

Pioneering Missions

First Mission Stories

Pioneering Workers

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Bolivia

Brazil

Chile

Colombia – Since the government began requiring a university academic accreditation for pastors or missionaries, the number of workers has decreased significantly.

Ecuador

Guatemala

Mexico

Paraguay

Peru

Uruguay

Venezuela

...CARIBBEAN (WEST INDIES) & ATLANTIC ISLANDS

The Caribbean Workers List is divided into 4 groups of workers: Dutch, French, Spanish and English Speaking

Barbados

Bermuda

Cuba

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Jamaica

Suriname

Trinidad & Tobago, Republic of

NOTE: The three smaller countries along the northern coast of South America—**GUYANA, SURINAME, AND FRENCH GUIANA**—are usually not considered “South American” relative to the work, as the workers laboring there were from the Caribbean. They don’t interact much with the work in South America, since they don’t speak the same languages, and they are much more Caribbean/European in their culture than Latin.

...AFRICA:

Christian Church in Africa – Statement by Overseer Louis van Dyk

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Madagascar – Ken Paginton’s Testimony, 1981

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Australia, Queensland – Pioneering Ways of the Gospel in Queensland, Australia

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New Zealand – Brief Summary of the First Days of the Work in New Zealand

New Zealand – First Workers in New Zealand

New Zealand – Friends Who Lived in the Hutt Valley 1901–2006

...EUROPE – WESTERN & SOUTHERN:

Austria

France & Belguim

Germany

Greece & Armenia [Armenia is attached to the work in Greece]

Italy

Luxembourg – info needed

Netherlands

Portugal

Spain

Switzerland

...EUROPE – EASTERN:

Czechoslovakia existed from October 1918 until January 1, 1993, when it peacefully split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia;

Hungary

Poland & Latvia

Romania & Moldova [Moldova is attached to work in Romania]

Ukraine

Yugoslavia – information needed

...EUROPE – NORTHERN – BALTIC: The three Baltic countries are in Northern Europe are all members of the European Union:

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Estonia (mostly worked from Finland)

Latvia

Lithuania

...RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

Former USSR & Russian Far East

Kazakhstan

...SCANDINAVIA**Sweden****Norway****Denmark****Faroe Islands** [Faroe Islands is attached to work in Denmark]**Finland & Estonia** [Estonia is attached to work in Finland]**Iceland & Greenland**

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...ASIA: (including the Orient that is the eastern part of Asia)**Bangladesh****Burma****China****East Timor****Japan****Korea****India****Indonesia, Java****Laos****Malaya ~ Malaysia** (includes Sarawak and North Borneo aka Sabah)**Philippines****Sabah (North Borneo)****Singapore****Sri Lanka****Taiwan****Thailand****Vietnam**