

Regional Spotlight: The Lesser Antilles

The Lesser Antilles are a chain of islands along the eastern edge of the Caribbean, running from the Virgin Islands in the north through the Windward and Leeward Islands toward South America. The region has a long Christian history, but much of that faith has become formal and inherited rather than active. Younger generations are leaving the church, secular and syncretistic influences are growing, and many congregations lack the leadership and resources to disciple their people and reach their communities. Christianity is present in name across these islands, but in many places it has lost its vitality.

This is why developing the local church is central to our focus in the region. Lasting gospel advancement comes through healthy local congregations that can disciple their own communities over the long term - and that can, in turn, send their own people to the nations. We currently have a standing relationship with roughly 50 churches across this region, and our desire is not only to see the church in the Lesser Antilles strengthened, but to see Christians from this region mobilized for global mission, joining what God is doing beyond their own islands. The most effective way to pursue this is to work through the leaders God has already raised up.

On the island of St. Croix, that leader is Pastor Enoch King. Enoch knows the culture and spiritual realities of his people in ways an outsider cannot. By investing in him and his church, we are not bringing the gospel to a place it has never been; we are strengthening what God is already doing, partnering with a faithful pastor to train more leaders, plant churches, and send laborers into the harvest. Working through Enoch is both the practical and the biblical approach, helping the church grow as indigenous, self-sustaining, and sent.

Prayer Request:

1. Pray for Pastor Enoch King and his church on St. Croix - for strength and wisdom as he leads and trains new leaders.
2. Pray for the 400+ churches in the Caribbean and Latin America that we are partnered with - for renewed vitality and a heart to reach their communities with the gospel.
3. Pray that God would raise up and send Christians from this region to carry the gospel to the nations.
4. Prayerfully consider partnering with us in this work of training and developing national leaders.

