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Northern African and Middle Eastern 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 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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8,887

HEARD GOSPEL WITNESS



5,229

OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND



1,097

NEW BELIEVERS



218

BAPTISMS



276

LEADERSHIP TRAININGS



8

NEW ENGAGEMENTS



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POPULATION 561,856,275

9,102
DYING DAILY
WITHOUT CHRIST

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

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

— **Philippians 1:12**

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Stories from the field



Medical professionals among a hard-to-reach people group in NAME are grieving the loss of a physician to COVID-19 after the oxygen supply in his ambulance was exhausted. A Christian worker obtained funds to buy oxygen compressors for the public hospital where they live. In this area where physicians and staff are overworked and frustrated, many are leaving their posts, as they have lost faith in the hospital system. Praise God that this worker was able to provide these compressors to help alleviate the situation, allowing them to build trust within their community.



In the Middle East, a young man named Ahmed* was not content with the religion that he was raised to believe. Seeking truth online, he used social media to find someone to talk with. He found what he was looking for when he connected with a Christian worker who was living nearby in his city. For the first time in his life, Ahmed heard the gospel clearly explained in his heart language. Ahmed is just one of many that are searching online for the truth.



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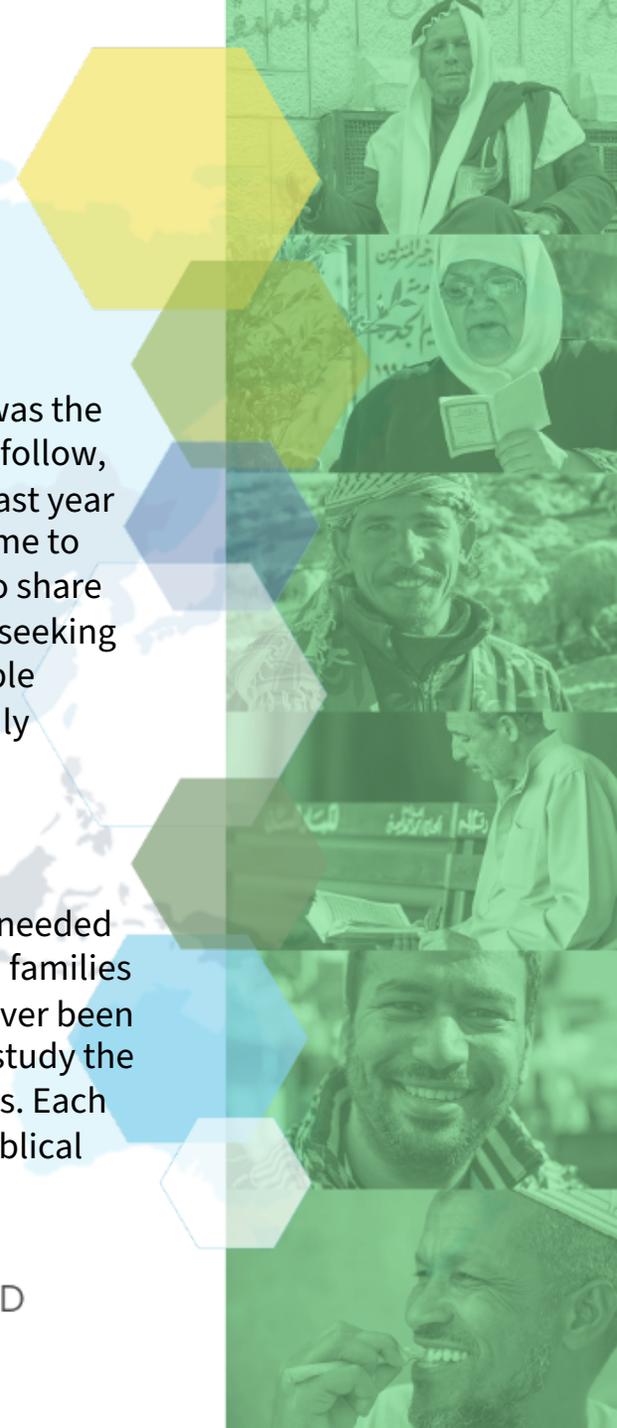
Discipleship

Majeed,* a Syrian refugee living in Northern Africa and the Middle East, was the first in his family to follow Christ. After leading many family members to follow, Majeed still faithfully shares with friends and others in his community. Last year when Majeed asked a Christian worker if a seeking friend of his could come to their regular Bible study, the worker encouraged Majeed to be the one to share the stories they were studying with his friend. Through this process, the seeking friend eventually came to faith. Recently, as the two men studied the Bible together, a third unbelieving man joined them and the new brother boldly shared about Jesus, his Savior.



Healthy Church Formation

Over the past six months, many families have been provided with much needed food aid. Through this access, Christian workers began meeting with ten families and groups to study the Word together. Some are believers who have never been discipled and others are hearing the Word for the first time. The groups study the Word together in simple ways they can use themselves or in other groups. Each group is encouraged to invite friends and family. The desire is to see a biblical example of multiplying churches being planted and reproduced.



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Leadership Development

The main challenge to church formation in the Middle East is rooted in the cultural, but unbiblical, understanding of what leadership means. The leadership model of a suffering servant or a gentle and humble leader stands in opposition to the tribal culture, which typically involves using position and power for personal gain or security. Some church leaders in the region have stopped using the word “leader” and have replaced it with “shepherd” in order to communicate a more accurate picture of biblical leadership. Those leaders have also begun to formulate a leadership discipleship set that they hope will impact how new and old shepherds alike are serving and helping form new churches.

Exit to Partnership

Many times, due to circumstances outside of their control, Christian workers do not get to decide when they exit one field and enter a new field of work. The Lord answered this prayer recently as one network of believers crossed a geographical and cultural barrier to take the gospel to a UUPG in another part of the country. Through some miraculous encounters, support of Christian workers in helping local partners gain access, and a lot of hard work, a church was planted and is growing among this people group.

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



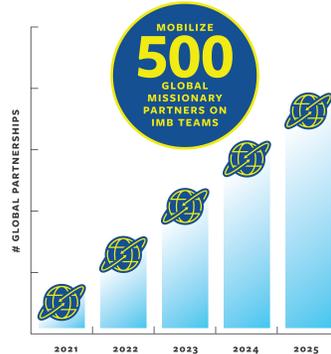
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TARGET ONE



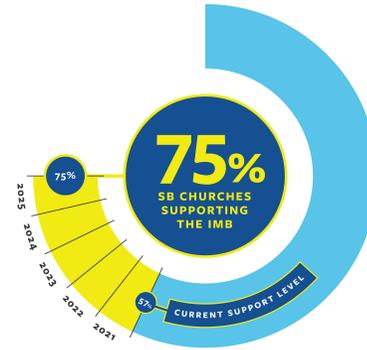
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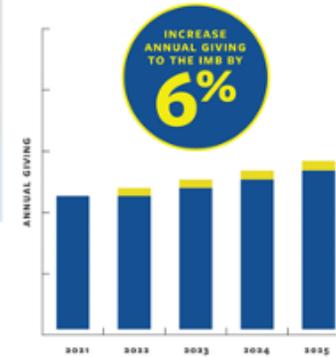
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TARGET FOUR



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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