



# BLACK CHURCH MISSIONS



# 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 shows how God's power not only transforms those reached by the gospel but also sends them out as missionaries.
- 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 the U.S. and abroad.

In the U.S., African Americans have a rich history and legacy of organizing around the Great Commission and Great Commandment to love the Lord with all your heart 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.



## The Stats

**48**  
MILLION

There are an estimated 48.3 million people who self-identified as Black in the United States (*Pew Research, 2023 data*). Among these, over 9% were born overseas in countries such as Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Somalia, and South Africa. (*2023 ACS Census Data*).

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LARGEST

The U.S. Black population accounts for the second largest ethnic minority segment at 14.4% of the country's population (*Pew Research, 2023 data*). The Black population has seen growth of 33% since the year 2000, but the Black foreign-born population has almost doubled from 2.4 million in 2000 to 4.3 million (*2023 ACS Census Data; Pew Research*).



# 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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