

Country Support

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Haiti 2016 Ministry Need: \$53,200

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

- Church planting
- Evangelism
- New fields
- Leadership development — superintendents and pastors stipends
- Leadership development — Bible school
- Leadership development — Bible school facilities operations
- Community transformation — Dessalines Rural Health Project
- Community transformation — Community development

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Haiti



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General Conference

- Population: 9,996,731 (36% urban)
- Major City: Port-au-Prince (1.7 million)
- Evangelical Christians: 16%
- FM Work Opened: 1964
- FM Churches: 135
- FM Membership: 33,395
- Ordained Elders: 94
- Conference Ministerial Candidates: 18
- Bishop: Eliodor Devariste
- Ecclesiastical Accountability: Free Methodist World Conference

The Free Methodist Church in Haiti

Origins

The Free Methodist mission in Haiti began in 1964 when Mildred Norbeck, a Free Methodist, turned over the independent mission she had founded to Free Methodist World Missions. The first Free Methodist church was organized in Port-au-Prince with 12 members. Miss Maxine Riddle, who had served with the original mission, was the first appointed missionary. In four years, the conference grew to 694 members. A Bible school was opened and primary schools started.

Present Ministries

In spite of great tragedy and loss caused by the devastating January 2010 earthquake, the church has seen significant growth. Many church buildings which were destroyed have been rebuilt in better, larger locations. International Child Care Ministries (ICCM) sponsors nearly 9,000 children in Haiti. Most of the churches operate primary schools. Nine secondary schools, a Bible school, and Providence University, as well as the Dessalines Rural Health Program and hospital, serve the educational, health and spiritual needs of thousands of people. Years of missionary investment are bearing fruit as responsibility and direction have fully shifted to Haitian leaders. The Free Methodist Church in Haiti became a provisional general conference in 2011 and a full general conference in 2015.