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## Asia-Pacific Region



## Cambodia

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Cambodia in 1992. It is a country in southeastern Asia, bordering the Gulf of Thailand. It lies between Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos. Cambodia is a challenging missions setting. Despite these challenges and a lack of resources, God is transforming lives as the church makes disciples who make disciples. The Cambodia District was first organized by a local pastor who migrated to the United States; however, the first work was not very successful because of the social and political situation. The district was reorganized in 2010 with 13 churches.



2,260 Members



29 Fully Organized  
Churches 45 Not yet  
Organized Churches



50 District Licensed  
Ministers

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## PRAYER



- Pray for God's provision for the pastors in Cambodia as they try to recover from the pandemic.
  - Pray for the children's outreach programs hosted by many local churches each week.
  - Pray for the completion of construction on the District Center building by June.
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## PRAISE

- We praise God for the faithfulness of the church to the work of Christ despite the challenges of the pandemic.
- We praise God for the opportunity to keep preaching the gospel, loving our neighbors, and bringing the gospel to new areas despite all the challenges that Cambodia has faced.
- We praise God for the incredible growth of churches that we are seeing across the district.



## Church of the Nazarene in Cambodia



The Church of the Nazarene in Cambodia has experienced significant growth in the last year despite several challenging situations. In 2021, churches baptized 500 new believers and started 17 new works.

Cambodia was confronted with yet another crisis-level food shortage due to extensive drought, flooding, and of course, COVID-19. District Superintendent Kevin Campbell-White asked if NCM might be able to step in and help. Due to similar ongoing needs worldwide, NCM could only help with part of the need. Campbell-White was certain the Holy Spirit was going to use whatever they received to do something new in His people.

Rather than simply giving a supply of food to each family in the church, every church received three 50 kilograms (110 pounds) of rice bags. Families were invited to come and take enough for a few meals. They were also encouraged to share some of what they were given with families in their village who do not know Christ.

That's when the stories began pouring in. Church members worked together to give far more than they had each received to those outside the church, sometimes even contributing from what little money they had earned that day to purchase extra supplies.

When the woman\* pictured received her food, she was astonished at the generosity of the church. She tearfully shared that she and her daughter had not been able to work and were so thankful for the help received. The pastor\* leading the distribution encouraged the churches with these words: "We have little, but through Jesus, we give to those who have nothing."

After the distribution, people who received the food went to their villages sharing the hope they have found in Jesus by telling their neighbors, "This food will save you for a month, but hope and salvation for your whole life can be found in Jesus Christ."

\*Names excluded for privacy and security reasons

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