




A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: SURINAM

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Historical Overview of Surinam:

Claimed as English Plantation Colony:	1650
Ceded from England to Holland for New York City (became Dutch Guiana):	1667
Slavery abolished in Dutch Colonies:	1863
34,000 East Indian laborers immigrated:	1873-1916
32,000 Javanese laborers immigrated:	1891-1939
Incorporated into Kingdom of the Netherlands:	1922 Constitution
Gained Independence from Holland:	1975
Number of North American agencies in 1989:	27
Number of North American agencies in 1996:	19
Number of North American agencies in 2007:	13
Indicates European society*	



Significant Protestant Beginnings or Events:

- 1668 - *Reformed Church of Surinam among Dutch colonists: missionary Rev. Basseliers; achieved independence from the Netherlands Reformed Church in 1957.
- 1735 - *German Moravian Brethren mission work begins among African slaves
- 1738 - *Moravian mission work begins among Arawak Indians
- 1741 - *Dutch Evangelical Lutherans
- 1799 - *Church of England (Anglican) established during British occupation of Surinam between 1799 and 1816.
- 1945 - Wesleyan Church World Missions
- 1945 - General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
- 1945 - Pilgrim Holiness Church
- 1954 - WorldTeam (formerly, West Indies Mission; Evangelical Church in the West Indies)
- 1959 - Assemblies of God, General Council
- 1961 - International Missions, Inc.
- 1964 - Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAP)
- 1967 - Wycliffe Bible Translators (USA & Canada)
- 1967 - Independent Faith Mission (Baptist)
- 1971 - Southern Baptist Convention, Board of Foreign Missions (now, International Mission Board); formed United Baptist Church in 1991.

- 1972 - Fellowship International Mission (nondenominational)
- 1982 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
- 1984 - Church of the Nazarene
- 1985 - Mennonite Board of Missions
- 1987 - Orthodox Presbyterian Church
- 1987 - Christian & Missionary Alliance
- 1992 - Church of God of Prophecy
- 2003 - United Pentecostal Church

Date of Origin Unknown:

African Methodist Episcopal Church
 Association of Baptist Churches
 BCM International (nondenominational)
 Biblical Ministries Worldwide
 Church of Perfect Liberty (“reformed fundamentalist”)
 Evangelical Congregational Church
 Full Gospel Grace Fellowship
 National Baptist Convention
 New Jerusalem Church



NOTES:

- (1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated.
- (2) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

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