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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)

5. Orem Utah YSA 4th - March 14th, 2021
6. Imus Philippines - March 21st, 2021
7. North Pole Alaska - March 28th, 2021
8. Gettysburg Pennsylvania - March 28th, 2021
9. Almada Portugal - March 28th, 2021

New Districts

None reported in March 2021

Discontinued Stakes and Districts

3. Algarve Portugal
4. Madeira Portugal

Locations Recently Reached by the Church

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

- Tibagi, Parana, Brazil (123rd, 10,070)
- San Pablo Oztotepec, D.F., Mexico (22nd, 15,507)
- Ouesso, Republic of the Congo (6th, 28,179)

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

- Xonacatlan, Estado de Mexico, Mexico (66th, 20,680)
- Siegen, Germany (77th, 103,424)

Rapid Growth in the Republic of the Congo, First Branch Organized in the North



The Republic of Congo Brazzaville Mission is currently in a significant period of growth. The Church recently organized its first branch in the northern city of Ouesso on the border with Cameroon. This marks the first time the Church has created a branch in the northern portion of the country. The

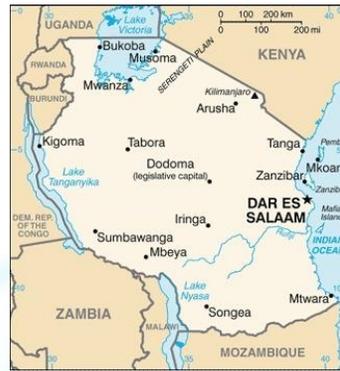
mission president reported that the mission receives 20 self-referrals per day from individuals who have learned about the Church online. The mission had 74 baptisms in February despite having few full-time missionaries assigned to the mission and many of these missionaries having little experience. There are 90 people who are not members of the Church who attend the Institutes of Religion class on a university in Brazzaville. Moreover, 17 new wards and branches will be organized by June 2021 in the mission. The Church doubled the number of stakes in the Republic of the Congo during 2020 from two to four. Currently, there are 28 wards and branches in the entire country. A video on Facebook that provides these details and more (with English subtitles) can be found [here](#).

New Stake Organized and Two Districts Discontinued in Portugal

The Church organized a new stake in Portugal during March from a division of the Setubal Portugal Stake. Districts headquartered in Algarve and Madeira were discontinued, and branches that pertained to these districts were reassigned to stakes. This marks the first time since 2002 in which the Church has organized a new stake in Portugal. The Algarve Portugal District has attempted for many years to become a stake without success. Thus, this decision appeared prompted to permit southern Portugal to pertain to a stake and some of the branches to become wards. There are now seven stakes and one district in Portugal.



Two New Branches in Tanzania – First Time Multiple Branches Operate in a City Outside of Dar Es Salaam



The Church organized two new branches in Tanzania, including the Church's eight branch in Dar Es Salaam (the Mbagala Branch) and the Church's second branch in Mwanza (the Buhongwa Branch). This marks a major milestone for the Church in Tanzania as the Church has never operated more

than one branch within the same city except for Dar Es Salaam. The new Tanzania Dar Es Salaam Mission (organized in 2020) has appeared to serve as an important catalyst to organize new branches. For example, the number of branches in Tanzania has nearly doubled from six in 2018 to 11 at present. However, the Church has not organized its first branch in a previously unreached city since Mwanza where the original Mwanza Branch was organized in 2011. There are only three cities in Tanzania with branches: Dar Es Salaam, Arusha, and Mwanza. There are 16 cities in Tanzania where there are at least 100,00 inhabitants and no Latter-day Saint presence.

