

REACHING THE NATIONS, TOGETHER.

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..."

REVELATION 7:9

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WHY SEND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN MISSIONARIES?

1. Black Christians can have a unique role in global missions, especially when appealing to others from diverse cultural backgrounds. Many communities of color have experienced significant disadvantages which provide unique insights on the hope of the gospel.
2. Black Christians, amid struggle, have thrived to be a vibrant culture within a culture, and these traits can be invaluable to serving similar ethnicities around the world.
3. A large population of Black Christians have a shared bond with other communities of color that may be disadvantaged. The presence of Black Christians displays the power of God to transform those to be reached by the gospel into those to be sent as well.
4. The growing Black foreign-born population in the U.S. (and SBC), along with their cultural and linguistic diversity, provides unique opportunities for gospel connections both in America and abroad.



THE STATS

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There are an estimated 47.2 million people who self-identified as Black in the U.S. Among these, over 10% were born overseas in countries such as Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Somalia, and South Africa.

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The U.S. Black population accounts for the second largest ethnic minority segment at 14.2%.

The Black population has seen growth of 30% since the year 2000, but the Black foreign-born have doubled from 2.4 million in 2000 to 4.8 today.

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Right now, there are 3,899 Southern Baptist African American congregations in the U.S. with 873,035 members. In addition, there are 523 congregations from Africa and Haiti with a total of 57,708 members.

In the U.S., African Americans have a rich history and legacy of organizing around the Great Commission and Great Commandment during very dark times. Their culture has influenced music, fashion, and cuisine all over the globe. God can use that passion to mobilize the next generation to push back the darkness in this current lost and dying world.