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Mexico Need: \$3,000

Funding the **Mexico Church Planting & Development (CPD)** will help resource the following people and strategic initiatives:

- ◆ Renewed efforts in church planting
- ◆ Leadership development and pastoral formation
- ◆ Outreach and transformational ministries to children, youth and families in communities surrounding churches

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Mexico



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Provisional General Conference

- Population: 131,468,000 (75% urban)
- Major Cities: México City (21 million), Guadalajara (3.8 million), Monterrey (3.5 million)
- Evangelical Christians: 10.48%
- FM Work Opened: 1917
- FM Churches: 64
- FM Membership: 4,828
- Bishop: Rosario Castro Garibaldi



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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

Mexico has an estimated population of 120 million and is the second-most-populous nation in Latin America. Almost 80% of people live in urban areas. Poverty, addictions, violence and government corruption are all problems. Due to the poor health care system, the economy, and cramped, multigenerational housing, the pandemic caused many to suffer. The Free Methodist Church in Mexico became a provisional general conference in 2016.

Pray for:

- the church in Mexico as it has begun to adopt Community Church Planting and has seen some growth in the past year
- wisdom, faith and maturity for both leadership and church members
- transformation in individual lives that will lead to communities being transformed into places of life and peace
- unity among Christians
- churches to be established and multiply in Mexico City, the largest urban area in the Western Hemisphere and the fifth largest in the world
- ICCM-sponsored children to grow in their faith