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**Costa Rica Need: \$ 16,200**

Funding the **Costa Rica Church Planting & Development (CPD)** help resource the following strategic initiatives:

- ♦ The mission district leader as he pastors a local church and leads the district
- ♦ The district vision plan that includes four priorities: developing leaders, planting churches, strengthening FM identity, and economic sustainability

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### Mission District

- ♦ Population: 5,144,000
- ♦ Evangelical Christians: 18.35%
- ♦ FM Work Opened: 1991
- ♦ FM Churches: 6
- ♦ FM Membership: 318
- ♦ District Leader: Pedro Flores
- ♦ Overseer: Area Director  
Ricardo Gómez



Pedro Flores



## The Free Methodist Church in Costa Rica

### Origins

In early 1990 a group of some 300 adults who had formerly been part of the Methodist Church heard about the Free Methodist Church from Spanish speaking Free Methodists in Lawrence, MA, and expressed interest in affiliating with a holiness denomination. Free Methodist missionaries studying language in Costa Rica at the time made contact and began attending services. Later the area director visited the congregation's leadership and took steps to establish a formal relationship between the Free Methodist Church and the congregation. In October of 1990, this group was approved as a mission district under Free Methodist World Missions.

### Present Ministries

Almost half of the Costa Rican population lives in the central valley, an urban sprawl that surrounds the capital city of San José. Four of the district's churches are in this central valley; the other two are several hours north toward the Nicaraguan border. The district is advancing in its priorities to develop healthy leaders, multiply committed disciples, plant churches, strengthen the FM identity and achieve financial sustainability. The mission district is also training teachers to use the *Roots* curriculum for children.

### Pray for:

- development of healthy leaders, multiplication of committed disciples and empowerment of transformational churches
- wisdom and discernment for District Leader Pastor Pedro Flores as he serves the district and his family
- effective and lifelong effects of the *Roots* curriculum in the lives of Costa Rican children
- Community Church Planting to bring new spiritual depth, numerical growth and economic sustainability