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South America Region



Peru

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Peru in 1914. Peru is a country in South America that's home to a section of Amazon rainforest and Machu Picchu. It has a population of approximately 33.4 million people, and the official language is Spanish. The church was started on the north coast in Pacasmayo and Chiclayo. It then advanced towards the Sierra and the jungle of the country by evangelizing and planting churches in cities, towns and, rural areas. Since then, the work has grown tremendously with nearly a thousand local churches. Peru lacks many major cities to plant churches; however, the leadership continues to trust God as they encourage and offer resources to continue planting churches in Peru.



70,401 Members



806 Fully
Organized
Churches and 192
Not Yet Fully
Organized
churches across
12 districts



530 District
Licensed and 464
Ordained Ministers



7 Missionaries
serving in Peru
and 12 originally
from the country

PRAYER



- Pray for the district assemblies in Peru and that God would be with the leaders presiding over the meetings.
Pray that as the year comes to a close, God will continue to
- be with the churches that are still navigating the transition from the pandemic to face-to-face services.
Pray that God would provide health and protection for the pastors and leaders in the face of the continuation of the
- pandemic and its variants.
Pray for the National Women's Ministry Congress, which will take place in February 2023, as well as the Youth Leaders
- Congress in the city of Bagua Grande in June 2023 where 700 young people are expected to attend.

PRAISE



- We praise God for the participation of 600 pastors in the National Retreat in the city of Pucallpa, where they left feeling encouraged and ministerially challenged.
We thank God for the growth of the church at the national
- level despite the pandemic and social crises in the country.
We thank God for the pastors who have been the heroes of the church by continuing to carry the gospel message
- faithfully and passionately.



PASTORS RETREAT IN PUCALLPA - PERU



From 5-9 October, a pastor's retreat was held in the city of Pucallpa, where approximately 600 pastors from all over Peru participated. 12 district superintendents with their respective delegations were also present. This event was held for the first time after four years of not being able to meet.

The city of Pucallpa is the headquarters of the Peru Oriente Central District under the leadership of Rev. Cesar Arroyo Holguin as district superintendent. This city is located on the banks of the Ucayali river in the eastern part of the Peruvian territory.

The organization of this national pastor's retreat was led by Rev. Oscar Suárez, who is currently president of the AIN (Church of the Nazarene Association) in Peru.

Throughout the event, the challenges of pastoral calling were discussed and recommitment to the call was encouraged. The attendees all felt that they developed from the event and were enthusiastic to return to their respective ministries to put all that they had learned into practice. Sports activities and tourist tours were also carried out inside and outside the city. All the plenary sessions were broadcast live on the official page of the Church of the Nazarene in Peru on Facebook and through Radio Paz at 11:20 AM.

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