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South America Region



Brazil

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Brazil in 1958. It has a population of approximately 211 million people. It is a very ethnically diverse country due to the mass immigration from around the world. It has beautiful coastlines as well as tropical forests spread through the country. The church in Brazil continues to blossom and grow year after year. People are hearing the Good News in Brazil and around the world as Brazil continues to be a sending country with Brazilians serving the church in many regions.



140,173 Members



617 Organized Churches and 70 Not Yet Organized Churches



820 District Licensed and 916 Ordained Ministers



8 Missionaries Serving

PRAYER



- Pray that the church in Brazil recovers from the effects of the pandemic and becomes stronger in 2022.
- Pray for the new district superintendents who were elected in 2022, that they may be instruments of God for the growth of the Church.
- Pray for the families who are experiencing extreme hardship due to the rains and floods in the Brazilian states of Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, and Bahia.
- Pray for the national ministries, their projects, conferences and congresses, so that there is a revival in Brazil among children, youth, and adults.
- Pray for the National Nazarene Pastors and Leaders Retreat, which will be in October 2022. Our theme will be Holiness: In All and For All.

PRAISE



- We thank God that the churches opened to have their in-person services.
- We thank God that our district assemblies and ordination services have been held with joy and enthusiasm throughout the church.
- We praise God for SOS Brazil, a compassionate ministry that is bringing economic aid, food, water, and medicine to families who are suffering from the rains and floods.
We praise God for the Churches of the Nazarene in Brazil and
- the pastors who have courageously faced all the challenges of the pandemic and have kept the doors of the church open.



Church Grows and Bears Fruit in North Brazil

Despite the restrictions due to the pandemic, the Assú/RN Church of the Nazarene has shown exponential growth and recently received new members through baptism and transfer.

Pastored by Pastor Samoel Braga, the Church of the Nazarene Assu, affectionately known as "Naza Assú," is a church that is part of the Rio Grande do Norte District in Brazil. According to the pastor, the emphasis of the work has been "maintaining a church grounded in the Word, grounded in the doctrine of holiness, and that has managed to communicate in a contextualized way with the current generation, thus achieving our mission of making disciples. In all nations, our challenge is to get to know our generation in terms of their needs and demands, so that we can find ways and strategies to make Christ grow in the life of each person who joins our faith community."



Through baptism, 12 people publicly declared that Jesus is the Lord of their lives and on the same night, seven people gave their lives to Christ, a night that will remain marked in the heart of the Church.

The pastor expects even greater results: "As a church, we remain convinced that we are on the right path, a holiness and contextualized church that is prepared to reach its generation."

Nazarene Jiu-Jitsu Team

The PEDERNEIRAS NAZARENO JIU-JITSU TEAM project is a ministry that uses sport as a tool for evangelism through the relationships that are created on "the mat." The classes that take place several days a week cover different age groups (from 4 years old through teenagers and adults).

The senior pastor of the church, Rev. Aldo Filipini, spoke about the project: "The idea came about a year ago when I decided to practice a sport that, in addition to helping me take care of my body, would provide me with a way to evangelize my fellow students. As soon as I started my training, I started looking for partners, including a member of our faith community named Eric Moreira, who is now the ministry leader and shares classes with instructor William Cunha."



In order to connect with students, in addition to investing in publicity, the church established some alliances in the city, among them the Casa Abrigo de Pederneiras-SP, which cares for children at risk. The project started on 12/11/21 and currently has 50 students enrolled. One of the materials used in evangelism is the *JESUS* film, which naturally fit the ministry since it is a tool that the church has already used for over four years in discipleship groups.

To conclude, Rev. Aldo said: "the main purpose of this service is to overflow the love of Jesus in the life of our community, leading people to Christ to fulfill the Great Commission." The church creates strategies and promotes creative evangelism combined with social actions in its community.



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