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Mesoamerica Region



Costa Rica

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Costa Rica in 1964. Through the years, God has been faithful to call missionaries to and from Costa Rica. Costa Rica is a rainforested Central American country with coastlines on the Caribbean and Pacific. The country is known for its beaches, volcanoes, and biodiversity. Its population is approximately 5.1 million, and the official language is Spanish.



3,351 Members



42 Fully
Organized
Churches across 2
districts



21 District Licensed
and 17 Ordained
Ministers



12 Missionaries
serving in Costa
Rica and 14
Missionaries
originally from
Costa Rica

PRAYER



- Pray for the local churches as they continue to reach out to their surrounding communities to share the gospel.
- Pray that new pastors and leaders will continue to be called to serve the church.
- Pray that God will strengthen the ministry of all the missionary families serving in Costa Rica and the ministry of the missionaries from Costa Rica.

PRAISE



- We praise God for His faithfulness and goodness to the church in Costa Rica.
- We praise God for all the ministers working to preach the gospel and spread the message of holiness.
- We thank God for the resilience of the Church coming out on the other side of the pandemic.



Costa Rica church provides aid and support to migrants



Sublime Gracia Church of the Nazarene in Costa Rica has doubled its efforts to bring relief to some Venezuelan migrants who are in the country's capital.

Members of the church, along with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, delivered more than 200 personal hygiene kits, clothing, breakfasts, and Good Samaritan boxes. These efforts were supported by the Central District of Costa Rica through NCM. Other churches in the district have joined along the way, both to collaborate as volunteers and financially.

"Our mission has led us to show the love of Christ to our brothers," said Elimelec Juantá, pastor of Sublime Gracia.

The Sublime Gracia congregation began a little over 5 years ago. Juantá said that from the beginning, they have embraced compassionate ministry to migrants and homeless people.

"I can say that it is in the DNA of our church," Juantá said.

During these years, the church has aided refugees and migrants financially, offering legal advice, food, donation of clothes and shoes, and church members have provided their homes as shelter to migrants.

"As a congregation, we understand that we are part of a large number of believers who love the Lord by serving others," Juantá said. "We give glory to God for the opportunity He gives us to serve."

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