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South America Region



Ecuador

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Ecuador in 1972. Ecuador has a population of approximately 17.8 million people and is named after the equator, which passes through the country.

Nazarene Theological Seminary of South America is located in Quito, Ecuador, and primarily serves students from Columbia, Ecuador, and Venezuela. In the churches in South America, there are many who are willing to engage in ministry both voluntarily and professionally. In response, the region continues to develop and focus on creating online learning options. If you'd like to learn one way the region is doing this, click [here](#).



20,295 Members



216 Organized Churches
and 31 Not Yet
Organized Churches



103 District Licensed and
100 Ordained Ministers

PRAYER



- Pray for those in Ecuador who were affected by the landslides triggered by heavy rainfall.
- Pray for the missionary families serving in Ecuador.
- Pray for leaders across the South America Region as they continue to train and equip those called to serve both pastorally and missionally.
- Pray for Nazarene Theological Seminary of South America as it trains leaders to continue making disciples in the nations.



PRAISE

- We thank God for His continued faithfulness as Ecuadorians continue to adapt to the changes caused by the pandemic.
- We thank God for the 247 churches in Ecuador reaching their communities.
- We thank God for the 36 baptisms at the Riobamba Norte Iglesia Del Nazareno church earlier in 2021.



Ecuador Churches Help Build Houses for Families in Need

Three churches in Ecuador have teamed up to help build houses for three low-income families who were on the verge of homelessness, or already there.

Puerto Canelos is a community settled on the banks of a river in the province of Napo, Ecuador. The Church of the Nazarene in that community saw the need of three low-income families who had nowhere to live. These families did not attend the church, but the church felt the Lord was calling them to do something to help these families.

Three different congregations from three districts in Ecuador (Costa, Sierra Centro, and Sierra Norte) came together to help build three houses for these families.



The project began with a trip called *Máxima Misión*, a regional initiative. The trip was from 30 October to 3 November 2021 where 62 participants from three different congregations contributed money to go to Puerto Canelos and give their time and effort to start the construction of the houses.

Construction is finished on the first house, which was given to the Dagua family.

Angelica Dagua and her family were going to become homeless soon. Their current home was near collapse, and they had no way to rebuild. Angelica is a single mother to two young children.

“I was shocked when I saw young people and adults trying to build my house,” Angelica said “They didn’t mind carrying wood on their shoulders and were happy about what they were doing. I still don’t believe it. But God is great, and I am grateful to God and the young people of Maximum Missions for making my house a reality. Thank you for your passion to love your neighbor.”

The congregation in Puerto Canelos organized a work team with Nazarene Youth International members and *Máxima Misión* participants to continue with the construction of the other two houses.

Could you serve?

Is God calling you to disciple new believers and participate in the integrated work of church planting in Ecuador? Click [here](#) to learn more.



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