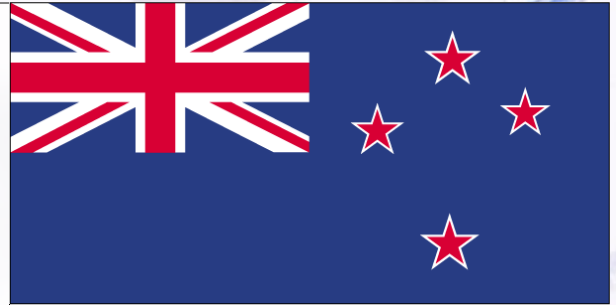


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New Zealand

New Zealand is an English speaking country in the South Pacific with over four million people, 40 million sheep and eight million cattle. Two major sources of income are dairy exports and tourism. It was the first country in the world to give women voting rights and has a parliamentary democracy based on the British system. It is the most secular English speaking nation in the world and 40% of the population claims no religion. The population is 70% European, 15% Maori, 9% Asian and 6% Polynesian especially Samoan.

The New Zealand District of the Church of the Nazarene is very multicultural with pastors from Samoa, Korea, Cook Islands, Niue, India, USA, and a few born in New Zealand. The membership is about 20% Asian, 60% Pacific Islanders and 20% European and Maori. It is thus a great place to learn cross cultural communication through close interaction with multiple nationalities. Each year the Nazarenes and Wesleyans run a combined youth camp with 200 young people with even more nationalities including Tongan and Fijians.

Pacific islanders are noted for a strong sense of family and hospitality. Visitors feel very welcome and accepted into the family of God. This strong sense of community and hospitality can be quite a different experience for those who come from cultures that are predominantly individualistic. To see more about what God is doing in Middle Earth check out the following websites: www.nazarene.org.nz, www.nzym.synthasite.com, and www.churchofthenazarenemangere.yolasite.com.

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