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- ♦ The mission district leader for Colombia, as he mentors leaders throughout Colombia
- ♦ Leadership development and training
- ♦ Church planting
- ♦ Transformational ministries that serve the needs of the local church communities

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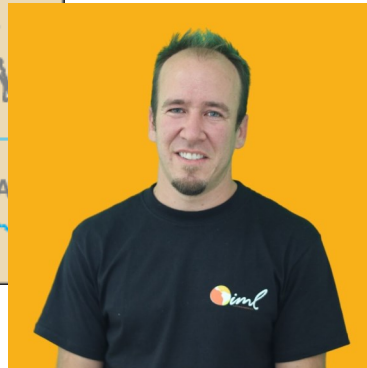
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Thad Roller

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### Mission District

- Population: 51,404,000 (72% urban)
- Major Cities: Bogotá (7.8 million), Medellín (3 million), Cali (2.8 million)
- Evangelical Christians: 10.73%
- FM Work Opened: 1994
- FM Churches: 3
- Church Planting Projects: 8
- Churches in Affiliation Process: 8
- FM Membership: 705
- District Leader: Thad Roller
- Missionaries: Shane & Katie Jewell, Thad & Nikki Roller, Andrea Tinsley
- Overseer: Latin America Area Director Ricardo Gómez

## The Free Methodist Church in Colombia

### Origins

In December of 1993 the director of the FM churches in Costa Rica, Jorge Gomez, traveled to Colombia to visit his mother-in-law. While there he met with his nephew, Libni Montenegro, who shared that God had given him a vision of raising up a denomination in Colombia. Under Libni's direction, and with Costa Rican support, the church was started in 1994.

### Present Ministries

The Free Methodist Church began here over a quarter of a century ago to serve at-risk children in Colombia. Today, in addition to providing educational, nutritional and spiritual support to at-risk children in three different cities, there are now three established churches and seven church-planting projects. The district also has three leadership training centers and is very committed to planting community churches. Eight churches along the coast are also in the process of affiliation.

### Pray for:

- development of healthy leaders, multiplication of committed disciples and continued empowerment of transformational churches
- wisdom for the interim mission district leader, Daniel Gasca, and discernment for the selection of the next mission district leader
- wisdom and grace for all the district pastors and leaders during this time of transition

