



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)

- 23. San Luis Potosi Mexico Industrias - Aug. 21st
- 24. Syracuse Utah Freemont Park - August 21st, 2022

New Districts

None reported in August 2022

Discontinued Stakes and Districts

None reported in August 2022

Locations Recently Reached by the Church

(city population rank, most recent population estimate)
precise population data from www.citypopulation.de

- Balsa Nova, Parana, Brazil (N/A, 13,092)
- Picos, Piauí, Brazil (3rd, 62,450)
- San Joaquin, Philippines (N/A, 5,969)
- Huahin, Thailand (34th, 63,091)

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

- Mendenhall, Mississippi (112th, 2,199)

Third Branch Created in Gabon

The Cameroon Yaoundé Mission organized the Church's third branch in the Central African nation of Gabon during August. The Charbonnage Branch was organized in northern Libreville—the capital city of Gabon and where the two other branches in the country operate. With a third branch in the city, Libreville appears likely to have a district organized in the foreseeable future. The Church does not publish information on annual membership figures for Gabon for unclear reasons as the Church has full legal status in Gabon, there are no religious freedom restrictions, and the population is predominantly Christian. However, returned missionary reports noted that there were approximately 300 Latter-day Saints in Gabon in 2020. The Church organized its first branch in Gabon in 2012. No other cities in Gabon have an official Church presence, albeit returned missionary reports years ago noted that there were a few isolated members in Port-Gentil.



