

## Venezuela



The Church of the Nazarene began work in Venezuela in 1982. The beginnings of the work in the country were unique. Before the church in Venezuela was organized, there were Nazarenes in the country because of the radio ministry “La Hora Nazarena” (The Nazarene Hour). Venezuela is a country on the northern coast of South America with diverse natural attractions. Along its Caribbean coast are tropical resort islands including Isla de Margarita and the Los Roques archipelago. The population is approximately 28.44 million and the official language is Spanish.



12,732 Members



95 Fully Organized Churches

14 Not Yet Fully Organized Churches

across 5 districts



137 District Licensed

57 Ordained Ministers

### Venezuela Lago District carries out Global Evangelism Day Event

*Please read the article and then summarize for your congregation.*

Churches on the Venezuela Lago District joined together to celebrate the Global Day of Evangelism on 28 May 2022.

It was a special time when each local church reached its community, attending to the physical and spiritual needs of the most vulnerable people. The churches separated from their routine, getting out of the four walls of the building to fulfill the task of making disciples.



“We had never had an experience like this,” said one of the volunteers. “There were always

five or six people out to evangelize, but yesterday all the churches did it together."

Over 500 people of all ages across the district shared the gospel, reaching more than 1,000 people with a message of love and hope. The volunteers felt it was a rewarding experience filled with love, companionship, and teamwork.

The district includes 17 organized churches that carried out different activities in accordance with the volunteers' talents and creativity. Even some of the church-type missions joined in recreational activities, evangelism in the streets, delivery of leaflets and flyers, and a screening of the JESUS Film outdoors.

Teams also shared the gospel with the Wayuu and Yukpa ethnic groups, went house-to-house to spread the Word of God, and used tools such as the evange-cube, ball, hat, and blanket, among others. (See below)

The families and people in the communities were receptive and shared about the joy this activity brought them. "We liked it very much," said the Flores family. "They must do it more often."



They used tools such as the evangecube,



Evangeball

along with evangehats



and blankets.



## PRAYER



- Pray for local, district, and national leaders to be strengthened.
- Pray for the economic and social challenges in Venezuela.
- Pray that the Church of the Nazarene reaches every state in the country with the message of salvation and holiness, and effectively uses NMI to spread the call to missions on a national level.
- Pray for the Maximum Mission Project in the Venezuela First District, which is a strategy to discover leadership from the local churches and promote the call to missions.

## PRAISE



- We praise God for each local NMI president who promoted participation in the South America Region 40 days of Prayer initiative. The church was united in a unique way this year because of the call to prayer.
- We praise God that the Church of the Nazarene was able to remain faithful in serving others through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries throughout the pandemic.
- We praise God because NMI has been mobilized throughout the country to involve youth and children.

Suggestions for mission meeting:

Schedule a time to watch the JESUS Film. You can watch it for free at [Ministry Tools | JESUS Film Harvest Partners \(jfhp.org\)](https://www.ministrytools.com/jesus-film-harvest-partners). It is 127 minutes long. If it is a nice afternoon/evening; show the film outdoors. This is the way it is shown (most of the time) on the mission field. An excellent alternative would be to show the newer Jesus Film, “Magdalena, through Her Eyes” (59 minutes).

At the same time, you may want the children to meet in another part of the church and watch the children’s version of the JESUS Film (59 minutes). Have materials for them to make the evangebracelets or have several evangecubes on hand. For the evangecubes, have a leader show and explain the different scenes. Then pass a couple of evangecubes out for the children to explain to each other. After everyone has had a time to explain, have some snacks for the

children. If time, you may want to show another film from the jfhp website called **The Last Day**. This film is only 9 minutes long.

Another alternative for children: E TN District W&W teams have needed to divide the Jesus Film into three sessions for showing on different days to children on mission trips. Suggestions for how to divide the film into three days, with activities, can be found at [etnmi.org/Kids'Resources](http://etnmi.org/Kids'Resources).

Purchase evangecube tracts and encourage your congregation to share with others. You can purchase these at <https://jfhp.org/ministry-tools>.

Go to [Ministry Tools | JESUS Film Harvest Partners \(jfhp.org\)](http://Ministry Tools | JESUS Film Harvest Partners (jfhp.org)) and view the items that are used on the mission field. You may want to have the children (with helpers) and/or teens make the evangebracelets to send to JFHP for teams to take with them.

Plan to present this lesson when you take up an offering for World Mission Broadcast. Act like you are turning on the radio and have some preaching or gospel singing come over the speakers. Sit and act like you are taking it all in for just a minute or two then talk about how there were Nazarenes in Venezuela before there were any preachers or churches. The Nazarene Hour ("La Hora Nazarena") was being listened to before any churches were established.

You may want to wrap your lesson up by asking questions about what was presented. When someone correctly answers, hand them an evangelism tool as discussed in the presentation or a tract from one of the above websites.