

# NMI Central

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## Africa Region



## Ghana

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Ghana in 1990. Ghana is a coastal nation with shores on the Atlantic Ocean. While English is the official language, the country is surrounded by French-speaking countries, so most people are bilingual. Because most of the population lives in urban areas, there are many urban ministry opportunities, including opportunities for church planting and exploration of ministry callings.



10,999 Members



32 Organized Churches and 83 Not Yet Organized Churches



33 District Licensed and 15 Ordained Ministers



2 Missionaries Serving

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## PRAYER



- Pray for the church in Ghana as it continues to minister to the young people in its communities.
  - Pray for the first upcoming National Conference at Kumasi in April of 2022.
  - Pray for the urban ministries in Ghana.
  - Pray for church in Africa as it continues to grow and guide individuals through their ministry call.
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## PRAISE



- We thank God for the many new ordinands across all of Africa in recent years.
- We thank God for the new ministry opportunities in Ghana.
- We thank God for the missionaries and ministry leaders serving faithfully.
- We praise God for the work being done through local church Work & Witness teams helping other local churches in various parts of the Ghana. They have prayed, cleaned, and painted among other projects.



## Africa Explore Helps Individuals Confirm Call to Missions

The Africa Region’s Engagement and Equipping team, together with the Personnel and NMI team, recently held its first Explore event since the COVID-19 pandemic. The team was especially excited to hold an in-person event.

Explore is an assessment and training event to help those preparing for cross-cultural ministry be better equipped for missionary service. This was the first Explore event for Collin and Shireen Elliott, the new Engagement and Equipping facilitators for the region.

“As more and more missionaries are being called from the various countries on the African continent, we see that Explore events are essential to preparing missionaries to serve ‘from everywhere, to everywhere,’” said Brent Hulett, global Engagement and Equipping director.



The event brought together four couples and two individuals from five different countries to explore their call to serve in cross-cultural ministry.

“I attended the event to get clarity about my call to missions,” said Faraja, a participant at Explore from Tanzania. “I was so encouraged by the word that was shared to us during our devotion time. That was a clear voice of God to me and a confirmation. The message was, ‘Remember, it is God who calls you. It is His assignment, and He will give you power and grace to do it; obey and trust Him.’ This was all I needed to hear.”

During the three-and-a-half day training, the participants were engaged in teachings, conversations, and exercises about culture, worldview, team building, conflict management, sharing each other’s stories, and self-reflection. The diversity of age, life experience, and cultural backgrounds created an atmosphere for meaningful interaction.

“Through the relationships that were built with the facilitators as well as the other attendees, I gained clarity and an overwhelming sense of support,” said Shaun, an Explore participant. “Explore equipped me in such a way that no matter where God sends me, I’ve made connections to help me and, if according to His plan, help others also answer their call going forward.”

The attendees came away from the event with insights into their own personalities, gifting, and viewpoints, as well as a new appreciation for other cultures and worldviews.

“We were challenged to see beyond our biases and confront our comforts,” said Lebogang and Portia, a couple from South Africa. “The sessions were organized in a brilliant way where group exercises made us see what we could’ve never got from reading about missions; to see how people’s worldview informs their actions’ and how missions is not about changing people’s cultures but incarnating the love of God with humility and patience.”

### Global Week of Prayer

Beginning on Sunday, 27 February and concluding 5 March, you will be receiving daily emails with stories, prayer requests, and updates from each region of the Church of the Nazarene as well as the Board of General Superintendents. The Global Week of Prayer has been produced in over 25 languages. Click [here](#) to download resources.



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