



# Guatemala

MESOAMERICA REGION

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# GUATEMALA

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The Church of the Nazarene began work in Guatemala in 1904 when Rev. Richard S. Anderson and his wife, Ana Maude, arrived at Puerto Barrios, which is now the Atlantic District. Guatemala is a Central American country south of Mexico. It is home to volcanoes, rainforests, and ancient Mayan sites. The first-ever Alabaster building was built in 1949 in Coban, Guatemala. This was the Nazarene Theological Seminary of Guatemala. In 2013, Guatemalan Gustavo Crocker was elected as the 41st general superintendent for the Church of the Nazarene.

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The Church of the Nazarene, Camino de Santidad "Mi Casa," located in the center of Guatemala City, celebrated the baptism of 27 people. The co-pastor, Plinio Urizar, said that all the pastors of the church see this celebration as the result of the evangelistic work that the church carried out during the pandemic.

More than 250 adults and children attended the celebration at Mount Sion Camp on April 27. The church reopened in late November 2021, which Urizar said was a challenge for the leadership, but they decided to put their trust in God. From that date, they held two celebrations where he claims to have seen the growth both in number and spirituality of the congregation. "This growth brought families in need of God, and as a church we are focused on making Christlike disciples," Urizar said.

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Freddy Velásquez, a young man who was discipled through youth video calls, was one of those baptized along with his mother and sister, whom he took to church.

"I am 24 years old. I suffer from a disability that limits my movements and makes it difficult for me to speak. I had distanced myself from God due to family circumstances that affected me so much that they managed to cool my spirit. I fell into a deep depression and came to have very dark thoughts. I told a friend about it and she invited me to the video calls. At first, I didn't give it much importance, but then God began to give me answers through the teachings, and He made me free from depression! Also, for several years I had a battle with a very strong sin and I remember that one day in a teaching about Jonah, God made me free from that sin. I confronted God about my disability and asked why He allowed it, but today I understand that I am a reflection of God's love. I have a smile that proves it. God loves you and has a purpose with every circumstance that He allows you to go through, but you must allow Him into your life and let Him act. God restored a broken heart and my whole being through my leaders. Today I thank God for Mi Casa since they accepted me without knowing me and they loved me. On March 27, I made the decision to be baptized together with my mother and sister, and now my desire is to serve God."

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99,766 Members



**738 Fully Organized Churches  
and  
104 Not Yet Fully Organized Churches**



**375 District Licensed  
and  
428 Ordained Ministers**



**16 Missionaries  
serving in  
Guatemala**

**9 Missionaries  
from Guatemala**

# PRAY

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Pray that there will be a revival in the people of God across the districts and that the church continues to be and make disciples in our cities.

Pray for the visa processes for the delegates being sent from each district to the 2023 General Assembly and Conventions.

Pray for the planting of new churches in cities where we do not have a presence and the pastors who are planting them.

# PRAISE

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We praise God for the two zones that have been able to carry out various activities to edify and train the boards of the local churches on the South Verapaz District.

We praise God for the growth of the church in the Verapaz del Norte District as two new churches have been organized and two more are already being planted. Today there are 113 churches on this district!

We praise God because despite the pandemic, the Church of the Nazarene has not stopped and we have kept moving.



# MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING GUATEMALA

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Carlos & Nancy Cordero



Milton & Olga Gay



Ulises & Micaela Solis



Roger & Deysi Lemus



Roger & Damaris Kellogg



Monte & Bethany Cyr



Ana Crocker Diaz



Ruthie Cordova

# FIRST ALABASTER BUILDING WAS BUILT IN GUATEMALA

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