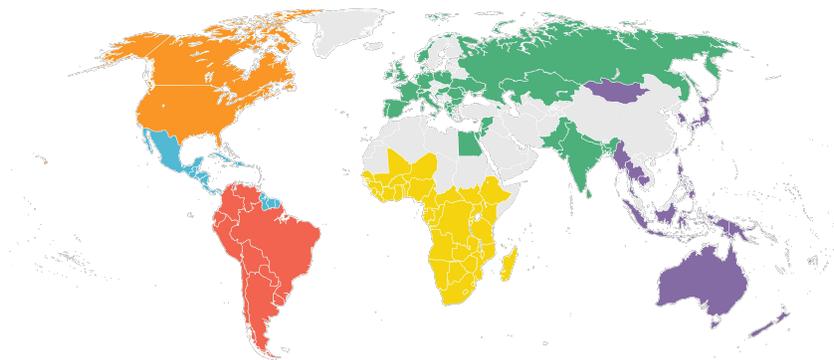


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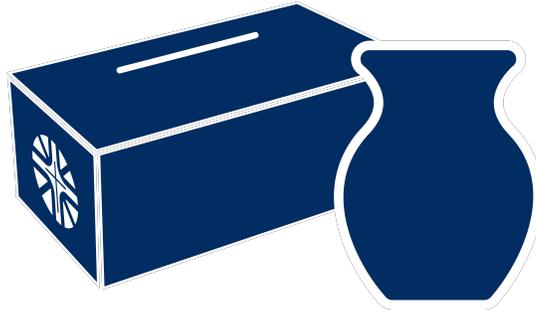


Alabaster 75th Anniversary Year

Around the world churches are often organized in housing blocks both as a point of entry into a community, and as a place of worship for the community. It has been a successful strategy, but with recent changes in laws in some countries, it means that the congregation cannot worship freely because of restrictions on ‘noise’ (when a congregation is particularly enthusiastic in its worship music or preaching). This presents new challenges for established congregations, and usually means relocation to a stand-alone structure. The good news is that churches are growing, and their worship is vibrant. The bad news is that it creates a financial burden for these congregations, many of whom serve immigrant demographics, or are located in city centers where properties are expensive.

This month’s Alabaster video comes from Spain, where four churches are faced with the need to move to stand-alone properties, because of noise regulations. Alabaster is key to helping the Church of the Nazarene to continue to grow in this country. Diego Lopez, serving district superintendent, says “Alabaster makes it possible to have worshipping congregations.” Imagine what it would feel like not to be able to worship freely because of a locally enforced noise regulation. Alabaster truly lays foundations for people to worship, heal, and learn.

To download this month’s video from Spain, on the Eurasia region, click [here](#).



PRAYER



- Pray for the Churches of the Nazarene around the world that are planted and grow in urban centers, among immigrant populations.
- Pray for the churches in Spain, faced with the need to move from their premises to stand-alone buildings, in order to worship freely.

PRAISE



- Praise God that “Alabaster makes it possible to have worshipping congregations.”
- Praise God for the new opportunities that Alabaster provides in countries where low-income congregations can secure funds to build a stand-alone church, or lease a space that makes worship possible.

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