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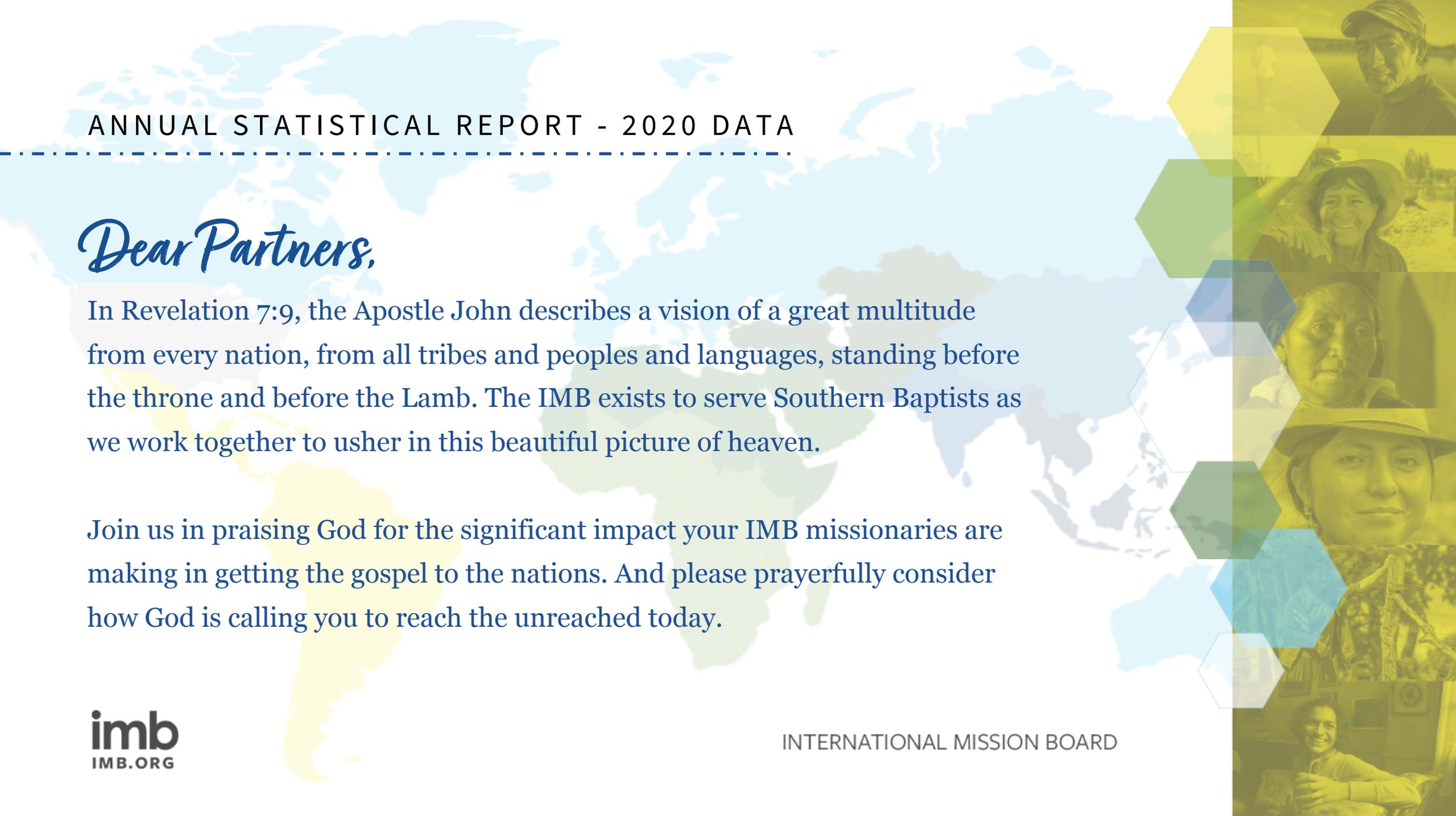
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# American Peoples *Highlights*

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### *Dear Partners,*

In Revelation 7:9, the Apostle John describes a vision of a great multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. The IMB exists to serve Southern Baptists as we work together to usher in this beautiful picture of heaven.

Join us in praising God for the significant impact your IMB missionaries are making in getting the gospel to the nations. And please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to reach the unreached today.

# Our vision and mission

Our vision is a multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rev. 7:9-10)

Our mission is 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



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**9**  
NEW CHURCHES  
PLANTED



**70,232**

HEARD GOSPEL WITNESS



**68,051**

OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND



**17,290**

NEW BELIEVERS



**164**

BAPTISMS



**1,131**

LEADERSHIP TRAININGS



**9**

NEW ENGAGEMENTS



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POPULATION 642,001,060

**10,297**  
**DYING DAILY**  
**WITHOUT CHRIST**

Approximate numbers calculated using IMB global population and evangelical Christian estimates, excluding the United States.

He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

— Psalm 126:6

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## Stories from the field



Entry

Fleeing from devastation in their home country, an estimated 596,000 Venezuelans made their way to Lima, Peru. COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on this vulnerable population. Burdened by the plight of these refugees, IMB missionaries have partnered with Send Relief and local churches to provide food and present the good news of Jesus Christ. Since April 2020, scores of Venezuelans in Lima have come to Christ and now IMB missionaries, partnering with local churches, are starting new discipleship groups. One Peruvian pastor has started a “soon to be church” using Zoom.



Evangelism

Dios Te Contesta (God Answers You) is a social media project designed to reach the youth of the Americas with the gospel. Beginning with a pilot project in Guadalajara, Mexico, we have used social media to connect with those who want to know more about Jesus. After engaging in deeper one-on-one conversations, many people have come to salvation and we have been able to disciple the new believers. The next steps for the project include targeting multiple cities in the Americas and getting U.S. churches to help in earlier stages of the process with online communication.

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### Discipleship

Mission trips change lives. Through these volunteers, people hear the gospel message and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. In addition, trip participants' hearts are often changed and many submit themselves to lives of Kingdom service. This past year, volunteer translators sensed the call of God on their lives and began to seek ways to join the Lord in cross-cultural missions. Other volunteers from the U.S. have now applied for full-time missionary service with the IMB, and students have embraced God's call by signing up for Hands On semester missions, Summer Sojourner trips and the Journeyman program.

### Healthy Church Formation

Deep in the mountains of Oaxaca, Mexico, a tiny band of believers has not allowed the hardships of COVID-19 to deter them from pursuing the vision of a new church plant in their village. With the uncertainty of U.S. ministry partners' returning, one local believer accepted the responsibility to disciple new believers in his village and to faithfully share the message of hope found in Jesus Christ. This believer has embraced these tasks with enthusiasm and is praying for the day when he can worship, in person, with others from his community as a church.



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### Leadership Development

While on an Americas Connect trip to Costa Rica, members of a church in Nevada learned the components of the missionary task. They participated in entry work, evangelism, prayer walking and beginning discipleship. Because of this experience, the Nevada church is planting another church close to their hometown and they are ready to take their first trip to Paraguay, where they will partner with national believers to plant a church. Americas Connect missionaries work side by side with national believers and U.S. believers, developing them to apply the missionary task where they live and around the world.

### Exit to Partnership

For years, dedicated IMB missionaries have sought to share the good news with the Kamsa people of Colombia. Seeds have been planted and many have heard; however, the hearts of the people have continued to reject the Truth. As one faithful missionary couple working among this people group moves toward retirement, pray God will raise up more workers to share the gospel with the Kamsa people.

# 2025 Targets

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TO ENGAGE UNREACHED PEOPLES AND PLACES

**TARGET ONE** — Send an additional 500 missionaries

**TARGET TWO** — Mobilize 500 global missionary partners on IMB teams

**TARGET THREE** — Engage 75 global cities with comprehensive strategies

**TARGET FOUR** — Mobilize 75% of Southern Baptist churches to prayerfully and financially support the IMB

**TARGET FIVE** — Increase giving to the IMB by 6% annually

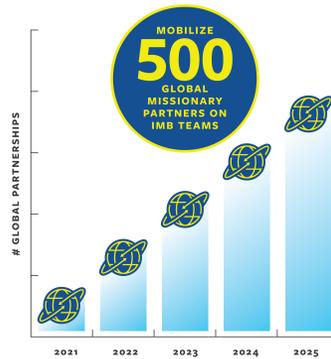
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## TARGET ONE



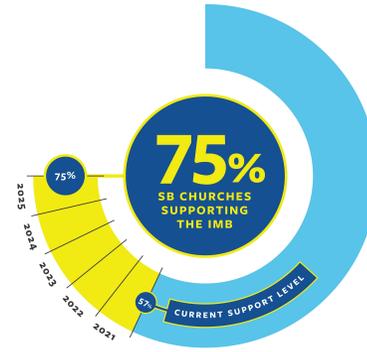
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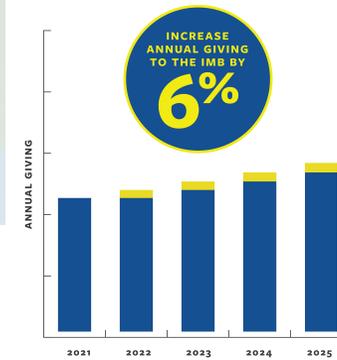
## TARGET THREE



## TARGET FOUR



## TARGET FIVE



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### *Please Pray*

- + Intercede for U.S. churches as a praying people impacting a lost world.
- + Pray for wisdom as missionaries and local believers expand the use of virtual connections in Bible study and leadership training.
- + Ask the Lord to deepen relationships among global Baptist conventions, leading to 500 global missionary partners joining IMB teams.
- + Intercede for mission leaders who daily make strategic decisions about where to send missionaries and resources to see the Kingdom advance.

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### *Please Pray*

- + Pray for the 79.8 million forcibly displaced people worldwide to have opportunities to hear the gospel as they move and resettle.
- + Ask God to bless the 29,713 newly formed groups and churches with spiritual fruitfulness.
- + Pray for the 353,860 participating in ongoing Bible study to grow in knowledge and obedience.
- + Pray for God's wisdom and favor in strategically engaging 75 global cities.

# Let's reach the nations together



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