

# NMI Central

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

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## Mesoamerica Region



## Barbados

The work of the Church of the Nazarene in Barbados began in 1926. Barbados is an island country in the Caribbean region of the Americas that was uninhabited before the British arrived in the early 1600s. Early on, the island was dependent upon slavery, but it was abolished in the 1800s. Barbados acquired its independence from the United Kingdom in 1966. The country has been economically successful with the state guaranteeing freedom of belief. Christianity is the predominant religion with various denominations. The Church of the Nazarene has been active in God's work on the island for almost 100 years inviting people to authentic relationship with Christ and genuine faith.



6,824 Members



33 Fully Organized Churches



20 District Licensed and 41 Ordained Ministers on 1 District

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## PRAYER



- Pray for God's leading as we prepare to elect a new district superintendent.
- Pray for the return to full face-to-face worship post-COVID.
- Pray for a revitalization of NMI, NDI, and NYI post-COVID.

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## PRAISE



- We thank God for giving us an opportunity, after the COVID-19 pandemic, to meet for training during an evangelism conference.
- We give thanks to God for the many lives that were touched and empowered during the Maximum Missions day that took place on the Barbados District where participants were encouraged to be part of the ministry of their choice: children's ministry, street ministry, prayer walk, and house-to-house visits.
- We give praise to God for the relaunch of Nazarene Day in Barbados. This year the project was called #NAZDAY 2023 and many participants got involved in different activities that were scheduled.



The Church of the Nazarene in Barbados has already completed two evangelism conferences and two major outreach events in the first half of 2023.



District superintendents and district evangelism coordinators from the Caribbean Field assembled in Guyana for the Regional Evangelism Conference, which was held on 25-31 January of this year. Attendees shared that the conference was enlightening and informative and they left inspired and motivated. The district superintendents and evangelism coordinators were tasked with sharing information with their pastors and those involved in evangelism at the local church level. Evangelism is of the highest priority to the Nazarene ministry in Barbados.

The Barbados District held its Evangelism Conference March 25-26 with Dr. Milton Gay, Mesoamerica evangelism coordinator, and Mr. David Campos from the Caribbean field office, who also acted as interpreter for Dr. Gay. The training sessions were well attended, and the information well received. This included new methods of evangelism and utilizing smart devices. The training was impactful and has helped leaders to prepare as a district for the region's evangelism endeavours in the coming months.

On Easter Monday, 10 April 2023, the Church of the Nazarene Barbados NMI held its Maximum Missions Outreach at the Cliff Cottage Church of the Nazarene in the beautiful parish of St. John. The event was coordinated by the NMI youth representatives. Nazarenes from across the Barbados district participated in the event, wearing their zone's colors.

The outreach began with worship and prayer. Afterwards, attendees went into various ministry events focused on children’s ministry, street ministries, prayer walks, and house-to-house visitation. Visitors were encouraged to be a part of the ministry of their choice.

The Church of the Nazarene Barbados District also hosted a Sports Day, Health and Wellness and Business Exposition (#NAZDAY) at The King George V Memorial Park, Ruby, St Philip on Friday, 28 April 2023. Hundreds of Nazarenes turned out in their zones sporting their zone’s colors for #NazDay. The event was divided into several segments:

- Praise and worship was led by the youth, followed by various games and other events.



Sports, games, and athletics events.



- The event had a health and wellness clinic on site, and visitors had various health checks done.



Finally, there was a business exposition, with eight small businesses/entities drawn from churches across the Nazarene district.

#Nazday2023 was a success! We thank Almighty God for the various lives that were touched and encouraged this day.

The Church of the Nazarene in Barbados has been growing numerically and spiritually after the impact of the COVID-19 quarantine limitations. Pray that their evangelism and outreach efforts further expand the church's influence and that many lives would be transformed in Christ.

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