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## Mission Action Profile (MAP) in Cuba

- Population of Cuba is 11 million.
  - Protestant churches are growing very rapidly, some up to 40% per year.
  - Main strategy for church growth is the development of “house-churches.”
    - Bible studies and gatherings for worship can be held in homes until there are 15 persons attending. Above that churches have to register with the government as “house-churches.”
    - Some are as large as 200 members, meeting outside in the patio of the house under a make-shift roof.
  - One pastor commented, “when communist party members come to explore the Christian faith, they are not satisfied with superficial answers.”
  - One new, rapidly growing denomination, called the Evangelical Missionary Church of Cuba has **requested leadership education** from Mennonite Church Canada Witness.
- We respond** with one week-long workshop per year, plus some key resources for study and further reflection.

- The denomination has applied for legal status with the Cuban government.
- Mennonite Confession of Faith is their base document because “after studying other Confessions from the Baptists, Pentecostals, and others, it is clear that the Mennonite one best describes who we want to become.”

**Mennonite Church Canada Witness has committed \$6,000 to work with the Cuban churches in Anabaptist leadership development.**  
Your support will provide much needed leadership training and resources.

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*You are invited to send your contributions to Mennonite Church Canada Witness, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4. Please note “Cuba Ministry” with your cheques to MC Canada Witness.*



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## Mission Action Profile (MAP) in Thailand

- Population of Thailand is 62.6 million, with a per capita GNP of \$2560/yr.
- The Isaan people (Lao/Thai) live in the north eastern province and are subsistence-living farmers with little cash resources.
- Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers Pat & Rad Houmphan, began work in this region in 1996.
  - Through their ministry a number of Isaans have become Christians
  - A vibrant church is emerging in five of the 190 villages
  - The Living Water Church and Community Centre have opened as a worship center and as a ministry to young people.
- The main aspects of the work for Pat and Rad are:
  - Evangelism and church planting
  - Pastoral ministry
  - Leadership training
  - English teaching
  - Vacation Bible School program for children 10–14 years old
- Dreams for further ministry include reaching across the border into Laos, and facilitating economic development.

**Mennonite Church Canada Witness has committed \$80,000 to work in Thailand.** Your support will assist the Houmphan in their work, provide leadership training and the hiring of a youth worker.

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