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South Korea

The Church of the Nazarene began work in South Korea in 1948. Korea Nazarene University, in Cheonan, was founded in 1954 and accredited in 1992. The university started with three majors in the theology department. Today, there are an additional thirteen majors related to rehabilitation and special education. South Korea is known for its green, hilly countryside dotted with cherry trees, its coastal fishing villages, sub-tropical islands, and high-tech cities such as Seoul. The population is approximately 51.2 million. The contemporary culture of South Korea developed from the traditional culture of Korea which was prevalent in the early Korean nomadic tribes. Today, many Korean cultural elements, especially popular culture, have spread across the globe and has become one of the most prominent cultural forces in the world.



25,239 Members



3,875 Fully Organized Churches and 496 Not Yet Fully Organized Churches



127 District Licensed and 547 Ordained Ministers



PRAYER

- Pray that the Lord will inspire a spirit of missions in the local churches.
- Pray for the continual growth and strength of the theology department at Korea Nazarene University.
- Pray that church leaders will continue to follow the will of God as they lead in ministry.



PRAISE

- We praise God for the opportunity to purchase land to build houses for missionaries and retiring pastors.
- We praise God for the church's faithful giving to relief efforts such as Tonga's undersea volcano explosion, typhoon damage in the Philippines, and the civil war in Myanmar.



Korea National District ordains 36 pastors at its 67th District Assembly



The Korea National District Church of the Nazarene held an ordination service on 12 April 2022. The service was held during the 67th District Assembly. This is the first gathering of the entire district after two years of being in the COVID-19 pandemic. 36 ordinands waited for this special day to be ordained as elders of the church.

Mireu Kim, a missionary serving in Thailand, traveled back to Korea for the 67th Korea National District Assembly to physically attend his ordination. He said “The ordination ceremony was a particularly meaningful time for the Holy Week. “I meditated on the words of Galatians 2. Now I really pray that the Lord will live in me and spread His name in the land of Thailand.”

After the ordination service, he and his family returned to Thailand with renewed commitment to nurture local leaders and raise Christlike disciples in Thailand. The Kims will pioneer the development of ministry in the northeastern part of Thailand.

The waiting was difficult for the 36 ordinands, but it was all worth the wait. They have experienced God's grace even greater during this challenging time. Now, as ordained ministers they are once again assured that God was, is, and will be with them as they continue to fulfill the mission of making Christlike disciples in the nations.

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