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Mexico Central 2016 Ministry Need: \$13,525

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

- Pastor Hector Perez, who leads this district centered in Mexico City, the largest urban area in the western hemisphere (The district also includes a cluster of churches in the Yucatan Peninsula, a 20-hour bus ride from Mexico City.)
- Following up on contacts from Latino churches in the U.S. to reach family members and plant churches in Mexico
- Creative outreach events in the surrounding communities that focus on children, youth and families



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Mexico Central



Pastor Hector Perez
Mexico Central (Mexico City)

Mexico

- Population: 120,286,655 (75% urban)
- Major Cities: México City (21 million), Guadalajara (3.8 million), Monterrey (3.5 million)
- Evangelical Christians: 8.3%
- FM Work Opened: 1917

Central Mexico Mission District

- FM Churches: 8
- FM Membership: 287
- Ordained Elders: 1
- Conference Ministerial Candidates: 5
- Mission District Director: Hector Perez
- Overseer: Latin America Area Director Dr. Delia Nüesch-Olver

The Free Methodist Church in Mexico

Origins

A revival in Los Angeles, California, in 1917 sparked the movement for Free Methodists to focus ministry in Mexico. As Mexican churches were raised up in California, workers became burdened for the unevangelized in Mexico. Mexican law forbade foreign missionaries to serve as pastors in Mexico, so Gonzalo Cisneros, a Mexican-American, was authorized by Free Methodist World Missions to return to his home town in Sonora to serve as missionary-pastor. In 1931 the Mexican Provisional Conference, embracing churches in both California and Mexico, was organized in Chino, California.

Present Ministries

Churches in Baja California make up the Northwest Mexico Provisional Annual Conference. Churches of the Mexican Annual Conference extend south from the borders of Texas and Arizona to the central states of the country. The Central Mexico Mission District, is in central and southern Mexico. Ministry in Mexico City, the largest city in the Americas, became a thrust of that mission district in 1995. The Mexico North Provisional Annual Conference was created in 2013 out of the Mexico Annual Conference. Contacts through the Hispanic churches in Southern California are now being gathered into a new mission district in the southern part of the country.

Guatemalan districts of the Mid-America Annual Conference have planted Free Methodist churches along the southern border of Mexico.

Outreach to the World

The first Mexican missions conference was held in 2009; the second followed in 2012. Pastors, lay leaders and many university students were challenged and equipped to reach people of other ethnic groups within Mexico and people of other countries for Christ. The Mexican church has helped send and support a church planter in the Central Mexico Mission District. A pastor from Baja California has assisted the work in Costa Rica. The Mexican Conference has sent a missionary to Quito, Ecuador.