



# Jamaica

Jamaica is located in the geographical center of the Caribbean and is its third-largest island. The name Jamaica comes from “Haymaca,” a native Indian word meaning “Island of Fountains.” The population includes a mixture of Blacks, Caucasians, Chinese, East Indians, Portuguese Jews, Palestinian Arabs, and Syrians.

Over 50 percent of Jamaica’s population are members of mainline denominations. There is literally a church on every corner. Unfortunately, the majority of these churches do not preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## NEEDS

Jamaica has several universities. A Campus Bible Fellowship program would be an asset to the work in Kingston.

Over 50 percent of the population is under the age of 17. There are many opportunities for ministries to children and young people that are coordinated with the local church.

Baptist Mid-Missions has remained connected with the Jamaican governors of Fairview Baptist Bible College and the leaders of the Independent Baptist Churches Association, an organization that now has 42 churches.

Both groups have asked for help in the form of Bible college faculty and missionaries who will team with Jamaicans to plant churches in urban areas. The missionaries are working on upgrading the Bible college’s facilities and program so that it can receive accreditation

## HOW YOU CAN SERVE

- Missionaries are needed for team church planting with Jamaicans.
- Theological education and Campus Bible Fellowship ministry are additional areas for service.
- Short-term missions trips are a blessing to the Bay Life Baptist Church in Montego Bay.

Opportunities include teaching devotions in the public schools, conducting Vacation Bible Schools, sports camps, community outreach, and Sew Very Loved (a ministry to women through skills classes).



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