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El Salvador 2016 Ministry Needs: \$4,000

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

- Pastor Hiuberth Zapata, director of the neighboring Nicaragua Mission District, as he evaluates the work in El Salvador and determines a plan for the future
- a growing ministry in the heart of San Salvador, serving in the smallest and most densely-populated country in Central America



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El Salvador



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- Population: 6,125,512 (59% urban)
- Major City: San Salvador (1.8 million)
- Evangelical Christians: 31.6%

Church-in-Formation

- FM Work Opened: 1994
- FM Churches: 1
- FM Membership: 51
- District Leader: Victor Nelson Rodriguez
- Overseer: FMWM through Latin America Area Director Dr. Delia Nüesch-Olver

Mission District (Mid-America Annual Conference)

- FM Churches: 7
- FM Membership: 179
- Overseer: Mid-America Annual Conference Superintendent Dr. Jeff Johnson

The Free Methodist Church in El Salvador

Origins

The Free Methodist Church in El Salvador was planted by Jose Eduardo Rauda, an ordained Hispanic pastor from the Texas Conference. He and his family were forced to return to their home country of El Salvador due to changes in immigration policies in the early 1990s. In spite of the ongoing civil war, Pastor Rauda began evangelizing and planted a congregation. In 1995 Free Methodist World Missions became aware of his work and officially incorporated the church into the Free Methodist denomination.

Present Ministries

El Salvador is one of the most violent countries in Latin America, with gangs, drugs and kidnappings. The main church in the capital city, San Salvador, has built a facility with the help of VISA teams and has mothered another church in the town of Chalatanango.

The Guatemala Jesus mi Amado District of the Mid-America Conference has also started work in neighboring El Salvador.