

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Reporting on 2019 data



EAST ASIAN 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.



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36,601
DYING DAILY WITHOUT CHRIST

POPULATION 1,670,548,815

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

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose trust is in the Lord. For he will be like a tree planted by the water that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought, nor cease to yield fruit. — Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NASB)

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426

**NEW CHURCHES
PLANTED**



92,821

**HEARD GOSPEL
WITNESS**



82,529

**OPPORTUNITY TO
RESPOND**



14,548

NEW BELIEVERS



5,021

BAPTISMS



6,727

**LEADERSHIP
TRAININGS**



4

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

East Asian Peoples

Entry

Scripture Planting is the combination of Scripture translation with Church Planting. The purpose is to create Scripture resources for people groups with limited or no Scripture resources. In one region of East Asia, every IMB team was involved in at least one Scripture Planting project. Due to these efforts among one unreached animist people group that previously had no churches, there are now six churches. In other areas, animist people groups now have Scripture in their language and two unengaged and unreached people groups are now engaged with the gospel.

Evangelism

Through faithful visits and personal teaching in Japan of the MY SEED book — an introduction to Christianity created by a Japanese Christian partner — two students recently came to understand the message of the gospel and their need for the Savior. They stepped forward in obedience and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.





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Discipleship

The Lord has been at work mightily among an animist people group living in the mountains of East Asia. The church has grown and there are now hundreds of believers among this remote group. These local churches have since sent a missionary to reach an unreached people group in an area IMB missionaries can no longer access due to security restrictions.



Healthy Church Formation

For more than 2,000 years, there was no church among an isolated East Asian people group. That is no longer the case, thanks to the prayers of Southern Baptists, the diligent efforts of IMB missionaries, and the power of the Holy Spirit. This year the first church was planted among this very difficult to reach people group!





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East Asian Peoples



Leadership Development

Eight house church leaders from one city have been trained in the use of a healthy church development strategy. They are currently applying this training to their own churches and training hundreds of leaders in many provinces across the country. They are asking us to train a hundred more leaders in their city over the next two years.



Exit to Partnership

Cross Cultural Missions (CCM) organizations are springing up in several cities in our area. Working with local churches this year, they sent mid/long-term missionaries to several other countries in Southeast Asia and Central Asia, as well as to many domestic fields. One of our key partners will be sent to a nearby country to work full time with our IMB team there.





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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