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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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78
NEW CHURCHES
PLANTED



104,983
HEARD GOSPEL WITNESS



74,023
OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND



950
NEW BELIEVERS



419
BAPTISMS



3,563
LEADERSHIP TRAININGS



5
NEW ENGAGEMENTS

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POPULATION 802,050,125

22,816

DYING DAILY WITHOUT CHRIST

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

Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our sphere of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you. — 2 Corinthians 10:15-16

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Stories from the field



> Entry

For years, IMB workers have been praying for and ministering to women who work in the infamous red-light district in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, much of the district was closed, leaving thousands of prostitutes out of work and without an income. IMB missionaries, alongside local believers, began assisting these women with grocery assistance, job training, and encouraging notes with Bible verses. Through this ministry, many women have discovered the love and healing power of Christ.

📢 Evangelism

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a course shift in evangelism and discipleship that has been surprisingly effective. Since meeting face-to-face was not an option, the Balkan team began a website called Bold Balkan Believers where local believers could share their testimonies. They also offered Bibles and conversation to anyone who was interested. Since August 2020, more than 4.8 million people have seen ads for the website and nearly 18,000 people have commented, liked, or shared social media posts about the site. More importantly, 14 people have come to Christ and another 56 are being disciplined by local believers. Praise God for the new receptiveness.

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Discipleship

In the course of 2020, there have been multiple challenges due to the COVID-19 virus and the limitations it has necessitated. In Malta, the new push to stream services online has increased the amount of people hearing the Word. People who might never attend a church service in person will click on a website to hear the gospel. There have also been some encouraging moves toward small groups meeting to study God's Word. These small steps, forced by COVID restrictions, may result in a growing group of disciples in every Maltese village.

Healthy Church Formation

In Canada, four years ago, local partners made the decision to move their church plant from Calgary to just outside the city, partly because that is where nearly all the members lived. Because the vision had always been to reproduce churches in Calgary, this felt like a bit of a retreat. But God was working. A church-planting network launched with the goal of planting three churches in five years. Within two years, there were already four churches planted, and the first 2nd generation church is currently planning on launching soon. Through God's provision and guidance, the relocation to outside the city allowed the church plant to become a healthy, multiplying church.

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Leadership Development

An IMB worker and his Czech partner are training pastors with social distancing restrictions to lead without sacrificing theological standards. The trainers were able to purchase materials in Czech and Russian. Currently they are training 10 men; seven Czechs and three Russian speakers. The men are not able to go to seminary, and have appreciated this local training, which prepares them for church leadership where they are.

Exit to Partnership

IMB workers and Portuguese believers are committed to a sustainable partnership for the sake of the gospel. The local IMB team and their national partners have submitted themselves to prayer, fasting and studying Scripture. They have made this their priority and have been completely committed to God's work, God's way, God's timing. Local believers have taken ownership of the mission to bring the gospel to unreached people in their city; not in their own strength or wisdom, or clever marketing or strategy, but through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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

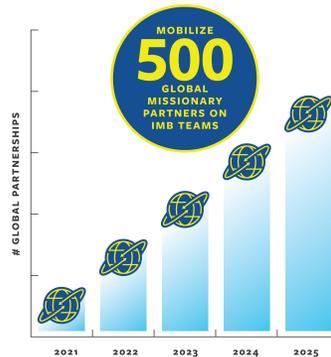
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TARGET ONE



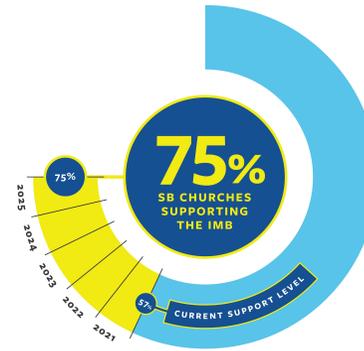
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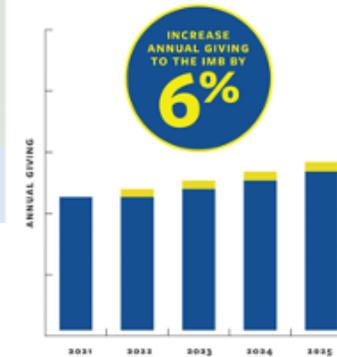
TARGET THREE



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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