

Country Support

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Guinea Bissau 2016 Ministry Need: \$2,400

Funding the **Guinea Bissau Country Support Account (CSA)** will help resource the following strategic initiatives:

- * an office for Pastor Rito
- * training materials
- * training seminars
- * travel for Pastor Rito



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Church-in-Formation

- Population: 1,704,000
- Evangelical Christians: 1.6%
- FM Work Opened: 2015
- Ecclesiastical Accountability: FMWM through Africa Area
Director Michael Reynen

The Free Methodist Church in Guinea Bissau

The Guinea Bissau Free Methodist work is led by Pastor Rito Mande. Rito first connected with Free Methodists when missionary Cindi Angelo went on a mission trip to Guinea Bissau. (Cindi, a Brazilian missionary to Portugal, speaks Portuguese. Guinea Bissau has historical and linguistic connections with Portugal.) After meeting Rito, Cindi discovered he was a devoted follower of Christ. She encouraged him in his faith. Rito eventually traveled on a mission trip to Togo where he lived with Free Methodist leader, Rev. Dosseh Takpale, about two years before returning to his homeland. Some years later Pastor Rito and Dosseh reconnected and began to talk seriously about Rito, along with the work he had started, joining the Free Methodist family. That affiliation came to fruition in June 2015.

Pastor Rito leads a church started largely as outreach to children, then their families. Three other fellowships, all started following the same pattern, are a part of the work. Nine leaders – most young adults – help with these fellowships.