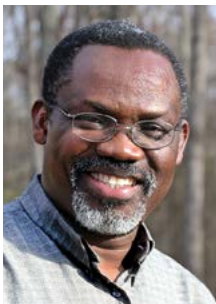




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Praying to the God we know



In the book of 1 Samuel, we see a contrast between a man who knows God, the God of Israel, and a man who only knows *about* God.

David, the man who knows God, is often seen in this narrative seeking the face of God and inquiring of the Lord's priests and prophets before making major decisions. Sometimes he inquires again for certainty, even after God has already given him a general direction. Here is a man who seeks God's voice for guidance and direction.

By contrast, in King Saul we see a man whose sole focus is not the voice of the Lord, but a singular intent to destroy his invented enemy. He is driven to kill a man who has done nothing but good to him, to his household, and to his nation. He is seeking the life of a man who spared Saul's own life when he had a chance to destroy him. When Saul murders the priests of Nob, we see a man willing to kill those who dare to consult God and give God's wisdom to his perceived opponent. We see a man ordained by God to sit on a throne and lead God's own people, yet demonstrating no knowledge of the ways, character, or values of the God of Israel. Saul knows about God, but does he really know God? Because of this, his view of reality is distorted and his priorities bring harm.

Each year, we publish this Prayer Guide, which calls us all to pray together for the ministries to which God has called SIM around the world. It is easy to pull a list of countries together. It is even easy to gather prayer points and compile them in a book for all to use. However, it is a different story to do this because we know that God's people, those who truly know

him on an experiential level, will pray and that the God of the universe will answer.

People who merely know about God also pray, but not with the same spiritual conviction and effectiveness as those who know God. The one prays as a stranger reciting their written petition to a powerful person; the other prays as a child talking to a father. The latter prays with the conviction that our Father in heaven hears and answers, whether he does things our way or a different way.

People who only know about God pray because they have heard the stories of what God has done in the past, but give little attention to God's ongoing acts of grace in their own lives. People who know God pray not only because of God's work in the past but, like David, because they have experienced God's acts in their own lives, bringing salvation, deliverance from darkness to light, and release from the dominion of Satan to God (Acts 26:18). They have known God to the extent they can say, like David before King Saul in an earlier encounter: "The LORD who saved me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear, He will save me from the hand of this Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:37). They serve the God who saves, and whom they know they can call upon to save others.

There was only one reason David could face Goliath when everyone else in Israel, even the seasoned men of war, trembled before him: they knew about God, but David *knew* God.

May we all join our hearts and voices together this year and pray to the God of heaven for SIM workers, SIM ministries, SIM partners, and all those SIM is seeking to reach with the gospel, praying to the prayer-answering God – not just as people who have heard about him, but as people who know him, his word, and his ways.

Joshua Bogunjoko, SIM International Director

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Foreword

Welcome to the 2023 Prayer Guide. The purpose of this prayer mobilisation tool is to inform, inspire and invite readers like you to pray for SIM ministries all around the world.

The information includes each ministry team's vision, their types of ministry, prayer points and descriptions of communities where Christ is least known. The phrase "where Christ is least known" is taken from SIM's Purpose and Mission Statement.

Please share the 2023 Prayer Guide freely and broadly with all who would like to join us in praying for what God is doing through SIM.

Purpose and Mission

Convinced that

no one should live and die

without hearing God's good news,

we believe that He has called us

to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ

in communities where He is least known.

Therefore, compelled by God's great love and empowered by the Holy Spirit...

We cross barriers to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, expressing his love and compassion among those who live and die without Him.

We make disciples who will trust and obey Jesus, and become part of Christ-centred churches.

We work together with churches to fulfil God's mission across cultures locally and globally.

We facilitate the participation in cross-cultural ministry of those whom God is calling.

Vision

The vision of SIM is to see a witness to Christ's love where He is least known, disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities, and Christ-centred churches among all peoples.

By faith we see...

in the world

A vibrant testimony to the gospel through character, word, and action among communities where Jesus is least known.

Followers of Jesus living out the gospel in unity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, making disciples who trust Him, obey Him, and play a full part in church life.

Churches serving their communities and reaching out with the gospel locally and globally.

in SIM:

A community growing in faith, in obedience to Jesus, and in ministry competence.

Workers crossing barriers with the gospel, being and making disciples of Jesus, expressing his love and compassion.

Multi-ethnic and multi-skilled teams serving together in love and harmony.

Courageous leaders investing in the development of others for life-transforming ministries.

Effective partnerships with Christ-centred churches and organisations facilitating the spread of the gospel.

in eternity:

The redeemed from all tribes, languages, peoples, and nations worshipping the Living God.

SIM Core Values

We are a gospel community that is:

1

Committed to Biblical Truth

We are committed to biblical truth and joyfully affirm historic, evangelical Christianity. With courage, we declare to the nations the good news of new life in Jesus Christ.

2

Dependent on God

'By prayer' and in faith, we depend on God for the provision of all of our needs. We will demonstrate diligence, integrity, sharing and accountability in cultivating and using the resources God provides.

3

A People of Prayer

Prayer is foundational in our life and ministry. 'By prayer' we praise God, seek His direction, request resources and call upon the Holy Spirit to empower our ministries.

4

Mission-focused

We are committed to the urgent and unfinished task of making disciples of Jesus Christ in all nations. In doing this, we desire to work in loving, trusting, inter-dependent relationships with churches and other partners which share our vision.

5

Church-centred

We are committed to being a mission organisation that establishes, nurtures and equips churches to be an expression of Christ in their communities and reach out with cross-cultural, missional vision and action.

6

Concerned about Human Needs

We humbly acknowledge that the ultimate human need is to know God. We also believe that He has called us to carry out compassionate, holistic service in this broken world by alleviating suffering, fostering development and affecting change in society.

7

A Christlike Community

We desire to be a transformational community dedicated to becoming like Christ in love, servanthood, holiness and obedience to the Father. We believe that following Christ's example means sacrifice, hardship at times and perhaps even death.

8

A Learning, Growing Community

We believe in the worth and giftedness of each person in SIM and of those we seek to serve. As enduring disciples, we practise giving and receiving discipleship, life-long learning, consultative leadership, mutual development and training.

9

Strengthened through Diversity

We are intentionally interdenominational, international and multi-ethnic. We believe we will become more effective in ministry as we incorporate the richness of cultural diversity in SIM and celebrate our oneness in Christ.

10

Responsive to Our Times

We will respond with creativity and courage to evolving needs and opportunities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In order to ensure they are effective and relevant, our ministries, priorities and structures are subject to ongoing evaluation and adaptation.

Summary of Core Values

Three Ds and Three Cs

We are:

Dependent on God

We are people of prayer. We trust in our faithful God and affirm the truth of the Bible.

Diverse

We are one in Christ. We embrace, and are strengthened by, the international, interdenominational and multi-ethnic diversity of his church.

Disciples of Jesus who make disciples

We cross barriers to fulfil God's global, urgent and unfinished mission.

Church-centred

We are part of Christ's church and together we plant, nurture and equip churches.

Compassionate

We are people of love. We humbly offer compassionate, holistic service and eternal hope, through the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Community

We live a life of integrity in obedience to God and in relationship with each other as we listen, learn, grow, and innovate together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We are God-dependent, diverse, disciples in a church-centred, compassionate community.

With references to SIM's 10 Core Values...

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*Committed to Biblical Truth; Dependent on God; People of Prayer;
Christ-like Community*

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Christ-like Community; Strengthened Through Diversity; Learning, Growing Community; Responsive to Our Times; Committed to Biblical Truth

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Church-centred; Committed to Biblical Truth; Mission-focused

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Concerned About Human Needs; Christ-like Community; Responsive to Our Times

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Christ-like Community; Learning, Growing Community; Responsive to Our Times; Committed to Biblical Truth

Angola



After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude, that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

REVELATION 7:9A

Vision

In a culturally, linguistically and economically diverse environment, SIM Angola partners with churches to make disciples of Christ in communities where he is least known, training and mentoring individuals and groups through diverse ministries.

Ministry

- Nyaneka Bible translation, literacy and theological education by extension.
- Animal husbandry and agriculture amongst the Ovangambwe.
- Primary health care and community health amongst the Ovamwila.
- Medical and surgical hospitals, and obstetric fistula surgical programme.
- Post-graduate training for Angolan medical graduates.
- Equipping pastors and church leaders to be effective disciple-makers in their homes, churches and communities.
- Theological education and leadership development for local pastors and church leaders.
- Training pastors and leaders in youth engagement and ministry.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Kuvale, Himba, Vahakawona

Located in south western Angola, the majority of Kuvale, Himba, and Vahakawona live without the gospel. They are semi-nomadic, raising cattle and goats in a region frequently affected by drought. There are only a handful of churches among these three groups.



Ovangambwe e Ovamwila (Nyaneka)

These two closely related groups are also in south western Angola. The Ovangambwes' lives revolve around keeping cattle. A church has been well established, incorporating five preaching points. Believers are awakening to the Lordship of Jesus and are now turning their backs on spirit worship practices.



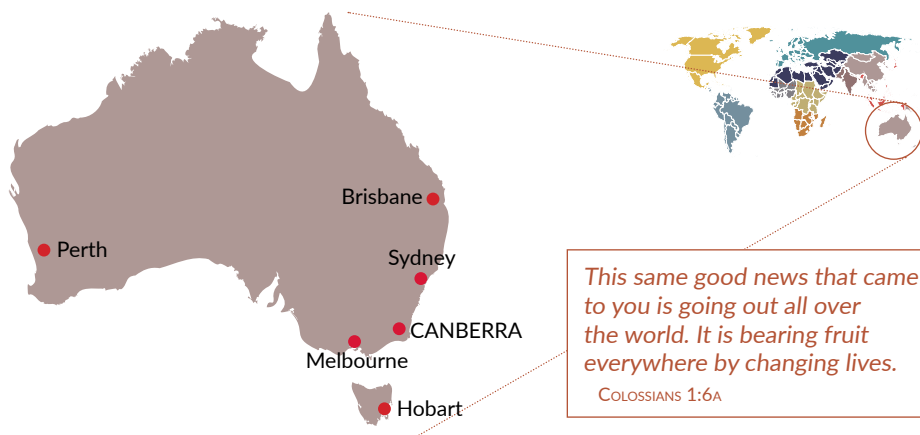
The Ovamwila are largely rural subsistence farmers. Many young people, and some elders, have turned to the Lord and are keen to evangelise. Village churches and preaching points are multiplying. Although the New Testament translation into Nyaneka is nearing completion, only six of these village churches have leaders with basic Bible training.

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Pray for

- national mission workers for all the least-reached communities of Angola
- translators for the 15 languages in Angola which still need Bible translations
- disciple-making to become the DNA of churches throughout Angola. Many believers need to discover a daily walk with Jesus as his disciples
- the Jesus Film to be greatly used to make Jesus known in south western Angola
- the revision phase and publication of the 25 Nyaneka theological-education-by-extension books and their profitable use in study groups
- many patients in our various health ministries to know Jesus, especially marginalised women suffering from fistulas and patients with tuberculosis or HIV/AIDS
- additional SIM personnel for health, theological education, youth, and literacy ministries. We have a high proportion of retirement-age SIM mission workers
- wisdom and patience in dealing with day-to-day challenges

Australia



Vision

Convinced that everyone needs to hear the gospel, our heart is to make disciples of Jesus in communities where he is least known. We partner with local Australian churches in equipping and sending out cross-cultural gospel workers, with a variety of skills and talents, to serve in a diverse range of ministries.

Ministry

- To follow Jesus in his mission, both in Australia and overseas.
- To inspire and partner with churches, in order for them to fulfil God's local, cross-cultural and global mission.
- To mobilise and equip mission workers to reach the least-reached with the gospel, both globally and locally, through the *Across* ministry.
- As stewards, to provide efficient and effective support services to help churches, mission workers, donors, and prayer partners do their works of service.
- To promote ways for people to play their part in God's global mission, whether that be through ministry opportunities, prayerful support, or financial partnership.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Increasing secularisation

Traditionally a Christian nation with freedom of religion, Australia is becoming increasingly secularised. The dominant ideology has become an individualistic, New Age spirituality with no accountability.

While 52.1 per cent of Australians identify themselves in some way as Christian, only eight per cent attend church regularly.

Antagonism towards the church, and to its perceived intolerance and authoritarianism, is increasing, especially in the media.

Immigrants, refugees, overseas students

Australia is one of the most culturally diverse nations in the world, with 30 per cent of the population born overseas and up to 700,000 international students arriving each year prior to Covid-19.

These immigrants and students have brought a variety of religions with them. To faithfully reach these people groups in our own backyard, SIM Australia has developed a local ministry called *Across*. *Across* helps SIM mission workers within Australia reach communities which have yet to hear the gospel, such as migrants, refugees, and university students.

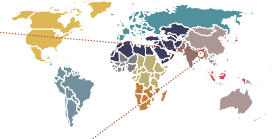


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Pray for

- SIM Australia's mission workers to follow Jesus closely and know his empowering to be effective and fruitful in their ministry
- sending and supporting churches to grow in their engagement beyond current mission workers and to see mission as central to church ministry
- the Lord of the Harvest to raise up more churches and workers in communities where Christ is least known, both overseas and locally through *Across*
- more Australian believers to discover the part they can play in God's global mission (in active service, or as a prayerful and/or financial partner)

Bangladesh



Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Vision

That Bangladeshi people will know God's love and share his love with their neighbours; that Bangladeshi communities will be transformed by this great love.

Ministry

- Children's Uplift Programme: serving women and their children who are vulnerable to, or survivors of, human trafficking.
- Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Programme: providing education, filters and treatment for arsenic poisoning, a common condition in Bangladesh.
- Transformation centres: providing education opportunities, such as English language classes and primary classes for children in the slums to promote new development in impoverished communities.
- Morningstar Children's Centre: providing primary education to impoverished and under-served children.
- Salam Training Centre: a vocational school providing trade training for young people to develop life skills.
- Bible correspondence school: a distance learning school to disciple Christians throughout the country.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Bengali

Bengalis are by far the largest ethnic community in Bangladesh, a densely populated country of about 165 million people. Bengalis are very conversational, hospitable, and community-minded people. Many of them revere God and desire to please him, but don't know the good news as presented in the Bible.

The capital, Dhaka, is a bustling mega-city which is home to more than 18 million people. Yet the majority of Bengali people live in rural villages scattered throughout the country.

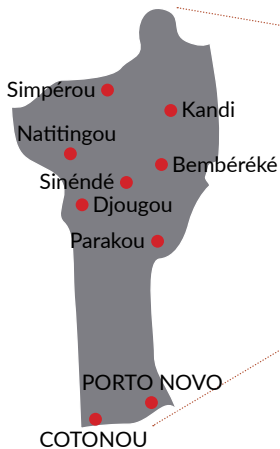
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Pray for

- the formation of Christian communities which love God and love one another
- unity, trust and collaboration between believers
- a favourable relationship with the Bangladeshi government
- new workers to join our team and fill the void of some recently-departed veteran workers
- millions of Bengalis suffering from arsenic contamination; that they will be able to access clean drinking water



Benin



*All the nations you have made will
come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.*

PSALMS 86:9

Vision

In a spirit of collaboration, we see Benin churches becoming mature, missional, dynamic, filled with disciples obedient to the Word of God, imitators of Christ, dependent on the Holy Spirit, and full of compassion. In unity, we see these disciples of all ages serving according to their gifts for the glory of God.

Ministry

- Bible translation and literacy.
- Evangelism through training and discipleship in Muslim communities.
- Radio outreach.
- Theological education.
- Medical work.

Prayer Notes

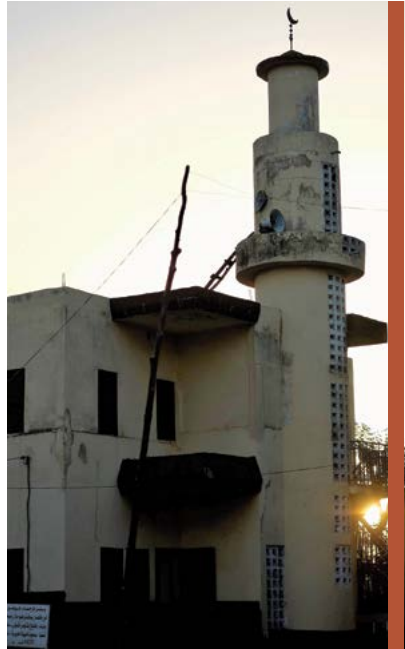
Communities where Christ is least known

Muslims

We are finally seeing what our greatest remaining and unfinished task is: reaching millions of Muslims.

When the SIM pioneers came in 1946, more than 90 per cent of the one million northern 'Dahomeyans' were animistic. Seven larger animistic tribes outnumbered two Muslim tribes. SIM went to the larger animistic tribes, as well as to the southern Fulani who were more animistic than Islamic. SIM Benin's entire vision focused on reaching the rural animists in up to 10 languages; but they did not go to the Dendi Muslims or the northern Fulani Muslims.

When we speak of the 'unreached', we have the 'hard' and then the 'hardest'. SIM went to the 'hard'. It took the coming of the Evangelical Baptists working from Niger to open up work among the northern Dendi in 1974. It took 40 more years before urban Dendi and northern Fulani were seriously addressed. By then, Islam had swept through all the northern tribes and Muslims now make up more than 80 per cent of the northern population. For northern Benin, the Muslim minority of 1946 became the Muslim majority of millions. Pray that local churches will find ways to invite mission workers for this unfinished task. Pray that SIM will recruit a new generation of workers and pray that Benin will even send out her sons and daughters as workers in other Muslim fields in Africa.



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Pray for

- the community team working on translating the Bible into Wangara-Dendi, the language spoken by one of the major Muslim people groups
- local believers, that they will grow in courage and desire to share Jesus with their Muslim neighbours
- more SIM Benin-Togo workers to support new outreach activities and help strengthen the administrative capacity of local partners

Bolivia



*The earth is the LORD's, and
everything in it, the world, and all who
live in it.*

PSALM 24:1

Vision

That Bolivian Christians will bring Christ's kingdom to their communities, their country and the world in word and deed by inviting all people into a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ministry

- Outreach to Quechuas and least reached sectors of Bolivian society.
- Church leadership development.
- Modelling and building discipleship capacity.
- Mobilising for mission.
- Ministering to, and education of, children.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children with disabilities

Bolivian society often overlooks children with disabilities and their families or care-givers. SIM workers are forming parent support groups and providing teacher training so they can better educate children with disabilities in their classrooms.



Quechuas in urban and rural areas

Many Quechua people have moved to cities for work, to search for educational opportunities and to better their lives. Others continue to live in small, scattered communities in the countryside.

SIM workers partner with small churches of Quechua migrants in outlying neighbourhoods to build up believers to reach their communities for Christ. Quechuas maintain links to the countryside, which open doors for outreach and discipleship among village dwellers.

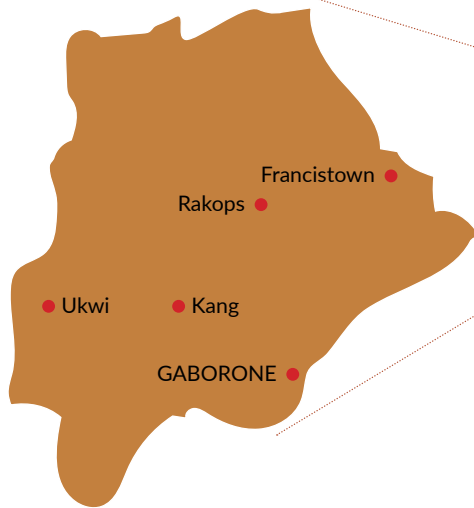


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Pray for

- SIM and Bolivian workers mobilising churches for mission
- SIM workers currently in theological and leadership training ministries
- SIM partnership in medical ministry in Potosí
- productive partnerships to reach and disciple children, youth and families
- teachers and staff for Carachipampa Christian School, as they educate, reach and disciple students and reach their students' parents
- unity and cultural understanding, as we live and work in multi-ethnic and multi-generational teams

Botswana



And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

ROMANS 10:15

Vision

By faith, we see: every person in Botswana having the opportunity to respond to the good news, growing in obedience to God and becoming part of a local church fellowship; a renewed and strong partnership with the African Evangelical Church (AEC) and ther denominations, as SIM Botswana walks alongside them to fulfil the Great Commission.

Ministry

- Children and youth ministry.
- Disciple-making and counselling.
- Bible translation.
- Theological training.
- Outreach into schools and colleges.
- S.H.I.N.E Africa.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Remote dwellers of the Kalahari Desert

The San are considered to have the oldest culture in the world. Beautiful San rock art can be seen throughout southern Africa, where the San lived as hunter-gatherers. The San are expert hunters, using bows and poison-tipped arrows. Hunting is a collaborative exercise, and the meat is always shared among the group.

Over the past 2,000 years, the San have slowly been pushed to live in the arid sands of the Kalahari Desert by Bantu tribes and white farmers, who have taken the more fertile land for their crops and livestock. Today, the San find it very difficult to maintain their traditional culture and lifestyle. Land the San used to hunt on is increasingly being used for grazing cattle.

In partnership with the Africa Evangelical Church, SIM has engaged with the !Xoon San of the Kalahari for more than 30 years. For 16 years, the ministry was carried out by full-time mission workers living in the desert. These mission workers retired in 2018, leaving a translation of the gospel of Luke, around 90 recorded Bible stories, Sunday school material, and a worship CD as their legacy, as well as local translators who now carry on this work.

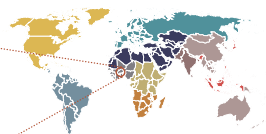


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Pray for

- God to reveal his vision for SIM Botswana
- Botswana SIM appointees who are developing prayer partners and raising support, that the Lord would lead them to the place he has prepared for them
- more believers to hear the Lord's calling into ministry
- local translators among the remote desert dwellers of the Kalahari, that they would persevere in their ministry without the support of expatriate mission workers
- the developing vision for reaching out to and discipling the remote desert dwellers of the Kalahari
- children and young people to grow in their faith and apply biblical truths in their daily lives
- people bound by animistic traditions to be set free

Burkina Faso



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

JOHN 1:5

Vision

We strive to glorify God by making disciples of the people of Burkina Faso. We do this by proclaiming Jesus Christ as we minister to human needs and teach sound doctrine, equipping the local church in its growth and partnering with the church as it ministers to those unreached by the good news of Jesus.

Ministry

- Scripture translation and audio production.
- English classes as a basis for evangelism.
- Evangelism and discipleship.
- Medical centres.
- Theological education.
- Ministry to at-risk young women.
- Ministry among street boys.
- Community development and well-drilling.
- Ministries to people with disabilities.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Internally displaced people

While Burkina Faso was once known for its stability, recent terrorist activity has led to an epidemic of internally displaced people. In March 2022, the UN estimated that more than 1.7 million people have been displaced from their homes by violence since 2019.

Many of these people are living in makeshift refugee camps, where water and food are scarce. Several camps have become targets for violence, causing a second displacement for those who had taken refuge. Other displaced people are seeking shelter with extended family, which can put already fragile financial situations under extreme stress. Malnutrition is a growing issue in the face of food shortages, decreased access to markets and inflation.

Most people in Burkina Faso depend on their farms for their food and their livelihood. With the current unrest, large portions of farming land are not accessible due to security risks and fear, leading to a threat of famine.

As a result of the violence, schools, churches, and village markets continue to close. As of December 2021, 3,280 schools had closed, denying approximately 511,221 students access to education.



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Pray for

- an end to violence. Praise God for the many people who have developed an openness to the gospel as a result of these challenging circumstances
- the church to reach out to non-Christian neighbours to show Christ's love. Pray they would stand firm and shine as a light in the darkness
- wisdom for our leaders, as they decide how SIM can safely and effectively respond to this humanitarian crisis with love and the good news
- the church of Burkina Faso to continue to grow in maturity and numbers
- our many ministries to demonstrate and share God's love in ways that transform lives for Christ during these difficult times

Canada



Vision

The vision of SIM Canada is to see a witness to Christ's love where He is least known, disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities, and Christ-centred churches, especially among new Canadians and marginalised communities.

Ministry

- Urban least-reached communities.
- First Nations ministry.
- Serving marginalised communities (such as the deaf, sex workers, and the hip-hop community).
- Mobilising, training, and providing support services to mission workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

New Canadians

According to the 2016 census, 7.5 million foreign-born people have come to Canada through the immigration process. They make up one in five people in Canada. This is an opportunity for Canadians to share the gospel in communities where Christ is least known, right in our own backyard. Immigrants in Canada list more than 200 places of birth outside their adopted country.

Pray for our Canada field workers, who work in many of these communities. Pray they would have many opportunities to share the gospel and make newcomers feel welcome in Canada.

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Pray for

- mission workers serving in difficult contexts both in Canada and globally
- our largely secular society to hear and understand the good news
- our Canada field workers serving in different communities across Canada
- SIM to serve the local Canadian church well
- wisdom for the SIM Canada office staff to help facilitate and prepare people for overseas or local ministry
- the mobilising and personnel teams as they work to mentor and process inquirers and increase the numbers who serve. SIM Canada receives an inquiry every day but only 30 to 40 are processed for mission service each year



Chile



You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

Vision

Compelled by God's great love, we want to see churches with trained leaders engaged in making disciples, and expressing the love and compassion of Christ in communities where he is least known. Our motivation is to see the church in Chile increasingly sharing the good news, mobilising, and sending servants to those living and dying without Christ, inside and outside Chile.

Ministry

- Mission mobilisation.
- Partnership with ProVisión - a Chilean mission agency.
- Church leadership development.
- Disciple-making.
- Seminary by Extension to All Nations (SEAN).
- Education and evangelism with at-risk kids.
- Koyamentu Training and Retreat Centre.
- Marriage and family ministries in church contexts.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Helping empower the Chilean church

The Chilean evangelical church is part of a growing worldwide mission movement. Our focus is to come alongside and support the church in making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known.

In partnership with ProVisión, a Chilean sending agency, we work to empower the Chilean church to grow in its ability and commitment to send workers to serve where Christ is least known. SIM Chile hopes to develop new partnerships and ministries to support church leaders and their efforts to make disciples in their congregations and to reach out to the communities of university students and migrants who are living and dying without Christ.

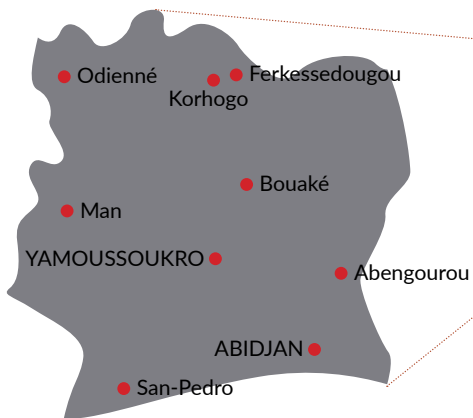


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Pray for

- the development of new ministries focused on helping Chilean churches become more intentional about making disciples
- Chilean pastors and church leaders as they lead their congregations through times of social unrest and economic downturn
- Chilean mission workers to flourish spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially
- the Seminary by Extension to All Nations (SEAN) to extend its impact to the entire country
- protection for at-risk children. Pray their contact with Christians will be a testimony of Christ's love
- the Koyamentu Training and Retreat Centre to facilitate renewal, transformation, and training for Chilean churches and mission workers
- marriage courses and men's and women's groups to reach non-Christians with the hope found in Jesus

Cote d'Ivoire



For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's; on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

1 SAMUEL 2:8B-9

Vision

SIM Côte d'Ivoire glorifies God by working in partnership with the body of Christ to make disciples of all nations and equip them to transform society.

Ministry

- Theological education.
- Leadership development.
- Radio outreach.
- Church planting.
- Community development.
- Disciple-making.
- Street children ministry.
- Ministry to women.
- Arts in mission.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Dioula (Jula)

Five years ago, SIM workers planted a church in the north specifically to reach out to the Dioula community, which was living and dying without Christ. We praise God that last year, leadership of this church was handed over to a national pastor who has a heart for reaching communities who don't know Jesus. Pray for him and his wife to lead well, live good lives before others and persevere with wisdom and joy.



The Fulani

The Fulani are heavily impacted by the rise of terrorism in the West African region. Some are disillusioned by the fruits of militant Islam, while others are drawn to the opportunities or fraternity of militant Islam. Numerous Scripture materials are available in Fulfulde. Pray that this changing dynamic might provide fertile hearts for the gospel to take root and flourish.



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Pray for

- the national pastor and his wife to lead well, live good lives before others and persevere with wisdom and joy
- a growing heart for the unreached amongst Ivorian churches
- the Dioula and Fulani communities to be transformed by the gospel
- terrorism to be restrained in West Africa
- leadership changes for the radio ministry
- rest, energy and effectiveness for the SIM team
- strategic use of resources for maximum gospel effectiveness

East Africa Office



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

ISAIAH 6:8

Vision

By faith, we see mission-minded churches in East Africa fully engaged in global outreach, sending their mission workers to join communities around the world. Our purpose is to serve East African churches as they participate in global mission.

Ministry

The East African Office helps churches mobilise, equip, train, and send East African mission workers around the world to serve with SIM and its partner mission agencies in gospel ministry. Our global workers serve in:

- Evangelism and disciple-making.
- Church planting.
- Radio ministry.
- Leadership training and theological education.
- Youth ministry.
- Culture and language learning.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Fulani people groups

The Fulani population is made up of 40 million people in 20 West African countries. The East African Office has already sent five mission families to serve among them.

We thank God that the call to reach this people group is growing tremendously. As a result of continuous prayer, we have been able to send another five mission workers to the West Africa region, focusing on Fulani people groups. We thank God for the response of local churches in the East Africa region to the call to serve Fulani people.

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Pray for

- increased capacity for the East African Office to send and train mission workers
- protection and guidance for all who are involved in making decisions to place mission workers in the global mission field, as we deal with the aftermath of Covid-19
- God to call Christian professionals from East African countries to serve him globally
- young men and women to take decisive action in response to God's leading for them to serve in mission

East Asia



Vision

We envision churches in East Asia glorifying God by partnering with the global church, SIM, and our supporting constituencies in sending workers to reach those who are living and dying without hearing God's good news. We want to raise disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known, working together with local churches to fulfil God's Great Commission. We want to turn mission fields into mission forces, while also receiving workers into some of our countries. Together, as God's people, we commit ourselves willingly and joyfully to be involved in furthering the cause of the Great Commission, through praying, giving, mobilising, sending, and receiving workers.

Ministry

The staff of the East Asia Office coordinate and supervise the efforts of constituent sending and receiving entities, and provide services such as:

- Promotion.
- Strengthening partnerships with churches.
- Mobilisation of churches and individuals.
- Involving our countries more in candidate screening and selection.
- Mentoring and orientation.
- Information coordination.
- Church-mission partnerships.
- Administration, supervision, and development of receiving contexts.
- Crisis management and contingency planning.
- Care for children of cross-cultural workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Indonesia's majority peoples

Evangelical Christians make up only 3.21 per cent of the population, so many of Indonesia's 279 million people do not have much contact with witnesses to the saving power of '*Isa al Masih*' (Jesus the Messiah).

Some large communities without Christ exist throughout Indonesia's more than 13,000 inhabited islands, with similar lifestyle characteristics and similar, yet distinct, languages. Large clusters like Aceh, Banjar, Barito, Betawi, Bugis, Deli, Jawa, Kaili, Lampung, Madura, Maluku, Melayu, Minangkabau, Pasemah, Sasak, Sunda, and Tukangbesi are comprised of smaller language groups, almost 230 in all.

While most communities identify with the majority religion, almost all practise some animism. More people are needed to live among these communities and to mobilise, motivate, encourage and train Indonesia's evangelical churches for cross-cultural mission in their own country.



Diaspora Ministries

Diaspora ministries are gaining significance as more and more Chinese, Indonesian and Indian diaspora communities and international students are moving in huge numbers to East Asia and other parts of the world. As they are turning into a rich harvest field, it is a *Kairos* moment to share the love of Christ with them. SIM East Asia is keen to strategise and reach out to these communities with the gospel of Christ along with partnering churches and like-minded organisations.

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Pray for

- efforts to reach the least-reached communities in Indonesia, by motivating, equipping, and mobilising churches and theological institutions in Indonesia
- SIM East Asia's strategies to equip and send members to focus on frontline evangelism, discipleship, producing missional churches and turning mission fields into mission forces
- wisdom for Chinese, Indonesian, Indian diaspora and international student ministry leaders to strategise their ministries
- attempts to send members to serve in Japan with OMF Japan and Asian Access
- God to supply the funds for our growth, operation, ministries and projects
- wisdom and resources in developing capacity in the region to receive workers
- cross departmental efforts focusing on succession plans for SIM East Asia staff, leaders, members of key committees and field members
- the formation of the New Gen Mission Initiative Committee to draw young people to serve in mission

Ecuador



May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us - so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

PSALM 67 1-2

Vision

The vision of SIM Ecuador is to see a witness to Christ's love where he is least known, disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities, and Christ-centred churches among all peoples.

Ministry

- Waves of Hope radio station (new focus on rural areas, evangelistic/equipping/counselling programmes).
- Equipping leaders (growing pastors, theological education, bookshop, training conferences).
- Compassion ministries (medical aid, finance management, business as mission, family gardens, trauma healing).
- Planting and strengthening rural churches (disciple-making = evangelism, discipleship, multiplication, training and pioneering.)
- Youth Ministries (university outreach, Bible studies, English ministry and discipleship, sports).
- Mobilising and sending (equipping the church for mission, partnership with sending agency, sending office).
- Ecuador MKs (academic/spiritual growth of MKs, companionship for parents).
- Leadership and services (personnel, leadership team, administration, finances, facilities, legal, board).

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Rural population in Loja province

Most rural towns in Loja have no local church and many small towns have no gospel presence at all. As the church in Loja city matures, it is beginning to participate in the Great Commission, and SIM Ecuador aims to walk beside its workers as they evangelise and plant churches in rural areas.

We use Bible story-telling and simple Bible discovery approaches to teach and disciple believers in Christian communities in homes.

Locals who take ownership of disciple-making are crucial, so the good news can be spread to even more remote areas. A need for foundational Bible doctrine calls for teaching and training in a simple and reproducible manner, to avoid divisions and confusion among the few rural believers.



Youth and students

Ecuador is a young nation! Youth disillusioned by their parents' traditional, works-orientated religion, are desperate for the truth about Jesus. SIM reaches out with biblical truth to young people and university students through social media, arts, English/campus ministries and sports. True Christian community throughout the week is desperately needed among the young people.

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Pray for

- confidence and training for rural believers who are hesitant to reach out to their families and neighbours with the gospel; passion in local Christians and local churches to come alongside expatriate workers and reach Loja province
- more workers living in the rural area who can focus on multiplication, and involve the locals from the beginning, trusting fully in the Holy Spirit
- Radio Hope's two additional repeaters on air, covering two thirds of the Loja province population, making up roughly 300,000 people. Pray for wisdom in creating the content and the impact it will have among urban and rural people
- the Equipping Leaders ministries to develop stable, maturing leaders, especially in rural communities, through training programmes and ongoing discipleship
- workers to develop SIM's Sports Friends ministry in rural areas
- the partnership with a local sending agency and for impact in the area of mobilising the church for mission

Eritrea



I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

ROMANS 8:18

Vision

SIM first entered Eritrea in the early 1950s, and its focus has been assisting the Kale Heywet Church. In July 2004, the few remaining SIM workers in Eritrea were forced out of the country after their work permit applications were rejected. All SIM ministries have been closed, and evangelical Christians in Eritrea are undergoing severe persecution. SIM now supports a radio ministry in the Tigrinya language, Selamna Radio, broadcasting to Eritrea and Eritreans in the diaspora.

We want to see Tigrinya-speaking young people in Eritrea and in the diaspora reached with the gospel through the radio and social media.

Ministry

- Kale Heywet Church.
- Radio Outreach.
- Eritrean Diaspora Ministries.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Afar

The Afar are found in the East African countries of Djibouti, Ethiopia and Eritrea. The Afar consist of two sub-groups: the *Asaemara* and the *Adaemara*. Early in their history, the Afar were heavily influenced by Islam, which is still held in great esteem, although many pre-Islamic beliefs and customs are still prevalent.



Beja

The Beja are a group of nomadic pastoralists who live scattered across the desert regions of Sudan, Egypt and Eritrea. They represent the largest non-Arabic ethnic group between the Nile River and the Red Sea. The Beja are Muslims who practise folk Islam. Most of their beliefs are interwoven with a wide variety of traditional beliefs.

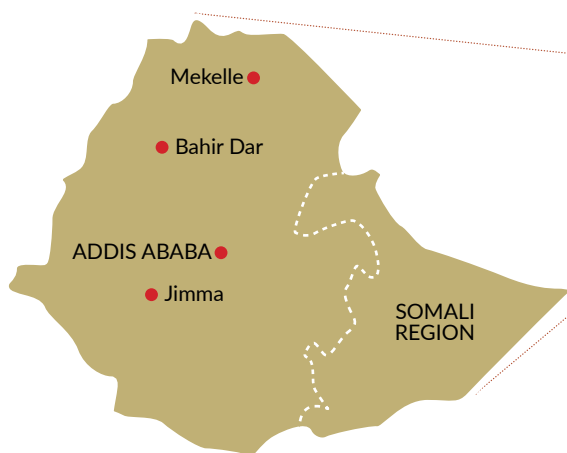


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Pray for

- the Eritrean church, particularly the Kale Heywet Church, to flourish even under ongoing threats of persecution
- the listeners of the radio broadcasts, especially the young people, to cultivate a personal relationship with God, express increased commitment to him and his church, and actively participate in disciple-making
- the Tigrinya-speaking radio producers, who have been engaged to prepare effective radio broadcasts to Eritrea and beyond
- the Christian believers, especially church leaders, who are imprisoned for their faith and for God's comfort and provision for the families of those imprisoned for the gospel
- opportunities for radio broadcasts in the Tigre language to Tigre Christians in Eritrea and beyond

Ethiopia



God our Saviour desires all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:4

Vision

Compelled by God's love and by the reality that millions of people live and die without knowing Christ, we strive to expand the church's capacity to make disciples and multiply churches in communities where Christ is least known, so that the triune God alone may be genuinely worshipped by every person.

Ministry

- **Least Reached People:** in communities where Christ is least known, or church not well established,
- **Church Partnership:** advancing all ministry in, through or toward the local church, seeking to spur innovation and fill gaps,
- **Holistic Outreach:** proclaiming truth and showing love to the whole person and the whole community,
- **Intentional Development:** proactively nurturing ministries toward growth into partnership, independence or completion.

In specific, prioritised communities throughout Ethiopia, we strive to expand the church's disciple making capacity in:

- Reaching children and youth,
- Caring for the vulnerable,
- Engaging with influencers,
- Mentoring and training in Orthodox communities,
- Outreach to Muslims,
- Medical ministry,
- Discipling and equipping church leaders toward mission.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children and youth

Well over half the population of Ethiopia (approximately 117 million people) is under the age of 20. As a result of rapid population growth, migration to urban areas and the availability of technology and the internet, most of these young people have limited opportunities to come to know Christ and become his followers.



Vulnerable

The urban population has increased to around 20 per cent of this primarily rural country and the rate of change is increasing. Poverty and abuse remain major issues, especially among newcomers to urban areas. Girls and homeless street boys are at risk of being trafficked.



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Pray for

- Christian community influencers, such as business, community, educational and church leaders to embrace their opportunity for gospel impact where Christ is least known
- Churches and individuals to see the value in children and youth ministries and to prioritise time, energy and budget to empower them
- recruitment of excellent teachers who can serve at Bingham Academy with a passion for making disciples among students and advancing mission outreach
- greater inter-dependent teamwork and healthy ministry relationships
- churches and their leaders to become more willing to care about, and show Christ's love to, neighbours in their communities – especially those from different ethnic or socio-economic backgrounds
- teaching, disciple-making and mentoring initiatives in Orthodox communities
- healthier church partnerships and ongoing effective disciple-making initiatives
- churches empowered for missional outreach

France



It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

ROMANS 15:20

Vision

By faith, we see God mobilising his children to share the good news of salvation with those whose hearts have been prepared by the Holy Spirit.

SIM France is called by God to mobilise Christians and inform the church of opportunities in mission, train those called to serve, facilitate their tasks, and support them through prayer and care.

We rejoice in the Lord each time he entrusts someone to us. We desire to be facilitators and encourage men and women to serve Christ when he calls them.

Ministry

- Mobilising for God's service.
- Equipping for ongoing ministry.
- Sending mission workers to communities living and dying without Christ.
- Maintaining contact with mission workers in all corners of the globe.
- Planting churches.
- Ministering to international students.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Foreign students

There are about 358,000 foreign students in France. Moroccan students have become the largest group (more than 42,000), but there are also many Algerians (31,000) and Tunisians (13,000). Almost 51 per cent of France's foreign students come from Africa, including the Maghreb region.

Foreign students are often open to the gospel, but more workers are needed. Currently, only one SIM worker ministers among them.



Muslim community

The Muslim community in France is approximately nine per cent of the total population. This figure includes all the immigrants coming from predominantly Muslim countries. Studies give an estimate of 70,000 to 110,000 Christians among this group. A large part of the community is second, third, or even fourth generation immigrant.

The 2016 influx of refugees is challenging European Christians to find ways of showing Christ's love. Following terrorist violence in 2016, the Muslim community has begun to question Islam. Muslim background believers are often persecuted by their families and relatives, but the terrorist incidents have led to more opportunities to discuss our Christian beliefs with Muslims.



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Pray for

- revival of missional vision in French churches
- partnerships with church denominations, Bible institutes and other mission organisations
- sincere and ongoing commitment to mission among French Christians
- the development and autonomy of SIM Belgium ministries, which SIM France supports
- an effective training programme for spiritual growth
- strength in prayer, good relationships with churches and potential mission workers, and fruitful ministry for those whom God sends

Germany



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

ROMANS 12:12

Vision

So people meet God! DMG Germany is a sending mission organisation, honouring God and telling the whole world how great he is. Jesus asks us to humbly live out every aspect of his love in word and deed, and to boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in a hurting world. By inviting people to be reconciled with the living God, we see them experience a personal and life-transforming encounter with Jesus Christ. DMG prepares Christian workers for cross-cultural ministry, and then sends and cares for them, in partnership with like-minded organisations and churches.

Ministry

- Praying and fellowshiping in community.
- Mobilising the church for mission.
- Mobilising mission workers in German-speaking Europe.
- Running a short-term volunteer programme.
- Providing member care and lifelong learning for all staff.
- Supporting international workers serving in Germany.
- Promoting partnerships between ourselves and like-minded organisations for the cause of world mission.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Diaspora

The predominant people groups coming to, or settled in, Germany include Syrians, Iraqis, Afghanis, Pakistanis, Somalis, Eritreans, Kurds, Turks, and English- and French-speaking West Africans.



The Ruhr region

The Ruhr region, in Northrhine-Westfalia, is the largest metropolitan area in Germany, with a population of 5.1 million and annual growth of 43,000 people, spread over 53 cities. This region has the highest migration density in Germany, from every nation (eg 26 per cent Turkish and 18 per cent Polish). It also has the highest number of students and foreign students in Germany.

International (multicultural) community and students

Our organisation is reaching out to the multi-cultural community in cities. There are 395,000 overseas students studying at universities in Germany. The largest group is from Asia, with significant groups from India (20,800), Syria (13,600), Iran (9,500), and Vietnam (3,200).

Secular Germans

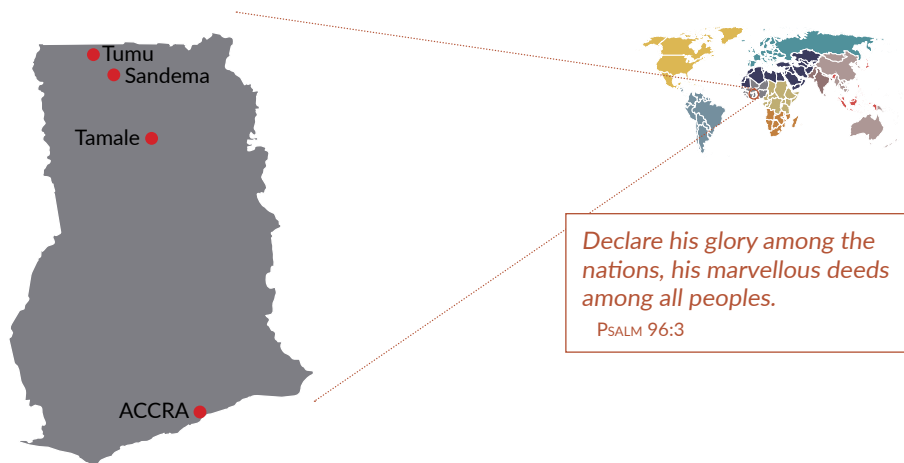
Germany is rapidly becoming a secularised country. Regions in eastern and northern Germany have little or no local/personal Christian witness. Opportunities exist for workers from all over the world.

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Pray for

- the growing team of international workers as they adapt to, and integrate into, a very different life in Germany
- the recruitment of a team leader and new workers for the many ministry opportunities in the Ruhr region
- the discipling of new believers among the migrants and international students, and their integration into a fellowship

Ghana



Vision

To see a witness to Christ's love where he is least known in Ghana, disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities and Christ-centred churches spreading the gospel in Ghana and beyond.

Ministry

- Outreach and discipleship amongst the Sisaala, Dagomba, and Fulani.
- Equipping the church for mission through sports ministry, children's ministry, training, and discipling marketplace leaders.
- Leadership and services.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslim peoples of northern Ghana

The Dagomba and Sisaala people of northern Ghana are predominantly Muslim but hold strongly to their traditional roots. SIM Ghana works closely with churches to share the good news of God in these communities and to disciple believers.

Many young people are attracted to the wealth of the West and are drawn to prosperity teaching. Through youth groups, training of children's workers and the work of Sports Friends, we seek to ground the young people in the truth of God's word and his promise for their future.



The Fulani

The Fulani people are scattered throughout Ghana. Through language and culture learning, the team have continued to build relationships and a number of Fulani have come to know and follow Jesus.

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Pray for

- Praise God for the first four years of ministry amongst the Fulani. Our workers will be taking home assignment this year. Pray for their home churches to be encouraged and to continue supporting and praying for them
- that the gospel will be deeply planted in the hearts of young people, so they will be salt and light among their peers
- the church to respond to the urgent need to disciple children
- the many young people who make decisions to follow Jesus through the ministry of Sports Friends. Pray they will be disciplined well
- wisdom as we seek God's way forward for future opportunities for business as mission in Ghana
- the new leadership for the Good News Bible Church - for wisdom as they lead the church forwards

Guinea



For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

ROMANS 1:16

Vision

By faith, we see, every man, woman and child of Upper Guinea having the opportunity to hear and understand the good news of Jesus; a vibrant church working in harmony, bringing Jesus' transformation to Upper Guinea and beyond; a flourishing, Spirit-led SIM team, equipped to serve communities with love and discernment.

Ministry

- Evangelism and discipleship.
- Children and families.
- Youth.
- Leadership and services.
- Audio media production and distribution.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

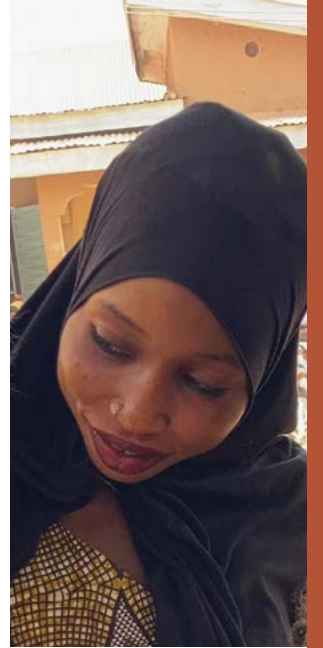
Fulani

There are almost four and a half million Fulani in Guinea. The vast majority are not Christians. While the New Testament has been translated into their language, translators are currently working on much of the Old Testament. There is also need for much prayer for the Fulani believers who gather throughout Guinea. Evangelism efforts continue throughout the country led by local believers, mission workers, and believers from other people groups.

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Pray for

- accuracy and perseverance in the translation work of the Old Testament into Pular
- healthy, biblical churches to be planted throughout Guinea among the Fulani
- a spirit of forgiveness, humility, kindness, and tender-heartedness among believers
- the resources that have been shared with unbelievers to be listened to and read, and for God to open hearts to receive the gospel
- for a successful audio recording of the entire Maninka New Testament in early 2023
- for God to protect the workers from the evil one, and for them to depend on the Holy Spirit in their ministry



India



For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

ESTHER 4:14

Vision

We see the kingdom of God extending beyond all barriers, as we partner with Indian ministries to fulfil our global mandate. We focus on loving our friends from other faiths as they come into the kingdom, and on engaging with specific populations (children, youth, leaders, the marginalised) as they are discipled into the kingdom lifestyle, community, and service.

Ministry

- Learning languages and culture.
- Discipling Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist friends as they follow Jesus within their communities.
- Helping transgendered people and trafficking survivors.
- Loving people affected by HIV.
- Discipling university students and teachers.
- Developing young leaders for India's future.
- Shaping businesses which can transform people and society.
- Training local church leaders.
- Mobilising Indian churches to send workers globally.
- Education in under-served areas.
- Increasing access to biblical and trauma counselling.
- Supporting funding initiatives.
- Working with differently-abled individuals and their families.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Buddhists

Pilgrims have been coming to India since the time of Buddha (ca 563-483BC), seeking enlightenment and merit in the sacred sites and ancient monasteries. Buddhists believe that under a tree in the current-day Indian state of Bihar, Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha) achieved enlightenment and received the four noble truths that form the basis of Buddhist beliefs; all of life is suffering, the cause of suffering is desire, the end of desire leads to the end of suffering, and the means to end desire is a path of discipline and meditation.



Today around 8.4 million people practise Buddhism in India (2011 census). Tibetan refugees and some Himalayan communities in the north practise the 'Way of the Lightning Bolt', which stresses individual spiritual advancement with the help of intercession from bodhisattvas (enlightened beings).

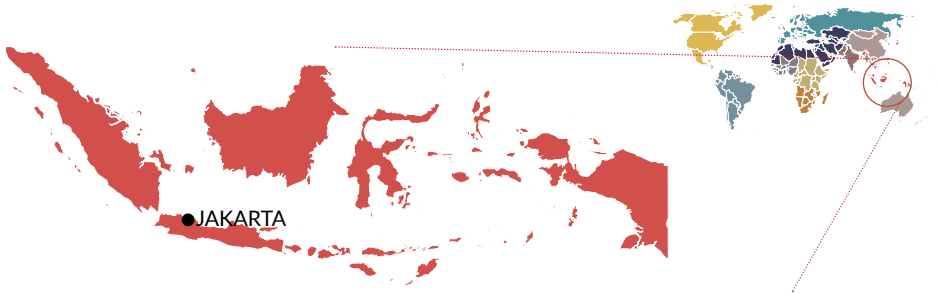
Buddhism is sometimes seen as a way to escape the Hindu caste system and Buddhist ideals are embraced in many levels of society.

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Pray for

- discernment for the new director as he builds relationships and establishes partnerships with those making Christ known
- creativity, increased networks and provision for developing transformational businesses
- new workers to arrive as restrictions lift! Adjustment and learning of language and culture
- local churches and believers to adjust to the new normal, amid increasing religious tensions
- favour from government authorities for workers obtaining and renewing visas and residential permits
- wisdom, protection, and boldness for Christian leaders as they face increasing scrutiny and hostility
- mobilisation and development of teams working in communities where Christ is not known

Indonesia



All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

PSALM 86:9

Vision

We envision Indonesian Christ-followers reaching out with the gospel in word and lifestyle to communities where Christ is not known, presenting opportunities to follow Jesus, and discipling new Christ-followers to share the gospel with others.

Ministry

- Influencing seminary students to have a passion for those without Christ.
- Equipping pastors and church members for both local and global cross-cultural ministry.
- Evangelism.
- Disciple-making.
- Planting missional churches in partnership with local churches.
- Community development
- TESL*.
- Business as mission and tentmaking.*

**(envisioned – still working on strategy and finding personnel)*

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Sundanese

The Sundanese are the largest Muslim group in Indonesia. With a population of 32 million and only 25,000 Jesus-followers, they are less than one per cent evangelised. They live primarily in West Java. Traditionally farmers, they have mainly grown rice and tea, but some have done well in government and others in trading. Recent industrial development and housing projects have initiated lifestyle changes among them.

Known for their friendliness, Sundanese have much in common with the Javanese in the way they dress and in their types of farming. But while Javanese are quite formal and hierarchical, the Sundanese are more open and informal.

Three main authorities influence Sundanese life: religious leaders - ustadz (teachers of Islam) and imams (ceremonial priests); local government leaders; and dukun (shamans). These people control a tight-knit community, but also mix Islam with animistic practices. New followers of Jesus face fierce opposition from family members but are often very zealous witnesses to the power of the gospel.



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Pray for

- a revival in Indonesian churches so they will recognise their part in bringing the gospel to their more than 230 million countrymen living and dying without Christ
- God's Spirit to open hearts and homes of Christ-followers to their Muslim neighbours
- God's Spirit to touch the hearts of these Muslim neighbours
- the Sundanese, a very gospel-resistant group
- strength and courage for new Sundanese believers
- wisdom and direction for the SIM Indonesia council
- SIM Indonesia to find like-minded churches and agencies to network with

Japan



That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

JOHN 17:21

Vision

Our vision is to see a vibrant community of servant leaders with vision, character and competence leading the church in Japan. We aim to identify, develop and release emerging Kingdom leaders who will unite the church, multiply leaders and congregations, and extend the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. SIM mission workers are pursuing these goals in partnership with local churches and Asian Access Japan (A2J).

Ministry

- We partner with A2J, a Japanese-led movement of churches working throughout most regions and denominations within Japan. A2J is focused on training pastors, encouraging young leaders, supporting regional church multiplication, and uniting the church in Japan to reach two per cent of the population with the gospel.
- We partner with local churches and networks to multiply disciples and churches in Tohoku and Kanto.
- We encourage our mission workers to use their gifting and talents to promote church multiplication on a regional and national level.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Rural or non-urban Japan ('inaka')

More than 30 million people live in rural Japan (ie municipalities under 50,000 people).

The Christian population of these areas is estimated to be 0.1 per cent, and roughly two-thirds of these towns do not have a church.

Following earthquakes in Tohoku (2011) and Kumamoto (2016), there has been reason for optimism. Churches have been started and people who have been historically resistant to Christianity, such as farmers and fishermen, have become Christ-followers. A2J continues to prioritise partnering with church multiplication projects in these least reached areas.



Yamagata

A2J initiated a partnership with five visionary pastors and congregations in Yamagata to begin a new experiment in church multiplication in 1996. Long considered to be one of the most difficult challenges in Japan, church planting suddenly became easier by networking a group of churches together who would move through the experience of establishing new churches.

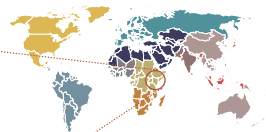
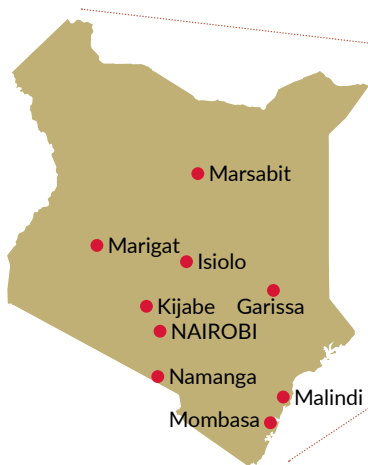
Almost 30 years later, A2J is launching a new network, including many of these original mother and daughter churches. The plan is also for at least four mission worker units to partner with this church multiplication network.

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Pray for

- the church in Japan to reach effectively the more than 99 per cent of Japanese people who do not know God
- mission workers to partner effectively with what God is already doing in Japan
- the development of young leaders within the rapidly ageing Japanese church
- the acceleration of church multiplication movements – independent of natural disasters – throughout Japan
- disciples and churches to multiply in Kanto, Yamagata, Miyagi and Fukushima
- wisdom to identify new regional networks, leaders and churches to partner with
- many new workers from around the world to partner with what God is doing in Japan

Kenya



*Ask the Lord of the harvest,
therefore, to send out workers
into his harvest field*

MATTHEW 9:38

Vision

SIM Kenya owes its existence to Somalis, one of the most resistant groups to the gospel and the largest tribe among Cushitic tribes in Kenya. In the latter part of the 1970s, Africa Inland Mission invited SIM workers to come to Kenya under their umbrella and work among the Somalis in Wajir, Nairobi, and Mombasa. We long to see communities where Christ is least known being transformed by the gospel.

Ministry

- Muslim ministries.
- Theological education.
- Health ministries.
- Eleventh Hour network.
- Young disciples.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Digo

The Digo are an East African tribe, concentrated on the southern coastal strip of Kenya between Mombasa and the border of Tanzania. It is rather surprising to find that in a country that is largely Christian, the Digo are nearly all Muslim. The Digo have never been reached successfully with the gospel. The religious practices of the Digo are deeply rooted in spiritism and folk Islam.



Orma

The Orma are a semi-nomadic people who live in the south-eastern parts of Kenya in Tana River and Lamu counties. The Orma are almost exclusively Muslim and have been so for three or four generations. They are devoted in their faith, observing all the rites and religious festivals of Islam. Most of the Orma have never heard the name of Jesus as the son of God, but that Jesus was simply a prophet, teacher or a good man.



Pray for

- outreach, disciple-making and church planting among Muslim communities in the coastal areas and Northern Kenya
- theological educators who can equip Christian leaders for local, regional, and global mission
- Christian workers who can disciple young people in the churches, educational institutions, and communities
- Young health professionals mobilised, trained and equipped for medical mission

Korea



And you say, "Let the holy God of Israel hurry up and do what he has promised, so we can see it for ourselves."
ISAIAH 5:19

Vision

By faith, we see: New partnerships and networks with local churches formed, and more local churches engaging and participating in world mission; 'MZ' generation experiencing and sharing the love and compassion of Christ with their neighbours and beyond; migrants, including international students, disciplined, equipped to be gospel workers, and transforming their communities with the gospel; people, especially the youth, being exposed to mission worker life and work and committing to missional life; our workers flourishing in life and work through effective support and services.

Ministry

- Developing and expanding new partnerships and prayer network with local churches.
- Engaging and networking with 'MZ' generation groups.
- Publicising effectively through SNS, publishing and book clubs.
- Providing Bible and mission training for migrants.
- Doing outreach to various communities outside the country,
- Providing effective assistance for workers on home assignment.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known-

MZ Generation

The term 'MZ Generation' covers the millennial generation, born in the early 1980s to the early 2000s, and Generation Z, born in the mid-1990s to the early 2000s.

Just 17 per cent of Korea's population is Christian, but that falls to five per cent of the MZs. In the past five years, the rate of Christians falling away has doubled and the major reason seems to be the negative perception of the church.

Surveys also show 42 per cent of people have had contact with heresy, while 66 per cent are happy to recognise homosexual relationships. That is why we need to pay attention to the 'MZ' generation. Efforts are urgently needed to listen to their stories, to show them the love and compassion of Christ, and to share the right gospel with them.



Community B

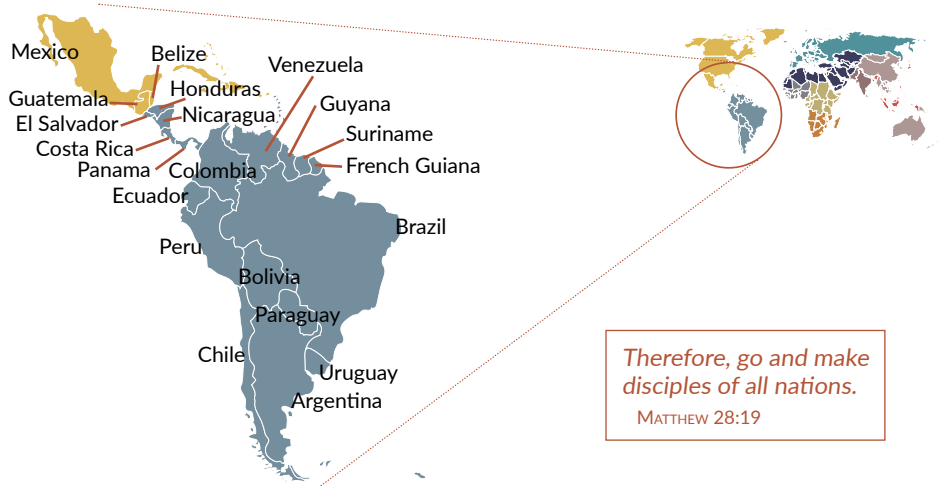
With the strictest economic sanctions in history and the most complete blockade ever enforced, very little ministry can be done publicly in this region. The border was closed two years ago because of Covid-19 and this has exacerbated food shortages. Hospitals are unable to provide adequate treatment due to a lack of medicines.

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Pray for

- God's wisdom and strategies to develop partnerships with new local churches
- the MZ generation to experience the love and compassion of Christ and be committed to missional life for neighbours inside and outside the country
- workers to broaden their ministry scope by gaining up-to-date information, knowledge and skills
- social media, publishing and book clubs to be accelerated to promote our work effectively
- migrants, when reading the Bible, to be touched by the Holy Spirit and become gospel workers, so bringing transformation to their communities
- the blockade of community B to be lifted, so they might have more opportunities to hear the good news of God
- the capacity of the home leadership team and staff to be strengthened, so they can provide proper and timely support to our workers and also grow spiritually so they might flourish in life and service

Latin America



*Therefore, go and make
disciples of all nations.*

MATTHEW 28:19

Vision

By faith, we see: Fully trained and supported mission workers from Latin America serving in various countries throughout the world; Latin American churches prayerfully and financially supporting those they send; the Latin American church and its mission workers fulfilling their role in the Great Commission.

Ministry

- Mobilisation: To serve such a large continent effectively, SIM Latinoamérica needs to discover and train mobilisers in each country.
- Partnerships: SIM Latinoamérica desires to build strong partnerships with local sending entities and churches to facilitate the sending of Latin Americans to the mission field.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Latin America has been more accustomed to receiving mission workers than sending them, but this is changing. In the last four years, we have received more than 1,000 enquiries, as Latinos explore their call to serve in mission. Many of our Latino candidates have a passion to go to places where Christ is least known.

SIM Latinoamérica is proud to support Latin Americans who serve in countries including Ethiopia, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, the Middle East, Mozambique, Niger, Thailand and South Africa.

We work with churches and mobilisers throughout Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico to provide resources and training to enable the Latin American church to rise up and send out workers to the harvest.



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Pray for

- the 100 Latin Americans, including children, who serve the Lord with SIM
- the Latin American church, as it comes to understand the vital role it has in sending
- trust-filled partnerships between SIM, churches, and mission workers, including new relationships with non-SIM sending agencies across the region
- prayer and financial support for Latino mission workers. Financial difficulties, combined with the ongoing impact of Covid-19, have caused many churches and individuals to re-assess their ability to give,
- SIM Latinoamérica team's creativity in sharing God's call to mission among young people and professionals
- collaboration as SIM teams around the world work to receive Latin Americans
- an increase in the number of people hearing God calling them into mission
- Vamos (Let's Go) and Movilicemos (Let's Mobilise His Church), which are key programmes and resources to challenge and support the Latin American church in mission
- the development of more mobilisers in Latin American countries where SIM is not an entity in order to reach people groups and see revival in the next five years
- different denominations working together in sending mission teams and thus being able to serve least-reached groups together more quickly

Liberia



So, we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

COLOSSIANS 1:9-10

Vision

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe He has called us to make disciples of the Lord Jesus in communities where He is least known.

Ministry

- Equipping and training leaders in SIM partner churches.
- Pastoral and theological education.
- Many language Bible translation and outreach.
- Trauma healing training.
- ELWA (Eternal Love Winning Africa) Radio.
- ELWA Hospital.
- Trinity Dental Clinic.
- ELWA Academy (850 Liberian students from pre-school through grade 12).

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Remote rural peoples

Among the many ethnic groups in Liberia, there are people who live in remote areas of the deep forest or coastal swamp and have never had someone tell them about Jesus Christ. Some primarily speak a dialect of a language that is not spoken outside their region. They maintain their own forms of spirit and ancestor worship, and they educate their children in traditional ways.

Liberia's road system is poor and skeletal, so remote rural people never travel beyond the closest market town. Some places have never had a visitor to their home village.

The Evangelical Church of Liberia (ECOL) carried out a medical outreach in one such village. The team and supplies had to be flown in by a helicopter because the area is surrounded by rivers with no bridges. Some of the team walked for hours to reach the clinic, and local people heard that these people came in the name of Jesus. Elders from one town asked ECOL to please send mission workers to tell them more.



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Pray for

- God to call Liberians as mission workers to people in remote areas, sent out by Liberian churches who feel burdened for their neighbours' salvation
- Liberian church leaders to be equipped to discern and dispute false teachings
- the Evangelical Seminary of West Africa (ESWA), the first graduate level theological school in Liberia
- renewed vision and energy in the ELWA ministries, that they may continue to represent Jesus in the community through doing good works and faithfully teaching the word and ways of God
- the success of a partnership with Dakar Academy to provide elementary school education for the children of mission workers, unavailable for two decades
- peace, prosperity, and stability in Liberia, one of the poorest nations in the world

Madagascar

COMOROS
ISLANDS



*Being justified by his grace we might
be heirs according to the promise ...
speak confidently so that those who
have believed God may be careful to
engage in good deeds.*

TITUS 3:7-8

Vision

By faith, we see: SIM mission workers thriving in their ministries, as they grow in their walk with God and cross barriers to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ; equipped church leaders serving their congregations and making disciples; united churches fulfilling Christ's Great Commission, as they reach out to those who live and die without hearing God's good news in Madagascar and beyond.

Ministry

- Medical ministry.
- Community development.
- Theological training.
- Supportive ministries, including administration and teaching mission workers' kids.
- Outreach and church planting.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Comoros

The Comorians live on a chain of islands in the Indian Ocean between Madagascar and Mozambique. Each of the Comorian groups takes its name from the particular island on which the people live, but the official name of the islands is the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros.

Major challenges on the Comoros Islands include poverty, disease, and hunger.

Educational levels are low and less than half the population is literate. Although French and Arabic are the official languages, the Comorians speak a Swahili dialect. Children are expected to help with the farming, fishing, and animal care.

Polygamy is practised among the Comorians.

The Comorians are Muslim, but occultism and spirit possession are mixed with their Islamic practices. Traditionally, they have been resistant to any kind of religious change; however, they are gradually becoming more receptive to other ideas. Christian resources are limited and, as a result, the number of Comorian believers is very small.

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Pray for

- pastoral training in Antananarivo, Mandritsara and Mahatsara
- more missional health care workers for Christian hospitals
- the Lord to call mission workers who can establish a local SIM administration to serve our mission team with financial, administrative, and personnel services and leadership
- local co-workers at the Timothy Centre to continue the activities (theological education, community development, outreach, and discipleship) after the departure of the current leader
- Bible translation into Malagasy dialects
- the people of the Comoros to be reached with the good news of Jesus
- emergency relief work after the famine and cyclones in 2021 and 2022

Malawi



Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

JOHN 17:3

Vision and Ministry

By faith, we see:

- the unreached of Malawi responding authentically to the gospel and established into vibrant, God-fearing, Bible-based churches.
- a mature, dynamic, relevant church with an outward focus, dependent on God, and reaching others intentionally with the gospel, even to the ends of the earth.
- children and young people receiving Christ's forgiveness on the cross, growing in their faith, reflecting Jesus' character, and becoming committed disciples of Christ who are active in church and society.
- people living with HIV and AIDS understanding the love of Christ as they receive holistic care and are given hope; lower HIV and AIDS infection rates, as Malawians practise, preach, and teach purity and faithfulness in marriage.
- the mission of God advanced through a team of Spirit-led, fruitful mission workers, united in purpose and through the church in Malawi, actively involved in the Great Commission.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Yao

SIM has been working among the Yao since the late 1980s. The Yao are the third largest ethnic group in Malawi and are predominately Muslim. The Yao are spread across the eastern region of Malawi. SIM has been involved in Bible translation, church planting and radio ministries to the Yao.

In partnership with the Bible Society, the Scriptures were translated into Chiyao, and the full Chiyao Bible was published in 2014.

SIM also partners with OM in the ministry of Radio Lilanguka ('light' in Chiyao), a community radio station based in Mangochi.

A multicultural team of SIM mission workers is currently engaged in church planting among the Yao in the hill areas near Mangochi. Yao believers are being discipled and equipped to reach more Yao communities where Jesus is least known. A young Yao couple are undertaking theological training at a Bible college, with the aim of returning to pastor a Yao church.

A piece of land has been purchased to be developed into a SIM mission base in one of the communities. There are plans for a church building, mission houses, and ministry facilities to be built in the future.

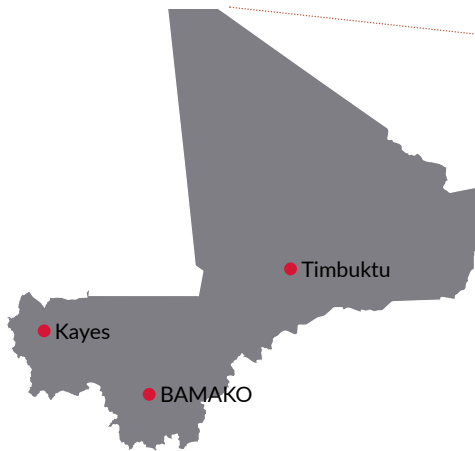


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Pray for

- the Yao to come to know the one and only true God and Jesus whom he has sent
- Yao believers to be discipled and equipped to reach others in their communities
- Yao leaders in the church to be developed and trained
- more mission workers to join the existing SIM team to reach the Yao
- the current SIM team to flourish spiritually and work together in unity
- provisions to develop the SIM mission base in the Yao community

Mali



And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

JOEL 2:32

Vision

We desire to see relational transformation of our community by increasing the number of growing, reproductive Christ followers.

Ministry

- Evangelism and disciple-making.
- Church planting.
- Bible and literature distribution.
- French language and culture learning.
- Leadership development.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The deaf community

In 1956, Andrew Foster founded the Christian Mission for the Deaf. His goal was to break the many barriers deaf people face in accessing the word of God, including illiteracy, isolation, stigma, stereotypes, communication, and people who are cruel and mean. In Mali, deafness is considered a divine curse. All these factors hinder the integration of deaf people into communities.



Foster knew education could help him achieve his vision, so he introduced American Sign Language and established deaf schools across Africa. He understood this would open up access to the gospel for deaf people in Mali.

However, government authorities wanted Foster's vision reduced to a simple association for the deaf called AMASOURD. To fulfil his dream, Foster looked at other countries of the sub-region, including Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria.

Unfortunately, Foster died in a plane crash in 1986. Today, AMASOURD exists in Mali, but is not associated with Christ's redemption story.

The deaf population in Mali is not well known at the national level, despite the presence of AMASOURD. Sources estimate the deaf population at 40,000 to 70,000. Among them, the percentage of Christians is minimal. No church denomination in Mali has a sign language translator. Also, no known mission agency is prioritising the deaf in Mali.

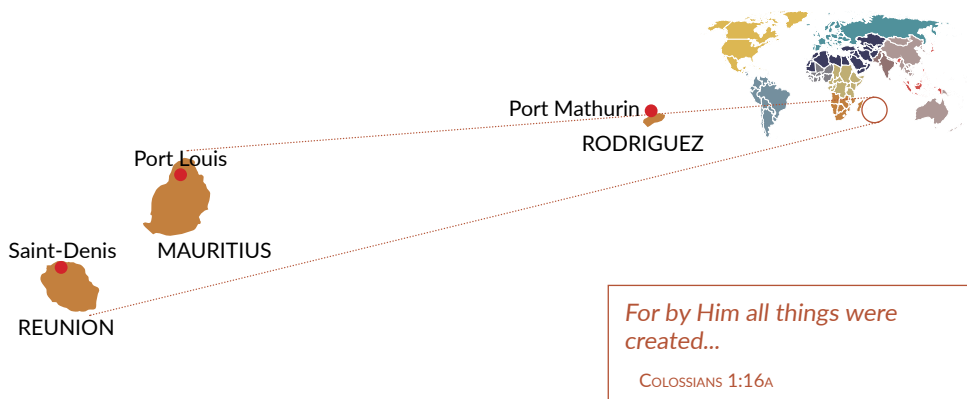
SIM has been raising awareness within the body of Christ about the need for a ministry among this group. The first workshop on bringing the gospel of Christ to the deaf took place in August 2015 in Bamako, and all the denominations were invited. In December 2017, a team of six young people, under the direction of Moody Bible College, travelled from the United States to Mali for a one-week teaching programme at Jigiya Kalanso, a school for the deaf in Bamako. A SIM associate is presently learning the ASL and has done an extensive study of attitudes toward the deaf in Mali which he will defend and publish this year.

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Pray for

- pioneer workers building relationships in Muslim communities
- new mission workers amongst the deaf
- national churches to recognise the needs of the deaf

Mauritius



For by Him all things were created...

COLOSSIANS 1:16A

Vision

By faith, we see: Competent pastors and leaders rooted in the truth of the Bible as they lead and teach their congregations; vibrant churches reaching out to those living and dying without Jesus, both in Mauritius and beyond; churches growing in communities of migrant labourers and other groups where Jesus was not previously known.

Ministry

- Discipleship and leadership training in churches.
- Ministry to children and adolescent girls.
- Outreach.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslims and Hindus

The least-reached people groups of Mauritius are Muslims and Hindus. Hindus represent nearly half the population of Mauritius. Hinduism in Mauritius originates from India. Many hierarchical and economic sub-groups exist, with the best known being the Brahmins - the priestly community. The Brahmins form the religious backbone of Hinduism.



The Bhojpuris are an ethnic sub-group and make up the majority of Indians in Mauritius.

Muslim communities, too, are proud of their religion and heritage. The same is true of many nominally religious Christian people.

Only the gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to break through the religious barriers.

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Pray for

- unity among the various evangelical church denominations and a common vision for those still needing to hear and understand the good news
- the evangelical churches of Mauritius to rise to the challenge of supporting mission work and workers
- those attending discipleship and leadership training to grow in their knowledge of God and in their faith
- new mission workers to join the SIM team, entering the country as business people or university lecturers
- mobilisation of mission workers from the Mauritian church

Middle East



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-3

Vision

To see the Middle East transformed, as lives are changed by the love of Christ through the message of the gospel.

Ministry

Obedying God's call and trusting him, we:

- encourage Middle Eastern Christians to minister to neighbours with the love and truth of Christ.
- support local church-planting and discipleship initiatives.
- model vibrant Christian faith.
- mobilise the worldwide church to pray for the region.

Serving in various contexts, our multi-cultural teams:

- invest in relationships, learn languages, and acquire cultural sensitivity.
- engage in church life, serving alongside local believers.
- reach out with compassion to the marginalised, including refugees and displaced.
- provide education at all levels, including theological training.
- serve through healthcare.
- run businesses and serve in professional roles, as a means of Christian witness.
- participate in Bible translation and distribution.
- support the mobilisation of local people for regional and international witness.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Majorities

Islam is the majority faith, and many Middle Easterners only know caricatures of the Christian faith. Spiritual conversations come readily for those with the time and the willingness to invest in relationships. People are asking questions as never before, and they need to connect with scripture and with Christians who can explain it.

As we and our local partners invest in relationships, we pray that many from the majority communities will understand and accept the gospel through the witness of our lives, friendship, testimony and gospel presentation.



Marginalised people

Regional conflicts and economic challenges have prompted huge movements of people over recent years, compounding the plight of those already disadvantaged or marginalised. Economic collapse and Covid-19 have intensified these challenges, bringing widespread hopelessness and a desire to emigrate.

Care for the vulnerable is a focus of many of the ministries we serve in. As churches adjust programmes, train their people, and reach out with Christ's compassion, we rejoice that unprecedented numbers are finding hope, peace and life in Christ.

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Pray for

- stamina and grace as our multicultural teams build language skills and cultural understanding
- wisdom, insight, and unity for local churches, agencies, and their leaders, as they witness to Christ
- theological and practical training to equip leaders to build Christ's church in unsettled and sometimes volatile circumstances
- compassionate ministries to commend Christ through commitment to love, integrity, justice, and truth
- our Faithful Witness team, entering a new area to bring hope to a neglected community
- opportunities to expand our service to additional countries in the Middle East, including through business opportunities
- many to pray, give and consider serving in the Middle East
- all who are inquiring, exploring, and raising support to join our teams

Mongolia



Vision

To glorify God by reaching the people of Mongolia with the gospel and making disciples in the Mongolian churches, so they become mature, evangelistic and engaged in mission work. In response to God's love, SIM Mongolia desires to serve the Mongolian church through loving and compassionate relationships.

Ministry

- Church planting and disciple-making.
- Training next generation leaders in counselling, pastoral leadership and mentoring.
- English teaching.
- Youth.
- Medical outreach.
- NGO training and administration.
- Nomadic community outreach.
- Urban outreach.
- Shadow pastoring.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Nearly half the population of Mongolia lives in the capital city, Ulaanbaatar. Culturally and practically, the city is very different from the sparsely populated countryside.

The city is divided into two groups — those who live in apartment buildings and those who dwell in the ger district which rings the city. Gers are the traditional tent homes of the Mongolian nomads. Each year, the ger districts are expanding, as nomads leave the traditional way of life to move to the city and establish new homes on small plots of land.



In the mid-1990s, Mongolia opened, allowing mission workers to enter and share the gospel. The Lord opened the hearts of many people, and the Mongolian church experienced rapid growth and wide church planting.

The Mongolian church is still very much in its first generation and faces challenges as its members continue to seek to grow and develop a God-honouring identity. The nation faces the challenges of balancing the rapid growth of secularisation with the traditional, underpinning views of Buddhism and shamanistic faith. This has led many Mongolians to ask what it means to be Mongolian today.

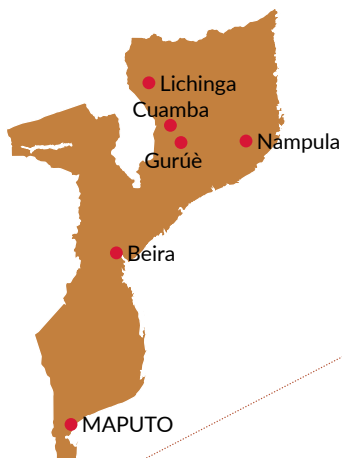
The greatest need of the Mongolian church is to develop a strong foundation of biblical truth. SIM Mongolia seeks to walk alongside the Mongolian church to strengthen its foundation, to disciple and mentor local leaders and to facilitate both urban and rural outreach.

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Pray for

- the leaders of the Mongolian church. Ask the Lord for leaders who will grasp the responsibility they have been called to. The Mongolian church needs servant leaders who proclaim the word in and out of season and who serve with a heart for the Kingdom, seeking to grow the Lord's church, not just their congregations
- the Mongolian churches to grab hold of the vision to disciple and train young people and help these young people understand what it means to live as true followers of Jesus Christ
- The Mongolia team is refining and developing ministry strategies. Pray with us that we will continue to be sensitive to listen and move according to the Lord's voice

Mozambique



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light, and on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

ISAIAH 9:2

Vision

SIM Mozambique's vision is to reach the least-reached people in the rural north west area of Mozambique. We long to see communities reconciled to God, participating in Christ-centred churches and living as God's ambassadors throughout Mozambique and across the globe.

Ministry

SIM works in north west Mozambique, among many who still live and die without Christ. Our ministries include:

- Church planting in Lichinga area.
- Bible translation.
- Theological training at Instituto Teológico de Lichinga (INTEL).
- Children's work in Lichinga and Cuamba.
- Literature distribution.
- Agriculture in Lichinga.
- Sports ministry in Cuamba.
- Youth work in Lichinga and Cuamba.
- Disciple making.
- Ministry to the marginalised of Lichinga.
- A business start-up initiative in Cuamba.
- Church networking for Lichinga.
- Teaching English in Lichinga.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Yao

It's said that to be a Yao is to be a Muslim. For centuries, the Yao people have been mixing traditional African beliefs with Islam to form a syncretic belief system. The Yao people were once the fierce slave hunters of the north. Today, most of the 500,000 Yao in north west Mozambique are subsistence farmers. Many are illiterate, with a low life expectancy.

Recently, the Yao have begun to respond to the gospel. In the past five years, the number of Yao Christians in Mozambique has grown from around 300 to 1,000. There is no better time than the present for evangelism and discipleship ministries.



Makuwa-Metto and Makuwa-Chirima

There are about one million people in each of these groups. The Makuwa peoples trace their family lines through their mothers. Most people are subsistence farmers, working their fields with only handheld implements, but there is a trend toward Makuwas moving to the towns and cities, where unemployment and promiscuity are prominent.

Most adhere to folk Islam or folk Catholicism. In urban areas, where some small churches exist, well-trained leaders are needed. A translation of the Bible into the Chirima language is almost complete. This will facilitate evangelism and discipleship.

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Pray for

- wisdom as we evaluate and strategise on how to go forward after Covid-19
- a fruitful harvest of new believers, and for ongoing discipleship among the Yao
- revival among the churches in Cuamba
- new church plants in the villages of Massogo and Bandeze
- the new church plant (IMIIP) and youth outreach in the city of Lichinga
- transformed lives among students at the Instituto Teológico de Lichinga (INTEL)
- protection for the people and an end to the insurgencies that have occurred in the last two years in north eastern Mozambique
- the children and sports ministries in Cuamba, as the mission workers teach and plant seeds of God's truth and love
- the health and safety of our mission workers
- new mission workers to join the administrative team, as treasurer and personnel coordinator
- the Lord to send more labourers into northern Mozambique

Myanmar



*And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations; you shall be called
the repairer of the breach, the restorer
of streets to dwell in.*

ISAIAH 58:12

Vision

By faith we see the church unleashed as people are moved to worship Jesus, growing in their faith and spreading the gospel where Christ is least known.

Ministry

Outreach to Buddhists through:

- English education of young people,
- access to orthopaedic devices for the disabled through a business as mission clinic.
- quality training and internships through a business as mission company,
- discipleship through partnership with local churches.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Buddhist majority communities

The main ethnic group, the Bamar, are the political, economic and religious leaders of Myanmar. They speak Burmese, the official language. The majority are Buddhists, but they also practise a form of spirit worship called 'nat worship'. Burmese spend their lives trying to appease the nats.



People without limbs

More than 300,000 people need prosthetics or orthotics in Myanmar. Only 25 per cent have access to these services. The missional business in Taunggyi is the first start-up in this field in Myanmar.



People without hope

Two years of COVID and over a year of political unrest have left many young people without hope. Many education facilities are closed and stable employment is scarce. Young adults see no future in Myanmar.

At a missional business academy based in Yangon, we see youth trained with meaningful skills that lead to internships and remote work with international companies. Interactions with the students will provide opportunities to build relationships, provide life coaching and lead to spiritual conversations. Eventually, we hope to link new disciples to local churches.

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Pray for

- unity as the team returns to Myanmar and as new workers join
- wisdom in launching missional businesses in Yangon and Taunggyi
- partnerships with local churches
- an end to the political unrest
- new believers to become disciples and church planters among their own people

Namibia



*God our Saviour wants all people
to be saved and to come to a
knowledge of the truth.*

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-4

Vision

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing the gospel, we are partnering with churches and other organisations to reach children and young people with the gospel. By faith, we see people being disciplined both inside and outside churches. By faith, we see Namibians called to be mission workers.

Ministry

- Discipling the majority of Namibians who are nominal Christians.
- Networking and encouraging cooperation between churches and partners.
- Mobilisation for mission.
- Discipling children and youth.
- Leadership training.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children and youth

Young people make up 60 per cent of Namibia's population and are heavily influenced by the secular culture. SIM partners with various community development programmes and schools to reach children and young people with the gospel. We also train local church youth workers to help make disciples of the next generations.



Leadership training

While a large part of the population claim Christianity in name, a much smaller percentage are actually following Christ with their lives. Through the formal theological education at Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary (NETS), SIM is equipping church leaders to make disciples in their own congregations and reach the least reached in their communities with the gospel.

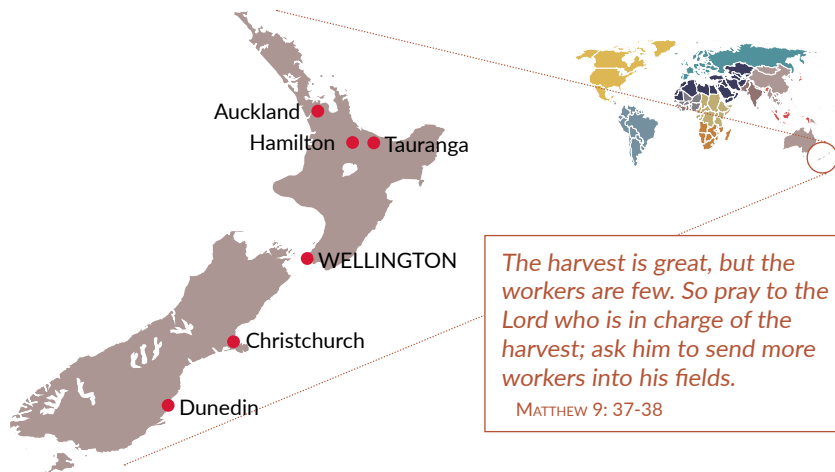


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Pray for

- God to send more workers to Namibia
- the churches in Namibia to hear God's calling to support mission and send out workers both inside and outside the country
- the African Strategic Discipleship Movement (ASDM) - a discipleship programme run in the north eastern part of Namibia
- Teen Mission Namibia - an annual summer trip inspiring and equipping young people for mission

New Zealand



The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.

MATTHEW 9: 37-38

Vision

Our vision is to equip and encourage New Zealand churches to be the expression of Christ not only in their own communities but around the world, by reaching out cross-culturally to make disciples of Jesus where he is least known.

Ministry

- Working alongside churches in New Zealand for involvement in cross-cultural mission work, as we strengthen our current church partnerships and build new ones.
- Providing next-step opportunities for Christians to explore their call to mission.
- Ensuring our mission partners are well-equipped to thrive in their ministries for as long as God desires them to serve.
- Praying for mission ventures and our workers through 14 prayer groups scattered around the country, and our monthly online prayer gathering.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Migrants

All New Zealanders are migrants, first from other Pacific Islands; then, over the past 200 years, mainly from Europe. Now New Zealand opens its doors to a mixture of migrants and refugees from many countries, broadening the nation's ethnic diversity and bringing the world's people groups to New Zealand.

The most common new immigrants are Asian (Indian, Chinese, Filipino and others), gradually growing to more than 15 per cent of the population. There are fewer – but increasing – numbers of migrants from Africa, the Middle East and South America. While not all New Zealanders welcome immigrants, there is a huge well-spring in the community to do so.

SIM New Zealand's depth of practical experience in cross-cultural work, makes this a God-given opportunity to share wisdom with other New Zealanders, especially through churches.



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Pray for

- more opportunities to share SIM New Zealand's vision with local churches and get their help in mobilising New Zealand Christians for mission
- Refreshment, creativity, energy and the Lord's inspiration for SIM New Zealand's staff as they work to support mission workers and discover better ways to do this
- the spiritual and physical well-being of mission workers, often very far from home
- an increase in SIM prayer groups from the 14 already lifting up our workers faithfully

Niger



And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."

ROMANS 10:20

Vision

To make disciples where Christ is least known. We live in a world permeated by an evil that has invaded and corrupted every aspect of life, leaving humankind separated from the creator and trapped in sin.

We are convinced the gospel changes everything and sets us free. God has called SIM to help bring this life-changing message to Niger. We are convinced no one should live and die without hearing the good news, yet more than 17 million people are living and dying without Christ in Niger.

We believe that we are called to mobilise Christ's servants to bring the message of salvation to Niger.

We are called by God from all corners of the earth to serve as a diverse ministry team.

Ministry

- Outreach: university outreach centre (Foyer Evangelique Universitaire), personal discipleship, literacy, people group focus, translation, and media.
- Community services: Galmi Hospital, Danja Health Center, Sowing Seeds of Change in the Sahel, and the Dorcas Project (widows ministry).
- Education: ESPriT Seminary, Sahel Academy, Maza Tsaye Centre of Ministries, and the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons' surgical training.
- Leadership and services: administration, SIMAIR, guest houses, leadership, church-mission relations.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Danja Medical Centre

The centre provides holistic medical care in the Maradi area. It focuses primarily on women with obstetric fistulas, people who have been diagnosed with leprosy, and people with serious wounds, including those caused by diabetes or burns. They also have a basic outpatient clinic and a physical therapy unit.

The gospel is proclaimed in the waiting room and those who stay for an extended period of time, such as the women with fistula and those needing extensive wound care, hear the gospel numerous times. While the women recover from fistula surgery, they are taught a trade so they can earn an income.

In addition to medical care, there is a thriving outreach ministry around Danja. Often the evangelism team is invited by former patients to come and share the gospel in their villages.

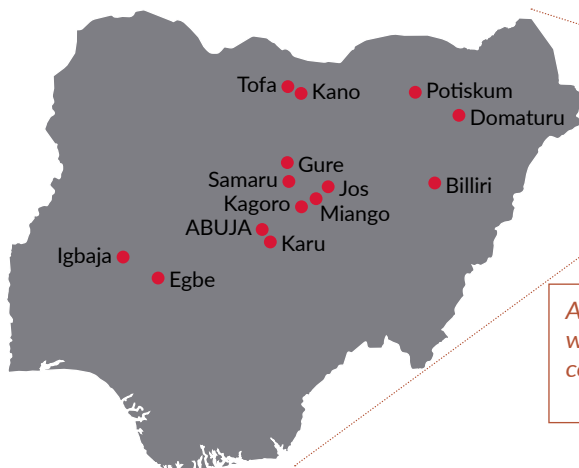


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Pray for

- patients, who are often the outcasts in society, to find the love of Jesus through the gentle care of the medical staff
- God's protection over the evangelistic team as they share the gospel and disciple new believers
- financial provision for the medical centre, especially for the fistula centre, which does not charge patients for their extended stay
- emotional, spiritual, and physical stamina for the mission workers and local staff at the hospital - they all see many difficult cases
- local churches to catch the vision of engaging with university students
- God's protection for those involved in evangelism and discipleship
- administrative and management personnel for our institutions. The needs include a director for the university centre; principals for the high school and elementary sections of Sahel Academy; a finance manager for Galmi Hospital; a facilities manager for Galmi Hospital; and a second treasurer for SIM Niger
- more teachers for Sahel Academy. The excellent education children receive at Sahel allows their parents to carry out their ministries in Niger
- the churches associated with SIM in Niger. Pray for the pastors to be men of integrity and vision, united in purpose, and for increased cooperation between the mission and the churches
- SIM Niger, as we navigate the security tensions of the Sahel region. Pray that doors will continue to be open so that Nigeriens can respond to the gospel

Nigeria



As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

JOHN 9:4

Vision

By faith, we see: A response in faith to the gospel message from the more than 90 million Muslims and others living and dying without Christ in Nigeria; mission teams in each of the 12 northern Sharia states expressing Christ's love and compassion in word and deed; strengthened churches with equipped Christians carrying out Christ's mandate to make disciples in one of Africa's most influential and populous countries, and also making a major impact in global missions this century.

Ministry

- Proclaiming the gospel, particularly to Fulani and Muslims in the north.
- Supporting and strengthening persecuted Christians and others affected by oppression and hostility.
- Providing Christ-centred, compassionate medical care and holistic healing, and mentoring others to do the same.
- Reaching marginalised and vulnerable communities through targeted strategies.
- Empowering and making disciples amongst the vast numbers of youth in Nigeria.
- Equipping an enthusiastic church through theological education and other disciple- making endeavours.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Fulani

There are approximately 20 million Fulani in Nigeria. More workers are needed in this Muslim community, which shows openness to friendship evangelism and Christian media.

We collaborate in meeting needs for animal husbandry, primary schools and medicine to Fulani encampments.

Recent attacks by some Fulani herdsmen against Christian farmers have affected attitudes toward this people group. We pray for effective outreach, for national Christians to engage this community in love instead of retaliation, and for opportunities to support and disciple Fulani believers. We praise God for our growing Fulani team, including our Faithful Witness workers!



Marginalised and vulnerable communities

Disadvantaged and vulnerable groups need to experience Christ's love through efforts that provide support and care. SIM Nigeria ministers to youth, orphans, widows, those with disabilities and others society may cast aside.

Please pray for these ministries to expand into the north, where limited resources and few trained workers live. Our workers model the biblical value of caring for human life, training those who care for people with special needs, facilitating income generation, ministering to prisoners and addicts, and engaging in anti-trafficking.

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Pray for

- increased efforts, fresh approaches and more workers to reach Muslims in Nigeria while the door is open (John 9:4)
- contextualised discipleship for growing numbers of Muslim-background believers
- national church revival and an increasing passion for gospel-focused ministry
- wise decision-making for opening the next ministry hub locations
- new field administrators and team leaders to replace those planning to leave
- continued success for the internship programme as we praise God for his blessings in this area
- Nigerians and SIM workers as the nation endures increasing security and economic instability
- persecuted believers to endure hardship, receive trauma healing and practise love and forgiveness
- our growing Fulani team as they study the language and equip themselves
- our urgent need for theological educators, medical professionals, educational consultants and communication specialists
- effective and expanded ministries to widows, orphans, people with disabilities, the abused, and other vulnerable communities

North Africa



When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you.

LUKE 10:5-6

Vision

As those stripped down, weak and humble, we follow Christ to where his name is not known, so that he may be glorified. We depend on him through prayer, proclaim the good news, walk alongside those who follow him, and build bonds of fellowship.

Ministry

Discipleship and church planting through:

- Professionals in mission.
- Business as mission.
- Food processing.
- Teaching English.
- Campus discipleship.
- Transformational development among vulnerable people.
- Discipling believers.
- Interns.
- Third culture kid (TCK) education.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Businesses and neighbourhoods

Throughout North Africa there are few resident witnesses of the good news in the local communities. Pray for our workers as they locate to coastal cities and desert towns; that they would find favour and relationships with people of peace.

God is blessing us with more and more workers coming to serve across North Africa. Though the work is difficult, we are seeing fruit where God has placed us. Through businesses and employment opportunities, we are building meaningful relationships with employees, community leaders, neighbours, language teachers and new believers.

University students

The Faithful Witness project is bringing workers from Francophone Africa to serve as campus disciplers. These workers are mobilising Christian sub-Saharan African university students to minister to North African students. Pray for these Christian students to develop a heart for Muslim students, develop friendships and point North Africans to Jesus.

Nomads

Among the 92 ethnic groups in North Africa, 22 are nomadic. Very few workers are bringing the gospel to them. Working with nomads is challenging, requiring creative strategies and adapted methods. Pray for the Bedouins, Tuaregs and Moors. SIM workers in one of the North African desert countries mainly inhabited by these nomads will support and disciple underground church leaders as they lead the small groups of believers across the land.

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Pray for

- God to bless relationships within local communities
- more business people, professionals, interns and skilled labourers, and for those who will send them from all over the world
- the persecuted church and the unity of the small church across North Africa
- the strong development of our teams, as the number of workers grows
- God's leading in new initiatives, discovery of opportunities and grace in our partnerships
- for God to direct us to nomads who will be 'people of peace'



Pakistan



Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.
HEBREWS 13:14

Vision

By faith, and looking to Jesus, we strive to see: Strong churches actively and sacrificially involved in missions within Pakistan and beyond; disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in word and deed in communities where Christ is least known; poor and marginalised families better integrated into society, through education and medical assistance; new workers becoming established in effective ministry in Pakistan.

Ministry

- Church planting.
- Leadership training.
- Rural education.
- Rural medical assistance.
- Disciple-making training.
- Business as mission.
- Education of mission kids.
- Language and cultural learning.
- People care and development.
- Welcoming new workers.
- Christian schools.
- Vocational training for young people.
- Ministry with women and children.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Hazara

The Hazara are mainly Shia Muslims who have suffered greatly from terrorist attacks. They live in major cities in Pakistan. We continue to pray for opportunities to serve these people.



Drug-dependent youth

Huge numbers of young people — especially boys and young men — are addicted to drugs and alcohol. For those with little money who want to break free, there are very few places to get help and even fewer where freedom in Jesus can be found. Pray for the light of Christ to shine through lives set free from drugs and devoted to him.

Saraikis

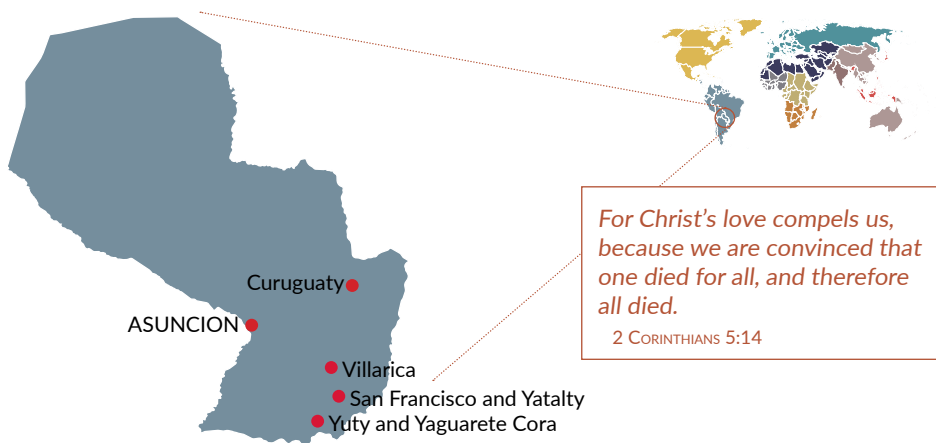
The traditional homeland of Saraiki speakers is in central Pakistan, where SIM has been working with local churches for decades. The Saraikis are a hospitable people, numbering around 20 million. Pray for many to come to know the Lord.

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Pray for

- people from all backgrounds to come to know Jesus Christ, through church ministries and outreach
- safety for our teams, and power and wisdom from the Holy Spirit
- those suffering through poverty, unemployment, lack of education, poor healthcare, and drug and alcohol dependency
- more mission workers with a heart for discipleship, outreach, missionary kid education, Bible teaching, leadership and/or administration
- the ongoing training of Christian leaders
- visas for new personnel, visa renewals for existing personnel and good relationships with officials
- our SIM team and leadership to walk closely with the Lord and know his peace and joy
- integrity and wisdom for government officials
- police and security guards, who are in difficult and sometimes dangerous jobs
- SIM children's friendships, education, health, safety and spiritual growth

Paraguay



For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14

Vision

Convinced of God's love for all, we believe he has called us to be witnesses of his good news and to make disciples of Jesus Christ where he is least known, in Paraguay and around the world.

Ministry

- Outreach to Paraguay's interior: rural, pioneer church planting; educational partnerships in public and private schools; ministry with the rural deaf population; and oral evangelistic Bible studies.
- Equipping interior churches and leaders: youth ministries and camping; leadership training; and mobilisation for mission.
- Walking with First Nations leaders: optometry partnership and discipleship; discipleship and community empowerment; and heart language media production.
- Mobilising partnerships: to the deaf, HIV-positive, and other marginalised communities from the city to the rural areas; and from the church to the world.
- Leadership and services: team leadership and formation of board; financial and personnel coordination; short-term volunteer coordination; TCK flourishing.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Rural subsistence families

Around 40 per cent of Paraguay's population live in scattered, rural, subsistence communities. Oral learning in the Guaraní language is strongly preferred. Using oral methods, church planting teams are evangelising, discipling and training church leaders, regardless of the leaders' literacy levels.



Indigenous communities

Many of those who belong to Paraguay's 19 indigenous groups live and die in small, scattered communities without sufficient access to God's good news. An SIM team of mission families has answered a partnership invitation from the indigenous church leaders to unite in evangelism and discipleship efforts. One member of this team also uses his optometry skills to partner with local indigenous believers in bringing God's word to new communities. The recording studio GGG continues to record scripture and study materials into local languages.



The deaf

SIM mission workers are partnering with a local ministry to produce a video translation of the Bible for the deaf in Paraguayan sign language. One team member who lives in a rural area and works with deaf people who do not yet know sign language, teaches them language while using basic Bible stories to reveal God's word to this uniquely isolated, unreached community.

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Pray for

- mobilising partnerships to the deaf and other marginalised communities
- the SIM team leadership and governance board, financial and personnel coordination, short-term volunteer ministry, TCK ministry
- partnership with First Nations leaders: optometry partnership and discipleship; community empowerment and heart language multimedia production
- pioneer church planting efforts happening through Bible studies and education in communities where Bible-teaching churches do not yet exist
- expansion of the camping ministries through trained youth leaders and the camp ministries' new coordinator, to further strengthen local church discipleship and outreach to the next generation
- more leadership training for Paraguayan believers in new churches
- continued growth for the SIM mission family engaged in learning local culture and both Spanish and Guaraní, that they may effectively demonstrate God's love and collaborate successfully with local partners

Peru



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10

Vision

The purpose of SIM Peru is to glorify God by partnering with the Peruvian church to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known.

Ministry

- Theological education in Bible institutes and through regular visits to Quechua communities.
- Oral Bible teaching.
- Radio ministry.
- Church ministries tailored to men, women, children, young people and leaders.
- Mission capacity-building, training and mobilisation.
- Church planting.
- Water sanitation projects.
- Dental work in a mission clinic and in villages.
- Sunday school training and vacation Bible school preparation.
- Community service ministries: a breakfast programme, homework clubs, a laundry facility.
- Support for vulnerable mothers (Dorcas Program, Isola Madre).
- Sports Friends.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Isola Madre Ministry, Pucallpa

Young single mothers make up one of the most vulnerable populations of Peru. These teenage mothers are often marginalised by society and their families. Isola Madre is a ministry in Pucallpa that helps teen mums understand and believe that the baby they have, no matter what the reason for their pregnancy, is a gift from God.

Isola Madre visits mothers in their homes, showing God's love in action and presenting them with the message of salvation for their lives. Isola Madre seeks to be the extended hand of love and help for these young mothers, providing them with workshops in schools that teach sex education and are focused on preventing teen pregnancy, sexual abuse and abortion.

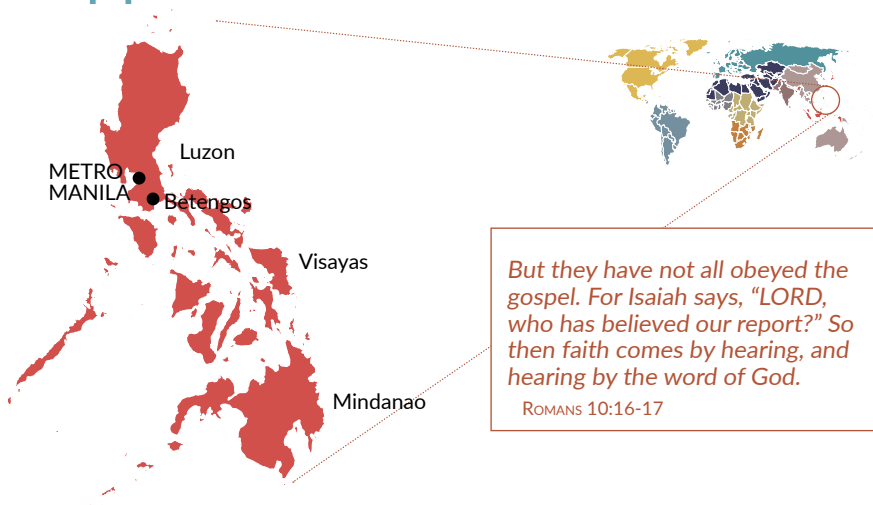


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Pray for

- the new workers who have recently joined SIM Peru and those who are starting in new projects or locations - that God will guide them and help them as they set up life and ministry
- spiritual vitality and supportive communities for our workers, because many work in small, dispersed teams
- the people of Peru, struggling with political division and rising prices
- those who are suffering long-term consequences from the pandemic and lockdowns, that they would look to God for help, and that he would work through us
- Peruvians to continue to be sent out to the ends of the earth through SIM LatinoAmerica and for God to raise up more sending churches

Philippines



But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

ROMANS 10:16-17

Vision

In partnership with churches and organisations, we: engage communities of the minority faith and migrants where Christ is least known; minister and equip workers among them; mobilise and train for cross-cultural ministry.

Ministry

Muslim Ministry

- Children (feeding, pre-school education).
- Women (livelihood, missional business).
- Youth (education, sport and camps).
- Education through Bible stories.
- Disciple-making and mentoring.
- Counselling and member care.
- Bible and literature translation.
- Disaster relief response.

Migrants Ministry

- Indonesian diaspora.
- Indian diaspora.

Mobilisation Ministry

- Mentoring for mission and member care.
- Mobilising prayer, workers, and resources.
- Partnership and networking with churches, Bible schools and seminaries.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Maguindanao

The Maguindanao are the largest of 14 Muslim people groups. The name Maguindanao means 'people of the flooded plain'. They have a population of just over one million, few of whom are believers. They live primarily in the central part of the southern Philippines. Many Maguindanao families have migrated to cities, primarily to seek better work opportunities and to avoid wars between government military forces and the Muslim rebel groups which affect their lives and livelihoods. Just like us, they want to live in peace.



The Maguindanaons are known for their Islamic zeal. They pride themselves on the fact that since colonial times they have been an unconquered people. Religious leaders and teachers (imams and panditas) preside over religious life. They teach young boys to read and memorise the Qu'ran. However, their belief system is more a form of folk Islam than orthodox Islam. Their Islamic practices are usually mingled with animistic beliefs. Although the Maguindanao do not practise a strict form of Islam, any form of Islam is hard to influence.

A praise item is the completion of the Maguindanaon New Testament and dedication in March, 2022, after almost 70 years of translation work and four generations of translators.

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Pray for

- the mother-tongue translators and the translation consultants who are working towards the completion of the Old Testament in the Maguindanaon language
- more Maguindanaons to believe and follow Jesus as they respond to the creative ways the SIM Philippines team is working among them so passionately
- God to strengthen and protect the growing number of Maguindanaon believers, Pray that church-planting movements will be sustained among them
- encouragement and boldness for SIM workers and partners who are reaching out among the Maguindanaons and other Muslim people groups in urban and rural communities in the Philippines

Senegal



*How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring
good news, who proclaim peace...*

ISAIAH 52:7

Vision

SIM Senegal's vision is that Wolof and Wolofphone people would come to know Jesus Christ.

Ministry

- Teaching English.
- Medical ministries.
- Sports Friends.
- Leadership and administration.
- Youth training centre offering vocational courses such as baking, computer skills and Christian literature.
- Evangelism, disciple-making and church planting.
- Producing and distributing Wolofal (Wolof language written in Arabic script) scriptures and other literature.
- Outreach via websites and social media.
- Teaching in a mission school with local as well as international pupils.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Wolof

There are more than five million Wolof in Senegal, and their language is widely spoken by other people groups. Peace is an important cultural value and features in many common greetings. However, only a few hundred Wolof in Senegal have found peace in Jesus, while the rest seek it in Islam, most commonly a form of folk Islam. The Wolof have traditionally been subsistence farmers, but many are now active in trade and hundreds of thousands have moved to the urban sprawl of Dakar to study or seek employment. Young people are frequently on social media and some are engaging with online evangelistic materials in their mother tongue.



Wolof believers

There is a saying in Senegal that to be Wolof is to be Muslim. So, those who have decided to follow Christ face persecution. At times this is physical, but it is regularly social when they are excluded from their communities.

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Pray for

- opportunities to share Jesus through teaching, training and medical ministries
- more local believers to be available to connect with seekers who are responding to outreach material on the internet
- more local churches to teach God's word in Wolof and to provide a welcoming environment for Wolof-speaking seekers
- Wolof Christians to persevere and witness, so that their faithfulness to Christ may point many others to him
- more long-term workers with a heart for the Wolof to come to Senegal, particularly to the English teaching centre, the youth training centre and Sports Friends
- opportunities for those learning Wolof to witness to their language teachers and other contacts, even with limited ability to communicate

South Africa



"I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice."
EZEKIEL 34:16

Vision

By faith, we see: a witness of Christ's love where he is least known; disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities; Christ-centred churches spreading the gospel among all peoples in South Africa and throughout the world.

Ministry

- Ministries and outreach to children, youth, young adults and adults.
- Evangelism and church planting in communities where Christ is least known.
- Intentional discipleship.
- Theological and leadership development.
- Mobilisation and training for cross-cultural service.
- Leading and supporting workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

A change in location and focus

After years of prayer and analysis, we have relocated our office from Cape Town in Western Cape Province to an interim location near Durban in KwaZulu-Natal. This change brings us into a region that is, by many measures, the least reached in South Africa. We are seeking a larger facility in a neighbourhood that will enable us to minister to those communities directly from our headquarters. Xhosa, Indian, and Portuguese ethnolinguistic communities, religious groups such as Muslims and Hindus and Amazoni, and international students and workers will all be closer to us and more central in our focus.

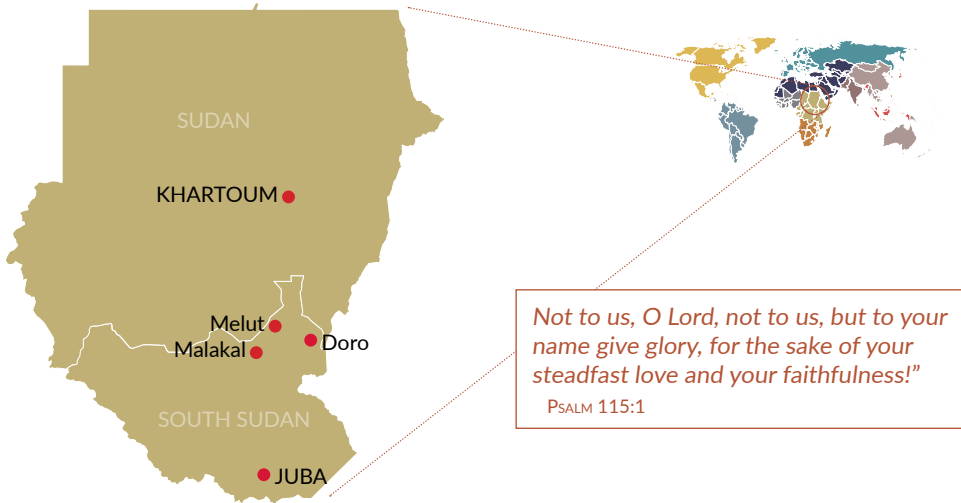


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Pray for

- new and existing partners — individuals, families, communities, churches, and organisations — to join us enthusiastically in this endeavour and in Christ's Great Commission
- effective, loving inroads among South Africa's least-reached communities and awareness of how best to minister to their needs
- more workers to take the gospel to, and minister among, the least reached
- revival among Christians and churches — especially those without a history of sending mission workers
- a spirit of oneness in purpose and heart among all those who serve with SIM South Africa

South Sudan and Sudan



Vision

By faith, we see the good news of Jesus being shared where he is least known.

Ministry

- Sharing the good news in refugee communities where Christ is not known and discipling them to carry it back to their own populations.
- Helping church leaders learn and grow so they disciple others, and their churches reproduce themselves.
- Meeting physical and emotional needs through medicine, clean water, trauma healing and education to provide opportunities for people to know Jesus.
- Providing leadership and administrative services.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Healing through holistic care

Many other organisations provide health care in our community. But people will often come to our clinic where we pray for them and give them holistic care. We also send health workers into the community to provide better awareness of self-care.



Beyond borders

Ongoing conflict and instability have caused much trauma to the people of South Sudan. In addition, our community is host to many different groups of refugees from Sudan. We also work in neighbouring countries which host refugees from South Sudan. We long to see each of them come to know Jesus as saviour, healer and prince of peace.



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Pray for

- God's glory to be known in South Sudan and Sudan
- people who don't know Jesus to hear and receive God's good news of salvation
- new and existing churches to grow and send more workers across cultures
- God's peace and healing to be received and displayed in those traumatised by their circumstances
- strength and dependence on God for our team so they do not become discouraged or grow weary
- believers to know we are loved by God, not because of what we do but because of who he is

Sri Lanka



I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22B

Vision

To see communities transformed by the gospel and empowered in society.

Ministry

- Evangelism seminars and training.
- Disciple-making.
- Tract ministry.
- Counsellor training at Colombo Theological Seminary.
- Seminary instruction.
- English instruction.
- Counselling women and couples.
- Basic counselling seminars.
- Marriage and family seminars.
- Trauma healing training.
- Local church-based ministries to build up the body of Christ.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslims

Muslims comprise almost 10 per cent (approximately 2.1 million) of Sri Lanka's population and are increasing.

The Moors, who make up a significant portion of the Muslim community, are mainly descendants of the Arabs who came as traders. Muslim tradesmen who arrived from India are also counted in this group.

The Malays, a smaller Muslim group found in Sri Lanka, are of Malaysian and Indonesian descent.

Muslim influence has grown, due to intermarriage between these people groups and Sri Lankans, political leadership and economic sway. The influence of Muslims far exceeds their numbers. Even though a few hundred people among them have come to follow Christ, there are no churches with congregants or pastors from Muslim backgrounds.

In the last few decades, a small segment of the church has become conscious of the need to share God's love with these neighbours. There has been little opposition to, or initiation of, gospel work among Muslim communities.

SIM is part of a network whose goal is to reach these people through organising conferences, providing training and bringing awareness and direction to the church about outreach to Muslims.

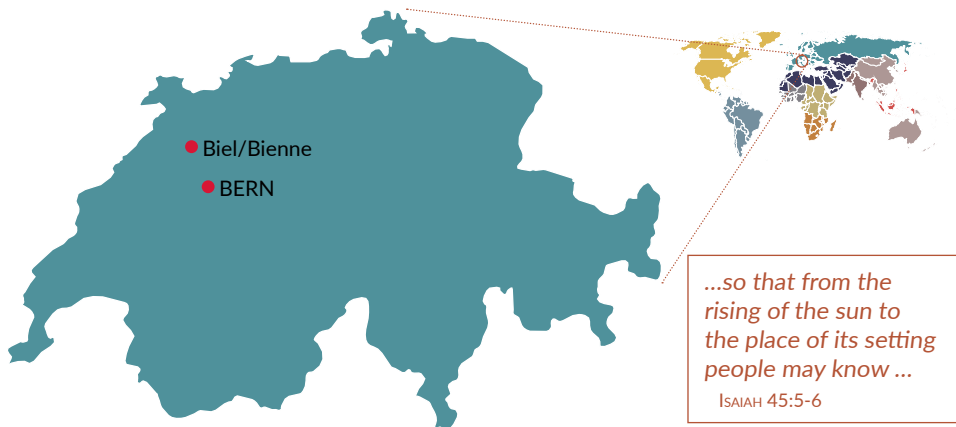


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Pray for

- the church, that it will become aware of the gospel need in Sri Lankan Muslim communities and will dispel inhibitions about relating to them and will learn how best to share the gospel
- the salvation of the 2.1 million Muslims who live in Sri Lanka
- God to send labourers from Sri Lanka and overseas to train the church to reach this community
- effective leadership of the Muslim Network in its efforts to come up with a common strategy for evangelism and church planting
- more volunteers and unity in the network
- new believers to become disciples and church planters among their own people
- two church planters to come forward to plant churches in each of the 25 districts of the island

Switzerland



Vision

Our vision is that people of all cultures may know God. By faith, we live and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ; serve the churches; mobilise, orient, empower and accompany workers; engage in cross-cultural ministry.

Ministry

The SIM Switzerland office is dedicated to:

- Connecting with churches in the French- and German-speaking parts of Switzerland.
- Sending Christians into cross-cultural ministries, providing administrative support and member care.
- Raising spiritual and financial support.
- Maintaining modern and relevant communication tools in German and French.
- Facilitating the sending of mission workers from Switzerland and other European countries.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Switzerland's religious situation

Fifty years ago, nearly 100 per cent of all Swiss were either Catholic or Reformed. Since then, the national churches, especially the Reformed church, have decreased severely. Today 35 per cent of the population are Catholic and 23 per cent are Reformed, but only about half believe there is only one God and regularly attend church services. Fully 28 per cent of the Swiss people no longer belong to any religion. This is the fastest growing group. Another recent study has shown that it is very difficult to transmit the faith from one generation to another.



The number of evangelical churches is growing but remains at around 2.5 per cent. Studies have found that these evangelical churches reach only 'institutionally-minded people' and make little impact on others, particularly among the younger generation. Faith is not seen as relevant in modern Swiss society — a significant challenge for mission workers. The same studies also revealed a lack of churches in rural and suburban zones.

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Pray for

- good networking and partnerships with churches and organisations
- a vision for cross-cultural work, especially among the younger generation
- creative ways to mobilise people for mission work
- an increase in the number of mission workers, especially after Covid-19
- God's provision of financial support
- the flourishing of our workers
- a good transition for our new country director and a renewed team in Biel

Tanzania



*He is the One we proclaim,
admonishing and teaching
everyone with all wisdom, so
that we may present everyone
fully mature in Christ.*

COLOSSIANS 1:28

Vision

By faith, we see the church mobilised to disciple coastal people. SIM Tanzania's motto is "The Coast, for Christ, by the Church."

Ministry

- Outreach and church planting in villages.
- Disciple-making and training.
- Women's ministries.
- Bible teaching at government schools.
- Church-run Christian primary school.
- Jesus Film outreaches.
- Literature distribution.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

People on the coast

One of the areas where Christ is least known is along the south east coast of Tanzania, hence our motto: “The Coast, for Christ, by the Church.”

Most of the people in the communities we serve are living day-to-day. Fishers take out their dhows or dugouts, hoping to catch enough each day to sell to meet their needs.

Most are strongly influenced by Islam and traditional healers. Many live in constant fear of being cursed. Only Jesus can set them free.

Our prayer is that local churches, though small, will take up the challenge of reaching out to their neighbours who do not know Christ. Pray for us as we join hands with them in this adventure.

A typical outreach consists of door-to-door evangelism during the week, with an invitation to the Jesus Film that will be shown later that week. In the past, this has led to the planting of small churches, which are still operating to this day. Pray for more churches to catch this vision, so they can play a role in seeing the church multiply in nearby villages where there are no churches yet.



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Pray for

- local churches to join in the outreaches to those communities who are living and dying without Christ, especially along the coast
- firm-standing leaders for the newly-planted churches, as they struggle daily to overcome challenges while continuing to serve the body of Christ
- new believers to stand firm as they face many discouragements and hardships
- God's blessing on the church-run Christian primary school, as we trust Him for provision to finish this building
- the women who are being trained in the income-generating projects of baking and handicrafts, as they venture out to support their families
- disciple-making efforts among young people

Thailand



I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.

EPHESIANS 1:18

Vision

By faith, we see the least-reached communities of Thailand responding authentically to the gospel and being discipled into biblically-based, community-transforming churches which engage in mission.

Motivated by Christ's love, we strive to make disciples where he is not yet known.

Ministry

- University ministry.
- Evangelism and church planting.
- Sports Friends.
- Hope for Life, an HIV and AIDS outreach ministry.
- Missionary kid education.
- Leadership and administration.
- English teaching.
- Counselling.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The central Thai

There are very few Christians (0.25 per cent) among the Thai who live in the central plain region, which includes the capital, Bangkok. Many districts and sub-districts in this region have no known Christians and no Christian workers. SIM is building multi-skilled, multi-ethnic, church planting teams to serve this significant group of people in Thailand.



University students

There are 2.5 million students at universities in Thailand. Many of these students come from areas where Christ is not known.

University is often a time of self-exploration and consideration of new ideas, which creates great opportunities to introduce students to Christ. Most of Thailand's universities have no Christian ministry among students.



Teaching English is a large and strategic opportunity, because the new Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) community has chosen English as its medium of communication. Students know their career success will depend on their ability to speak English. Our desire is to have workers who are committed to building relationships with Thai university students, evangelising and making disciples of new believers.

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Pray for

- God to bring more workers to join multi-ethnic, multi-skilled church planting teams who are reaching areas of Thailand where Christ is not known
- God to provide workers with a passion to serve university students
- the people who are preparing and beginning new ministry work in Thailand

Togo



And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Vision

We see dynamic, inter-dependent partnerships and mutually nurturing relationships with the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA-Togo), other mission organisations, and churches, as we respond together to the spiritual challenges in Togo and focus on proclaiming the gospel among people groups with little Christian witness.

Ministry

- Leadership and theological training.
- Church partnerships.
- Partnering with believers to reach and disciple their own people, particularly through a farm and discipleship centre.
- Friendship evangelism and discipleship with neighbours and friends.
- Women's ministry.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Met

The largest of the Muslim people groups in Togo is the Met. The majority live in the central city of Sokodé and in the 60 or so surrounding villages. Over the years, Met communities have also formed in villages and cities around the country and abroad.

Muslim traders brought Islam to this people group in the mid-1800s. Now, at least 90 per cent of them are practising Muslims, though many in the villages mix Islam with their traditional animistic religion.

About one per cent of the Met people are now Jesus-followers. The believers in the central city have their own association to offer a sense of family, because most are rejected by their own families once they leave Islam. This group takes responsibility for life events such as weddings and funerals and are there in times of need, gathering to pray and giving what they can.

With a heart to reach their own people who are living and dying without Christ, this large group of Met believers has also developed an evangelism team. They are concentrating on villages where few have heard the gospel, Islam is practised, and traditional religious beliefs influence all sectors of life.



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Pray for

- the Met believers to be family for each other
- Christian communities to be established in the villages where the Met are sharing the good news of Christ monthly
- Christian communities to be established among the Tchamba, Bago, Koussountou, Fulani and Lokpa
- the continued development of a farming and discipleship project to assist new Met believers
- growth among the ECWA-Togo churches, especially in their capacity for church planting, discipleship and mission outreach
- the training of capable, godly and visionary pastors, elders, and mission workers

United Kingdom



Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

HEBREWS 3:6

Vision

We work with UK churches to send and receive cross-cultural workers equipped to make disciples wherever people live and die without hearing God's good news

We aim to: provide services that are highly valued by churches, workers, and SIM globally; work with evangelical churches in multicultural areas of the UK; help UK churches engage, evangelise and establish new believers in their communities where Christ is least known; make the pathways to mission in, to, and from, the UK, more accessible and effective; engage more young people with the global gospel needs.

Ministry

- Sending and receiving workers.
- Mission worker recruitment, selection, care and support.
- Equipping UK churches for intercultural ministry.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Engaging diverse communities

Overcoming barriers of difference with the gospel is a core need for UK churches. Recent surveys (2022) tell us six per cent of UK adults are practising Christians, with non-white ethnicities making up 25 per cent of them. Among 18–24-year-olds in the UK:

- 29 per cent identify with Christianity
- 27 per cent do not affiliate with any main religion or define themselves as atheist or agnostic (up from 11 per cent in 2015)
- 20 per cent would say they are atheist
- 14 per cent affiliate with Islam.

Churches are asking for help in the mission field on their doorsteps and globally. Our ENGAGE programme brings mission workers into UK churches, helping them bridge cultural gaps, respond to needs and share the gospel.

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Pray for

- more workers from the UK to be sent into SIM teams worldwide
- praise God for incoming workers serving UK communities and pray for the visas and funding needed to sustain this
- multi-ethnic mission teams working with healthy, diverse churches across the UK
- Jesus to work in the UK church to inspire the next generation who will make his name known among those who haven't heard



United States



Vision

Our wildly important goal focuses on sending and sustaining more overseas American ambassadors of Jesus. We are committed to go from a shrinking mission workforce (-3 per cent per year) to a growing mission workforce (+3 per cent per year) by 1 July 2022. Through eyes of faith, we see 100 new workers being sent per year by 2030. A steady annual 10 per cent increase in mission worker sending will achieve this goal.

Ministry

By prayer, we recruit, prepare, and journey with Christians sent by churches as we go and make disciples of Jesus Christ where needed most.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Bride of Christ in America includes tens of thousands of people who have received a calling to go and make disciples where Jesus is least known. SIM USA is committed to helping churches as they work to remind those whom God is leading about their need to respond.

SIM USA has been praying Matthew 9:38 and mobilising the nation to join us in prayer, believing God will raise up workers who will say yes to cross barriers to share his good news where needed most.

Our desire is to encourage pastors and walk alongside churches who are making disciples in the US. There are people whose next step in following Jesus is to share his grace and truth among the nations.

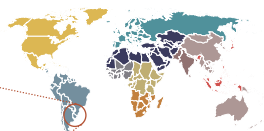
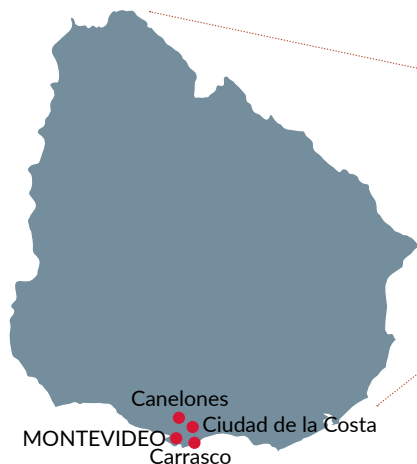


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Pray for

- the beautiful, multi-faceted US church to feel the weight of our need to see God sending more workers
- an abundance of prayer and financial support partners to respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to participate in making Jesus known
- vibrant church partnerships and God's help to find more Christians who will be sent by their churches
- current SIM USA workers' relationships to result in more American believers considering the possibility God might be calling them to be his witness in communities where Jesus is least known
- wisdom and courage as we seek to journey with increasing numbers and increasing diversity of mission workers being sent and sustained in the coming years, carefully and relationally making disciples of those who will go and make disciples of all nations
- 100 future mission workers living in the USA to have fresh clarity from God that they should contact SIM and pursue an opportunity to share Jesus across barriers

Uruguay



For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

PSALM 72:12

Vision

We are convinced that no one should live or die without hearing and understanding the gospel of Jesus Christ in Uruguay and around the world. For this reason, we believe that God has called SIM mission workers to this country to be instruments who reach, train, and equip new generations of Uruguayans for Jesus Christ.

Ministry

- Church planting in least-reached areas.
- Outreach to university students.
- Children's outreach and Bible training.
- Equipping the international population for local impact.
- Youth leadership training and disciple-making.
- Mentoring and cross-cultural skill-building.
- Todos Oirán mission and theological training.
- Catalyst leadership training programme.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children of the Coast

In “Ciudad de la Costa” (City of the Coast), many empty lots have been taken over by families who have no place to live. They have built homes out of boards and scrap sheet metal. Most of these families have children who, in one way or another, are adapting to this environment. They suffer greatly during the winter with no heating. While the children can attend public schools, they have little help with their homework from their families since, in many cases, their parents never even finished elementary school. Consequently, their academic performance is often severely lowered. Many of these children are also exposed to violence and drugs from a very young age.



In addition to these harsh conditions, the vast majority are living and dying without knowing Christ because Uruguay is the least religious nation in the Americas. That is why several churches, in partnership with SIM Uruguay, have been seeking to make an impact in this population. There are various opportunities to serve in these coastal areas, ranging from tutoring and healthcare to social work and home construction.

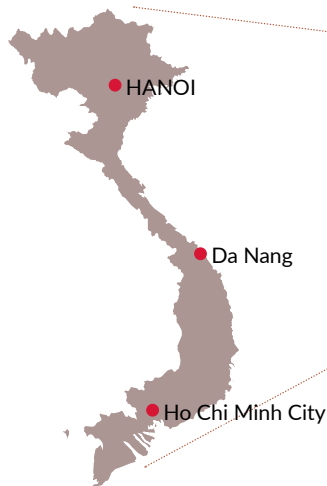
Maybe you or someone you know would be interested in stepping into one of these opportunities.

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Pray for

- more churches to get involved in working with these children
- new opportunities to be opened to work in these neighbourhoods
- more workers from outside Uruguay to come join the effort

Vietnam



It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

EPHESIANS 4:11-12

Vision

By faith we see: Vietnamese communities where Christ is least known being engaged by a multi-ethnic team with the gospel, reflecting Christ through character, word and action; God's people belonging to growing, maturing, indigenous, and mission-minded churches, being and making disciples of Jesus in Vietnam and beyond.

Ministry

- Develop church leaders through theological education and training for biblical relationships in home, church and community. Training Vietnamese chaplains to help those in trauma by providing them with God's love and comfort.
- Being witnesses in the workplace through various missional business methods.
- Establish in-country support services for a growing team of workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Minority communities

There are approximately 68 unreached people groups in Vietnam. Of those, 30 have fewer than one per cent professing Christians, and 15 have no Christ followers.

In these communities, when a person receives Jesus Christ as Saviour, he or she is eager to follow the biblical mandate to lead others to Christ by making, baptising and teaching disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).

The new believer's response is often to plant and shepherd a church in his or her community. These pastors have low education and Bible knowledge levels. Their risk of persecution is high. Their journey can be lonely, with no one available to encourage or guide them to grow in their new faith.



Majority community

The Kinh people, the majority community in Vietnam, make up 86 per cent of the population. They have Christian resources available, but only 1.2 per cent of the more than 78 million Viet-Kinh are followers of Christ. This makes the Kinh people the largest unreached people group in south east Asia.

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Pray for

- minority pastors and those they shepherd. Pray they can hear and understand God's word and teach others accurately so more can hear the good news
- the Kinh majority community to be awakened to the good news of Jesus and share it boldly with others
- believers to have a growing vision to reach out boldly to those who have not yet heard of Jesus; churches lacking a pastor to receive one with adequate Bible knowledge
- for courage and perseverance for those facing persecution for their faith
- training Vietnamese to equip their own people and developing leaders to teach biblical principles for godly living.
- the nation to be tolerant of Christian activities; for Communist Party members, government officials and military personnel, who pillars in Vietnamese society
- a permanent presence to be established in support of workers. Pray to the Lord to provide workers who will live in Vietnam and make disciples in culturally appropriate ways



Vision

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, the West African Mission Office partners with the West African church for the success of global mission; mobilises and sends qualified, equipped workers from and through the West African church all over the world, to cross cultural barriers with love to those living and dying without Christ; enables the making of disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known, through workers sent from West Africa.

Ministry

- Mobilising in West Africa for the recruitment of new workers.
- Partnering with local like-minded churches, mission organisations, and other regional bodies in West Africa for global mission.
- Training and sending mission workers from West Africa.
- Mobilising prayer and financial support.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Wolof and Maninka of Senegal

The Wolof are a large ethnic group, with a population of nearly three million. Most of them are located in the West African countries of Senegal and Gambia. Some are in Cote d'Ivoire and Mali, where Christ is least known.

Muslims make up 99.49 per cent of the Wolof in Senegal, while Christians are 0.01 per cent.

The Maninka of Senegal are located in eastern Senegal, where they constitute a sub-group of a much larger people group known as the Mande. Muslims make up 90 per cent of the population, while Christians are a paltry 0.3 per cent. Evangelicals make up just 0.1 per cent.

Since both the Wolof and the Maninka claim to be Muslims and believe in the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, there is a great need for labourers who are sensitive to the Muslim culture to work among the Wolof and Maninka to share Christ's love.

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Pray for

- traditional Muslim culture to soften, creating open doors for the gospel to be preached among the Wolof and Maninka
- God to grant wisdom and favour to mission agencies seeking to work among the Wolof and Maninka
- God to reveal himself to the Wolof and Maninka through dreams and visions
- God to detach the Wolof and Maninka from the spirit of Islam
- the effectiveness of the Jesus film and other evangelistic tools among the Wolof and Maninka
- God to raise up a prayer team to break up the soil through worship and intercession



West Malaysia



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, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb”

REVELATION 7:9-10

Vision

Our vision is to see every people group in this country reached with Christ’s love. Our aim is for all the believers in West Malaysia to be discipled and equipped with the vision, skills, and resources to proclaim the message of reconciliation with God, in word and deed, among communities where Christ is not known.

We strive to share God’s love among the least-reached peoples, including Orang Asli, migrants, expatriates and international students in West Malaysia. We are also working to establish a collaboration of churches, mission groups, and Christian leaders which aims to make disciples of our Lord Jesus in communities where he is least known, ministering at home and abroad.

Ministry

- Humanitarian work among Orang Asli, migrants and refugees.
- Friendship evangelism among expatriates and international students.
- Partnership with mission groups in theological education and leadership training.
- Community-building projects and church plantings among the diaspora groups in the big cities.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Orang Asli

The Orang Asli or 'original peoples' were estimated to account for about 0.7 per cent of the population of West Malaysia, numbering about 198,000 in 2017. Officially, there are 18 tribes of Orang Asli in Malaysia, each with its own culture, religion and language. They are the oldest people groups of Malaysia but are also the poorest and most oppressed. Although some have decided to follow Islam or Christianity, they are traditionally animists. In recent years, they have retreated farther back into the forest to avoid demands to assimilate to the majority culture or convert to another religion.

Migrants and refugees

Many people have come to Malaysia in search of a better future for their families. There are an estimated six million migrants in Malaysia, but less than half of them are documented. Almost all of them live and work in the country without proper permits or wages. As of March 2020, there were nearly 180,000 refugees and asylum seekers registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Malaysia. Like undocumented migrants, refugees don't have legal rights to live a normal life here. Their human rights are often violated. God is calling us to reach out to them with Christ's love.

Expatriates and international students

There were about 140,000 expatriates and their dependents in Malaysia, as of October 2021. Most are from India, followed by China, Japan, the Philippines and Indonesia. A large number are also business owners or partners who invest in various industries in this country. The majority live in the big cities with their families.

International students continue to choose Malaysia to study because of the quality education available. There are around 130,000 international students from 136 countries studying here. Most of them come from south east Asia, the Middle East, Central Asia and African countries, with some also from Europe.

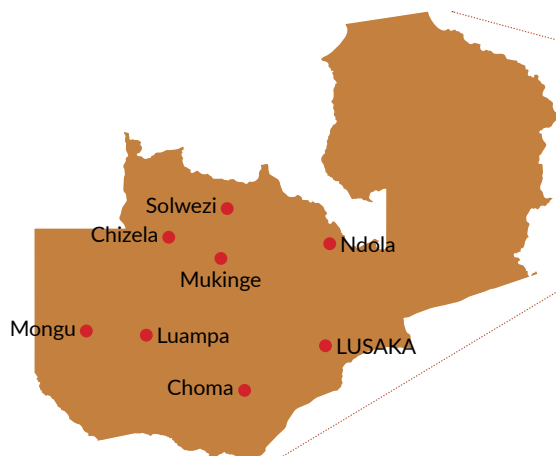
By working with our mission partners, we seek to reach them with the gospel through friendship evangelism, making disciples who can engage with their own cultures when they return home.

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Pray for

- the removal of barriers, so that God's love can be shared freely across the country to all
- more trained workers to serve among the migrants, refugees, expatriates and international students
- increased participation and partnership with local churches to do God's mission on the doorstep
- resources and staff to mobilise local churches and support incoming workers

Zambia



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

Vision

The vision of SIM Zambia is to be a witness to Christ's love where he is least known, expressing God's love and compassion and teaching disciples to do likewise, resulting in Christ-centred churches across Zambia.

Ministry

- Youth ministry.
- Health ministry.
- Community development.
- Disciple-making and leadership training.
- Primary school education.
- University campus ministry.
- Prison ministry.
- Theological education.
- Leadership and administration.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children and young people

With more than half the population under the age of 18, young people need to be reached and disciplined for Christ. Traditionally, the church has not prioritised ministry to children and youth and many of the programmes in place have not brought about transformational growth. These younger ones are loved by the Lord Jesus and have the opportunity to make a lifetime of impact on their families and culture for the glory of God and the witness of his church.



Asian diaspora

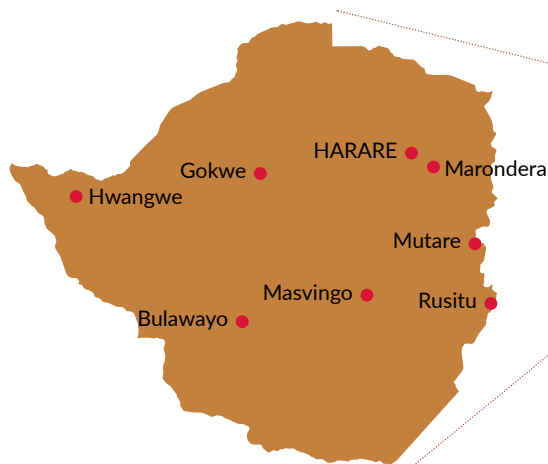
Asian diaspora communities are growing fast. SIM encourages the work of one small Asian church which is seeking to be a faithful witness yet is limited in outreach capacity amongst such a large population. With mosques and Hindu and Buddhist temples on the increase, more focus is required to impact these communities who need Christ.

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Pray for

- the SIM Zambia Board, as they seek to appoint a new director and provide strategic direction for our ministries
- God to send the right people to fill key personnel needs
- the youth centre staff and secondary school chaplain as they disciple and encourage young people to grow in their faith
- our health workers - for wisdom, protection and stamina as they minister to the physical and spiritual needs of their patients
- our community development ministry, which teaches rural farmers ways to grow food for their families effectively, may impact their lives spiritually
- our disciple-making and leadership training ministries with local churches, Bible colleges, in schools and on university campuses - that they would impact individuals who will then be able to share their faith with others
- those who teach and minister to children in their school and community contexts - that these young lives would be changed for eternity
- the diaspora in Zambia to hear and be transformed by the gospel

Zimbabwe



Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all peoples.

PSALM 96:3

Vision

By faith, we see a witness of Christ to every Zimbabwean, so that no one lives and dies without hearing the gospel and responding to it; believers are discipled into a fuller understanding of their faith; and Christ's compassionate love is expressed and shared with the poor, hurting and suffering.

Ministry

- Outreach ministries: children, particularly vulnerable girls, young people, college and university students, HIV and AIDS.
- Theology and resources: theological education, Leaders Equipping and Resourcing Network (LEARN), research, and witness to cults.
- Disaster Relief: famine, Covid-19 and natural disasters.
- Leadership and services.
- Evangelism.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Nambya People

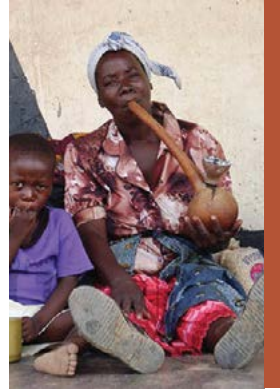
The Nambya people are an ethnic group of about 100,000, based in the north western parts of Zimbabwe. They are found around the coal mining town of Hwange and in the areas surrounding Victoria Falls.

They believe in a supreme being and ancestors who heal and protect them from evil; they also believe ancestral spirits are benevolent or malevolent and can inspire individual talents such as healing. According to the Joshua project, the Nambya of Zimbabwe, are engaged yet unreached. The primary religion practised by the Nambya is ethnoreligion. This is deeply rooted in a people's ethnic identity and conversion to Christ requires patience and understanding the culture.

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Pray for

- more Nambyan people to come to know Jesus and therefore stand as witnesses in their communities
- gospel workers who can communicate fluently in the Nambyan language
- SIM Zimbabwe to have an opportunity to reach Nambyan people with the gospel



Sports Friends

Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

JEREMIAH 32:17



Vision

Our vision is to see a global movement of churches using sport to make disciples of Jesus Christ among young people, their families, and communities.

We strive to share a vision for local churches and church planters to use sport as a powerful ministry tool; train Christian leaders to develop fruitful, church-centred sports ministries that make disciples of Jesus; equip coaches for effective service by providing ongoing support and encouragement to help them live, lead, minister and coach for the glory of God; develop the leadership capacity of sports ministry coordinators, who will provide vision, guidance and management for the local sports ministry movement and develop coaches at the local church level.

Ministry

Globally, 42 per cent of the population is under the age of 25. In 18 countries, Sports Friends is training and equipping local church leaders and church planters to extend the love of God to young people through strategic sports ministries. Weekly sports programmes and ongoing disciple-making are complemented by the Sports Friends camping ministry.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

One Little Boy

Forty teenaged boys arrived with their coaches at Lake Langano in summer of 2006. However, there was one boy who didn't belong at camp that year. David (name changed) was only about 10 and small for his age. He was from a village where there were no Christians, and the coach had been praying for an opportunity to build relationships through football. He felt David was the answer to his prayer so, at the risk of being scolded, he brought the too-little boy to camp.



But David was not intimidated by being the smallest, and he learned what God thought of him. He put his faith in Jesus at camp and was filled with passion for the Saviour who loved him. David returned to his village and told his family about his time at camp and about Jesus. One by one they trusted in Christ, and saving faith spread rapidly.

But God had planned to move even more powerfully in this little community. Just two months after camp, Jesus visited David one evening in a vision and, over the next few months, more than 70 people turned to worship Jesus. A church was planted in this village where just one year before there had been no Christian witness. David's coach visited the community faithfully to disciple David and the church God birthed through his testimony.

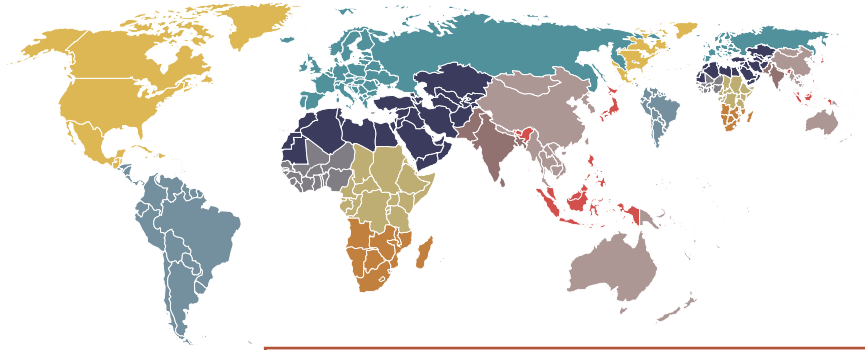
It has been 16 years since that summer camp, and David continues to serve the church as a pastor and sports minister. He has big faith and is passionate about reaching those from the same background as his family.

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Pray for

- David's ongoing zeal, strength, and opportunity to bear witness to Christ among the least reached peoples of Ethiopia. Pray for the many others like David throughout Sport Friends globally who are seeking to reach the lost
- more than 250,000 young people are currently being served and encouraged by roughly 12,000 coaches. Pray that these young people would encounter Christ and that their coaches would be effective in making disciples
- God to provide wisdom and insight as we seek to develop new resources for discipleship
- God to raise up new workers who will diversify and strengthen our teams for effective service

International Leadership & Services



For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14

Vision

The vision of SIM is to see a witness to Christ's love where He is least known, disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities and Christ-centred churches among all peoples.

SIM's purpose statement is:

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe that He has called us to make disciples of Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known.

Ministry

The ministries of SIM International Leadership and Services clear barriers for those whom God is calling to serve cross-culturally.

We achieve this by providing:

- global leadership and training.
- cross-cultural people and ministry development in more than 70 countries.
- worldwide personnel, financial and technical support to remote mission locations.
- direction and planning for the expansion and long-term sustainability of SIM priority ministries and projects.
- communications and multi-lingual resources.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children

Children are a precious gift from God to all communities worldwide. They are created in his image, uniquely gifted by him, and can be participants in church and mission. We have the privilege and responsibility of caring care for them, praying for their protection, and helping them live life in fullness. Sadly, half of all children are at risk of forced labour, hunger, abandonment, abuse, trafficking and poverty.

Vulnerable children are those aged under 18 whose safety, well-being, or development is at significant risk due to inadequate care, protection or access to essential services.

One group among them are children caught up in violence due to local, regional or international conflicts. Violence from gangs and trafficking is as devastating to the young as war. Physically surviving armed conflicts can leave long-term psychological scars and have profound consequences for a lifetime. Children in such circumstances are beyond the reach of both safety and of the gospel.

Conflicts tear families apart, resulting in children being separated from their parents or, worse, orphaned. War cuts off food and water supplies, blocks access to healthcare, stops education, destroys economies and jobs, and opens up opportunities for the recruitment of child soldiers and child slaves.

The Lord is clear about his supreme priority of care and protection for children (Matt. 18:6). Dozens of ministries of SIM and our partners focus directly on children, while all our ministries touch on and impact children. We also serve in areas where both old and new conflicts continue to seethe. May the Holy Spirit guide and equip us to rescue, guard, and nourish these precious little ones.

Lausanne Children at Risk infographic: <https://bit.ly/3nUoM6b> .

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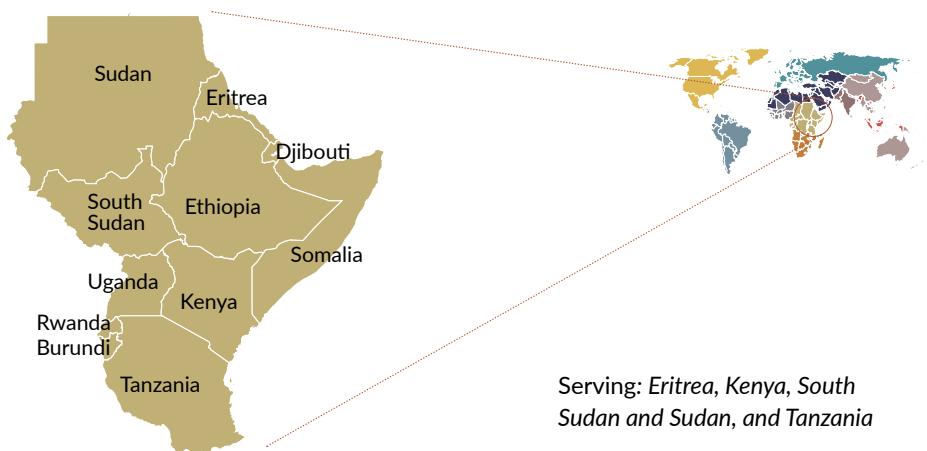
Pray for

- the global church to prioritise prayer, time and resources for children exposed to violence
- children separated from their families or orphaned by violence; for the re-unification of families or for new loving families to take them in
- the church to take seriously its mission to, for and with children
- frightened or traumatised parents to find help, safety, and model hope and resilience for their children; for wisdom for all who care for children
- unity, courage, wisdom, and discernment for the International Director and his leadership team members
- effective mentoring and disciple-making at all levels of leadership, and especially for wisdom in encouraging SIM's developing leaders
- encouragement, resources and wisdom for the services staff in areas of finance, technology, communication, and other administrative support
- the International Director Search Committee: for the Holy Spirit to reign in the process and in the outcome

Regional Service Centres

Each of SIM's regional service centres offers vital support to SIM workers serving in a particular region. These strategic centres provide services in accounting and finance, health, human resources, project development, logistics, information technology and media. Specialised staff facilitate good practices and accountability for the countries they serve. With the service centres providing this critical assistance, existing ministries and new initiatives can thrive in their mission of proclaiming Christ to those who live and die without hearing God's good news.

EARS – East Africa Regional Services



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Pray for

- the EARS Team to remain united in the spirit of service and apply the various giftings competently and with commitment in supporting the served entities
- the godly collaboration between EARS and the leadership of the entities supported

Prayer Notes

SASC – Southern Africa Service Centre



Serving: Angola, Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

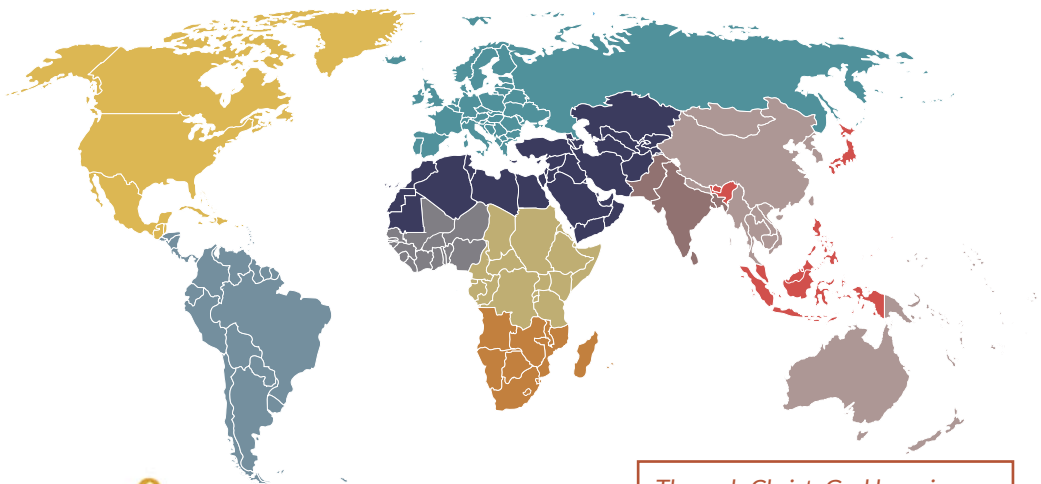
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Pray for

- SASC and the regional council to work well together in providing the services needed to support the countries in the region in reaching those living and dying without Christ
- the SASC team to continue to serve God faithfully, even though their work often goes unseen by many in the region
- the team as they adjust to the new finance processes and systems and work more closely with the South Africa office

Prayer Notes

Faithful Witness



Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority to tell all peoples everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name.

ROMANS 1:5

Vision

Faithful Witness in Forgotten Communities is SIM's global initiative to mobilise multi-cultural, multi-skilled teams to make Jesus known in communities where people are living and dying without ever making a Christian friend. We provide funding for new workers sent from diverse contexts around the world to share the good news with those who have never heard. Our vision is to see the gospel message take root in these forgotten communities. We have launched teams in the Middle East, eastern Chad, Mali, northern Nigeria, Thailand, North Africa, and south Asia.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Over the next 10 years, the Faithful Witness Initiative would like to see God establish 20 new multi-ethnic, multi-skilled teams in 20 communities where Jesus isn't known yet.

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Pray for

- Praise God for 52 mission workers sent from 19 different nations to seven least reached destinations
- Ask God for another 50 workers to join them from an even greater diversity of SIM sending entities
- Praise God for the seven existing teams
- Ask God for three new teams to be launched in three other communities
- Praise God for the power to cross barriers with the gospel in Chad, Thailand, North Africa, northern Nigeria, the Middle East, and south Asia
- Ask God to give clear guidance as to where we should send the next three teams
- Praise God for sending courageous, quality and extremely diverse workers
- Ask God to make ethnic and social reconciliation central to the good news that these teams embody
- Ask God for unity of purpose and a solid bond of the peace that Jesus won for us at the cross
- Praise God for donors from around the world who have provided so generously for Faithful Witness workers
- Ask God for even greater and broader financial participation so that SIM can send workers from anywhere the church is, to everywhere it is not
- Praise God for protecting the teams
- Ask God to make his faithful witnesses thrive in hard places
- Ask God for stability where there is conflict, social favour where there is tension and to meet human need where there is a chronic lack of food and water
- Above all, ask God that many would believe and obey him, bringing glory to the name of Jesus



SIM Worldwide

Equippers for the harvest

Lord, we pray that:

Bible training campuses and programmes will nurture students in a lifelong commitment to being and making disciples and will maintain a biblical, mission-integrated worldview.

Pastors will cultivate a passion for the gospel, locally and globally, in their congregations. Bless these shepherds with spiritual refreshment and empowerment in ministry.

SIM workers will offer godly encouragement and counsel as people consider and prepare for cross-cultural gospel ministry.

Workers for the harvest

Lord of the harvest, we pray:

That you will call and send workers from the global church to form flourishing, multi-ethnic and multi-skilled SIM teams who will proclaim your good news to those who live and die without it.

That these workers' children will wholeheartedly follow Jesus. Develop in them resilience in the face of multiple farewells, cultural adaptations, physical and spiritual stresses and re-entry to their passport countries.

For all our SIM teams to thrive in their relationships with you and with each other and to grow in ministry competency and effectiveness, well-being and resilience.

Partners for the harvest

Lord, we thank you for:

The many who sacrificially release their children and grandchildren to you for kingdom service, their finances to support those who go and their time to faithfully pray for SIM workers and ministries. Prosper them. Fill them with the joy of the harvest!

Christ-centred churches with a vision to fulfil your mission across cultures, locally and globally, extending your church to the ends of the earth.

Partnerships

Additional countries where SIM workers serve

Burundi

Working with Serge Medical Team, we are training medical professionals and students. We ask for prayer that our teaching would be blessed - that those we teach would gain not only medical knowledge but also how to love and care for patients with the love of Christ.

Central Asia

Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers to Central Asia who are humble, teachable and love both God and people. Pray for relationships with local leaders as we explore suitable opportunities to serve with them. Pray the Central Asian Christians would continue to take the gospel to other parts of the world. Pray for theological resources to become accessible to local leaders.

Chad

Pray for the Mubi people who originally come from the Mangalme area. Pray they would hear the good news and know the love of Christ. Pray for the growing number of new SIM workers serving in many different ministries across Chad. Pray for perseverance and hope in hardship. Pray for local leaders wherever SIM works that they be blessed with wisdom and strength. They deal with most conflicts in families, villages and tribes.

Colombia

Pray that those who are hearing God's call to serve in mission will be bold to respond and that their churches will be too.

Cameroon

Please pray for wisdom for the board and general directorate in all the decisions they have to make. Please also pray that churches and communities embrace the vision of CABTAL and get fully involved in the translation and development projects.

Eurasia

Please pray for our health because we are living in a place with a very harsh climate. May the Lord keep us in good health to serve him. Please pray for good work and a good communion in the Bible's translation team.

Papua New Guinea

PNG is poorly developed with many health issues. People have turned to Christ and churches are widespread, but they struggle with false teaching and tribalism. Pray for more training of church leaders, who can bring unity and holistic growth to communities.

Uganda

We work at Kampala Evangelical School of Theology (KEST) and Emmanuel Children's Outreach (ECO) in Uganda. Our main prayer request is that we will be able to return to those ministries. Fridah can't leave the US until her Green Card is approved. The pandemic has closed the Uganda borders as well as KEST and ECO. Pray for safety for AIM AIR, partners in Uganda, as they fly throughout East Africa serving various ministries.

Prayer for Renewal

Lord, we offer ourselves to you.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

ROMANS 12:1

Forgive us when we hold back parts of ourselves.

Help us to consecrate every part of our beings to you.

Renew our minds.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

ROMANS 12:2A

Forgive us for polluting our minds with the world's values.

Help us to saturate our minds with your word and your wisdom.

Align our wills with your will.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

ROMANS 12:2B

Forgive us for asserting our own will and our own rights.

Help us to understand, affirm, and joyfully carry out your will.

Give us hearts that overflow with thanksgiving.

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:19B-20.

Forgive us when our hearts are choked with bitterness and pride.

Help us to praise you with heartfelt songs and thanksgiving.

Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

HEBREWS 12:1B-2A.

Forgive us for fixing our eyes on ourselves, and on the “giants in the land”.

Help us to focus on the wonderful person and saving work of Jesus.

Teach our tongues to strengthen others.

*The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,
To know the word that sustains the weary.*

ISAIAH 50:4A

Forgive us when our words tear down and discourage others.

Help us to speak words that refresh, encourage, and build up one another.

Waken our ears to receive your instructions.

*He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears.*

ISAIAH 50:4B, 5A

Forgive us when our ears are attuned to Satan's whispers and our own voices of self-pity.

Help us to daily discern and follow the voice of your Spirit.

Establish the work of our hands.

*May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us —
yes, establish the work of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17

Forgive us when our hands are negligent.

Help us do careful, quality work for your kingdom.

Direct our feet on the gospel path.

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

ISAIAH 52:7

Forgive us when we sit at home and keep the gospel to ourselves.

Help us to go out and proclaim the good news as you lead us.

Lord, may we honour you with our bodies!

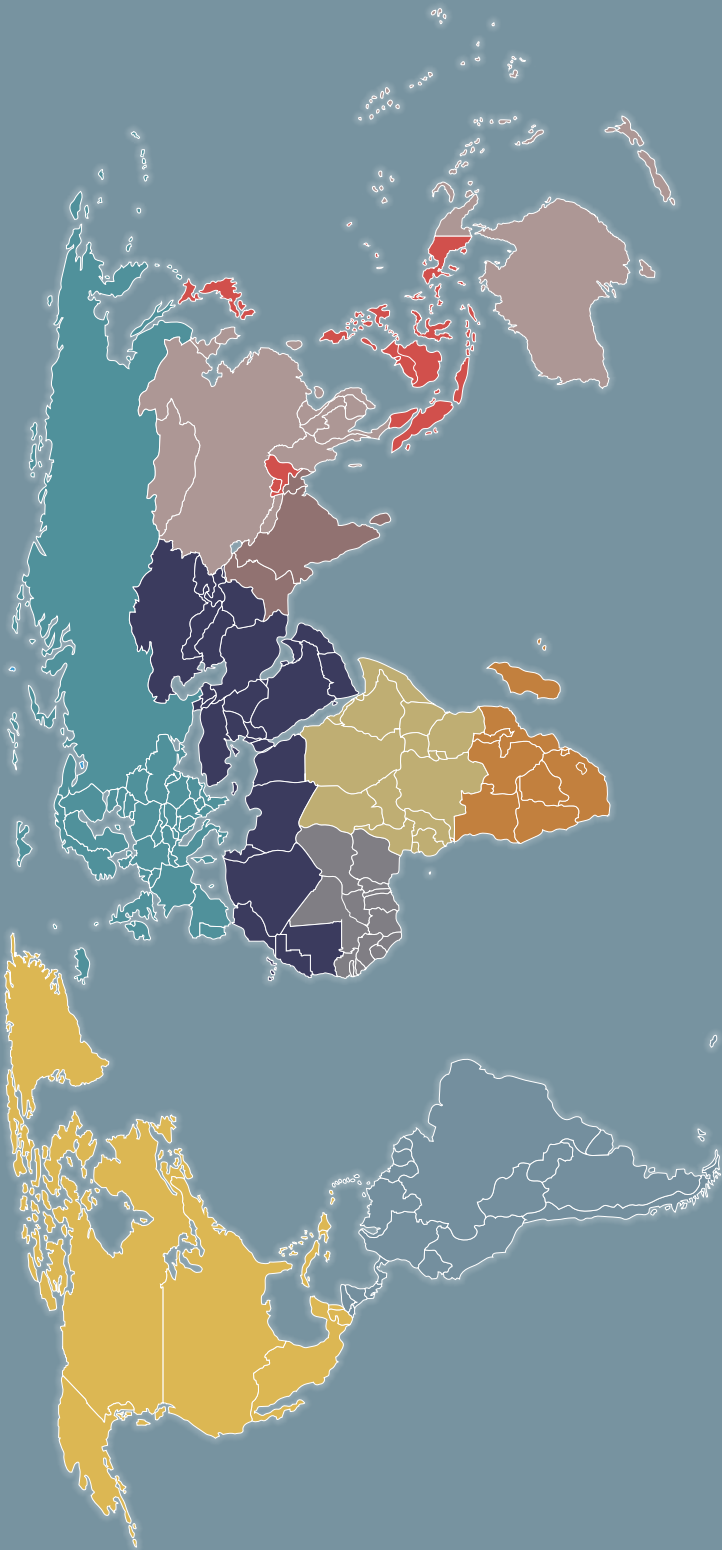
*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you,
whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a
price. Therefore, honour God with your bodies.*

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

Forgive us when our actions and attitudes bring dishonour to your name.

Help us honour you with every member of our bodies and every aspect of our beings!

In the powerful name of Jesus, Amen.



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