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Asia-Pacific Region



Singapore

Located just off the southern tip of Malaysia, the city nation of Singapore is a travel hub for Asia, a gateway to areas where the Church of the Nazarene is not yet established. Often referred to as a “Vertical Village” 6 million people live on an island approximately 26 miles long and 14 miles wide. It is the third highest population density nation in the world. It is seen by some mission leaders as the “Antioch of Asia.” Like its first century counterpart, Singapore is a place of wealth and refinement, a leading world-class city, a place of great beauty and commercial importance, a city abounding in leading education centers. And like Antioch, Singapore is a strategic city for the expansion of the Kingdom of God. Within a radius of seven hours flight time from Singapore are 30 countries, 3 billion people, and 900 people groups unreached by the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Church of the Nazarene officially registered in Singapore in 2016 and has sought to find a meaningful place in this nation of “religious harmony.” All of the world’s major religions are here, with the fastest growing group being 20% of residents who list their religion as “none,” many of whom describe themselves as “free thinkers.” In order to maintain “religious harmony” laws that govern religion, its practices, and its expansion, some conventional evangelism and church planting strategies are not allowed.



17 Members



1 Fully Organized
Churches



1 District Licensed
Ministers in 1 Pioneer Area

PRAYER



- Pray for the outreach of the House of Bread Church of the Nazarene, that they might make the most of every opportunity to make Christlike disciples.
- Pray for the development of the children's Sunday school program.
- Pray for the outreach ministry among foreign workers in Singapore.

PRAISE



- Praise God for the ways in which the Church in Singapore is developing, supporting ministries and missionaries around the world.
- Praise God for the many young families in the church in Singapore. Most are first-generation Christians.



In 2006, the Asia-Pacific Regional Office and four missionary couples relocated to Singapore with the vision of establishing the first Church of the Nazarene in this city. A major factor standing in the way of such a move was the cost of office space and housing for four families. But Dr. Hudson Taylor's quote, "God's work done in God's ways will never lack God's resources," was to be proven true once again. In an amazing sequence of events, God laid it on the hearts of some dedicated Nazarene investors to help provide four apartment units and a regional office facility.

As the four missionary families began to interact and build relationships in their communities, God began to bring them into contact with those who were open to faith conversations. Slowly, the community of believers began to grow. In February 2016, the legal process was completed, and the Church of the Nazarene Singapore was officially registered!



House of Bread Worship Community.

Today, the House of Bread is a vibrant organic church composed mainly of young professionals. What began as an outreach to international students 12 years ago, is now composed of mostly young families with toddlers and young children! What exciting challenges and opportunities this presents. While there is a coordinating pastor, the lay members play a vital role in the daily life of this faith community.

If you were to visit the Church of the Nazarene in Singapore, you would not see an impressive building. However, you would meet people whose lives have been radically changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, and who are passionate about making Christ-like disciples, in Singapore—and beyond.

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