

MISSION MOMENT

NORTHERN OHIO CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN GLOBAL MISSION

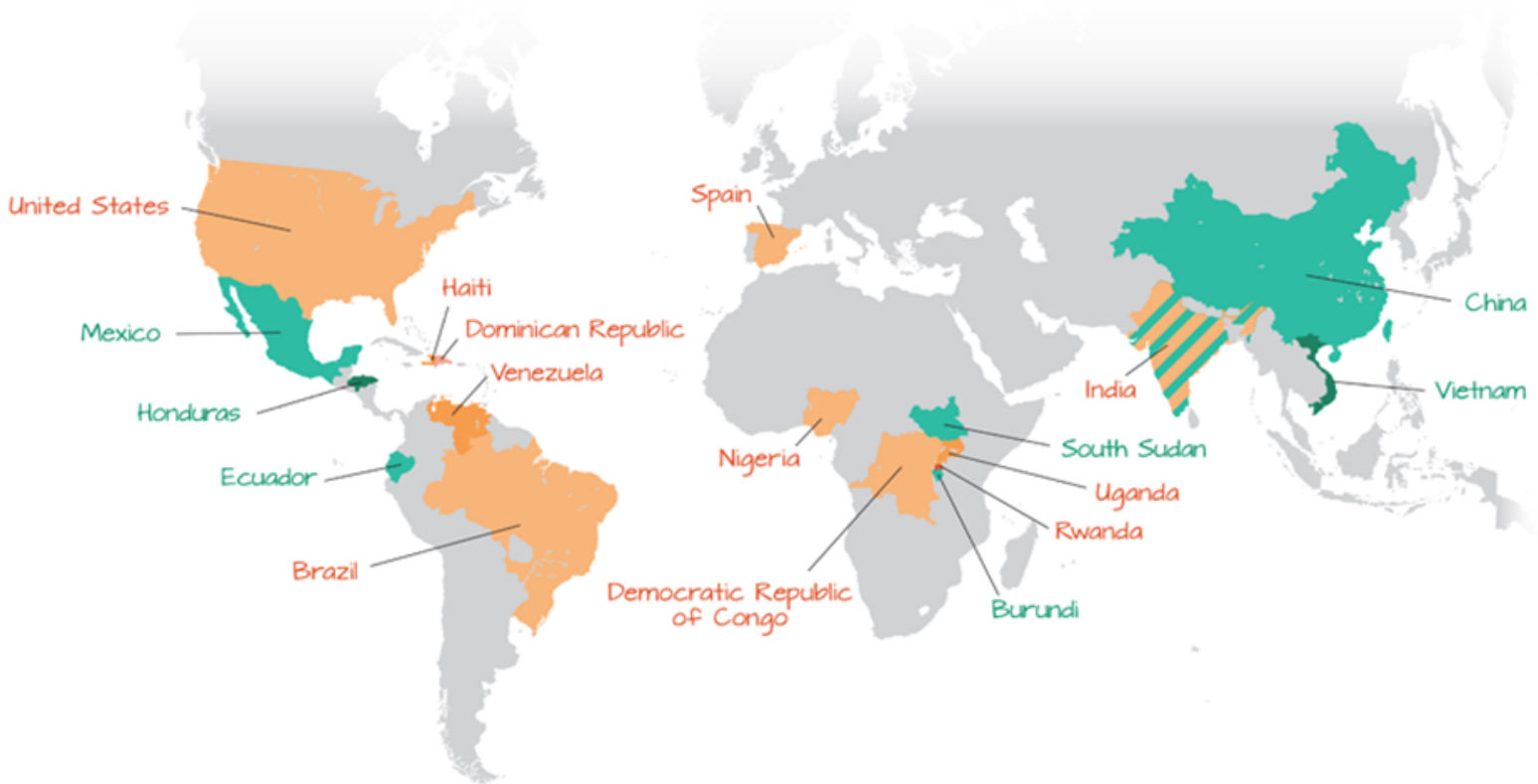
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FEBRUARY 2022

Global Mission of the Church of the Brethren USA

The 11 countries where there are registered Church of the Brethren denominations as of Sept. 2020 are in orange.
The 8 countries where the Global Mission office has partnerships are in green.



Some Church of the Brethren congregations in the United States have additional International contacts. International placements by Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) contribute to the work of Global Mission. The Global Food Initiative is also part of Global Mission. Over the past year, GFI responded to requests for assistance from 27 partner organizations in 10 countries in addition to the US.

BURUNDI

Pray for THARS (Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services) training center. For rebuilding after storms in late 2021. THARS is a longtime partner with the Church of the Brethren and the Global Food Initiative. THARS provides humanitarian relief.

CHINA

Pray for the You'ai (brethren) Hospital opening the new center for children with autism. This is led by Christian occupational therapist. Quality care and services for these children are rare in much of China.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Pray for the upcoming Annual Conference for the church as people gather for worship and pass a budget. No other business will be addressed. Pray for safety for travel for leaders from Haiti, Spain and the United States, including the Puerto Rico district. Prayers for the rift between many of the ethnic Haitian churches and the wider church.

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Pray for the recent passing of Pastor Balongelwa, who led three Brethren congregations.

HAITI

Pray for the situation that continues to be difficult with ongoing gang violence and kidnappings. Church and Haiti Medical Project staff have been caught in crossfire of a gang fight. For continued work to rebuild following the earthquake in Saut Mathurine.

One of the Brethren-built homes in Saut Mathurine that survived the recent earthquake. Photo by Jenn Dorsch-Messler



EQUADOR

Pray for the United and Brethren Foundation's (FBU) ongoing agricultural work that is supported by the Global Food Initiative of the Church of the Brethren. There will also be several members of churches in the US who will be exploring the possibility of planting a church there. The Church of the Brethren had a significant presence in the 1950s-1990s founded by the FBU.

HONDURAS

Pray for the unstable political situation following the election. There is a church and a nonprofit, PAG, with Brethren ties to the country. Pray for the PAG leaders Chet and Lizzeth Thomas that they may return to Honduras soon.

INDIA

Pray for the continued health and recovery of the leaders in India from COVID and other illnesses.

NIGERIA

Pray for the ongoing violence against the churches in Nigeria. More churches have been destroyed and church members kidnapped. We praise God for those who were released or escaped.

RWANDA

Pray for Chris and Grace Elliott (father and daughter) who are currently serving in Rwanda through March. Chris is a pastor and farmer. He is helping with farming and visiting churches and projects in Rwanda and surrounding countries. Grace is teaching in the church's nursery school.



Church in Rwanda. Photo courtesy of Chris Elliott

SOUTH SUDAN

Pray for the Church of the Brethren country director Athanasus Ungang returns to South Sudan. Despite challenges, the work continues in agriculture, evangelism, trauma healing, and conflict resolution. Due to local tribal disagreements the center will be temporarily relocated with the materials salvaged.

VENEZUELA

Pray for the upcoming Annual Conference of the church. The church in Venezuela is facing the challenge of new leadership following the founder Robert Anzoategui. It is working to improve bylaws. Due to the costs and challenges of holding a conference in Venezuela, the conference will be held in neighboring Columbia. Pray for safety in travel and the time of gathering together.

UGANDA

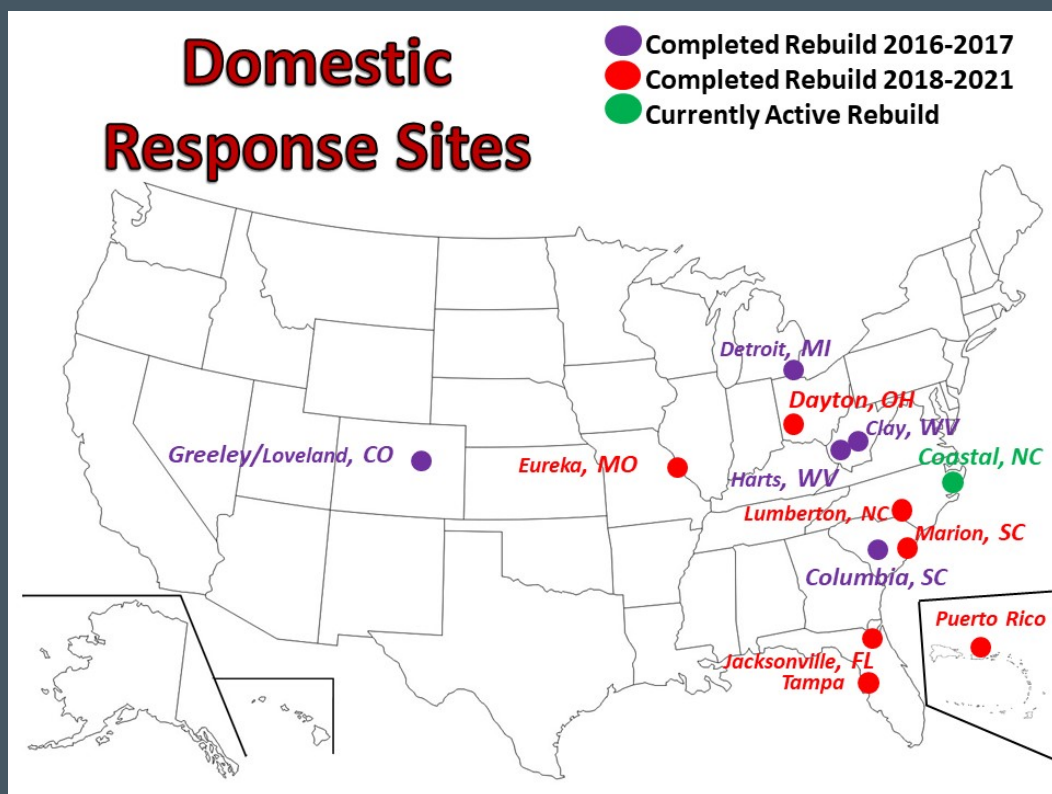
We are grateful for the recovery of leaders in Uganda from COVID and other illnesses. Pray for continued healing and strength.

VIETNAM

Gratitude for the ongoing support of the work to prevent blindness in infants in Vietnam. The ongoing funding and challenges that the pandemic brings. The new leadership following the retirement of Grace Mishler. Pray for the manager and social worker, Thanh and Nhi, who plan to travel to the Highlands to search for families whose children would benefit from an examination in Ho Chi Minh City. Pray for continual new strategies to reach out when movement is restricted and families face unemployment.

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

Pray for the current rebuild happening in Costal, North Carolina.



BRETHREN VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Pray for the leadership of Brethren Volunteer Service and for all of the current volunteers serving domestically and internationally.

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Pray for the leadership of Northern Ohio District. Pray for Inspiration Hills as they begin to plan for the summer camp season, for the staff who will work with the many campers who pass through the trails of camp. For the youth preparing for National Youth Conference, to hear God speaking to them through speakers at NYC.

CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICES

Pray for those affected by trauma. For the families experiencing changes in their daily lives through natural disasters and human caused disasters. Pray for the specially trained responding to children who have been traumatized. For a safe space caused by chaos. Consider being trained to be a part of Children's Disaster Services (CDS). More information found at www.brethren.org/cds/

PRAYER CONCERNS TO ADD

If you have additional prayer requests to add to the monthly Global Mission for Northern Ohio list please email them to Moses and Jocelyn Siakula at siakula2018@gmail.com