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Eurasia Region



Pakistan

Much of modern-day Pakistan, the fifth-most populous country located in South Asia, spreads over a wide region known as the Indus Valley. Here, one of the oldest civilizations in the world, the Indus Valley civilization, emerged and thrived from 5,000 B.C. During the second millennium, remnants of this civilization and culture were fused with the migrating Indo-Aryan peoples crossing these territories for trade and settlement. Subsequently, Persians, Greeks, Scythians, Arabs, Afghans, and Turks have introduced their cultures into the mix. The Mughal Empire flourished in the 16th and 17th centuries, and the British came to dominate the region in the 18th century. The 1947 partition of British India into the Muslim state of Pakistan (with West and East sections) and largely Hindu India generated tensions between the countries to this day. The Church of the Nazarene registered and established work in Pakistan in 1996. The future is bright!



24,563 Members



284 Fully Organized Churches



52 District Licensed and 32 Ordained Ministers on 1 District

PRAYER



- Pray that God would continue to bless the work in Pakistan and prompt His people to works of compassion, love, and grace that will make a difference.
 - Pray that God will grant wisdom to church leadership as they care for their congregations and communities.
 - Pray for the safety of the Christian community in Pakistan and for Pakistan as a nation currently struggling with economic and political crises.
 - Pray for the Church of the Nazarene in Pakistan as it seeks to move into new areas to bring the love of Jesus.
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PRAISE



- Praise God that there is growth in every area of the Church in Pakistan and for the encouragement of the Holy Spirit for the work.
- Praise God for three ordained women in the Pakistan District.
- Praise God for the message of Scriptural Holiness and the practical and impactful ways it is lived out in communities by Nazarenes.



Dr. Carla Sunberg, general superintendent, recently traveled to Pakistan and returned with an encouraging report of the work there. While the schedule was intense, the experience was blessed because of the incredible hospitality of the people in Pakistan. Response to the message of Scriptural Holiness and the transformation it brings is palpable. Lives are changed, and the love and grace of God are extended to the wider communities. This change calls for more education, which is a priority for all ages. Those preparing for ministry are progressing well through their courses of study. From four learning centers across the country, approximately 60 are studying for the ministry, and as a result, 29, two of whom were women, were ordained as ministers in the January District Assembly.

Every part of the work is doing well, and congregations are enthusiastic in worship, work, and service. It is sometimes difficult to fit everyone in the space of a small building, but overflow is accommodated, even on a staircase.



District superintendent, Rev. Aneel Mall, said, *“We are humbled by the work of the Holy Spirit in Pakistan. During times of great instability, both political and economic, and even with the constant persecution of the Christian community, the church continues to grow physically and spiritually. Our prayer is not for things to be made easier, but that God gives us such grace that we will boldly share the love of Christ without fear or hesitation.”*

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