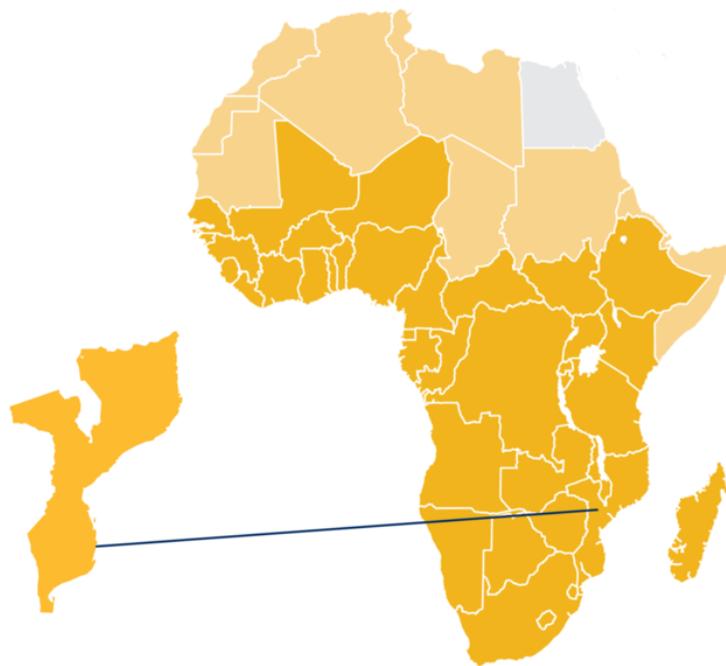


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Mozambique

Mozambique is a southern African nation whose long Indian Ocean coastline is dotted with popular beaches like Tofo, as well as offshore marine parks. It has a population of approximately 32.2 million people, and the official language is Portuguese. The Church of the Nazarene began work in Mozambique in 1922. Rev. Charles and Pearl Jenkins were the first Nazarene missionaries to be commissioned to Mozambique. Their task was to organize, supervise, expand, and develop the missions work in Mozambique. Rev. Jenkins was a visionary leader who invested time in training and equipping Mozambicans to be partners in the ministry. The fruits of this ministry are evident as Mozambique is the country with the largest Nazarene membership on the Africa Region and recently celebrated its 100th anniversary!



223,411
Members



965 Fully
Organized
Churches and 997
Not Yet Fully
Organized
churches across
34 districts



217 District
Licensed and 226
Ordained Ministers



2 Missionaries
serving in
Mozambique and
4 Missionaries
originally from
Mozambique

PRAYER



- Pray for the educational training of ministers as there is a lack of resources and infrastructure.
- Pray for the church as they continue to recover from the loss of members due to COVID.
- Pray that more Bible schools will be built to train the next generation of ministers.

PRAISE



- We praise God for 100 years of faithfulness to the Church of the Nazarene in Mozambique.
- We praise God for the new churches and ministry training centers being built.
- We praise God for the next generation of ministers who are faithfully answering the call.



MOZAMBIQUE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Over the last few months, local churches in Mozambique have been celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene in the country. This all led up the Centennial Celebration on the 28th and 29th of October 2022. Almost 3,000 Nazarenes gathered in Thavane (Machulane) for the joyful celebration!

The first service on 28th was a wonderful time of thanksgiving and sharing testimonies. General Superintendent Dr. Filimao Chambo, who is a son of Mozambique, preached a powerful sermon that celebrated God's faithfulness to the church even through the difficult seasons that the country experienced. After this, the retired ministers shared the history of the different phases of the Church of the Nazarene in Mozambique. The night ended with a concert that lasted until 2 AM. It was an evening of singing, dancing, and giving God all the praise that He is due.

The service on the 29th of October began with songs of praise. Dr. Paulo Sueia, one of the key leaders in the early days of the Church of the Nazarene in Mozambique, said an opening prayer where he proclaimed “Ebenezer—Until here, God has helped us!”

There were many leaders present, including the Vice Minister of Justice and Religious affairs the Governor of Gaza and the mayor of Mandlakazi.

Dr. Dany Gomis, regional director for Africa, stated “the words that I would use to describe the church in Mozambique are authenticity, passion, commitment, and sacrifice. The church in Mozambique is relevant. It is a church that is for every person.” He then encouraged the church by reminding them that the 100-year milestone was only the beginning and “the best is yet to come!”

Dr. Filimao Chambo gave another greeting where he reminded the congregation of a way that his grandmother started all her prayers by saying “welcome, welcome to the gospel.” He then led a beautiful moment where he called out “welcome, welcome to the gospel!” and the congregation responded “it shines, it shines in Mozambique”

The pinnacle of the event was the time set aside in the service for General Superintendent Dr. Eugenio Duarte to ordain 17 ministers from 7 districts across Mozambique. From the testimonies of the retired ministers to the ordination of the next generation, it is clear that the Church of the Nazarene Mozambique has a rich history and a bright future! The best is truly yet to come and the gospel will continue to shine in Mozambique!

Could You Serve?

Is God calling you to assist the leadership in Mozambique to train pastors and leaders by coordinating the training center? Click [here](#) to learn more.



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