ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT - 2020 DATA

Sub-Saharan African Peoples

Highlights

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD
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 is to serve Southern Baptists in carrying out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations.

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

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

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Six Components of the Missionary Task

1. Evangelism
2. Discipleship
3. Entry
4. Exit to Partnership
5. Leadership Development
6. Healthy Church Formation
7. Abide in Christ
Sub-Saharan African Peoples

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- 122,186 Heard Gospel Witness
- 62,374 Opportunities to Respond
- 85 New Churches Planted
- 11,400 New Believers
- 1,618 Baptisms
- 3,516 Leadership Trainings
- 1 New Engagement

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POPULATION 899,598,805

21,462

DYING DAILY
WITHOUT CHRIST

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

...he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. — John 15:5

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Our team relocated from the bush last year. We saw people spending a lot more time on their phones and prayed about using social media as an outreach tool. When COVID-19 hit and we were relocated, it was the time to try social media. This summer, we had a virtual social media team of college students who really helped us to get things started. Our page has been up for a month and has over 2,200 followers with 75 direct conversations and chats sharing Scripture with people in locations that we would never be able to visit. God’s Word goes forth even during COVID-19.

After repairing a water well and building homes for refugees with special needs in the Resettlement Camp, our team developed a reputation of Christian charity and a willingness to help those in need. Later when fighting broke out in the settlement and several people were killed, the team was positioned to provide Bible-based trauma healing training to those affected by this tragedy. Our team helped people turn to God in their time of need and find purpose in the suffering and trauma that they had experienced. They learned about Joseph and how God used his trials to save others and bring glory to God. A humanitarian entry strategy allowed this team to enter and opened the doors for them to move into evangelism and discipleship. Three churches were planted out of this tragedy.
COVID-19 required us to stay in one place, so we gathered people to tell stories from God’s Word. We videoed the stories and learned as we went. Eventually, we completed a 23-panorama story set of the whole Bible that is now being broadcast on a regional satellite TV station. The exciting part of the process was one of the participants who listened to all the stories. His entire demeanor changed as time went on. So much so, that his family noticed the change. His personal growth through this discipleship of understanding God’s Word was worth the journey.

As we completed videoing the 23-story panorama, the idea formed to use these same stories with church members. We worked with the local association of 16 churches to train representatives from many of these churches to do the same training in their churches. It’s exciting to see their engagement and desire to return each week. Most recently, another missionary visited one of the churches and commented on how the stories were being used to revive and improve the Sunday School program through teaching God’s Word.
The coronavirus presented quite a challenge to seminaries and Bible schools in Africa who are dependent on face-to-face instruction. The closure of almost every school has forced theological educators to get creative and find ways to continue their work through other means. It has been encouraging to see schools, educators and students rise to the occasion on a continent where data is expensive and online options are often more challenging than any other place in the world.

In a casual visit with the convention president, we discussed his vision for evangelism for the Baptist Union. He had an evangelism conference on his heart just before COVID-19. As we discussed it more, we came up with a plan to involve those who participated in an internationalization conference in this evangelism training. We are now to have an evangelism conference. The goal is to launch the vision of missions led by these West African churches. The vision is there, and we will continue to partner and walk alongside as they launch and execute their vision.
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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INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD
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.
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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