

# NMI Central

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## Mesoamerica Region



## Costa Rica

Costa Rica was explored by the Spanish in the early 16th century, but proved difficult to colonize until around 1563, due to disease from mosquito-infested swamps, extreme heat, and unwelcoming indigenous populations. The settlement of Cartago was the first successful colony, located in the cooler, fertile, central highlands. It remained a loyal colony for over two centuries, but in 1821, along with other Central American provinces, it declared its independence from Spain. In 1838, Costa Rica proclaimed its sovereignty and independence from all other powers or associations. Since the late 19th century, it has enjoyed democratic and economic development, marred by only two brief periods of violence. In the 1970s and 1980s, it experienced several waves of refugees from Central American civil wars but has otherwise been able to sustain peace and general prosperity. The country is noted for its commitment to biodiversity and natural land and marine life conservation and is a popular tourist destination. The Church of the Nazarene established work in Costa Rica in 1964.



3,982 Members



43 Fully Organized Churches



22 District Licensed,  
and 32 Ordained  
Ministers on 2 Districts

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## PRAYER



- Pray for the ongoing development in Los Angeles, San José, Costa Rica, and for the many bridges being built in the community.
  - Pray for the outreach initiatives of sports, language enhancement, and community engagement, that each will produce vibrant faith in participants.
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## PRAISE



- Praise God for the wonderful property registered in the church's name, and making possible so many opportunities to reach the community of Los Angeles.
  - Praise God for the faithfulness of Nazarenes in giving to Alabaster, which helps to make projects like Los Angeles possible.
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## Kids Kaleidoscope

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## Los Angeles Strategic Holistic Community Project



There is significant progress on the Los Angeles Strategic Holistic Community project, which aims to establish a church and gathering place in a community in great need in San José, Costa Rica.

Thanks to generous contributions, and the help of Alabaster funds, the project has successfully purchased land that is now officially registered in the church's name, and construction is underway for a new building. This development marks a significant step forward for the local community.

In addition to the new church facility, soccer fields have been developed on the property. These fields are already being utilized for a vibrant weekly outreach program called the Escuela de Fútbol y Valores (School of Soccer and Values). This initiative has quickly become popular in the neighborhood, attracting children and their families and fostering connections between the community and the church's ministry.



The church also plans to launch English classes, with around 50 community members already enrolled. Once the new sanctuary is completed, the existing space can be repurposed as classrooms, allowing for even more outreach programs to benefit the community.

The successful progress of the Los Angeles Strategic Holistic Community project exemplifies how combined efforts can bring about meaningful change. When faith and community come together and the love and grace of God is present in worship, fellowship, learning, and sports, lives are radically changed.



*“We are grateful to all who have contributed to this initiative through prayer, giving, and volunteering. Together, we are witnessing God's grace at work in Costa Rica, bringing hope and opportunities to those in need.”*

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