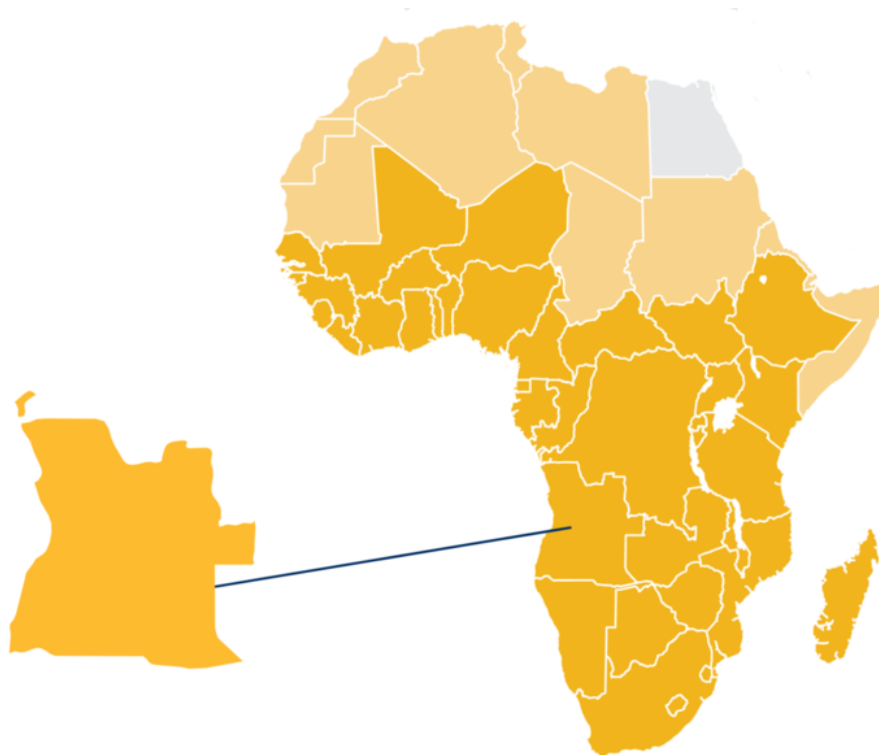


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Angola

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Angola in 1973. Angola is a Southern African nation whose varied terrain encompasses tropical Atlantic beaches, a labyrinthine system of rivers and Sub-Saharan desert that extends across the border into Namibia. The population is approximately 32.87 million people and the official language is Portuguese.



10,800 Members



149 Fully Organized Churches and 60 Not Yet Fully Organized churches



74 District Licensed and 23 Ordained Ministers

PRAYER



- Pray for the various elections taking place in the country.
- Pray that the evangelism and theological formation taking place through training will be fruitful.
- Pray for God's blessing on the urban ministry taking place in the city of Luanda, which has over 8 million people.
- Pray for God's provision of the support needed to implement women's empowerment projects through the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.



PRAISE

- We praise God for the churches that are under construction in Rocha Pinto, Luanda, and Cabinda.
- We praise God for the opportunity to minister at the Pediatric Hospital of Viana.
- We praise God for the women empowerment projects that the church has started to carry out.



Update from Socorro and Sara Fontes, Missionaries serving in Angola:



It is a privilege for us to serve the Lord through the Church of the Nazarene. In this newsletter, we want to tell you a little about what the Lord has been doing in Angola. We are Socorro and Sara Fontes, missionaries in Angola, Africa where we have been serving for 3 years and 6 months. After 27 years of ministry serving as pastors and employees for departments in the Church of the Nazarene in Cabo Verde, in the churches of Boa Vista, Santo Antão, and São Vicente, we left behind the comfort of our home, children, and other family members to serve the Angolan church. God has been in charge and has come before us. He is in control of our lives and mission.

When we arrived, we took the initiative to get to know the municipal authorities and the local churches in order to serve God and the community. We also started to work on the completion of the church building construction in Rocha Pinto. The challenges of the mission are great, but God's promise remains: Have I not sent you? Try hard and be of good cheer.

We traveled around the country and started our journey by visiting Cabinda, where we are building a church with the help of the Alabaster Offerings. This will be the first Nazarene church in this city. Following this, we traveled to Cuanza Sul and Benguela where we visited local churches to encourage the brothers and sisters carrying out training for church leaders.

Our house, which is located in Bairro Azul in Luanda, has served as a house of prayer and spiritual support for the Nazarene brothers in Luanda.

Sara has started learning how to do manicures to train and empower women through self-employment. There will also be training in sewing, crafts, and baking.

Unfortunately, I (Socorro) was diagnosed with deep vein thrombosis and I am in prolonged treatment. We ask for your prayers on our behalf for healing and restoration

The church continues to walk in the strength of the Lord, for He is faithful and will do much more!

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