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CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES

**THE GREATEST PROBLEM
IN THE WORLD IS LOSTNESS.**

**THE ONLY SOLUTION
TO THIS PROBLEM IS THE GOSPEL.**



**TOGETHER, SOUTHERN BAPTISTS
SEND IMB MISSIONARIES TO BE
STEADFASTLY PRESENT
AMONG PEOPLE AND PLACES WHERE
JESUS IS NOT NAMED OR KNOWN.**



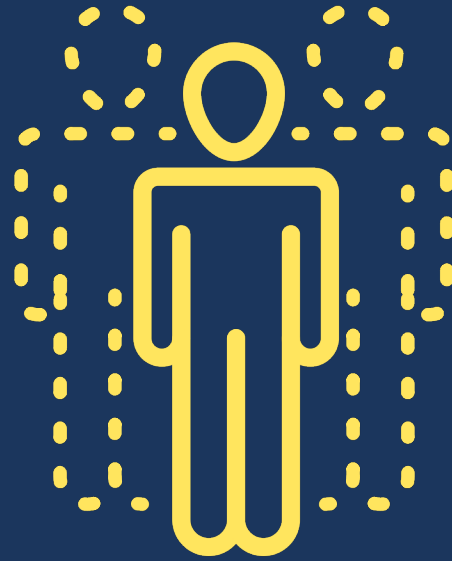
STEADFAST IMB MISSIONARY PRESENCE AROUND THE GLOBE



WHY IS A MISSIONARY PRESENCE NEEDED IN **CENTRAL ASIA?**



Most Central Asian believers are 1st generation Christians. Only a handful have known Jesus for more than 30 years.



Nearly 400 million Central Asians comprise 386 people groups. 39% of these groups do not have church-planting efforts among them.



Poverty in the region is widespread, producing fractured families as husbands and fathers — or sometimes wives and mothers — move to other countries looking for work.



Everyday life in Central Asia includes long, unhurried conversations, punctuated with many cups of hot tea.



Islam is the predominant religion in Central Asia. Many who choose to follow Jesus are persecuted for "betraying" their former faith, traditions and family.



Central Asians are experiencing deep grief and suffering as a result of war, repressive laws and natural disasters.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

BECAUSE OF STEADFAST PRESENCE
AMONG CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES

47,776 people heard the gospel

2,379 new believers

659 baptisms

31 new churches

1,424 people received leadership training



Point of Prayer

Please pray that followers of Jesus throughout Central Asia will love one another well, reflecting Jesus' sacrificial love as a witness to the unsaved people around them.



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