

2009 Annual Statistical Report

Church Growth Indicators	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 2008-2009	Net Change 2008-2009
Churches	111,082	135,091	157,731	181,968	204,192	12.2%	22,224
New Churches	18,064	23,486	25,497	26,970	24,650	-8.6%	-2,320
Total Outreach Groups	50,666	55,716	55,694	61,371	62,711	2.2%	1,340
New Outreach Groups	8,824	10,645	12,845	10,447	11,092	6.2%	645
Baptisms	477,140	476,075	596,115	565,975	506,019	-10.6%	-59,956
Church Membership	7,404,292	8,810,296	9,861,424	10,302,104	10,692,973	3.8%	390,869
Participants in Church Bible Teaching	3,941,755	4,372,791	4,640,083	4,739,330	4,846,306	2.3%	106,976
New Believers in Discipleship	472,914	510,605	567,027	562,091	505,297	-10.1%	-56,794
Church Members in Discipleship	911,494	1,119,178	1,264,384	1,414,140	1,507,049	6.6%	92,909
Non-Residential Leadership Training	127,317	158,766	202,068	206,751	199,487	-3.5%	-7,264
Residential Leadership Training	21,817	20,495	20,537	21,846	24,453	11.9%	2,607
Baptist Partners Home Missionaries	3,645	3,385	2,992	2,863	2,677	-6.5%	-186
Baptist Partners International Missionaries	1,706	1,766	1,917	2,105	1,977	-6.1%	-128

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