

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT - 2020 DATA

Southeast Asian 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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105
NEW CHURCHES
PLANTED



53,604

HEARD GOSPEL WITNESS



28,482

OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND



4,165

NEW BELIEVERS



3,097

BAPTISMS



5,448

LEADERSHIP TRAININGS



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NEW ENGAGEMENT

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POPULATION 630,660,930

11,054
DYING DAILY
WITHOUT CHRIST

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

When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith...
— Acts 14:21-22



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Stories from the field



After returning from a summer serving among a Muslim people group, Lynn* sensed God's calling to work full-time among them. However, Lynn's mother wanted her to finish her degree and be a teacher. Out of respect for her mother, Lynn taught for a year, but continued to work with this people group whenever possible. In God's providence, she was recently sent to a new school located among the very people to whom God had called her. Now she is welcomed in the community as a teacher, can naturally go into homes to visit her students, and is fully supported by her teaching profession.



In the heart of Java, the Lord called five men to work alongside IMB missionaries to reach their fellow Indonesians for the Kingdom. Despite hardships and persecution, their desire to share the good news grew stronger over time. The Lord used the COVID-19 crisis to open doors allowing them to minister to both physical and spiritual needs in the community. Through this witness, the good news was shared with over 250 people and over 80 people trusted Christ as their Savior!



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Discipleship

A girl from our college ministry recently shared, “Every single session of Global Project has been impactful. It led me to ask questions I never would’ve thought to ask, to really pray to God for the bigger things, and to be intentional in reaching out to the world. It has helped me remove my purpose and plans for my life and replace it with the future and plans that God has for me; to go and make disciples. During these months of quarantine, God has led me to reach out and disciple several of my friends. Two of these friends have since started leading weekly devotions in our friend group. Today, my friends and I continue to meet weekly to study the Bible despite our busy schedules.”

Healthy Church Formation

For several years, we have seen God’s Spirit move among rural peoples here. New churches have been planted, with many of them planting churches in other villages. It is a joy to see our national partners’ passion and vision to start new churches. Pray for us as we train church leaders to plant and grow healthy churches in villages throughout their provinces.



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Leadership Development

As part of our community development training project, Nathaniel*, a national partner, faithfully shared the gospel with many young people. Several received Christ as their Lord and Savior and were discipled and trained as leaders. Over the past year these leaders have been instrumental in starting and leading ministry outreaches on their island. Recently, Nathaniel said he was crying tears of joy because God answered our prayers of raising up leaders.

Exit to Partnership

Jesus said, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few, so pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” The Philippine mission field is yielding a mighty mission force. For the last 15 years, over 1,200 youth participated with Nehemiah Teams sharing the gospel with the unreached. In 2019, a covenant between IMB and the One Sending Body, the sending entity of the Southern Baptist conventions in the Philippines, forged a partnership for training and teaming. The harvest is still great; we thank God for the many Filipino harvesters!



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



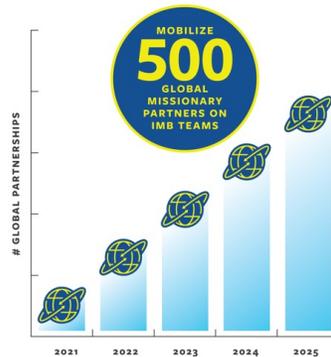
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TARGET TWO



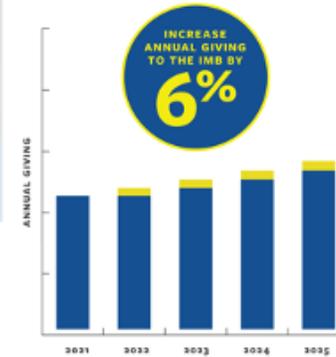
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Please Pray

- + 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.



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