

Country Support

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to partner with national leaders
and ministries

Colombia 2016 Ministry Needs: \$25,000

Funding the **Colombia Country Support Account (CSA)** will help resource the following people and strategic initiatives:

- Pastor Libni Gasca, mission district leader for Colombia, an excellent, visionary leader of international caliber, as he mentors leaders throughout Colombia
- Leadership development and training for ministry through a virtual program being implemented in partnership with the Seminario Biblico de Colombia in Medellín
- Church planting in the key cities of Bogotá and Medellín
- Ministries that serve the needs of the local church communities:
 - * A ministry to Bogotá's street children through a Free Methodist girls' home whose vision is to walk with and be in the lives of each of these children until they graduate from university
 - * Medellín's Center for Family Development, an after school program that helps get at-risk children off the streets and provides spiritual, academic and recreational support to counteract the culture of death in which they live
 - * A ministry in Barrancabermeja that serves to combat the spiritual warfare and poverty that grips the city

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Mission District

- Population: 46,245,297 (72% urban)
- Major Cities: Bogotá (7.8 million), Medellín (3 million), Cali (2.8 million)
- Evangelical Christians: 7.5%
- FM Work Opened: 1994
- FM Churches: 2
- FM Membership: 321
- Ordained Elders: 1
- Conference Ministerial Candidates: 15
- Director: Libni Gasca
- Missionaries: Ricardo and Beth Gómez
- Overseer: Latin America Area Director Dr. Delia Nüesch-Oliver

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

A dynamic, growing church in the capital of Bogotá is developing leaders and planting daughter congregations. The church sponsors a children's home ministering to former street children in partnership with International Child Care Ministries. A daughter church in Barrancabermeja, an eight-hour drive from Bogotá, has been established and is growing. New church planting projects are targeting Medellín and other cities. Missionaries Ricardo and Beth Gomez work part time with the Seminario Biblico de Colombia in Medellín and part time with the Colombia District. Ricardo also assists with ordination of pastors throughout Latin America.



Pastor Libni Gasca