

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT - 2020 DATA

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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 worshiping 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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NEW CHURCHES
PLANTED



4,429

HEARD GOSPEL WITNESS



2,925

OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND



189

NEW BELIEVERS



135

BAPTISMS



31

LEADERSHIP TRAININGS



0

NEW ENGAGEMENTS



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POPULATION 69,559,550

1,444
DYING DAILY
WITHOUT CHRIST

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

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands...

— Rev 7:9



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Stories from the field



Entry

C* and Y* were our Deaf partners taking the lead every time we targeted the Deaf community of a previously unengaged city in East Asia. They had established networks and open doors for leading our personnel into places where barriers often existed. They introduced us to the political leader for their area and because of their strong standing within the Deaf community we were able to reach out to over 20 lost Deaf people within days. Soon thereafter the political leader came to faith himself.



Evangelism

S* and B* were fresh off the plane after receiving 6 months of theological training at the Deaf Theological Training Center in the USA. Part of their training involved the translation of Scripture stories into their heart sign language which they quickly took into their Deaf Southeast Asian community to test for naturalness. Within days the stories they shared led to several Deaf in their people group professing Christ and forming a new church in a previously unengaged Deaf community.



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Discipleship

Deaf Affinity missionaries in Mexico led Diego* (Deaf) to faith in Christ after many years trapped in the homosexual lifestyle. He had come to many Bible studies and participated in the activities of a local Deaf Christian group that met weekly. It was actually the training that he began to embrace and follow as a disciple that brought him to saving faith and, ultimately, to become a true disciple of Christ.

Healthy Church Formation

Martin* and David* are two of our Deaf partners in Eastern Europe. Both had come to faith years earlier because of the witness of IMB missionaries and both had participated in house churches led by Deaf believers. After learning the story set associated with healthy church formation, they began teaching these stories in Czech Sign Language to several of the leaders of other Deaf churches. The impact of these additional passages from the Bible has led each church to be strengthened in practice and vision.



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Leadership Development

Each year the Deaf Affinity trains up to 6 Deaf international students at the Deaf Theological Center, a partnership between IMB, Brentwood Baptist Church, and Union University, in Brentwood, Tennessee. These Deaf leaders receive the training and tools for church planting that are Deaf-centric, taught in sign language, and provided in a setting for interaction with other Deaf partners. In just a few years nearly 100 Deaf leaders have been trained from 11 different countries around the globe.

Exit to Partnership

Currently there is no complete Bible in any of the sign languages around the world and efforts toward accomplishing such a task are years down the road. There is a goal to complete 300 Scripture stories in at least 200 sign languages over the next 5-10 years. This number of stories provides a solid foundation for the Deaf of any nation to evangelize, disciple, plant churches, train leaders and send out their own missionaries. Before exit can happen there must be a corpus of Scripture for Deaf churches to follow. The effort to initiate this work has already started in West Africa with KD* and Augustine*, two Deaf believers.



2025 Targets

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



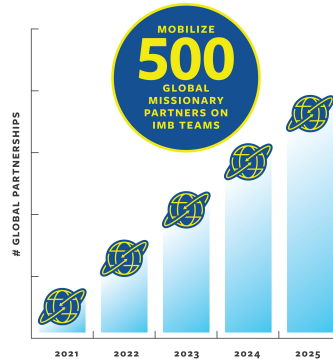
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TARGET ONE



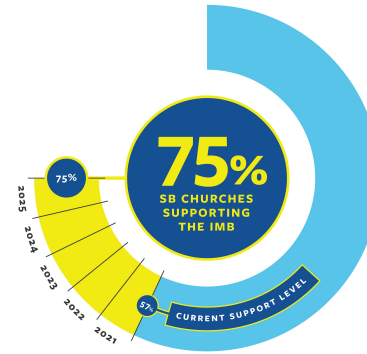
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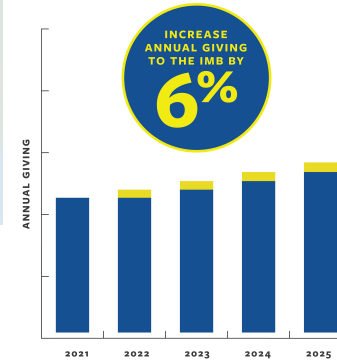
TARGET THREE



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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