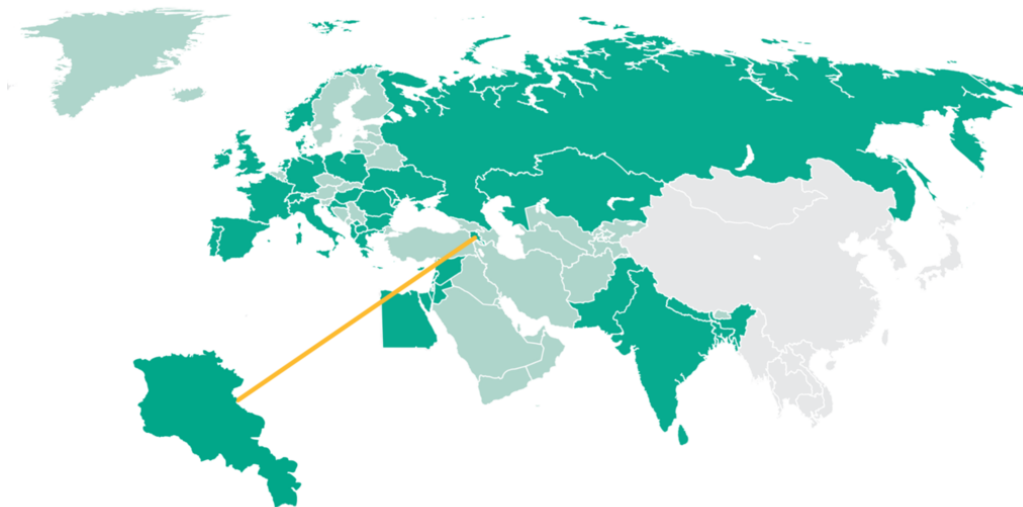


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Eurasia



Armenia

The work of the Church of the Nazarene in Armenia was established officially in 2002. Armenia is a landlocked, highland nation bordering Turkey, and surrounding the Biblical mountains of Ararat. Famous for its rich ancient history and seemingly endless wars for its territories that continue today, Armenia was the first nation to adopt Christianity as a state religion in the year 301 A.D. In 1988, a devastating earthquake left the majority of the population without homes or possessions, and much of the Armenian economy was crippled in the aftermath of the quake. It could be argued that Armenia is still trying to recover from that catastrophic event. In addition, Armenia has been striving to improve its economy and regain territories after its separation from the Soviet Union in 1991. Despite the challenging economic situation, the Church of the Nazarene in Armenia has been successfully encouraging people to give to others and to serve other churches and nations in need. There is a deep desire to grow strong Nazarene leaders.



342 Members



3 Fully Organized Churches



2 District Licensed and 4 Ordained Ministers on 1 District

PRAYER



- Pray for the development of leaders in every age group with a missionary vision for every church in the area.
- Pray for pastors, leaders, and churches in Armenia -for wisdom, courage, and strength to serve and lead the people of God.
- Pray for future plans to open new churches, train new ministers, and organize effective meetings with leaders.

PRAISE



- We praise God because in all difficult situations He delivers, saves, and guides us.
- We give thanks to God because we see His wonderful works in the district of Armenia, even as we face many difficulties and war-like situations.
- We give praises to God because He is worthy.

NMI SNAPSHOT



The work of Nazarene Missions International in Armenia began in 2015. The church faced many cultural problems and had to break stereotypes and prejudice about women’s ministry at the time.

In previous years, Armenia had received aid from various countries, but had not helped other countries in return. Over 27% of the Armenian population lives in poverty and the Nazarene Church exists in places where 47% of the population are classified as poor. Despite this, the church committed to work on two projects that would financially provide for the needs of people in Bangladesh and Nepal. Nazarenes managed to financially support these countries for one year thanks to God’s help and the willingness of believers.

This inspired the church to deliver “help baskets,” as well as assist impoverished families, run food programs for those in need, and begin other similar projects in Armenia.



The church also committed to gathering Alabaster offerings. When Alabaster was first introduced in Armenia, it was a brand-new idea for the church, and needed some culturally appropriate adaptations to be effective. Instead of practicing one offering a year, the church decided to collect Alabaster offerings during the whole year. At the end of the year, the money is counted and transferred to the global church.



Alabaster Offering Box

The church also collects three major offerings throughout the year. In March and August, the offering is for the World Evangelism Fund. In October, the offering is intended to support education provided by European Nazarene College in Armenia.

This is what the Church of the Nazarene shares about their ministry in Armenia: “We see the wonders of God happening in Armenia and we are blessed when we bless others. As these projects succeed, we will continue implementing them and are happy to make contributions to the ministries of our sister churches in spite of being a country in a war with numerous difficulties.”

Being passionate about raising new Nazarene Armenian leaders, the church created an investment fund for the future pastors who will serve in various cities and villages in Armenia. Church members willingly invest in the fund and have great hopes to care for future ministers.



The ultimate goal of the church in Armenia is to develop a strong missions ministry by making disciples who could serve both in their homeland and in places where the Gospel has not yet been preached. The Church of the Nazarene in Armenia is committed to continue implementing the vision and mission of the global church, making Christ-like disciples in the nations.

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