



ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Reporting on 2019 data



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES

OUR

*A multitude from every language, people, tribe and nation
knowing and worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ*

(Rev. 7:9-10)

VISION MISSION

*To serve Southern Baptists in carrying out the
Great Commission to make disciples of all nations*

STRATEGIC

ANCHORS

*Advance the missionary
task among unreached
peoples and places*

*Advance relationships
with Southern Baptists
and global partners*

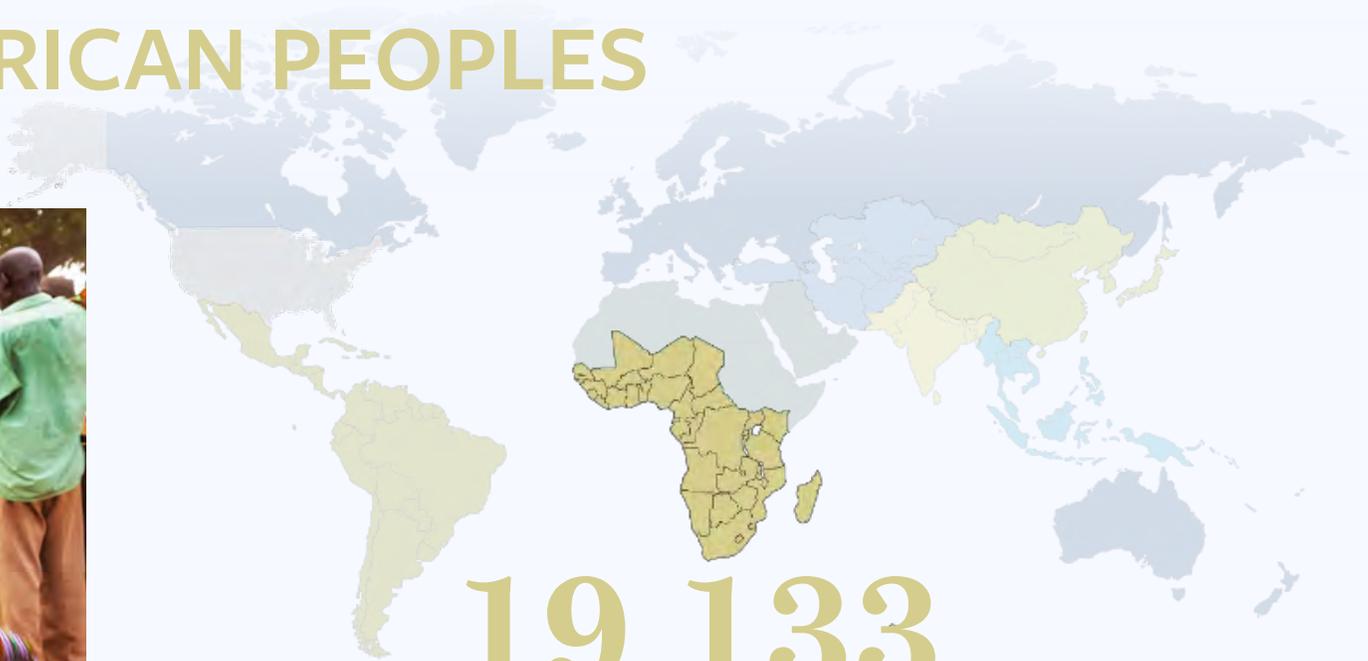
*Advance efficiency
and effectiveness of
global operations*

Six Components of the Missionary Task

In light of the full testimony of Scripture, we believe the core missionary task has six components.



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES



19,133

DYING DAILY WITHOUT CHRIST

POPULATION 875,801,255

Approximate numbers calculated using IMB global population and evangelical Christian estimates.

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. — Isaiah 55:5 (ESV)

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NEW CHURCHES
PLANTED



95,253

HEARD GOSPEL
WITNESS



82,193

OPPORTUNITY TO
RESPOND



20,775

NEW BELIEVERS



3,982

BAPTISMS



2,632

LEADERSHIP
TRAININGS



2

NEW ENGAGEMENTS

All data, except for active field personnel and unreached people group counts, reflects information from the 2019 Data-Year Annual Statistical Report (IMB).



STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Sub-Saharan African Peoples



Entry

Evangelism through teaching English, as well as partnerships with both West African students and a Fusion team, have led to an on-going Bible study with 25 people and increased the spread of the gospel and people coming to Christ.



Evangelism

Using LifeStyle evangelism, IMB workers in this West African country saw a 300% increase in the number of witnesses and people coming to faith in Christ in our local Baptist churches.



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Sub-Saharan African Peoples



Discipleship

Working with U.S. Baptists and nationals, IMB workers in West Africa saw five new believers, the first on this island, who are being discipled and baptized. These new believers are evangelizing and growing their faith. More believers are added each trip, and a movement towards church formation is beginning.



Healthy Church Formation

VBS ministry and neighborhood evangelism were used to plant two new churches. Partnerships between national leaders and U.S. pastors resulted in three other new churches. In addition, God worked in the hearts of an elderly couple to plant another church in a nearby village complete with mud block walls and a grass roof.



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Sub-Saharan African Peoples



Leadership Development

Responding to requests of local church leaders, four churches partnered to train leaders and church members. IMB and Brazilian Baptists are training and equipping African pastors to be effective leaders with sound theology.



Exit to Partnership

Beginning in 2009, six men were trained in the missionary task; now our personnel continue in relationship but no longer lead this work. Through their obedience to the Great Commission, these men have formed two separate teams to evangelize in multiple locations.



2025 TARGETS

to engage unreached peoples and places

Mobilize 75% of Southern Baptist churches prayerfully
and financially supporting LMCO

—
Send an additional 500 fully funded missionaries

—
Mobilize 500 global missionary partners on IMB teams

—
Engage 75 global cities in comprehensive strategies

—
Increase LMCO receipts 6% annually





Please Pray

Give thanks for the 9% increase in those who have heard the gospel, but also pray fervently for all believers to share their faith more consistently.

Intercede for believers who live where access is limited and persecution poses a threat as they seek to meet for Bible study and worship.



Please Pray

Ask God to guide the mobilization of 500 global missionary partners to join IMB teams in reaching the nations.

Pray that the Lord will inspire missionaries with creative and productive strategies to engage 75 global cities with the Good News.

Ask the Lord to send an additional 500 missionaries and ask Him to show you what role He has for you.



Every church. Every nation.



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