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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)

8. Newnan Georgia - August 16th, 2020
9. Orlando Florida West - August 23rd, 2020
10. Worcester Massachusetts - August 30th, 2020

New Districts

None reported in August 2020

Discontinued Stakes and Districts

None reported in August 2020

Locations Recently Reached by the Church

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

*City where a ward or branch previously operated within the past 10 years

- Kuffour Camp, Ghana (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

- Tatabanya, Hungary (12th, 70,164)
- Broadus, Montana (156th, 468)
- Anseong, South Korea (77th, 55,207)

First Stakes Organized Since March 2020

The Church organized several new stakes during the month of August—the first new stakes created since the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the suspension of Church meetings and new stake creations back in March. During August, the Church organized at least three new stakes—all of which were created in the United States. Individuals who attended the meetings to create the new stakes noted that these meetings were conducted by videoconferencing.

Updated Missionary Numbers

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf [provided updated on the number of full-time missionaries serving](#) throughout the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. In early February 2020, the Church had nearly 68,000 members serving full-time missions (nearly 1,000 more than at year-end 2019), whereas in late April 2020 there were only 42,000 members serving full-time missions as a result of “pandemic-adjustment releases.” Elder Uchtdorf reported that the number of members serving full-time missionaries rebounded to more than 52,000 by mid-August 2020 as missionaries returned into the field. Elder Uchtdorf also noted that nearly 32,000 full-time missionaries were relocated within a relatively short period of time in the spring of 2020, and that there are 400 full-time missionaries who have extended their service as they are unable to return home due to travel restrictions. Furthermore, 24 mission presidents and their wives have extended their assignments, and 21 local couples have been called to serve as interim mission leaders until the official mission presidents arrive. The article also noted that half of the Church’s 407 missions have missionaries who mainly work from their apartments through the use of technology to proselyte.