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South America Region



Peru

The work of the Church of the Nazarene in Peru was established officially in 1914. Peru had been a colony of Spain for nearly 300 years when it gained its full independence in 1821. As with many long-dependent countries, that independence led to a long history of dictatorship and military rule. For nearly 20 years, between 1980 and 2000, democratic governments have sought to redress the inequalities in society and reform the judiciary, as well as to bolster a struggling economy, which had left infrastructures in desperate need of repair. In the last 20 years, the country has experienced significant economic development, allowing it to become one of the more stable economies in the region. As you will read in the story below, natural disasters like Yaku, a cyclone of catastrophic magnitude, can seemingly halt infrastructural progress and leave a nation struggling once again to rebuild. Destruction is at present incalculable. That the Church of the Nazarene has been a significant contributor to the efforts in meeting the needs of those most affected by Cyclone Yaku in March of this year bears witness to the fact that Nazarenes are “of the soil” in which they live and minister—citizens of a country and citizens of the Kingdom of God whose touch brings healing, comfort, restoration, and hope.



69,173 Members



809 Fully Organized Churches; 199 Not Yet Organized Churches



523 District Licensed and 571 Ordained Ministers on 16 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray for the situation in the districts of Peru Pacific North, Peru North, Peru La Libertad Chavín, and the Peru North-East District, which have suffered from the Cyclone Yaku phenomenon and now from the El Niño Costero (Coastal) phenomenon in Peru.
- Pray for the Youth Leaders Congress in Peru and the 700 young people who are expected in the city of Chiclayo, North Peru District in July 2023.
- Pray for the new superintendents who have been elected in Peru.
- Pray for the ordination service on May 5 in the city of Lima. 60 leaders will arrive from different cities to participate in a national ordination service.

PRAISE



- We praise God for the 16 assemblies that were held, which were a great blessing and revival for each of the districts.
- We give thanks for the leaders and pastors conferences, “Living the Great Commission,” which have been held in most districts.
- We praise God for the churches in the north of the country in Piura, Tumbes, Chiclayo, and Trujillo that have shown a spirit of compassion for the areas affected by Cyclone Yaku and the El Niño Phenomenon.



Kids Kaleidoscope

In an effort to provide resources and activity materials for children that will help them understand the importance of missions, highlighted through stories provided in NMI Central, Kids Kaleidoscope has been developed specifically for children. It will be released as a monthly addition to the first NMI Central of the month. This is our first Kids Kaleidoscope, and we pray it will awaken and nurture a spirit of missions in the hearts of children. To access Kids Kaleidoscope, click [here](#).

NMI SNAPSHOT



The regions of Piura, Tumbes, Lambayeque, La Libertad, Ancash, and Lima, all important regions of the coast of Peru, were devastated by Cyclone Yaku in March 2023. In these regions, the damage is incalculable; there are thousands of families in each region mentioned that have been affected by the passing of the cyclone. Heavy rains, causing rivers to overflow, the opening and flooding of ravines, landslides, collapsed bridges, and a changing landscape are the consequences that Cyclone Yaku has left behind.



Nazarene churches have supported the communities that have been affected by the Yaku Cyclone, providing social assistance with food, water, and help from volunteers in cleaning tasks.

The Church of the Nazarene has been affected in four districts: Peru Pacific North, Peru North, Peru La Libertad Chavín, and Central Peru. Local churches have supported the communities that have been affected, providing social assistance, food, water, and help from volunteers in many of the affected areas through the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in each district. The national church has also taken up offerings to help the affected districts.

The Church of the Nazarene in the Peru North District, through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries operating on the districts, moved swiftly into action to help the affected families.



A group of Nazarene businessmen donated 2 tons of food that were delivered thanks to the support of the Peruvian Air Force, which provided helicopter transportation to bring aid to the Pañala community in the North Peru District.



Day by day, more people joined with their donations, and the youth of the district offered their time and resources as volunteers. For many weeks, we have seen the movement of God in the compassionate hearts of many believers and others who are not yet believers who have wanted to join us in this work. In addition, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries provided substantial support.

Expectations were exceeded. In addition, a new project for the construction of shelters for families who lost everything has been raised.

The church is fulfilling its role of showing God's love and service to the community during these difficult days for Peruvian families.



All the efforts made allowed 69 Nazarene churches within the Northern District to benefit, reaching more than 1,100 families, of which 700 are Nazarenes.

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