



# THE CUMORAH FOUNDATION

Resources on Church Growth and Missionary Work for  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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## WELCOME!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide monthly updates on the growth of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and missionary news stories and present a synopsis of recently completed educational resources and research. We are a privately funded initiative that provides resources online without cost. The Cumorah Foundation is not authorized or approved by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or any other group.

## CHURCH GROWTH DEVELOPMENTS

### New Stakes

(provided with chronological ranking and date of creation)

29. Twin Falls Idaho East - August 29th, 2021

### New Districts

6. Bujumbura Burundi - August 22nd, 2021

### Discontinued Stakes and Districts

*None reported in August 2021*

### Locations Recently Reached by the Church

(city population rank, most recent population estimate)  
precise population data from [www.citypopulation.de](http://www.citypopulation.de)

- Bennett, Colorado (158<sup>th</sup>, 2,308)
- Split, Croatia (2<sup>nd</sup>, 165,893)
- Anislag, Philippines (N/A, N/A)
- Flora, Philippines (N/A, N/A)

### Locations Recently Closed by the Church

*Cities where the only ward or branch was closed; some of these cities may continue to have a dependent unit and/or missionaries assigned.*  
(city population rank, most recent population estimate)  
data from [www.citypopulation.de](http://www.citypopulation.de)

- Dutch Harbor, Alaska (158<sup>th</sup>, 2,308)
- Bancroft, Ontario, Canada (N/A, 4,011)
- Varazdin, Croatia (10<sup>th</sup>, 38,746)
- Nagaoka, Japan (78<sup>th</sup>, 282,674)
- Malacca, Malaysia (23<sup>rd</sup>, 180,671)
- Foxton, New Zealand (69<sup>th</sup>, 4,440)
- Ramenskoe, Russia (N/A, 109,709)
- Kherson, Ukraine (16<sup>th</sup>, 304,613)

### First District Organized in Burundi

The Church organized its first district in the African nation of Burundi during the month of August. The Bujumbura Burundi District includes all three branches of the Church in Burundi—all of which operate in Bujumbura. The Church reestablished an official Church presence in Burundi in 2010. Rapid membership growth occurred between 2010 and 2015 as membership increased from 39 to 597. Membership growth rates have slowed dramatically in the past five years, and this has appeared primarily due to political instability affecting full-time missionary operations. Nonetheless, there have been good successes in recent years with local members serving full-time missions. The Church reported 749 members in Burundi as of year-end 2019. Burundi pertains to the Democratic Republic of the Congo Lubumbashi Mission.



### Additional Swahili-Speaking Branches Organized in the United States

The Church recently organized two new Swahili-speaking branches in the United States in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Twin Falls, Idaho. There are now three Swahili-speaking branches in the United States.

## Church Reestablishes Branch in Second Most Populous City in Croatia; Varazdin Branch Discontinued



The Church recently reinstated the Split Branch. Split is the second most populous city in Croatia, and it is the only city, aside from Zagreb and Rijeka, with at least 100,000 inhabitants. The Church used to operate a branch in Split between the mid-1990s until it was discontinued in 2005.

However, the Church also discontinued its branch in Varazdin. Varazdin was the city in Croatia with the smallest population where a branch functioned. The Church in Croatia has experienced essentially stagnant growth within the past decade. There were 635 Latter-day Saints on Church records in Croatia as of year-end 2019. The Adriatic North Mission is headquartered in Zagreb, Croatia, and the mission services Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia.

## Second Mission in Mozambique Officially Organized



The Church officially organized its second mission in Mozambique during August. The Mozambique Beira Mission was created from a division of the Mozambique Maputo Mission (organized in 2005). The new mission includes northern Mozambique where the Church operates three stakes and one district (all of which have been organized since 2015). The Church originally planned to organize the Mozambique Beira Mission in 2020, but the creation of the new mission was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

