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South Korea

Korea was an independent kingdom prior to its being occupied in the early 20th century. The Peninsula achieved independence in 1945; and following World War II, a democratic government was adopted in the southern part of the Peninsula and a communist-style government in the north. After the Korean War in the mid-20th century, the Korean Peninsula was split along the 38th parallel. Almost 57% of the population do not follow any religion. The work of the Church of the Nazarene began its work in Korea in 1948. With many shifts taking place in Korean society, the message of new life in Christ and of the possibility of living a holy life in unholy places, is Good News to all who will hear it. The Church of the Nazarene is committed to sharing this Good News, and continues to see encouraging signs of transformation as it lives Christ's life in local communities where the Church works.



24,963 Members



205 Fully Organized Churches; 128 Not Yet Organized Churches



91 District Licensed and 480 Ordained Ministers on 1 District

PRAYER



- Pray for more opportunities for churches in South Korea to use the resources that God has given them to be hands and feet of Jesus in their communities and beyond.
 - Pray for the work of Korea Nazarene University (KNU) in Cheonan, an hour south of Seoul, and for the significant influence it has throughout the country.
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PRAISE



- Praise God for the local Nazarene churches in South Korea that are going out to their communities to share Christ's love.
 - Praise God for the creative academic programs offered through Korea Nazarene University (KNU), and for the impact they have had introducing the grace of God.
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Kids Kaleidoscope

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Sangam-dong Church ministers to the community through Love Sharing Bazaar

Sangam-dong Church of the Nazarene organized its “24th Sharing Love with Neighbor” bazaar on 23 September 2023. This event is held every Saturday before the celebration of the “Chuseok*” Festival.



The 1-day bazaar showcases food, clothing, books, toys, and various items donated by the church members. Various activities were also offered during the day. The purpose of this activity is to celebrate the “Chuseok” with everyone around the church community. The proceeds from the event in the last 7 years have accumulated to more than \$22,000 US.



Sangam-dong church has members who are in need and can benefit from the bazaar's proceeds, but the church has chosen to give the money to the Sangam-dong Community Center and Entrepreneurship Welfare Center to help the needy in their community. This act of love is the embodiment of Christ's love for others. "Sangam-dong church serves the world with the love of Christ through the Sharing Love with Neighbor Bazaar in order to realize the spirit of service that Christ walked because we are called to be servants of Jesus," shared Dr. Min Gyoo Shin - Senior Pastor Sangam-dong Church of the Nazarene.

*Chuseok is a special day when Koreans gather with their families to give thanks and remember their ancestors. It is sometimes referred to a Korean Thanksgiving.

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