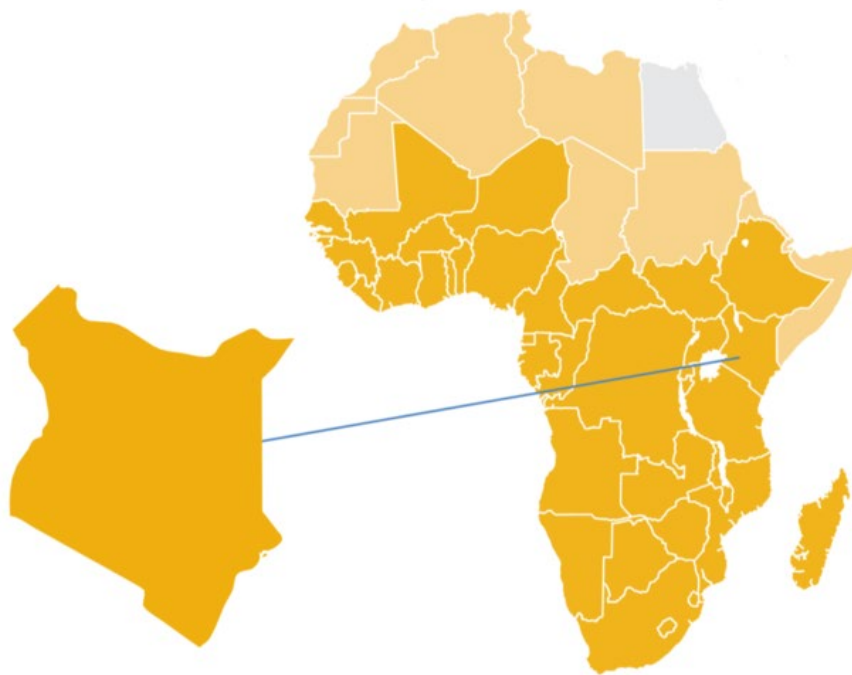


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Kenya

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Kenya in 1984. In 1985, missionary Harmon Schmelzenbach III came to Kenya to explore opportunities for church planting and began by inviting a few families to a house fellowship that grew into a church, Nairobi Central Church of the Nazarene. Africa Nazarene University is located in Nairobi, Kenya, and serves students from over 27 African countries and other countries around the world. Click [here](#) to read more about ANU. Kenya is part of the Africa East Field on the Africa Region and has a population of approximately 54.7 million people. Kenya's major languages are English, Kiswahili, and numerous indigenous languages.



32,187 Members



225 Organized
Churches



93 Ordained and
283 District
Licensed Ministers



17 Missionaries
Serving

PRAYER



- Pray for the election year and peace amongst Kenya's people and that they will be united.
- Pray for district assemblies that are happening in Kenya.
- Pray for the institutions, Africa Nazarene University and Nazarene Bible College of East Africa, for more student enrollment.
- Pray for the political unrest in some of the countries on the Africa East Field.

PRAISE



- We thank God for the health workers and leaders continuing to help battle COVID-19.
- We thank God for the expanding church in Kenya as His people love others in their community.
- We thank God for the 17 missionaries and 376 ministers serving in Kenya.
- We thank God for the lives changed because of Africa Nazarene University and Nazarene Bible College of East Africa.



Alabaster Story | Kenya Eastern District Center

Thanks to a God-given vision, a united district, focused leaders, and an Alabaster offering, the Kenya Eastern District and Training Centre (KEDTC) is finished! God is already using the new facility for His glory, allowing people from across the district to create new music, train, meet, worship, and grow together. The neatly painted, wooden-sided building provides space for at least 48 pastors and lay leaders who attend training programs and seminars and serves as housing during the events. The space also hosts a local radio station and a recording studio where people record songs and sermons. All the district ministries have offices there as well.

Realizing this dream took some time. The Kenya Eastern District was growing, and by early 2000, district leaders recognized their district sanctuary space was too small and their rented space was inadequate for their needs and a drain on their resources. They valued their time together, encouraging one another to press on in ministry, yet they were limited in their ability to do so. The District Advisory Board led the church in a discernment time and eventually chose a location that fit the vision of the new center. District leaders designed the new space and led the project. Church members across the district pledged their financial support and their skills to bring the dream to a reality. Together they created a vision board of images and scripture to maintain focus on the vision for the center — leaders undergoing training, people praying, and music being developed.



Once it was time to build, church members gave water and sand to the construction, skilled and unskilled labor, and furnishings and finances. Their work was paired with a significant gift of Alabaster funds. Rev. Augustus Musili, the district superintendent of the Kenya Eastern District, said the united effort from members across the district “. . . presented us with an enhanced picture of who we are as a church. We have a heart to pursue the Great Commission.”



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