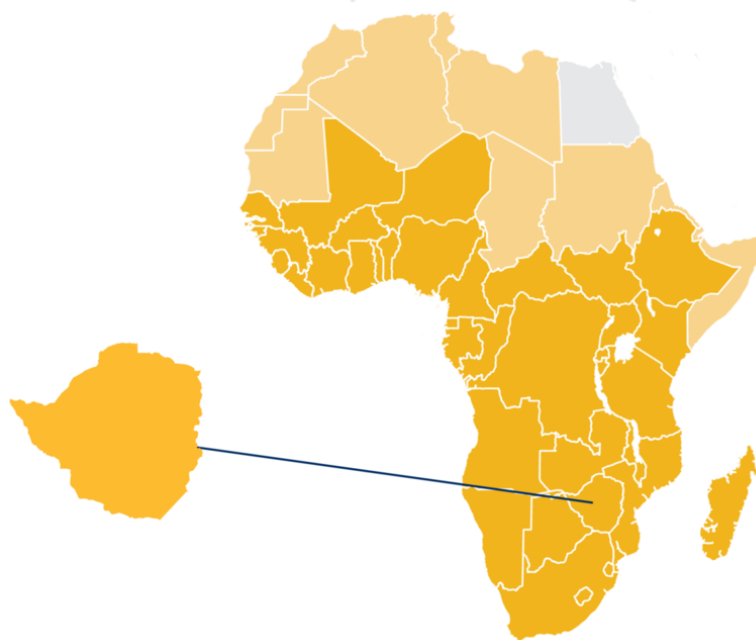


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Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in southern Africa known for its dramatic landscapes and diverse wildlife, much of which can be seen in national parks, game reserves, and safari areas. On the Zambezi River, the Victoria Falls plunge from a height of 108 meters (over 350 feet) into narrow gorges. The refreshing waters of that great river give life wherever they flow, much like the message of the gospel brings hope to those living in a parched land. The work of the Church of the Nazarene began in Zimbabwe in 1963, just two years after the country declared its independence, which favored whites in governing power. The British rejected this independence until free elections were held in 1979 recognizing the voting rights of the black African majority, with independence formally declared in 1980. This speaks to the sense of urgency in a country that felt it had a brief "open door" for the Church of the Nazarene to enter. We must be ever ready to step into those moments of opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus and to spread the transformative message of scriptural holiness.



13,145 Members



62 Fully Organized Churches; 29 Not Yet Organized Churches



67 District Licensed and 73 Ordained Ministers on 3 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray for the church in Zimbabwe as it seeks to fulfil the vision God has given. Our goal is to develop preaching points into organized churches and also to plant new churches.
- Pray for the growth of the local missions work in Zimbabwe.
- Pray for passion to reach out to the lost souls.
- Pray for wisdom and direction for our political leaders.

PRAISE



- We thank God for His faithfulness throughout all the challenges we have faced in recent years. Indeed, great is His faithfulness.
- We thank God that after COVID, people still have the zeal to praise Him and serve Him faithfully.
- We thank God for the success of all the programs that NMI and other ministries carried out in their respective districts.
- We praise God for the support and the love that both pastors and laity give to the work of ministry.



“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35 (NIV)

Nazarene Missions International in Zimbabwe introduced a ministry to the elderly. This year, the members of NMI on the Zimbabwe East District embarked on a journey of reaching out to the elderly in the district and beyond. The aim is to preach the Gospel and to encourage many who are lonely or feel hopeless. Senior citizens face a lot of challenges, some of them being loneliness and lack of necessities. It is against this background that we decided to be a cheering presence among the elderly people in our communities.

Through this ministry, we have also discovered that we have many elderly people in communities who are members of the Church of the Nazarene. These people have been unable to go to church because of old age. NMI is becoming instrumental in reaching out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ while also meeting some of their physical needs whenever we can.

Last month, one team went to the Buhera community in Manicaland province to cheer the elderly there. It was a powerful experience, showing the love of Jesus Christ to the elderly in tangible ways. In one case, NMI has adopted an elderly woman, buying her groceries every month. We hope to make a great impact on the lives of our youth, our children, and the elderly as we learn more effectively what it means to be intentionally intergenerational.



Midlands District reaching out.



Zimbabwe East District NMI president giving groceries to an 86-year-old-woman.



Cheering an elderly woman with simple acts of service.



Zimbabwe West District team.

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