



# 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)

25. San Marcos California - Sept. 11th, 2022
26. Lake Norman North Carolina - Sept. 18th, 2022

### New Districts

*None reported in September 2022*

### Discontinued Stakes and Districts

*None reported in September 2022*

### Locations Recently Reached by the Church

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

- Onwe, Ghana (N/A, N/A)
- Entre Rios, Guatemala (N/A, N/A)
- Jocatán, Guatemala (N/A, N/A)
- Gabagaba, Papua New Guinea (N/A, N/A)
- Senunu, Papua New Guinea (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)

*None reported in September 2022*

### Rapid Growth Returns to Pakistan

The Church in Pakistan has recently experienced a major increase in convert baptisms and Church attendance. Local members report that more than 2,000 members attended the Lahore Pakistan District conference from the five branches in the district. However, the district has generally averaged around 850-900 members attending church meetings in recent months – nearly double what was reported in early 2022. The Lahore Pakistan District is the only district that appears close to becoming a stake. Moreover, some branches have reported significant numbers of convert baptisms in recent months. Additionally, the recently organized Mian Channu Group often has approximately 200 attending church meetings. It is unclear when the group may become a branch. Pakistan became its own mission in 2021. Much of the recent progress with Church growth in Pakistan has appeared to be due to increased mission present oversight for the three Pakistani districts.

### New Branches in Papua New Guinea

The Church recently organized several new branches in Papua New Guinea, including two new branches in the Rigo Papua New Guinea District and one new branch in the Madang Papua New Guinea District. There are now eight branches in the Rigo Papua New Guinea District (organized in 2008) and five branches in the Madang Papua New Guinea District (organized in 2012). There are two stakes, 12 districts, and 90 wards/branches in Papua New Guinea.