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South America Region



Chile

Chile is the longest north-south oriented country in the world, and one of the countries along the Ring of Fire, home to nearly 90% of the world's earthquakes, and 75% of the world's volcanoes. Chile gained its full independence from Spain in 1818, but like many of its neighboring countries has gone through a series of political upheavals, including military coups, and ideological shifts toward democracy, which it achieved in 1990. The country has one of the strongest economies, based upon foreign trade, and possesses the strongest sovereign bond rating in the South America. The Church of the Nazarene began work in Chile in 1962. Over 34% of Chile's population is under the age of 24, and as you will read in the story that follows, the churches are focused on ministering creatively to children and youth.



2,862 Members



62 Fully Organized Churches; 4 Not Yet Organized Churches



38 District Licensed and 34 Ordained Ministers on 4 Districts



PRAYER

- Pray for the theological education in our country, for our seminary President, his national team and all the students that the Lord will add to the existing programs. We pray that many will be called to ministry.
- Pray for youth leadership, that the Lord will challenge our young people for a missionary, pastoral or ministerial calling. Pray for the new generation of mentors and youth leaders that God is raising up in the country and for the revival that God has prepared for all of NYI.
- Pray for the congregations that are planting new churches (MTI - church-type mission), for those that are reopening closed churches, and for future churches that the Lord will give us from the North to the South of Chile during 2023-2024.



PRAISE

- We give thanks to the Lord who allowed us through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to support 150 families that were affected by wildfires in the South of Chile. Many church leaders and youth from two districts participated, sharing the message of salvation and holiness, while providing personal and material resources.
- We thank the Lord for the movement of women, motivated to seek the presence of the Lord, and involved in local ministries, united in prayer, using digital tools and face-to-face meetings.
- We praise God for his support in discipleship ministries. We are grateful for the great team of teachers and mentors who have given their heart, time, and resources to carry out this ministry throughout the country.

NMI SNAPSHOT



The CARAVAN Club is a children's ministry, which meets weekly and is designed to help children in 1st to 6th grades, in their growth. Its approach incorporates integral movement and skills development, based on the Bible, spiritual values, Nazarene heritage, and application of all they learn to life. This tool, of the Church of the Nazarene, has been reaching disciples for more than 75 years, and today is taking to the streets of the city of Romeral, in Chile.



The Nazarene Caravan Club children from the Romeral community in Chile.

A young couple and a pastor, Alejandra Riffo, passionate about outreach to children, have developed this national pilot. Their dream is that all churches in Chile can incorporate this program into their weekly activities. The Nazarene Caravan Club allows children from the Romeral community to participate in activities aimed at covering the physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual aspects of life, in a welcoming Nazarene environment.



Caravan Club allows the kids to develop practical skills they can use throughout life, while also strengthening spiritual life.



The Nazarenes in Romeral are strategically using Caravan not only as a tool that benefits kids in the community, but also to bring them closer to the grace and knowledge of Christ.

After some time working with the children around the Church of the Nazarene of Romeral in Caravan, the team decided to rent a community headquarters, to develop Caravan in this strategic place. More than 50 children and several parents attended. At the end of the event the pastors presented Christ and most of the attending parents made a decision for Jesus. The community is very happy and grateful for what the Church of the Nazarene does, working with children in this place, and they share that in their instant messaging groups, inviting more children to be part of Caravan. The leaders are amazed at the impact of this ministry and how many children, who came through the “Caravan Club,” are now part of the congregation.

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