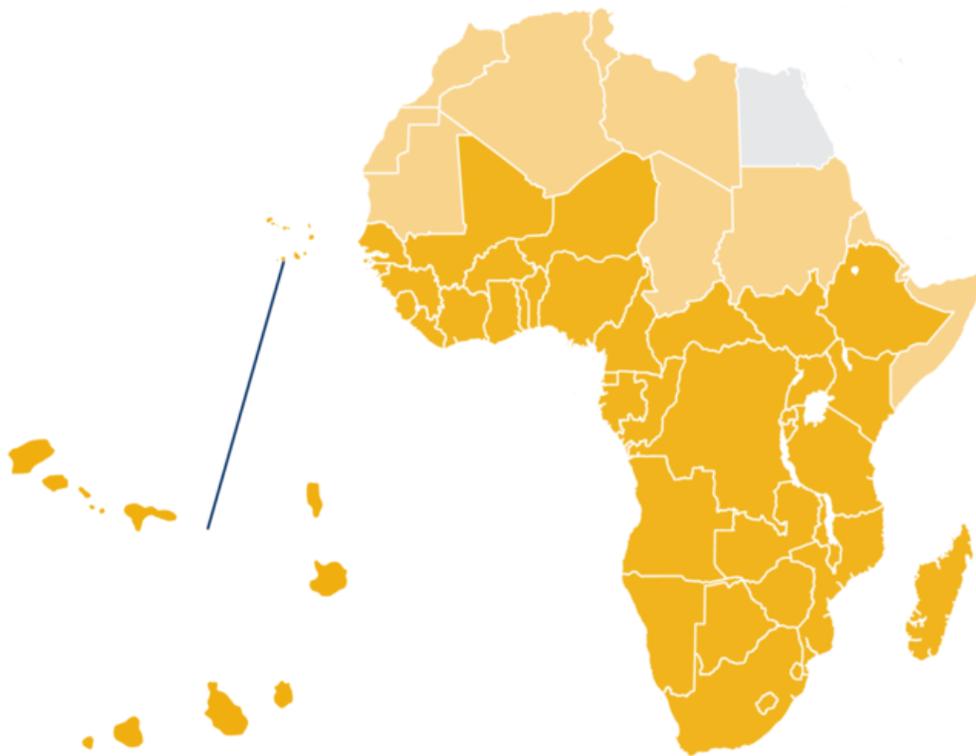


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## Africa Region



## Cabo Verde

Cabo Verde is a 10-island country about 300 miles (483 kilometers) off the west coast of Africa. The official language is Portuguese. Cabo Verde is the third oldest Nazarene missions work, which started in 1901. The work in Cabo Verde is divided into two districts. The Church of the Nazarene is the largest Protestant presence in the country. Cabo Verde is a sending country, sending missionaries to serve around the world. In 2009, Cabo Verdean Eugénio Duarte was elected as the 37th general superintendent for the Church of the Nazarene.



9369 Members



58 Fully  
Organized  
Churches 6 Not  
yet Organized  
Churches



24 District Licensed  
and 53 Ordained  
Ministers



5 Missionaries

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## PRAYER



- Pray for Cabo Verdean missionaries who are serving around the world.
  - Pray for the pastors and pastoral families in Cabo Verde.
  - Pray for God to raise up new leaders and the create opportunities for them to be trained.
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## PRAISE



- We thank God for an outreach event that allowed NMI to minister to children and mothers. Through this outreach event, some children prayed and accepted Jesus into their hearts. Mothers were also given gifts and Bibles.
- We thank God for the first NMI council at the New Hope Church in Eugenio Lima.
- We thank God for the event supported by NMI celebrating Cabo Verdean Women's Day.



## Church of the Nazarene in Cape Verde Celebrated 120 years



The Church of the Nazarene in Cabo Verde recently celebrated its 120th anniversary. Under the leadership of General Superintendent Eugénio Duarte, attendees remembered the past, analyzed the present, and looked toward the future.

The epicenter of the celebrations was on the island of Brava. The celebrations began on 6 November 2021 with a reflection session (The Church yesterday and today) in Ribeira Grande de Santiago, a World Heritage site, led by Pastor Delfino Ferreira. The following day, a devotional service was held at the National Auditorium in Praia, capital of Cabo Verde. Duarte, a Cabo Verdean and a native of Brava, challenged those in attendance to keep themselves pure and to live up to the denomination's motto and standard, "Holiness unto the Lord."

The outgoing president of the Republic of Cabo Verde, Jorge Carlos Fonseca, and the assistant secretary of state, Lourenço Lopes, were also in attendance.

In 1901, João José Dias, a Cabo Verdean who immigrated to the United States of America, returned to his homeland, the island of Brava in Cabo Verde, to share the message of salvation. Today, from the small church of Achada Furna, the first of the Church of the Nazarene in Africa, the denomination is now present in 44 countries in Africa.

Thanks to the ministry started by Dias, there have been 120 years of the Church of the Nazarene's influence for the Cabo Verdean nation. In honor of Dias, a street is named after him in the capital city of Brava Island (Nova Sintra).

On the island where it all began, the church of Ponta Achada was delighted to have Regional Director Daniel Gomis visit. "I am a product of the Church of the Nazarene in Cabo Verde," Gomis said. "When I became a believer, my pastor was Antero Fontes, a Cabo Verdean diplomat in Dakar, who was also a pastor."

According to Gomis, the Church of the Nazarene in Africa has not only been influential in the past, but also continues that influence through Duarte, who served as a missionary, held various positions in the Nazarene structure on the region, and today serves as a general superintendent.

Currently, there are Cabo Verdean missionaries in Senegal, São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea Bissau, and Angola. The expectation, Gomis says, "is that the new generations of Cabo Verdean Nazarenes will also be part of God's missions in Africa."

That desire is also echoed by David Araújo, the South District superintendent in Cabo Verde. He stated that "because of Cabo Verde's geostrategic position and the desire of Cabo Verdeans to emigrate, we are able to take the gospel to several other countries, namely those in Africa," Araújo said. "We must, therefore, invest in training more missionaries."

What started 120 years ago on the Island of Cabo Verde transformed a continent. The church in Cabo Verde is confident they will hold true to the mission of making Christlike disciples in Africa and beyond.

By Africa Region

To learn more about the history of the Church of the Nazarene in Cabo Verde, click [here](#).

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