



NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD, SBC
NAMB

Memorandum

To: Eduardo Docampo
From: Phil Jones
Date: October 2, 2000
Re: Puerto Rican Churches and Missions

Earlier in the year we developed a questionnaire for Puerto Rican and Virgin Island churches. Forms for 35 congregations have been completed and returned. Patricia Wellwood keyed this information into an Access database.

Based on our best counts, there should be 63 churches and church-type missions in Puerto Rico and another 10 churches and missions in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Therefore, we have information from our survey on about half of the units that are down there. All of the returned questionnaires were for congregations physically located in Puerto Rico.

Of the 35 units reporting, 23 are churches and 11 are church-type missions. The remaining unit is a deaf Sunday School class.

The following represents congregational affiliation by association

Asociacion Bautista De P.R.	19
Asociacion De Iglesias Bautistas Del Sur	10
PR/VI Southern Baptist Association	2
Puerto Rico Deaf Missions	6
Virgin Islands Association	0
Other	2

The following table lists number of congregations started by decade.

1950s	1
1960s	5
1970s	6
1980s	8
1990s	12
No response	3

Of the congregations reporting, 32 indicated they had a pastor while 3 said they do not have a pastor. Of those with a pastor, 19 have full-time pastors and 12 have part-time pastors. (There was one congregation not responding to the follow-up question.)

The following tables show the classification of congregations based on membership and attendance figures, and answers to questions related to language and finances

Number of members:

1-24	10
25-49	7
50-99	8
100-199	6
200-499	0
500+	2
No response	2

Number of people in the primary worship service:

1-24	6
25-49	10
50-99	11
100-199	4
200-499	2
500+	1
No response	1

Number of persons in Bible study or Sunday School each week:

1-24	13
25-49	5
50-99	10
100-199	4
200-499	1
500+	1
No response	1

Which language is used for the primary worship service?

English	1
Spanish	26
Both English and Spanish	3
Deaf Service	5
Other	0

Which of the following best describes the building where the congregation meets for worship?

Church building owned by congregation	20
Church building owned by another congregation	5
Someone's house or apartment	3
Store front	5
School	0
Other	2

Do you get financial support from outside your congregation?

Yes, for rent	8
Yes, for pastor support	8
Yes, for other expenses	6
No	15

What percentage of your total income comes from outside your congregation?

0%	15
1-24%	7
25-49%	4
50-74%	1
75-99%	5
100%	0
No response	3

While this information is helpful, it would be more helpful if we had all the congregations reporting. Let me know if you have additional questions that we might answer from this database.

Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands Congregations

Name of Congregation: _____

Is this congregation a... church or church-type mission

If this is a mission, who is the sponsor? _____

This congregation is part of the ...

- Asociacion Bautista De P.R.
- Asociacion De Iglesias Bautistas Del Sur
- PR/VI Southern Baptist Association
- Puerto Rico Deaf Missions
- Virgin Islands Association

When was the congregation started? _____ (year)

Where does this congregation meet?

Address _____

City _____ Country _____
ZIP _____
Municipio _____

Mailing Address (if different from above)
Name _____
Street _____
City _____ Country _____
ZIP _____

Phone number of congregation _____

Does church have a pastor? Yes No

If yes, is pastor ... full-time bivocational

Pastor's Name	_____
Address	_____ _____
City	_____ Country _____
ZIP	_____
Phone Number	_____

Number of members _____

Number of people in the primary worship service _____

Number of persons in Bible study (or Sunday School) each week _____

Which language is used for the primary worship service?

- English
- Spanish
- Both English and Spanish
- Deaf service
- Some other language (please indicate language _____)

Which of the following best describes the building where the congregation meets for worship?

- Church building owned by congregation
- Church building owned by another congregation
- Someone's house or apartment
- Store front
- School
- Other (please describe _____)

Do you get financial support from outside your congregation?

- Yes, for rent
- Yes, for pastor support
- Yes, for other expenses
- No

What percentage of your total income comes from outside your congregation?

- 0% or no money comes from outside our congregation
- 1% to 24% comes from outside our congregation
- 25% to 49% comes from outside our congregation
- 50% to 74% comes from outside our congregation
- 75% to 99% comes from outside our congregation
- 100% or all of our money comes from outside our congregation