



INTERNATIONAL
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GLOBAL DEAF 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.**



NORTHERN AFRICAN
AND MIDDLE EASTERN
PEOPLES

EUROPEAN
PEOPLES

CENTRAL ASIAN
PEOPLES

ASIAN PACIFIC RIM
PEOPLES

SOUTH ASIAN
PEOPLES

SUB-SAHARAN
AFRICAN PEOPLES

AMERICAN
PEOPLES

DEAF PEOPLES
IMB teams work
to reach the
global Deaf.

STEADFAST IMB MISSIONARY PRESENCE AROUND THE GLOBE



**WHY IS A MISSIONARY
PRESENCE NEEDED AMONG
GLOBAL DEAF PEOPLES?**



IMB missionaries use sign roots as the basis for translating 300 Bible stories into multiple sign languages.



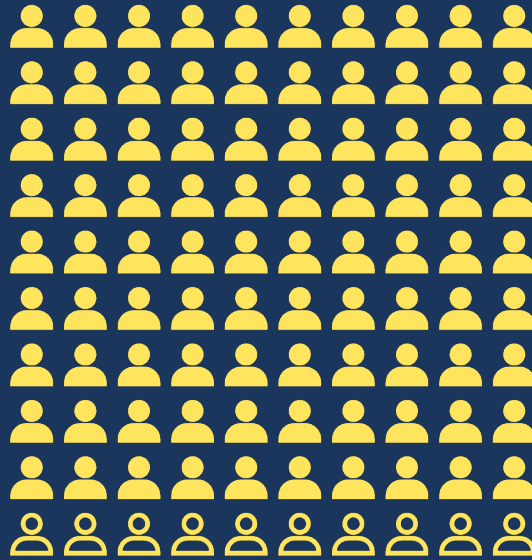
An estimated 80 million culturally Deaf have almost no access to Scripture in their heart language.



The majority of the Deaf have never seen Jesus' name signed in their language. Often ignored and oppressed, the Deaf are some of the least evangelized people on earth.



**Sign Language
contributes to the
Deaf having a sense
of community
belonging, and
identity.**



**Over 90% of all
Deaf people are
born to hearing
parents, most of
them with no
experience in
deafness.**



**Face-to-face
gatherings are the
lifeblood in Deaf
culture, because
communication only
happens visually in
this community.**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

BECAUSE OF STEADFAST PRESENCE AMONG DEAF PEOPLES

2,261 people heard the gospel

122 new believers

97 baptisms

14 new churches

60 people received leadership training



Point of Prayer

Most Deaf people around the world have not seen the good news and do not have access to Scripture in their sign languages. Please pray for more IMB missionaries and national Deaf partners to join efforts to ensure that all will encounter the gospel and have an opportunity to know the Savior.



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