



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Romeo & Marietta Gonzales

Jamaica, New York

Missionary Highlight

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Today we're going to Jamaica — but not the island one. This Jamaica is a neighborhood in New York City that is part of the borough of Queens. That's across the East River from Manhattan, where the Empire State Building and the like are located. About 217,000 people live in this Jamaica.

Our missionaries serving in Jamaica are Romeo and Marietta Gonzales. They have planted a new church which has been reaching mostly people from the Philippines like Romeo and Marietta themselves are. Our church is supporting them through our Cooperative Program giving. They named the church Lighthouse Church International. It got started by getting families together for Bible study and worship. Then the new believers invited people they knew and gave out Gospel tracts in grocery stores, flea markets and restaurants around the neighborhood — and the church grew. One woman had attended another church, but when she heard Romeo explain the Gospel she realized she had not been truly saved. She accepted Christ and now is a faithful member.

New York is a huge city, where more than 500 languages are spoken by people who have come from every part of the world. It is a missions field that is also a gateway to most of the nations of the world. That's why Southern Baptists have sent a number of missionaries like Romeo and Marietta to New York.

Today let us pray for Romeo and Marietta and their son there in Jamaica, New York. Let's ask God to bless their ministry and help their church become a truly bright and visible lighthouse for Jesus.

