

Mesoamerica Region



Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago were first colonized by the Spanish but came under British control in the late 19th century. Noted for the sugar industry, and the slave labor required to sustain it, the islands were crippled economically with the emancipation of slaves in 1834. However, large numbers of Indian contract laborers brought in between 1845 and 1917 boosted sugar production and a thriving cocoa industry. This also introduced Hinduism to the islands, the second major religion practiced there. Oil was discovered in Trinidad around 1910, which energized a booming economy through export. The Church of the Nazarene established its first work here in 1926. Trinidad and Tobago attained independence in 1962. One of the most prosperous countries in the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago are now rapidly expanding in its tourism industry and related services. One third of the population is under the age of 25 years, which prompts many of the ministries there, including children's camps highlighted in today's story.



6,973 Members



31 Fully Organized
Churches



22 District Licensed
and 50 Ordained
Ministers on 1 District

PRAYER



- Pray that God would continue to raise up committed persons to help serve in children and youth ministry on the district.
- Pray that God will work through Nazarenes on our district to make Christlike disciples amongst the children in our nation.

PRAISE



- Praise God for the opportunity to share Jesus' love with the children at children's camp.
- Praise God for the growth of the Spanish church on our district.



Kids Kaleidoscope

Click [here](#) to access Kids Kaleidoscope, a monthly addition to NM! Central to awaken and nurture a spirit of missions in everyone.



In Trinidad and Tobago, the district NMI partners with the district NDI annually for a Cross-Cultural Orientation (CCO) to bring awareness of missions to the children at the district children's camp, held at Victory Heights, Arouca, Trinidad. The 2024 theme was 'Missions EXPO 1' - Exploring the wonderful world of Missions. The mission focus was missionary Carlos Gordon, who would be visiting Trinidad and Tobago a few months after children's camp.

Children's coordinator, Carol Garner-Dupigny's concept of the EXPO, involved four booths for the children to learn about missionaries and participate in missions: Education, Prayer, Giving, and a Photo booth.

At the Education booth, they learned about Carlos Gordon's home country, his call, journey, travels to Africa, and work there. They were allowed to ask questions, and they were asked questions for which prizes, and tokens were given.



At the Prayer booth, they learned about prayer, how to pray, and why prayer is important. The children were invited to pray for missionary Carlos Gordon, other missionaries and for missions in Trinidad and Tobago and the Mesoamerican region. They also shared testimonies of how praying has helped them and their families. They received book marks and cross key chains.



At the Giving booth, participants learned about the Alabaster story of how the woman gave her best to Jesus and focused on the importance of giving and how they can give. The 50 children also made Alabaster boxes for the upcoming Alabaster services at their local churches. They had fun designing and personalizing these boxes. They also learned about offerings that are collected to send missionaries all over the world to share God's word.



Exploration time ended with the trip to the Photo booth, where they took a variety of group pictures.

We thank God for the vision and strength to accomplish this mission-focused event, designed to make Christ-like disciples amongst the children.

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