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Honduras

After centuries under Spanish rule, Honduras became an independent nation in 1821. However, there have been over 130 revolutions and revolts in the 100 years that followed that independence. The democratic government that was established in 1984, following many years of military rule, has found it difficult to end widespread corruption, and bring security to its citizens who often fall victim to crime that goes unchecked. Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere, in large measure due to these realities. The work of the Church of the Nazarene began officially in Honduras in 1970 and has grown congregations who are reaching out and helping communities to overcome obstacles because of political and economic problems. In the story that follows, you will see the passion for children, for providing safe places for community gathering and worship, and for extending the holy reach of the God's love to places much in need of it.



8,594 Members



140 Fully Organized Churches; 6 Not Yet Organized Churches



58 District Licensed and 27 Ordained Ministers on 2 Districts

PRAYER



- Please pray for political and social stability in the country, especially on issues of government administration and corruption.
- Pray for the Lord to eradicate violence; in recent weeks there have been many violent deaths, some in prisons and others in places of social gatherings.
- Pray for the development of new leaders and for these new leaders to be able to say like Isaiah, “Here I am, send me.”

PRAISE



- We praise God for His protection and care during the pandemic and post-pandemic.
- We thank God that in the midst of economic difficulties our country is going through, congregations have been faithful in support of their pastors, and continued to give faithfully for world evangelism.
- We thank the Lord that by His grace we have been able to support our ministry in the establishment of 4 new churches, 17 new missions, and 20 new preaching points. The Lord has been very good to us!



In Honduras there are two districts, the Central East Honduras District and the Northwest Honduras District.

On this occasion, we share the story of what God is doing in the Northwest District under the leadership of Rev. Ethan Bardales.

“What we are doing on our district is planting new missions in places where before we did not have a Church of the Nazarene, in places like Tarros, Quimistan, Pinalejo, San Luis, Las Minas, El Rancho and Baracoa. We did not have a presence in these places before, and now we have new missions,” says Rev. Bardales.



For workers planting new starts in several mission areas (El Rancho and Baracoa), the lack of a church building in which new converts can gather has not been an obstacle. As shown in the photos, the children gathered under a tree in Baracoa, being cared for by members of the Church of the Nazarene Jesus My Savior, which is the mother church of this mission.



The objective of the district is to plant at least one church in the places where the Church of the Nazarene currently has no established presence. The people gathered in these places have joy in their hearts to be able to count on a special time of worship for the LORD in their communities.



“We want you to join in praying that the Lord will touch the hearts of the people in the communities we will soon be reaching with personal evangelism groups and Maximum Missions, which are service opportunities where participants evangelize and do social work with the population. Likewise, we encourage our people to join this beautiful work so that together we can bring that story of Christ that people need to hear,” concludes Rev. Bardales.

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