



GLOBALMISSIONS

of Open Bible Churches 

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Global Missions is dedicated to the evangelization of the world in obedience to the Great Commission: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).

Throughout its history, Open Bible Churcheshas sent more than 270 missionaries to 45 countries. World evangelism was central to the theology and practice of the founders of our movement. The biblical mandate to share the Gospel throughout the world forms a part of who we are and what we do today.

Open Bible Global Missions can be found serving around the world – through churches, church plants, Bible Institutes, INSTE (Institute of Theology by Extension), radio and television programs, medical clinics, Puente de Amistad (short-term ministry in Tijuana, México), School of Global Leadership (cross-cultural missionary program), the Lifesong Learning Center in Cambodia, and a variety of humanitarian projects like feeding kitchens for children and relief for the needy.

There are more than 1,725 Open Bible churches around the world (not counting the churches in the United States). They include 82,858,415 members and 2,852 credentialed ministers. Open Bible Churches' 15 Bible Institutes are training 494 students. INSTE Global, a ministry of the Department of Global Missions, is training 10,000 students. INSTE also has students in the United States. The work is nationalized in 40 countries around the world.

Purpose Statement: The Department of Global Missions exists to make disciples, develop leaders, and plant churches.

The following pages describe the countries where Open Bible ministers.

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[Argentina](#)



Hugo and Rina Castro went to Argentina in 1961 as missionaries from their home country of Chile. Through the years, a group of independent churches was formed. In June of 1982 the group was affiliated with Open Bible Churches. Vince and Lois McCarty were appointed as missionaries in 1990 to initiate the Second Level of INSTE and also to serve as the South American INSTE directors. They returned to the U.S. in June of 1995 and the work was nationalized. Hugo Romero is the current INSTE National Director.

Open Bible has 191 churches in Argentina, with 26,990 members, 399 credentialed ministers, and 1,173 INSTE students. They minister through feeding kitchens and radio and TV broadcasts.

Luis Pardo is the president of Open Bible Churches in Argentina.

[Brazil](#)



The first Open Bible Church was established in Porto Alegre in 1977 by Roberto and Esther de Guzzo. In June of 1982 the church affiliated with Open Bible Churches of South America. Presently Open Bible has 7 churches in Brazil, with a membership of 325 people and 14 credentialed ministers.

Fernando Borba is the president of Open Bible Churches in Brazil. He is the pastor of the Open Bible church in Ipanema.

[Cambodia](#)



In 2007 Lifesong Church of the Open Bible in Des Moines, Iowa, sent local church members Ly and Sarin Mak to start a school in the Tamada Village of Cambodia. Since its beginning, the Lifesong Learning Center has grown from 70 to 250 students, serving pupils from preschool age through 6th grade. Students not only learn to read and write, they also learn about God with a daily Bible study. This ministry has been effective in evangelizing local families. In 2014 the Praise Center was constructed beside the school. In April of 2017 Ly and Sarin were appointed as national missionaries by the Board of Global Missions. The Maks use the Center to educate people about human trafficking and provide job training, seminars, and special presentations.

Another goal is to use the Learning Center for the training of church planters from Cambodia as well as many neighboring countries. The goal is to disciple, train, and send 50 pastors to start new churches by 2020 and to train 100 pastors by 2040.

Ly and Sarin Mak are the program directors.

[Cayman Islands](#)



Open Bible has one church with 110 members and three credentialed ministers on Grand Cayman Island. Evangelistic outreaches include a radio program and a prison ministry. The Cayman Islands church is an extension of the ministry of Open Bible Churches in Jamaica.

Anthony Gager is the president of Open Bible Churches in the Cayman Islands.

Chile



The Open Bible Churches movement in Chile was started by Hugo and Rina Castro as an outreach ministry of the work in Argentina. The work was affiliated with Open Bible Churches in June of 1982. Open Bible has 25 churches in Chile, with 890 members and 45 credentialed ministers. Seven of the churches are located in Santiago, the capital city.

Rene González is the president of Open Bible Churches in Chile.

Costa Rica



In 1999 Pastor Carlos Mora served as an assistant pastor in one of the largest churches in Costa Rica's capital city of San José. Pastor Mora learned about INSTE (Institute of Theology by Extension) and was impressed. Wanting the discipleship/leadership program to be available in his country, Pastor Mora became the INSTE director for Costa Rica. Pastor Mora and his wife, Kattia, began an independent church, New Life Church, in the San José suburb of Guadalupe. The church, which started in the couple's home, has grown to 180 people. Thirty-five students are studying INSTE.

They church joined Open Bible in 2003 when Vince McCarty traveled to Costa Rica to meet with the Moras. In 2007 the MOVE (Men of Vision Evangelize) construction team from the U.S. built a new facility for the church.

Carlos Mora serves as the president of Open Bible Churches in Costa Rica.

Cuba



In 1937 Open Bible sent its first missionaries, the Luther Adams family, to Cuba. Many other missionaries served in Cuba until the country came under communist control in 1959. Open Bible Churches was nationalized when American personnel were forced to leave.

Open Bible has 89 traditional churches in Cuba, with 16,825 members and 26 credentialed ministers. The INSTE program has 470 students. There are also 100 house churches with as many as 100 people in each. A sovereign revival is taking place.

Through the Adopt-A-Church program, the Cuban churches have been blessed with correspondence, prayer support, and some financial assistance from their sister churches in the U.S. The assistance with funds for food for the pastors has been invaluable. The Open Bible churches in Cuba have adopted the motto "Cuba for Christ."

David Moreno Jr. is the president of Open Bible Churches in Cuba.

Dominican Republic



In March of 2005 contact was first established with Claudia Santana, a pastor in the Dominican Republic. At present, there is one Open Bible church in San Pedro de Marcos, with an attendance of 131 members and one credentialed minister. In 2009 Women's Ministries of the U.S. raised funds to construct a feeding kitchen, which is located beside the church. Church members provide food, clothing, and school supplies for needy children. In January of 2010 Men of Vision Evangelize (MOVE) constructed a new building for the San Pedro church. The church in San Pedro ministers each week to the needy.

Claudia Santana serves as the pastor of the San Pedro church, director of the Dominican Republic Open Bible Church, and field director for Dominican Republic Open Bible Church.

El Salvador



In 1973 a group of ten pastors in El Salvador solicited fellowship with Open Bible. In July of 1975 Paul and Vivian Canfield and their family arrived and officially received the pastors and churches into the Open Bible movement. Paul and Vivian spent the following four years organizing the existing churches and establishing the Open Bible incorporation. The Canfields returned to the States in 1979.

In 1981 the ministry was nationalized due to the civil war after it became necessary to evacuate American personnel. A peace agreement was signed in 1992 in Mexico City and the door once again opened for missionaries. Ralph and Ada Hernandez were appointed as missionaries to El Salvador in 1998. The work was again nationalized in 2010.

Open Bible Churches has 17 churches in El Salvador, with 670 members and 15 credentialed ministers. INSTE was initiated in April of 1996 and now has 173 students.

Ángel Díaz is president of Open Bible Churches in El Salvador.

England



In 2004 Andy Homer, then Field Director of Open Bible Churches of Trinidad and Tobago, and Cecil Quamina, pastor of the San Fernando Open Bible Church, made contact with Joseph and Emerald Stephenson in London, England. The Stephensons are the founders and directors of Rapture Ministries, a charitable organization that provides outreach and ministry to street people, the homeless, the poor, hospitals, and prisons. They provide food and clothing and some medical help. The Stephensons also pastor a church in London. Open Bible Churches of Trinidad and Tobago was interested in partnering with the Stephensons and their church congregation and outreaches. In March of 2006 the Board of Global Missions of Open Bible Churches in the U.S. approved the request for affiliation to Joseph and Emerald Stephenson. Emerald Stephenson serves as England's Open Bible field director.

[Ghana](#)



National missionary Twum Bosiako, a native of Ghana, studied at Open Bible College in Des Moines, Iowa, and returned to Ghana in 1971 to minister to his own people. He was named national missionary in June of 1971. The primary focus of the ministry in Ghana is evangelistic campaigns. A unique facet is the number of miracles and deliverances. In 1994 various self-help projects were initiated to provide financial aid to the pastors. This includes carpentry, a bakery, and furniture making. At present there are 20 Open Bible churches in Ghana, with 1,362 members and 10 ministers with credentials. There is also a Bible Institute with five students.

Emmanuel Okai is the president of Open Bible Churches in Ghana.

[Grenada](#)



The Open Bible Churches of Trinidad and Tobago sent their first missionaries, the Munroe Cox family, to Grenada in 1971. Open Bible Churches now has 6 churches in Grenada, with 600 members and 17 credentialed ministers. There is a Bible Institute with 20 students, a preschool, and a prison ministry.

Royston Gilbert is the president of Open Bible Churches in Grenada.

[Guatemala](#)



In 1975 Paul Canfield, then Open Bible field director for Latin America, met with Antonio Texaj, a pastor whose congregation of Cachiquel Indians lives high in the mountains of Chimaltenango. The beginning of the Open Bible ministry was born out of a devastating earthquake on February 4, 1976. Open Bible Churches in the U.S. responded to the needs of the church in Chimaltenango by sending a block-making machine to rebuild their church that had been destroyed. A short time later Pastor Texaj and his congregation joined Open Bible Churches.

Open Bible now has 20 churches throughout Guatemala, with 1,149 members and 19 ministers. There is a Bible Institute and a radio program. Although INSTE has not been established in the Open Bible churches, 300 students from other denominations study INSTE in Guatemala.

Rejinaldo Acual Choreque is the president of Open Bible Churches in Guatemala.

[Guinea, West Africa](#)



Grant and Wilma Moore became the first Open Bible missionaries to Guinea in 1952. In 1968 the government expelled all missionary personnel. In 1985 Tom Moore, son of Grant and Wilma Moore, and Sherry, his wife, daughter of former missionaries Bob and Evelyn Welch, and the Moores' four sons, were named missionaries to continue the work. The country consists of 15 tribal groups.

Open Bible has 12 churches in Guinea, with 1,100 members and 13 credentialed ministers. Open Bible is one of the few groups experiencing a harvest among the Muslims. The primary vision and focus of the work is to

prepare national workers.

Wormon Soumaoro is the president of Open Bible Churches in Guinea, West Africa.

Guyana



In 1997 a new Open Bible missions outreach was begun in Guyana when Open Bible Churches of Trinidad sent missionary Rodney Singh and Rebekah, his wife, to begin a church in the capital city of Georgetown. Within a year a church was established in the living room of one of the first converts. In 2005 the Rodney Singh family returned to Trinidad and Joseph and Sherry Ann Moore became the pastors and continue the ministry. There is one Open Bible church in Guyana, with 35 members and 2 credentialed ministers.

Sandra Rousseau is the president of Open Bible Churches in Guyana.

Hungary



Michael and Mary Gulyás started the Shalom Bible Churches as a home prayer group in 1987 with a group of ten people. The Holy Spirit poured out the power of God on the prayer group and in February of 1996, the group affiliated with Open Bible Churches. There are now 7 churches in Hungary, with 530 members and 7 credentialed ministers.

Translation of Level One INSTE into Hungarian was started in 1996 and is now complete. Tammy Swailes was appointed in 1998 as Central/East Europe INSTE Director. Her first priority was to coordinate and direct the growth of INSTE in Hungary, Romania, and Ukraine. Bethany Brandt joined Tammy in 2004 and assisted in the development of the INSTE program. Bethany returned to the States in 2007. Mike and Nancy Juntunen were appointed in 2007 to assist Tammy Swailes in the expansion of INSTE in the Hungarian language, first in Hungary and then to the surrounding countries. Currently there are about 32 students studying INSTE in Hungarian.

Michael Gulyás is the president of Open Bible Churches in Hungary.

India



Hazel Forrester of Lodi, California, was the first Bible Standard missionary who was duly commissioned and guaranteed support. She arrived in India in 1928. Pearl Booton was appointed as the first missionary from the Open Bible Evangelistic Association. She arrived in Orai, India, in September 1933, where she ministered for the next ten years. Willis and Grace Clay joined Open Bible Churches in 1938. In 1946, due to the unstable situation, the Clays returned to the US and contact with Open Bible in India was lost. In 1996 communication was re-established with Open Bible in the U.S. and affiliation was granted in May 1996. The group in southern India (Tamil Nadu) is called the Open Bible Church of God and is directed by John Paul, son of the first convert of the Clays' ministry. John Paul also directs the Elida Children's Homes in Coimbatore.



Also in 1996, a group of churches in Andhra Pradesh led by Michael George requested affiliation with Open Bible. They are incorporated under the name Open Bible Churches of India.

In 1998 Ron and Linda Wilson were appointed as non-resident Harvestime missionaries to direct the growing church planting initiatives in India. A partnership has been formed with International Cooperating Ministries to build churches there.

There are 544 Open Bible churches in India, with 55,222 members and 625 ministers, and one Bible School, with 32 students.

John Paul and Michael George serve as field directors in India.

INSTE



In 1980 Leona (Janzen) Venditti shared with Rev. Paul Canfield, then director of Global Missions (formerly International Ministries), the idea of a Theological Education by Extension program for Spain. Dr. Janzen arrived in Spain in 1982, and, after a year of intensive language study, INSTE was born.

As INSTE grew, God brought many dedicated people to work beside the director, a wonderful army of Spanish brothers and sisters, missionaries Vince and Lois McCarty, and Nicholas Venditti (who became Leona's husband). After nationalizing the work in 1990, Nicholas and Leona returned to the U.S. to modify INSTE and implement it on a multinational level. This process took them to Pasadena, California (U.S.), where Nick studied to get his doctorate at the Intercultural School in Fuller Theological Seminary. Currently, INSTE is in more than 40 countries and 17 languages, with over 10,000 students worldwide.

Jamaica



Ivan and Kaye Morton were appointed in 1949 as the first Open Bible missionaries to Jamaica. A number of missionaries eventually assisted in the establishment of Open Bible in Jamaica. The work was nationalized in March 1974.

First Church of the Open Bible in Kingston ministers to 2,000 people during the Sunday morning services. The Bible institute has 94 students. In 1992 the government honored Open Bible by printing postage stamps with a picture of the Open Bible Church in Kingston. First Church in Kingston also has a multi-purpose facility, which includes a library for children and a dental and medical clinic.

There are 53 churches on the island, with 9,522 members and 86 credentialed ministers. Some of the churches have congregations of 500 or more.

Hugh Elliston is the president of Open Bible Churches in Jamaica.

Japan



Two young Open Bible Institute students, former G.I.s, were drawn back to the land where they were stationed during the war. The Phil Rounds and Jacob Collins families were sent as missionaries to Japan in 1950. The work was nationalized in 1967 when the Rounds family returned to the States. Open Bible has 18 churches in Japan, with 662 members and 43 credentialed ministers.

Wataru Sugahara is the president of Open Bible Churches in Japan.

[Kenya](#)



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Holmburg were sent to Uganda, East Africa, under the auspices of Elim Fellowship in 1969. The work grew and extended from eastern Uganda to western Kenya.

The Holmburgs were forced to flee the country in 1973 during the reign of Idi Amin. The native pastors remained in contact with Mrs. Holmburg and her son, Rev. Richard Douglas. Affiliation with Open Bible Churches was granted in June of 1983.

Open Bible has 98 churches in Kenya, with 10,829 members and 100 credentialed ministers. Many congregations meet wherever they can, such as under trees.

Patrick Okumu is the president of Open Bible Churches in Kenya.

[Latin America](#)



Appointed as Open Bible missionaries in 2011, Doug and Karen Thomas serve as Regional Directors for Latin America, assisting Executive Director of Global Missions, Vince McCarty. They supervise the 15 Latin American countries where Open Bible has works. Doug and Karen's vision is to see Open Bible established in every Latin American country, primarily by equipping the Latin American countries in which Open Bible already has churches to send out their own missionaries to start churches.

Doug and Karen served as missionaries in Mexico for 20 years. Their present ministry includes strategic planning for the growth of Open Bible Churches, the supervision of important projects, and the training of church planters, evangelists, and church leaders.

[Liberia](#)



The country of Liberia was founded in 1847 by freed slaves from America. Lucille (Jenkins) Mitchell was appointed as the first Open Bible Standard Churches missionary to Liberia in 1935. Eventually River Cess was selected as the site on which to build a mission station, which included a medical clinic and school. The work grew to include churches in Monrovia and Lower Buchanan as well as many outposts. Over the years, many missionaries served Open Bible in Liberia.

The Liberian churches elected Mark Kangar, a young man reached by the preaching of the Gospel in Liberia, as the first national superintendent of the work. Mark was appointed National Missionary in May 1981. Lue Ann, Mark's wife, and children left Liberia in 1990 because of the civil war. Mark left Liberia in 1991. The work in Liberia was nationalized in 1982.

In April 2017, Drew and Jessica Welch were appointed missionaries-at-large to Liberia. After 14 years of civil war, the country now needs to be rebuilt. The Welches will launch a literacy program, establish self-help projects, and assist with the rebuilding of many churches that were destroyed during the war.

Open Bible has 32 churches in Liberia, with 4,000 members and 56 credentialed ministers and a medical clinic. Dr. Jacob Vambo III is the president of Open Bible Churches in Liberia.

[Mexico](#)



The Open Bible work in Mexico officially started in 1965 with the arrival of Paul and Vivian Canfield and their family. Guadalajara, the second largest city in México, was chosen for its strategic location. The Canfields started works in La Quemada and Tala, near Guadalajara. Open Bible was established in the southern peninsula of Chetumal when a member of the church in Tala moved and began several new works. Don and Margaret Smith were appointed as missionaries in 1993 and served in Guadalajara until 2001. The work was nationalized in 1994.

Puente de Amistad, a short-term missions base in Tijuana, was opened in January 1992. Groups from the United States, primarily youth, visit this base and experience missions firsthand. In July 2007 Mike and Cathy Brandt were redeployed from Papua New Guinea to Tijuana, Mexico. Mike and Cathy served as the directors of the Puente de Amistad ministry base from 2007 until January of 2017. The new directors of the base are Adam and Katie Henaman, supported by missionaries Travis and Heather Hunsaker.

Bill and Fayth McConnell of Nogales, Arizona, were appointed as missionaries in 1998 to northern Mexico. They minister at a rehab center, a children's ministry in Imuris, and in prisons in Nogales, Mexico, and have expanded their outreaches to San Luis. In 2007 Del and Joy Brown were appointed to join the McConnells in their varied ministries.

Open Bible has 28 churches in Mexico, with 3,801 members and 50 credentialed ministers. There are 1,840 INSTE students.

Arturo Mendez Jr. is the president of Open Bible Churches of Mexico.

[Nicaragua](#)



Nelson and Tirsa Gaitán were appointed missionaries and began the work in Nicaragua in 2003. The Gaitáns were born in Nicaragua. In the 1980s they took refuge in the U.S. during Nicaragua's civil war. The Lord led the couple to the Open Bible Church in Pico Rivera, California. They began studying INSTE in 1990 and graduated from Level Two in 1995. Nelson is a gifted evangelist and Tirsa is a gifted teacher, musician, and worship leader. They love people and the work of the Lord. At present, there are 5 Open Bible Churches in Nicaragua, 350 members and 2 credentialed ministers. There are 12 INSTE students.

Nelson Gaitán serves as president of Open Bible Churches of Nicaragua.

[Nigeria](#)



Okon Obot is a Nigerian who attended Florida Beacon College in Largo, Florida. After graduation he was granted National Missionary Appointment and returned home in September 1989 to pioneer an Open Bible church. There are now 32 churches in Nigeria, with 2,862 members and 33 credentialed ministers. INSTE was launched in Nigeria in 1998; currently there are 31 students. The primary ministry emphasis is evangelistic campaigns and many churches have been established as a result.

Okon Obot serves as president of Open Bible Churches of Nigeria.

Papua New Guinea



Wally and Phyllis Lee went to Papua New Guinea as independent missionaries in 1971. They joined Open Bible Churches in 1973 and established the Ivingoi Mission Station in the Eastern Highlands. Approximately 20,000 patients are treated annually in the medical clinic which was nationalized in 1992.

There are 29 Open Bible churches in Papua New Guinea, with 4,993 members and 46 credentialed ministers. A Bible institute on the Ivingoi Mission property has 5 students.

Poi Eka Tunigimio is the president of Open Bible Churches in Papua New Guinea.

Paraguay



The Open Bible ministry in Paraguay is an extension of the work in Argentina. It was affiliated with Open Bible Churches in June 1982. Open Bible has 7 churches in Paraguay, with 300 members and 9 credentialed ministers.

Marcial Martinez is the president of Open Bible Churches in Paraguay.

Personnel in a 10/40 Window Country

One of our missionary families ministers in a 10/40 Window country where the Christian witness is not openly welcomed. For the security of their work, their names and pictures do not appear on this website. The couple ministers in a variety of humanitarian outreaches for the purpose of establishing relationships for personal evangelism and church planting. They have also recognized the need for establishing Christians on a firm biblical basis and the need to train leaders and pastors. For this reason, they have also begun facilitating INSTE classes.

Their ministries are effectively meeting human needs, reaching those who have never heard the good news of the Gospel, and training future leaders for the Church in 10/40 Window countries.

Peru



Open Bible was established in Peru through outreaches of Open Bible Churches in Argentina. Open Bible now has 9 churches in Peru, with 365 members and 9 credentialed ministers.

Maria Mestanza is the president of Open Bible Churches in Peru.

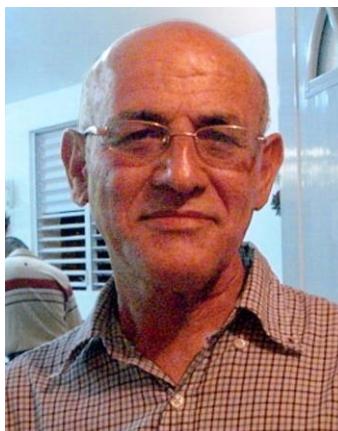
The Philippines



Open Bible initiated the work in Mindanao in the Philippines in June of 1978 with the appointment of Bob and Mardell Brewer and the Paul Townsend family. The ministry soon had several churches, national pastors, a Bible institute, and T.E.E, a training program. The work was extended to Manila in June of 1987 as part of an emphasis on reaching large cities. INSTE was initiated in September of 1994 and now has 45 students. Philippine Open Bible Ministries now includes home Bible studies, 40 churches with 3,749 members, and 70 credentialed ministers.

Raphael Quiñones is the president of Open Bible Churches in the Philippines and the Philippine National Director of INSTE.

Puerto Rico



The Tuto Morales family was sent from their home church in Miami, Florida, to this Spanish-speaking island to open a work in 1954. A church was soon established in Moca. Widespread evangelism, a large missionary input, and a responsive people have resulted in nearly 30 percent of the population becoming Protestant during the past generation. There are two Open Bible churches in Puerto Rico, with 100 members and 4 credentialed ministers.

Samuel Morales is the president of Open Bible Churches in Puerto Rico.

Romania



The Open Bible work in Romania began as an outreach of Voice for Christ Open Bible Church in Clayton, Ohio, when Karen Rose was sent as a missionary. There is one Open Bible church in Gherla, with 100 members and one credentialed minister. There are presently 7 INSTE students.

Hosu Simion is the interim director of Open Bible Churches in Romania.

St. Vincent

The Open Bible ministry in St. Vincent began in September of 1982 as a cooperative effort between the Open Bible Churches of Trinidad and the US. The Bill Jimenez family was appointed from the U.S. and the Errol Ramdass family from Trinidad. Open Bible has two churches in St. Vincent, with a total of 367 members and 4 credentialed ministers. There are 17 INSTE students.

David Wiltshire is the president of Open Bible Churches in St. Vincent.

Sierra Leone



Milton Godwin traveled to Sierra Leone from Guinea to pioneer a church in Freetown. He established three Bible study groups. There are now 7 churches in the Freetown area, with a total of 1,325 members, and 15 credentialed ministers. In spite of unstable political conditions, the churches are growing. Pastor Godwin and the churches also minister in nearby refugee and amputee camps as well as to the people in slums and prisons in Freetown. A pre-school through grade 6 was established at the Congo Town church. The school is a great blessing and witness to the surrounding community.

Milton Godwin is the president of Open Bible Churches in Sierra Leone.

South Korea



In October 2006 the Korea Conservative Church Association, a covering organization which is recognized by the Korean government, approved the Korea Open Bible Churches registration. Esther Moon is the president of the work. An office facility has been rented for the Open Bible national office and also serves as a chapel for the new pioneer church pastored by Esther Moon and Hwan Kyu Choi, her husband. At present, there are 4 Open Bible churches in Korea, with 75 members and 9 credentialed ministers.

Esther Moon serves as the president of Open Bible Churches in South Korea.

Spain



In 1969 Don and Margaret Smith were appointed to establish a new work in Spain. Barcelona was selected as the central location. With the arrival of Leona (Janzen) Venditti in 1982, INSTE was born in Spain. Vince and Lois McCarty were appointed in 1983 to help with the INSTE program. In 1992 Nicholas and Leona Venditti nationalized the INSTE work. At present, Javier Jimeno is the INSTE director with 513 students. The Open Bible work was nationalized in 1992. The work now includes 8 churches, with 400 members and 9 credentialed ministers.

Ferrán Jové serves as the president of Open Bible Churches in Spain.

Suriname

The Open Bible Standard Churches of Trinidad and Tobago sent missionaries Amzad and Rosemarie Mohammed to Suriname in July of 2005 to establish a new church. The two churches they started when they arrived were merged into one church, with about 90 people attending. A convention center that seats 1,000 was purchased and renovated. In addition to being used for the church, the congregation rents out the building for special events to generate income for the church and the pastors. The Missions Board of the Open Bible Standard Churches of Trinidad and Tobago has been very supportive in the initiation of this new work. In 2008, the Mohammeds completed their missions term and returned to Trinidad.

The church is pastored by Rev. Kenneth Donk and is under the supervision of the Trinidad missions department.

Taiwan



David and Christian Yua founded the Chinese Open Bible Church in Rosemead, California. They are both from Taiwan and for years longed to return to their native country and establish an Open Bible work. After several trips, they made contact with Pastor Victor Pan and Grace Ministries in Taiwan. We share the same vision and mission and in 2012, Grace Ministries affiliated with Open Bible Churches. In Taiwan, 80% of the population practices ancestral worship and only 5% are Christian.

At present, Grace Ministries has 18 churches in Taiwan. Over the next 30 years they want to establish 100 churches in Taiwan and extend into all of Asia. They have already sent two missionaries to China. Two churches have been built with the funds raised through the Global Harvest Offering in 2015. One church is the Ying-Ge Grace Open Bible Church in Tan-zi, pastored by Rev. Robert Chang. The other is in Shi-Shin, pastored by Rev. Sophie Chin and her husband, Paul.

Grace Open Bible Churches initiated INSTE at the beginning of 2016 in two main churches and already has 70 students.

Victor Pan is the president of Open Bible Churches in Taiwan.

Thailand



Mike and Dara Rasavahn received Christ after arriving in Iowa as asylum seekers, fleeing from the horrendous war in Laos in 1975. Mike and Dara established Lifesong Open Bible Church in Des Moines, Iowa. Now, Mike and Dara are going to return to Southeast Asia in 2017 to raise up leaders, train pastors, evangelize, and disciple. They are going to provide training in micro-business (computers, construction, and sewing), teach English classes in local schools, and lead workshops to educate people regarding human trafficking. They will use the base in Cambodia to bring people from Laos and Vietnam to train and send back to their own countries to minister.

Trinidad and Tobago



Open Bible began to minister in Trinidad in 1954 under the leadership of Kaare and Jean Wilhelmsen. Several Open Bible missionaries served in Trinidad and developed the churches, the high school, and the Bible school. The work continued with American missionaries until April of 1972, when it was nationalized. Open Bible currently has 96 churches in Trinidad, with 17,741 members and 232 credentialed ministers. There are three Bible institutes with 153 students. INSTE has 294 students. Open Bible Churches of Trinidad has sent missionaries to Grenada, St. Vincent, Suriname, and Venezuela.

In 2009 Mike and Pam Lumbard were appointed missionaries to go to Trinidad and establish the School of Global Leadership, which is a missions training school that provides a cross-cultural experience, hands-on ministry, and an atmosphere of learning and living that helps the students take on leadership ministries around the world.

Dr. Benjamin Agard is the president of Open Bible Churches in Trinidad and Tobago

[Uganda](#)



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Holmburg were sent to Uganda, East Africa, under the auspices of Elim Fellowship in 1969. The work grew and extended from eastern Uganda to western Kenya.

The Holmburgs were forced to flee the country in 1973 during the reign of Idi Amin. The local pastors remained in contact with Mrs. Holmburg and her son, Rev. Richard Douglas. Affiliation with Open Bible Churches was granted in June of 1983.

Open Bible has 108 churches in Uganda, with 6,604 members and 99 credentialed ministers. There are 24 INSTE students.

Jackson Mugerwa is the president of Open Bible Churches in Uganda.

[UKRAINE](#)



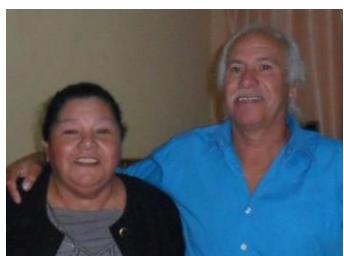
In 1998 a group of churches in Zhitomir contacted Open Bible to seek information regarding possible affiliation. In November of 1998, this group of churches was granted Open Bible affiliation. The group of churches is now led by Pastor Oleksandr Rudynets, pastor of the Open Bible church in Lutsk. The churches are also involved in humanitarian and benevolence outreaches.

Tammy Swailes was appointed as an Open Bible missionary in 1998 to develop the INSTE program in Hungarian and Russian. She now lives in Ukraine and serves as the Regional INSTE Director for Europe. INSTE Levels One and Two have been translated into Russian and initiated in Ukraine under Tammy's direction. At present there are 24 INSTE students in Ukraine.

There are 14 churches in Ukraine, with 659 members and 186 credentialed ministers.

Oleksandr Rudynets serves as the president of Open Bible Churches in Ukraine.

[Uruguay](#)



Open Bible's ministry in Uruguay is an extension of the work in Argentina. The churches affiliated with Open Bible Churches in 1982. Open Bible has 4 churches in Uruguay, with 170 members and 14 credentialed ministers. There are 20 INSTE students.

Luis Marquez Máchado is the president of Open Bible Churches in Uruguay.

[VENEZUELA](#)



The Open Bible Churches of Trinidad sent Calbert and Beverly Mark to Venezuela in August of 1993. By the end of the year a church had been established in Ciudad Bolivar with 40 baptized members. There are now 16 churches in Venezuela, with 6,670 members and 27 credentialed ministers. There are 183 INSTE students.

Calbert Mark serves as the president of Open Bible Churches in Venezuela.