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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

GOD ALWAYS COMES THROUGH

We are excited to kick off this inaugural District newsletter by sharing a wonderful testimony of God's goodness.

Many of you know that we have been relying on God to help us raise \$400,000 TT to purchase the land currently leased by the Dibe Church of the Nazarene, with a deadline set for December 31st, 2024.

However, due to various circumstances, we found ourselves \$150,000 short of our goal. Rather than casting a shadow over the church, we reached out to the sellers to propose a partial payment plan, hoping to settle the remaining balance as soon as possible.

To our surprise...



LET'S STAY CONNECTED

The District Newsletter is a quarterly publication that will feature important updates, events and stories that connect us as a district.

If you have important news to share with us, send an email to nazarenett@gmail.com ... the sellers were receptive to our request and asked for some time to consider it. Just minutes later, they called back with the incredible news that they had decided to forgive the remaining balance and allow us to acquire the land for the amount we had on hand.

We are truly grateful for how the Lord has intervened on our behalf, and we are thrilled to announce that the land for the Dibe Church of the Nazarene has been fully paid for.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to our contributors to the District Infrastructure Development Fund. Your generous support of \$100 TT per month or \$1000 annually has enabled us to access a portion of the funds needed. This partnership allows us to assist our churches with their building and construction needs.

Looking ahead, we aim to support even more churches in our district with their building projects. If you're interested in contributing to the DIDF, please don't hesitate to reach out to our District Office and Resource Centre.

LAUNCH OF CDC CENTRO DE ESPERANZA



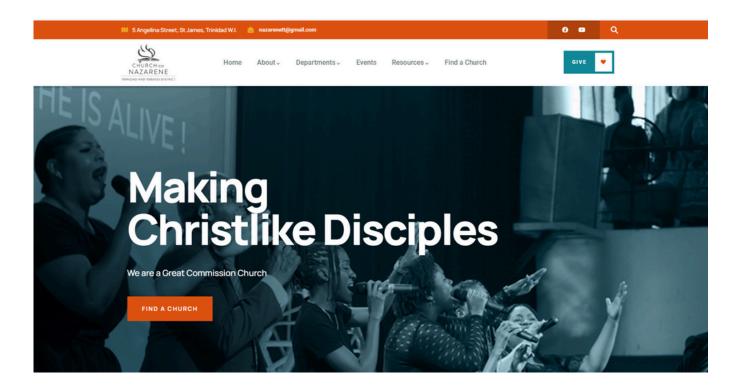
The Church of the Nazarene Child Development Centre is a project by Nazarene Compassionate Ministries aimed at tackling the socio-economic issues that affect children. We are grateful to God to share the exciting news about the launch of our District CDC, Centro De Esperanza (Center of Hope), which took place in September. Located at the Arima Church of the Nazarene, the Center of Hope was created to offer educational opportunities to children from migrant families.

These children benefit from high-quality instruction provided by dedicated volunteers who strive to ensure they receive a proper education. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Missionaries to Spanish Migrants, Pastor Tim and Nellie Bertrand, along with Centre Manager, Sis Jennifer Leach, for their invaluable contributions in establishing and managing this initiative.

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Missionary, Maria Nelly Bertrand presents a Christmas gift to one of the students. Also pictured, one of the Centre's tutors, Ms. Linda Sahadeo.





LAUNCH OF DISTRICT WEBSITE www.naztt.org

In November 2024, we proudly relaunched our district website: naztt.org. Our updated site features a new domain and offers users easy access to forms, district policies, updates, and most importantly, inspiring stories.

One notable story is that of Bro Kwesi Browne, a dedicated member of the Guanapo Church of the Nazarene, who represented Trinidad and Tobago in cycling at two Olympic Games, including the latest one in France.

Check out: <u>https://naztt.org/olympian-kwesi-browne/</u>to discover more about Kwesi and explore what our district has to offer.



DISTRICT TRAINING EVENTS PALCON 2024

In September, we held our inaugural Pastors and Leaders Conference (PALCON), aimed at nurturing leaders from every life group within the local church. Our esteemed teaching team featured Bishop Don Hamilton from the Pentecostal Assembly of the West Indies, Rev Douglas Gibson, the Founder of the Christian Solidarity Movement, and Shamus and Sherry James from Youth With a Mission. Many participants will fondly recall the tagline: "look for the tree."

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our PALCON coordinator, Rev Ruth Lawrence, and all the pastors who encouraged their members to join us. It was truly a day filled with learning and personal growth. Mark your <u>calendars for our next PALCON</u>, scheduled for September 2025.





WORSHIP ON THE WALLS



The District would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Sis Anushka Bompart and her team for organizing this year's Worship on the Walls seminar, which took place in October at the Nazarene Worship Center.

Worship on the Walls is inspired by our district ministry strategy called the Nehemiah Plan. We encouraged all our pastors and leaders to thoughtfully consider the areas in their local churches that need attention, much like Nehemiah did when he rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem.

Our planning team for Worship on the Walls embraced this vision and arranged a day filled with teaching and hands-on training for worship teams across the District.



DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS

NMI

On Sunday 22 September the District NMI Council held its annual missional rally at the San Fernando Church of the Nazarene. This year's theme: "Kids in Mission -Sharing God's Love" focused on

ministering to children including a powerful message by Pas. Uthmaan Thompson.



NDI

The District Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI) team hosted this year's Adult Ministries Retreat at the Gospel Deliverance Ministries in Penal from 4th-6th October 2024.



NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP

NYI

On Saturday 9 November over six teams including Lowlands Nazarene House of Praise and Bethany Church of the Nazarene in Tobago and guest team: Heart of God Worship Centre participated in another stage of the District NYI Quiz Competition. Our quizzers are competing for the chance to represent the district at the upcoming Q competition taking place in Olivet Nazarene in June 2025.



NEHEMIAH PLAN RALLY

This year's Nehemiah Plan Rally took place on Sunday 17 November 2024 at the Southern Academy for the Performing Arts. Hundreds of worshippers gathered at the site for a time of praise, prayer and encouragement. Thank you to Bro Andy Brumant for spearheading this year's plan. Prior to the district rally, all four zones held separate zonal rallies in their communities.





GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

From September to December 2024, we lost three remarkable individuals who greatly influenced our lives and local churches. May the Lord bring peace and solace to their families during this difficult time. May the Lord touch and comfort their families at this time



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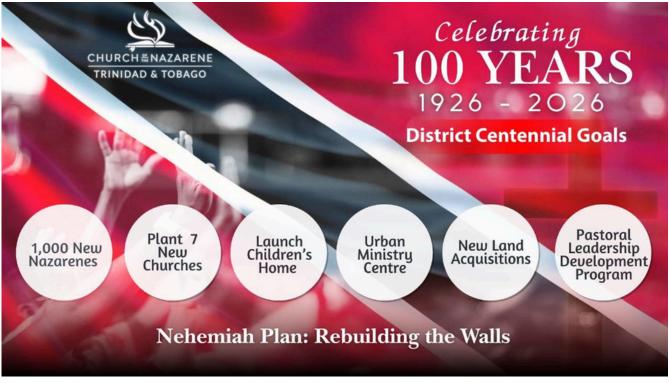


DR. CARL SUMMER



SIS. PAMELA IDEMUDIA

100 YEAR GOALS



In 2026, the Church of the Nazarene will mark a century of service in Trinidad and Tobago. We are grateful for all that God has accomplished and eagerly anticipate what lies ahead, trusting that the "best is yet to come."

A special team has been formed to organize the centennial celebrations, and the District Advisory Board is dedicated to achieving various goals in time for December 2026.

The goals include:

- 1. Receiving 1000 New Nazarenes
- 2. Planting seven new churches
- 3. Starting the District Children's Home
- 4. Launching a District Urban Ministry Centre
- 5. Establishing a Pastor Development Program
- 6. Helping churches with temporary residence to land

A centennial celebration is an important occasion that allows us to look back on the accomplishments, obstacles, and growth we've experienced over the years. It's a moment to pay tribute to the pioneers who established the groundwork for the church's success and to envision the future that lies ahead.

We look forward to celebrating with all Nazarenes across Trinidad & Tobago!





UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2025

- 4 District Prayer Meeting
- 6 26 21 Day Prayer & Fast
 - 11 Children's Quiz

MARCH 2025

- 2 8 Global Week of Prayer
 - 8 NMI / NDI Convention
 - 15 Children's Quiz
 - 22 District Assembly
 - 27 Pastor's Meeting
 - 27 NYI Leadership Training

FEBRUARY 2025

- **1** Youth QUiz
- 2 Nehemiah Plan Workshop
- 21 22 NYI Convention
 - 23 Youth Quiz
 - 27 Zonal Pastor's Meeting

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