



# COVID-19 RESPONSE: THANK YOU FOR SHOWING COMPASSION

## Your Impact Through Pandemic Relief

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic has altered everything. Through it all, churches have been and will continue to be vital. Without local Nazarene churches, fewer people would have received the food, income assistance, mental health support, and spiritual ministry they needed when they needed it.

Through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, you have come alongside churches that have witnessed great needs within their communities. They have seen hunger, fear, and illness. And instead of becoming immobilized, they have pivoted existing projects and started new ones to reach those in need.

COVID-19 projects are active in all six regions of the Church of the Nazarene. Many are supporting those reeling from economic crises. Others are providing crucial health supplies like soap and masks. Still more are working with communities who were already facing great need, including those living as refugees. Their responses are just the beginning; as the needs grow, so too will ministries of compassion.



Nearly 400,000 people\* are being served by new COVID-19 ministries or adapted projects.



86 countries\* have an active response to the pandemic.



Close to 200 new projects\* have been developed and approved.



More than 5,400 churches\* are participating in those projects through NCM.

*\*These numbers increase weekly.*



During the pandemic, churches and ministries in Liberia adapted quickly to support others.

## Stories from Liberia

Sao, 41, loves to have fun. When she was learning catering through the Empowering Women With Dignity project in Liberia, she said her favorite part was the camaraderie among the women in the class. Several Nazarene churches participate in the project, which teaches women vocational skills like sewing, catering, soap-making, and tie-dye.

Just before the COVID-19 pandemic started, Sao's husband lost his job. The couple and their three children, ages 8, 13, and 17, found themselves without any income. Sao put to use the skills she had learned in class and began making food to sell. Despite a 3 pm curfew, she and her children regularly sold out of the goods she made. "Had it not been for the vocational skills, my family and myself would have died of hunger because we had nowhere to turn," she said.

Nazarene churches in Liberia have acted quickly in the face of the pandemic. Women who are part of the vocational skills classes distributed hygiene products to more than 150 families, and the Nazarene district distributed food and hygiene supplies to 250 people. Church-led taskforces also set up hand-washing stations and raised awareness in the communities.

Learn more at [ncm.org/COVID19](https://ncm.org/COVID19)