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2025 Prayer Guide

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Foreword

Welcome to the 2025 Prayer Guide!

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

The information includes each entity's vision, its types of ministry, descriptions of some of the communities where Christ is least known with whom they are engaging and their prayer points. Just as we did last year, we are featuring the signatory entities of SIM, our global ministry teams and our regional sending entities.

Please share this guide freely and broadly with anyone who might join us in praying for what God is doing through SIM. If you are interested in obtaining further copies, please email international.communication@sim.org.

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Growing in transparency,

After my first few months in the role of International Director, I believe more than ever that we must work together for the good of SIM and the good of the gospel.

In last year's Prayer Guide, I quoted 1 Corinthians 12, when Paul tells the church, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

The more I see SIM at work, the more convinced I am that Paul's teaching applies to our entities, just as much as it does to our individual people. The way we help people transition from, say, North East India to Ghana, or Korea to Malawi, or Ecuador to Pakistan, is through our entities working together; the way we move money around the world is through our entities working together; and the way we care for people living far from their passport country is through our entities working together.

For entities to work well together, there must be a culture of transparency, trust and belonging in SIM. That is something we are still working on. Indeed, it may be something that we will always be working on but those values are vital for our organisation to work effectively.

Why transparency? Each and every entity needs to be open about what its teams are doing, about how they are doing it and about the challenges they face. To achieve that level of transparency relies on good governance, so it is vital that our boards are functioning well and fully aware of the responsibilities they have.

Jesus displayed astonishing transparency in the garden of Gethsemane when he spoke to Peter and 'the two sons of Zebedee': "Then he said to them, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.'"

Even though Jesus knew his mission on earth was to die on the cross, he showed his true feelings to his disciples. He was utterly transparent and wanted them to stay near him as his hour of death approached.

Why trust? Only entities which trust each other will be able to work well together. If there is distrust on either side, the relationship will be undermined and will not develop as it should. That level of trust relies on us all sharing information appropriately and using the systems we have in place for that – it requires trusting transparency!

Jesus displays huge trust in his disciples when he instructs them in the words of the Great Commission in Matthew 28: "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

trust and belonging

Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

He trusts them and he promises to be with them, giving them all the encouragement and support they need to accomplish his mission. As our entities trust each other, so they offer encouragement and support to each other as they play their part in God's mission.

Why belonging? We have talked for many years about how diverse we are as an organisation and we have certainly become a lot more diverse during my time in SIM. But I'm not sure that we yet have a culture where all our diverse people, from whichever context they come from and in whichever context they are ministering, feel they truly belong to our organisation. We must continue to work hard on creating a culture and environment where all can say they belong.

Paul's letters often address this whole issue of belonging, as he seeks to build unity in the early church. As he writes in Ephesians 3: "This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." Just as it was vital that the Gentiles felt they truly belonged to the church, so it is vital that all our people feel they truly belong to SIM. That is a powerful witness to the gospel in the communities we serve.

One of our core values says that we are strengthened by 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.

As you pray through the entries in this Prayer Guide, I hope that you get a sense of our great diversity, but also of our oneness in Christ. Individually, we are bound together by our desire to see disciples of the Lord Jesus in communities where he is least known; our entities are bound together by their signing of the Mission Agreement.

My prayer is that we will see an SIM in which all our constituent parts, both individual and entity, are flourishing in a culture of transparency, trust and belonging. That will be a culture in which God's wisdom can show through us and enable us to have an even greater gospel impact than we do now.



Phil Bauman
SIM International Director

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 fulfill 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 who 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 disciplines, we practise giving and receiving discipleship, lifelong learning, consultative leadership, mutual development and training.
- 9 Strengthened through Diversity**
We are intentionally inter-denominational, 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 SIM's Core Values - the '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, inter-denominational 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.

How the 'Three Ds and Three Cs' relate to our 10 Core Values

We are:

Dependent on God

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

Committed to biblical truth, Dependent on God, People of Prayer, A Christ-like community

Diverse

We are one in Christ. We embrace, and are strengthened by, the international, inter-denominational and multi-ethnic diversity of His church.

Christ-like community, Strengthened through diversity, A learning growing community, Responsive to our times, Committed to Biblical truth

Disciples of Jesus who make disciples

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

Mission-focused, A learning, growing community, A Christ-like community, Committed to biblical truth

Church-centred

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

Church centred, Committed to biblical truth, Mission-focused

Compassionate

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

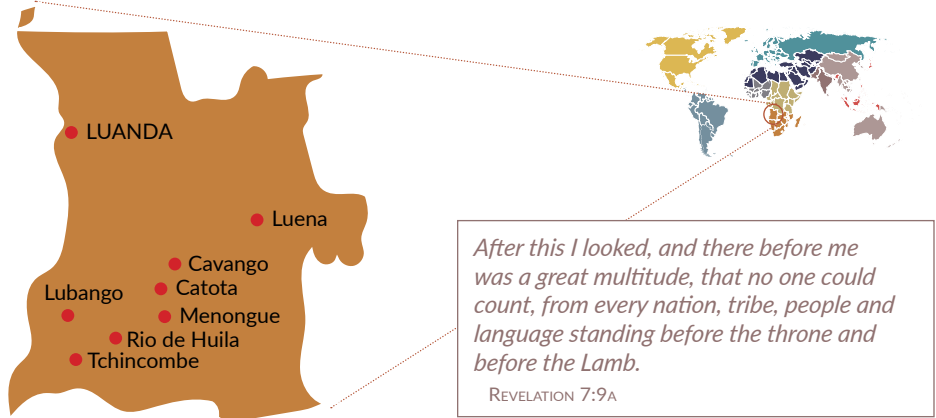
Concerned about human needs, A Christ-like community, Responsive to our times

Community

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A Christ-like community, A learning, growing community, Responsive to our times, Committed to Biblical truth

Angola



Vision

To see a witness to Christ's love where he is least known in Angola, with disciples of Jesus expressing God's love to others and Christ-centred churches serving their communities and reaching out with the gospel, locally and globally.

Ministry

- Outreach disciple-making and church planting in marginalised communities among the Nyaneka, and in the Cavango and Lubango areas, with a priority on youth because 56 per cent of Angola's population is aged 18 or under. This includes health, agriculture, education and vocational training.
- Serving and equipping churches for mission by equipping missional Angolan church leaders and workers in theological education and discipleship; compassionate ministries in communities through animal husbandry, business as mission, food and water security, community health evangelism and skill-training programmes.
- Leadership and services, caring for and equipping the SIM team and partners in leadership development, information technology, business planning and implementation, and technical support.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Marginalised communities

The Nyaneka live in poverty, are subject to droughts, poor food and water security and are frequently ill with malaria, diarrhoeal illnesses and tuberculosis. They are marginalised because their witchcraft is feared.

However, Nyaneka believers are evangelising and planting churches. Praise God for the New Testament, the Jesus Film and a few Theological Education by Extension books in Nyaneka. The Old Testament translation is in progress. Some believers have embraced Farming God's Way with good results.

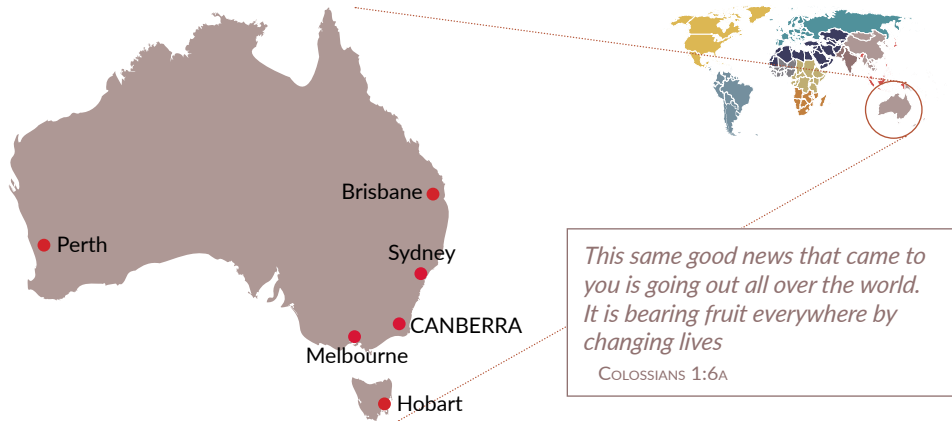
Other marginalised people are women with urinary incontinence from fistulas after prolonged labour in childbirth. Many suffer disdain, rejection and abuse, and desperately need physical and emotional healing. They need Jesus.



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Pray for

- marginalised people: women with obstetric fistulas, and people with tuberculosis, AIDS and epilepsy, who are thought to be cursed
- the publication of all 25 Theological Education by Extension books in Nyaneka-Mwila and the completion of the Old Testament translation. Pray for trained church and literacy workers
- Angolan church leaders to be missional, strong in discipleship and in youth ministry
- ISTEEL Seminary activities for mobilising missions. The September 2025 conference will be focused on the Muslim community
- the young trainee surgeons at CEML Hospital to grow spiritually and learn well. Pray for faculty trainers for this next generation of Angolan surgeons and the associated physical expansion and personnel development of CEML Hospital
- workers gifted in IT, administration, business planning, supervision and technical matters for hospitals and other partner health evangelism ministries
- additional SIM personnel for youth, health, home-schooling, theological education, agriculture, literacy and translation ministries
- the 100,000 deaf people who have asked for an Angolan sign language Bible



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 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, 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

Increasingly secular people

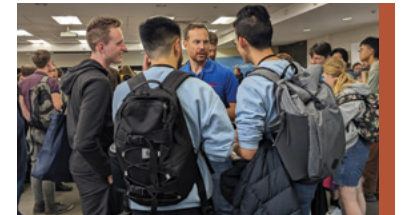
Traditionally a Christian nation with freedom of religion, Australia is becoming increasingly secular. The dominant ideology has become an individualistic, New Age spirituality with no accountability. While 52.1 per cent of Australians identify as Christian, only eight per cent attend church regularly.



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

Immigrants, refugees and overseas students

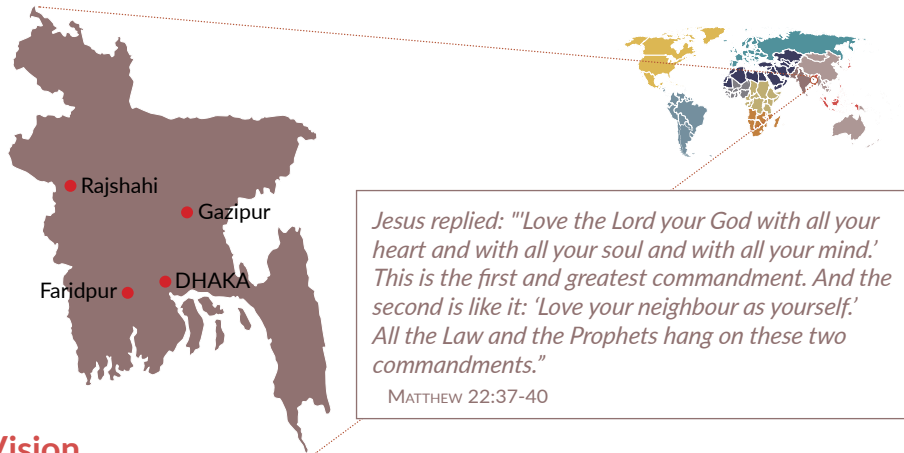
Australia is one of the most culturally diverse nations in the world, with 30 per cent of the population born overseas and up to 550,000 international students arriving each year. These immigrants and students bring a variety of religions with them. To faithfully reach these people groups in our own backyard, SIM Australia has developed Across, a local ministry which helps SIM workers within Australia reach communities which have yet to hear the gospel, including immigrants, 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
- challenging Australian believers to discover the part they can play in God's mission
- partnering and equipping churches to minister to cross-cultural communities around them 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
- our Home Ministry Team as we connect with those who go, and provide services and resources to prepare and send them well



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 ailment 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.
- Salam Training Centre: a vocational school providing trade training for young people to develop life skills.
- Theological Training Programme: a distance learning school to disciple Christians throughout the country.

Communities where Christ is least known

Bengalis

Bengalis are by far the largest ethnic community in Bangladesh, which is a densely populated country of about 175 million people. Bengalis are very conversational, hospitable and community-minded people. Many revere God and desire to please him but don't know the good news as presented in the Bible. Most Bengali people live in rural villages. Floods and cyclones often bring devastation to these communities. The capital of Bangladesh, Dhaka, is a bustling mega-city which is home to more than 22 million people.

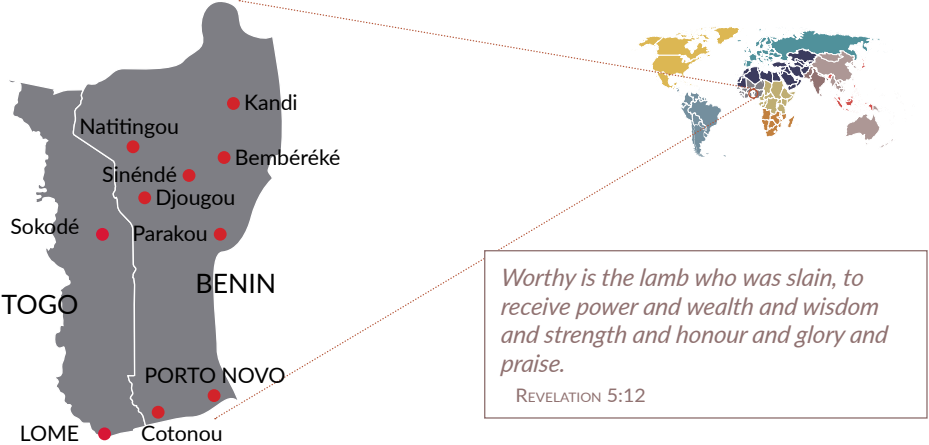


Pray for

- the formation of Christian communities which love God and love one another
- unity, trust and collaboration between believers
- growth in the number of healthy churches around the country
- training and development of church pastors
- growth in our team so we can plant new rural teams
- effective care for all the children and vulnerable women in our ministries and projects, and that our actions and words will attract them to Christ

Prayer Notes

Benin Togo



Vision

To see a witness of Christ’s love where he is least known in Benin and Togo; to see disciples of Jesus expressing God’s love in their communities; and to see Christ-centred churches spreading the gospel locally and beyond.

Ministry

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Next Gen

Street kids, children impacted by HIV and AIDS, girls living in rural villages and university students are some of the next generation of adults and leaders in Benin and Togo who have yet to hear about Jesus or experience his saving grace.



SIM Benin Togo workers and church partners are reaching out to many of them through practical acts of love, holiday Bible school programmes, kids’ clubs, Bible studies in local languages and student groups.

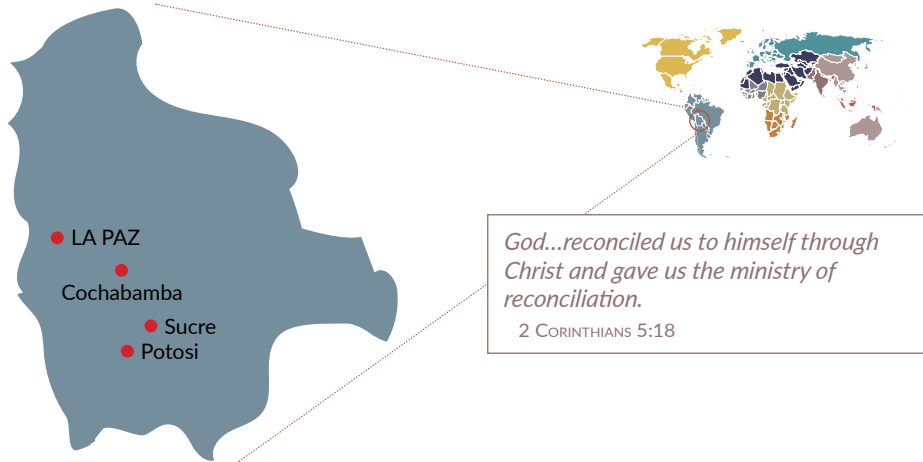
Children sitting in Benin and Togo’s classrooms need to meet Jesus too. Many see him embodied in their Christian teachers, who see themselves as ambassadors of the King. Church-founded schools, attended by many children from Muslim homes, can enrol their leaders on the Program of School Improvement, which is run by the Association of Christian Schools International. Our church partners walk with school leaders through a two-year structured programme to help ensure the next generation has an encounter with Jesus at school.

In community, school leaders are developing a biblical worldview and evaluating the structures and practices of their establishments so that they are truly God-honouring. As teachers learn that God reveals himself through the subjects they teach, a shaft of gospel light shines into classrooms and from the classrooms into homes and communities where hitherto Christ has been least known.

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Pray for

- the children of Benin and Togo to encounter Jesus as they see him embodied in the workers they meet
- our new workers among the Muslim Weno people; that they would persevere in language and culture learning and in discerning the ministry strategies needed for effective outreach
- the gospel to advance in other Muslim majority villages, towns and cities across Benin and Togo
- more SIM Benin Togo workers to support outreach activities
- the SIM Benin Togo team as we seek a new entity director from July, 2025



Vision

We envision Bolivian Christians being deeply rooted in Jesus and the gospel, able to share God's good news by word and deed in their communities, their country and around the world.

Ministry

- Training church planters in La Paz.
- Imparting skills to support parents and teachers of children with disabilities in Cochabamba.
- Sharing the good news with mining families in Potosí.
- Gospel witness, discipleship and skills training among the shoe-shiners in La Paz.
- Vernacular Bible teaching to Quechuas in Sucre and the surrounding countryside.
- Sports Friends in growing neighbourhoods of Sucre.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Families with special needs kids

Many Bolivian families face the challenge of raising special needs children with few outside resources. They are often marginalised and alone. We are reaching out to them with the love of Jesus, showing them how special they are in his eyes and helping these children and their families thrive.



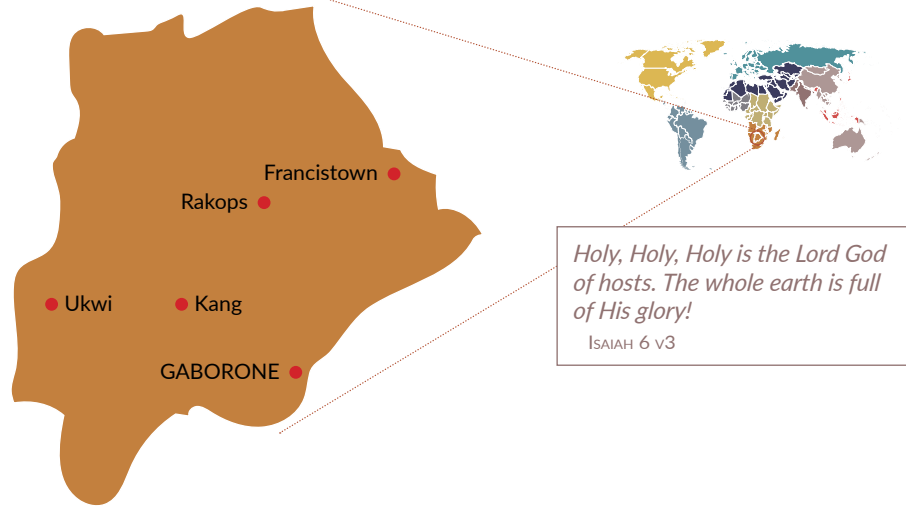
City and rural dwellers

We envision a coalition of Bolivian churches committed to knowing Christ and making him known in Bolivian cities, unreached rural areas and around the world. To this end, the La Paz team trains Bolivian Christians to plant disciple-making, missional churches in the city of La Paz, unreached jungles, rural communities of Bolivia and around the world.

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Pray for

- God to guide the La Paz team as they train and mentor church planters
- parents of disabled children to feel Christ's love through the skills taught and the care provided in support groups
- educators to employ new skills as they teach children with various disabilities
- trusting relationships with mining families to allow spiritual conversations
- incarnational ministry to shoe-shiners that will transform them into disciples of Christ and break the cycle of poverty
- Quechua believers to truly understand the gospel of grace and God's protection from false teaching
- churches to embrace sports ministry to reach children in their communities
- unity on our multi-ethnic and multi-generational SIM team
- new workers to join these opportunities



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 disciple-makers to the ends of the earth.

Ministry

- Children and youth ministry.
- Disciple-making and counselling.
- Theological training.
- Outreach into schools and colleges.
- Shame Honour Identity Now and for Eternity Africa (SHINE Africa).
- Work among medical students and doctors.

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. They are expert hunters, using bows and poison-tipped arrows. Hunting is a collaborative exercise and the meat is always shared among the group.

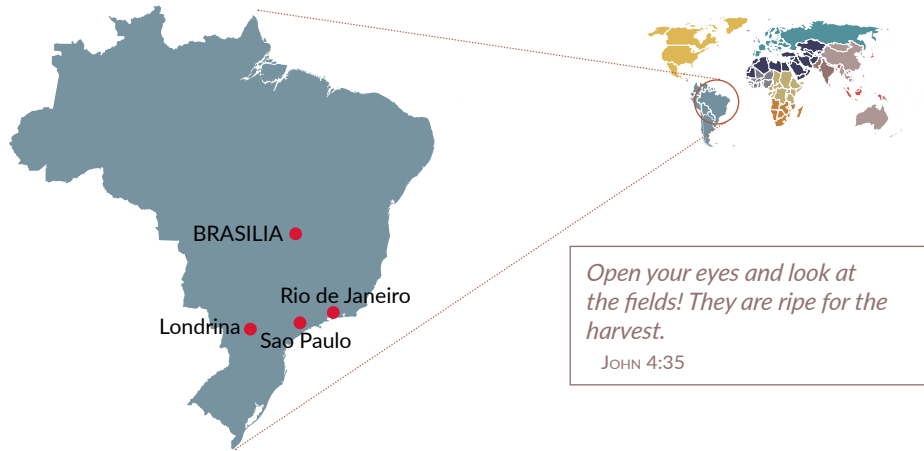


Over the past 2,000 years, the San have slowly been pushed to live in the arid sands of the Kalahari Desert. Today, the San find it very difficult to maintain their traditional culture and lifestyle. The land they used to hunt on is increasingly being used for grazing cattle.

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 Luke's gospel, around 90 recorded Bible stories, Sunday school material and a worship CD as their legacy.

Pray for

- 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 of mission
- 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 work of examining shame/honour perspectives of biblical theology and applying them to strengthen a good understanding of God's instructions
- 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
- theological training for many untrained pastors in various churches



Vision

Christ's church was called to serve, to be salt and light of the world, and to reach the lost with God's love - those who are close and those who are far. We have received the privilege and priority in the evangelisation of people where Christ has not yet been proclaimed.

Ministry

- Missionary mobilisation.
- Combating human trafficking.
- Mission worker awakening.
- Missiological training.
- Theological training and discipleship.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Indigenous peoples

In Brazil, there are 344 ethnic groups speaking 181 languages. Of these, 164 ethnicities are considered unreached and 99 continue without any church engagement. There are dozens of people groups without a mission worker presence and with no knowledge of the gospel.



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Ribeirinhos and others

Living alongside the hundreds of rivers and streams in the Amazon basin, there are about 37,000 separate Ribeirinhos communities. Most, but not all, within a 100-kilometre radius of a major city have been reached.



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There are about one million people known as 'gypsies' in Brazil, from three predominant groups: the Calon, the Rom and the Sinti. Each has a distinct language, culture and customs.

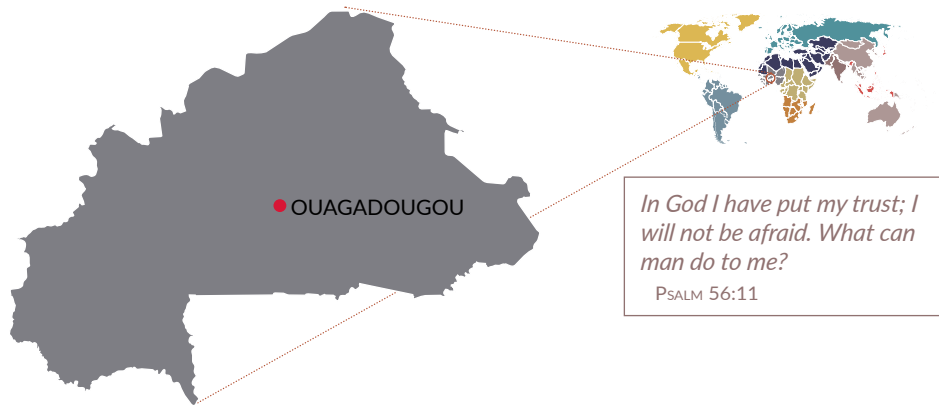
Among the Sertanejos, the evangelical presence has grown in recent years, but thousands of sites and towns are not yet reached. There are still more than 6,000 groups with no gospel knowledge.

The Quilombolas are formed by communities of African descendants who have settled in remote areas in the last 200 years. They are across Brazil, but with a greater presence in the north east. An estimated 2,000 communities remain without a church.

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Pray for

- effective direction and involvement of the Brazilian church in mission mobilisation
- financial resources so that mission work may be carried out, both on Brazilian soil and at the ends of the earth
- the church to get involved in sending new workers to plant new churches
- workers who are preparing to go out into cross-cultural mission
- new workers and those already serving to have their financial needs secured
- new partnerships to emerge to reach the less reached
- new Christians to join a worshipping community
- cooperation with anything that will reach and strengthen the unity of the body of Christ



In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?
PSALM 56:11

Vision

We glorify God by making disciples of the people in Burkina Faso as we proclaim Jesus Christ and minister to human needs, to equip the church for her growth and partner with her as she ministers to people less-reached by the good news.

Ministry

- Aid distribution to internally displaced and suffering people.
- Scripture translation and audio production.
- 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.
- English classes as a base for evangelism.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Internally displaced people

Burkina Faso is among the 10 poorest countries in the world. Historically known for its stability, terrorist activity has led to an increase in violence and insecurity resulting in nearly two million internally displaced people as of February, 2023.

Many of these people live in makeshift refugee camps, where water and food are scarce. Other displaced people are seeking shelter with extended family, which can put already fragile financial situations under extreme stress.

Most people in Burkina Faso depend on their farms for their food and their livelihood. But with the increase in violence, access to fields and markets can be challenging and often dangerous.

Burkina Faso faces wide fluctuations in weather that impact crop growth. This can be catastrophic to an economy that is heavily reliant on subsistence farming. Famine is a major and growing problem.

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Pray for

- an end to violence
- praise God for the growing openness to the gospel because of these challenging circumstances
- the church to reach out to non-Christian neighbours to show Christ's love, standing firm in their faith and shining as lights of hope in these dark days
- wisdom for mission leadership, as they decide how SIM can safely and effectively minister with love and the good news during the continuing crisis
- 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





Vision

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

- Newcomers to Canada.
- First Nations communities.
- Temporary foreign workers in the agricultural sector.
- Marginalised communities including unhoused individuals, the hip-hop community, the hearing impaired, and those facing extreme poverty and addictions.
- Anti-human trafficking initiatives.
- Networking, coaching and mobilisation of local churches to reach their communities more effectively.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Marginalised and immigrant communities

Canada is one of the most multi-cultural countries in the world. One out of four people living in Canada is a first-generation immigrant. We celebrate the wisdom of God who has brought SIM workers from a variety of countries and backgrounds here. Their specialised cultural experiences and insights are helping the Canadian church reach their new neighbours more effectively.

SIM has 57 workers serving from coast to coast, building inroads for the gospel among marginalised and immigrant communities.

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Pray for

- a Holy Spirit-inspired strategic vision for SIM Canada in Quebec and new workers to join that vision. With less than one per cent evangelical, Quebec is the least-reached province in Canada and has been very resistant to the gospel
- more than 100,000 temporary foreign workers come to Canada to work on farms and in agriculture-related jobs every year. Pray for new SIM workers and for open doors with farm owners to allow us to reach these workers
- the cost of living has sky-rocketed, especially within the urban communities in which most SIM workers are serving across Canada. Pray for God's provision for SIM workers as they trust the Lord for the increased financial support they need
- many SIM workers use ESL (English as a Second Language) teaching as an effective approach to reach the lost. Pray the seed of the gospel will find good ground in many hearts throughout these ministries
- SIM workers serving First Nations communities across Canada; for grace and wisdom as they minister to many who are in difficult situations and build bridges of reconciliation
- the vital role of administration as ministry. Administration is often the least supported, prayed for (or attractive) ministry but it is crucially important to sustain our initiatives and make them effective
- Canada as a sending country, that Canadians will be prompted to mobilise and respond to the global needs presented to them



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"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest."
LUKE 10:2

Vision

Because we are convinced that no one should live and die without hearing the gospel, our desire is to see a witness to Christ's love where he is not known, disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities, and Christ-centred churches among all people groups in this vast region.

Ministry

- Encouraging and equipping women who have experienced trauma.
- Leadership and Bible training for pastors and lay leaders.
- Primary education.
- Youth discipleship.
- Outreach by meeting practical needs with compassion in remote areas.
- Friendship evangelism.
- Clean water initiative.
- Sports club outreach.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children and youth

Good schools are important to families. In one region, two pre-schools are reaching out to families by giving children a firm foundation. Although these schools don't teach the Bible, they do use Biblical principles as a basis for all teaching. These schools are impacting the lives of families and staff.



Sport is a great way to reach youth. Floorball is a popular sport in Central Asia. The Floorball Movement desires to see the multiplication of Jesus disciples through floorball youth camps and tournaments throughout Central Asia.



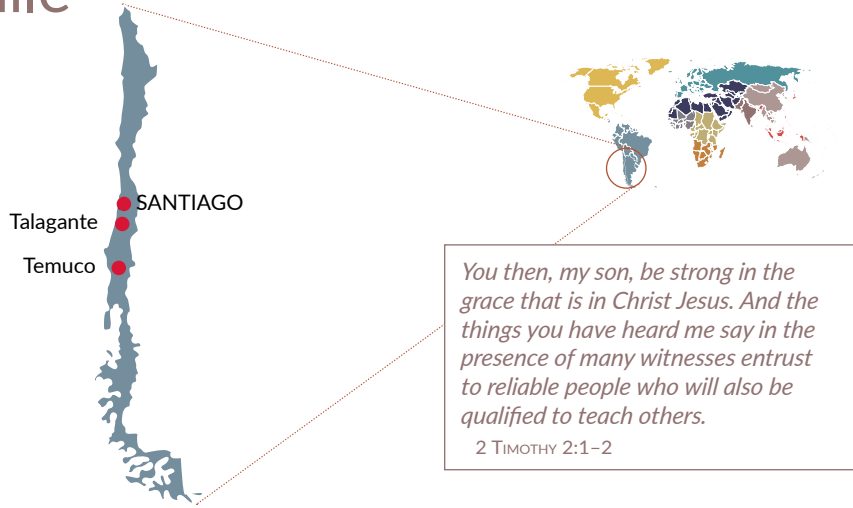
Rural people of Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is the most populous country in Central Asia, but only 0.02 per cent of the people are Christians. In rural areas, new believers are often persecuted by their friends and neighbours, yet stand firm in their new faith. There is often no fellowship or preacher to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus. A worker in one rural village is leading a small group of believers in Bible study and worship. Sometimes the teaching is done in the dark for security. Believers within the group are being equipped to lead worship and Bible studies. The children are also learning Bible stories and memorising entire chapters of the Bible. People in rural areas are eager to learn, but applying biblical principles to daily life is often hard. Workers are needed to disciple them.

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Pray for

- workers to come and join us in outreach and discipleship
- English teachers to come and work in the two pre-schools
- relationships with local leaders as we explore opportunities to serve with them
- disciple-making efforts and growth among Muslim-background believers
- theological resources to become accessible to local leaders and congregations
- relationship-building among youth through sport



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 sharing the good news more and more, mobilising, and sending servants to those living and dying without Christ, inside and outside Chile.

Ministry

- Mission mobilisation.
- Rural Theological Seminary (SCRIM).
- Church leadership development.
- Disciple-making and pastoral marriage care.
- 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

In Chile and beyond

The Chilean evangelical church is part of a growing worldwide mission movement. Our focus is to accompany and support the church in the flourishing of discipleship as its DNA; disciples who make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known.

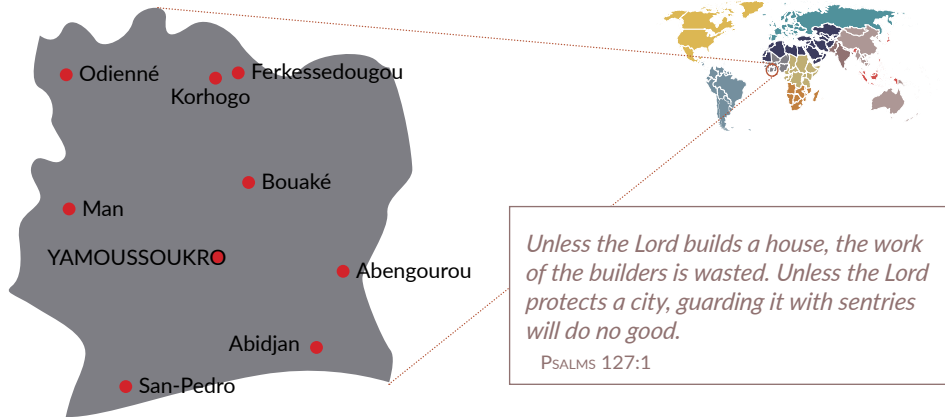
We work to help the Chilean church grow in its capacity and commitment to send workers to serve where Christ is least known in Chile and outside. SIM Chile hopes to develop new partnerships and ministries to support church leaders and their efforts both to make disciples in their congregations and also to reach out to the communities of university students, college and university professors and migrants who live and die without Christ.



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Pray for

- the development of new ministries focused on helping Chilean churches realise their DNA and become disciples who make disciples
- Chilean pastors and church leaders to lead their congregations well in times of social upheaval and economic recession
- Chilean mission workers to flourish spiritually, physically, emotionally and financially
- the Seminary by Extension to All Nations (SEAN) to extend its impact throughout the country
- the Rural Theological Seminary (SCRIM) to strengthen its relevance among the indigenous and rural population
- the Koyamentu Training and Retreat Centre to facilitate the renewal, transformation and training of Chilean churches and mission workers
- the development of new ministries focused on pastoral marriage care



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.
- Community development.
- Disciple-making.
- Street children's ministry.
- Ministry to women.
- Arts in mission.
- Trauma healing.
- Radio outreach.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Fulani

Political upheaval in neighbouring Burkina Faso has displaced many Fulani and some have arrived in northern Côte d'Ivoire. Fulani Christian leaders in Burkina are standing strong and seeing previously Islamic Fulani come to faith. Praise God for the collaboration between these Burkina leaders and workers in northern Côte d'Ivoire, among the significant Fulani population.



Those marginalised through trauma

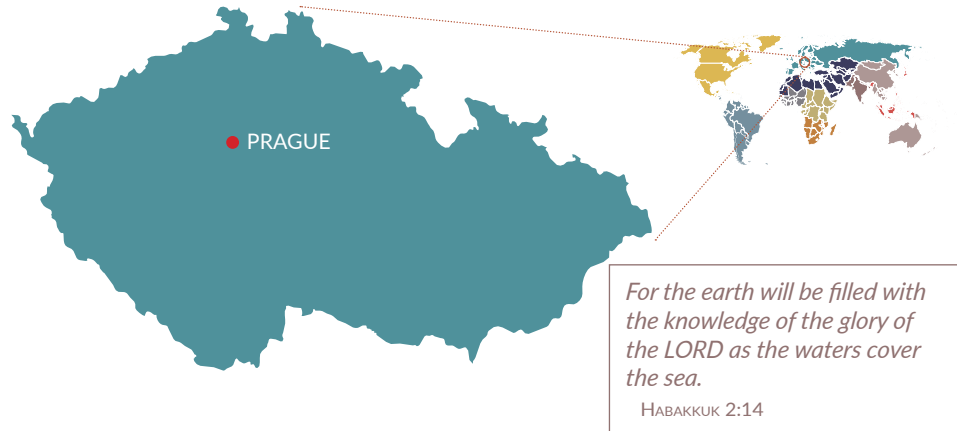
In Abidjan, many children have suffered trauma and neglect and are living on the streets. Many women have been sexually exploited and are trapped in human trafficking. Others suffer the effects of trauma from the 2002-2011 civil war.

Spiritual and emotional healing is needed for these precious people to experience freedom and restoration.

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Pray for

- Continued collaboration and Christian leaders in the region to have hearts growing in love and compassion for the Fulani
- the establishment of a community health ministry amongst Fulani women
- Christians of other ethnicities to have love for the Fulani
- Fulani communities to be transformed by the gospel
- a team to grow to minister to more Fulani
- Ivorian churches to be unified in seeking God's glory
- Ivorian churches to have a heart to reach the least-reached
- terrorism to be restrained in west Africa
- resources to minister effectively to the marginalised
- creative, God-driven and wise means of ministering effectively to the marginalised
- spiritual, emotional and relational health for the SIM team
- the health and the wise leadership of the Dioula church, which was planted in previous years



Vision

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe that Jesus called us to make him known and live by his example where he is least known among all people groups in Central and Eastern Europe.

Ministry

- Administration of the work in Central Asia.
- Sending short- and long-term workers from Central Europe and Central Asia.
- Developing sending functions for Central Europe and Central Asia, including personnel, security and training.
- Encouraging and networking with Central European churches to advance a missional mindset within the region and globally.
- Developing anti-human trafficking work with partner organisations.
- Mapping opportunities for organisational involvement in Ukraine.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Those at risk from human trafficking

There was a sharp increase in prostitution in Czechia after the Velvet Revolution in 1989. Numerous prostitution hotspots emerged, particularly in northern and western Bohemia, especially near major highways leading to Austria and Germany, and in the capital city, Prague.

Czechia is a source of, and a transit and destination country for, trafficked women and children, currently with a significant increase in Ukrainian women. The 21st century has been characterised by the shift of sexual services to the online environment but, at the same time, some women choose this as their job despite it being illegal in Czechia. This makes it more challenging to reach and serve women and children. There are only a handful of Christians, churches and local organisations focusing on this issue. We strive to network and connect everyone who wants to serve in this area with a vision to reach out with love, service and the gospel.

Ukraine

We are very touched by the ongoing war in Ukraine. Although there are many active churches and mission organisations in Ukraine, everyone is facing new challenges. This year, we are trying to map the current greatest needs and all potential partners so we can find where we can get involved, both in Ukraine and among refugees in Central and Eastern Europe.

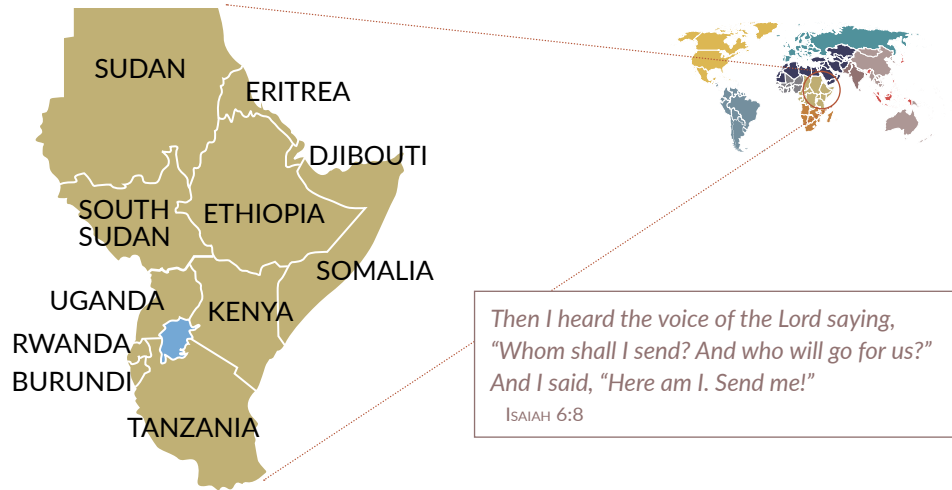
We are grateful for the numerous partners already operating in Ukraine and the many Ukrainian churches across Europe, which have decided to do their best and serve where they are, even if they have not chosen to be there.

We are convinced we should also offer our expertise in sending and receiving workers, networking, supporting churches, and trauma healing ministry.

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Pray for

- new office workers, especially a Financial Director, to help us increase our capacity
- an emerging group of people and organisations that want to work together to fight human trafficking in Czechia
- the process of exploring how we can engage in work among Ukrainians, both in Ukraine, and the rest of Central and Eastern Europe



*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

To see the number of global mission workers from this region tripled through the establishment of sending bases in four countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

Ministry

The East Africa Sending Office (EASO) helps churches mobilise, equip, train and send East African mission workers to various parts of 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.
- Medical ministry.
- Leadership training.
- Theological education.
- Youth ministry.
- Leadership ministry.

Communities where Christ is least known

Desert tribes of north Africa and the Middle East

Desert tribes live in the Sahara Desert in North Africa, the Negev, and the Arabian Peninsula in the Middle East. These tribes are predominantly nomadic, with a rich cultural context that can be challenging to penetrate. Christ is least known in these communities and there is limited access to the gospel. The EASO strives to reach some of these communities, such as the Fulani. To share the good news, we need dedicated workers and teams who are willing to share their lives and ensure the good news is shared in all communities.

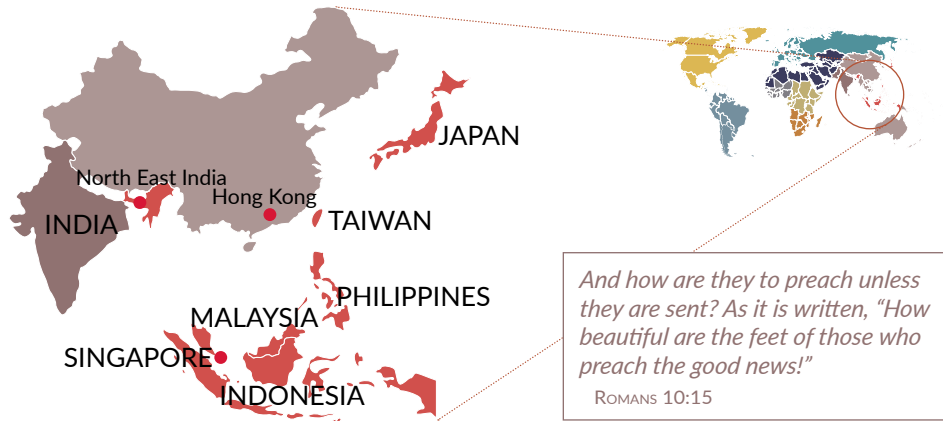


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Pray for

- an upcoming conference in Addis Ababa focusing on how to share the good news among the desert tribes in Africa and the Middle East
- consistent financial support for our workers
- safety for our new workers who are facing difficult circumstances engaging in new ministry among the desert tribes
- physical healing for our workers who are suffering from health issues
- visible fruit in their ministry efforts, with lives transformed by the power of the gospel
- quick acquisition of language skills so our workers can communicate the gospel effectively
- good access to technology and communication tools that facilitate effective ministry and outreach

Prayer Notes



Vision

We envision churches in East Asia being discipled, equipped, motivated and mobilised to send workers to reach those who are living and dying without hearing God's good news. We want to see our members raising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known. Together with churches, we commit ourselves to the cause of the Great Commission, through praying, giving, mobilising, sending and receiving workers.

Ministry

- Serving and blessing churches so they can be a blessing to God's mission.
- Mobilisation of, and partnering with, seminaries, churches and individuals to send members into global mission.
- Serving East Asian SIM entities and involving them more in candidate selection, screening and sending.
- Conducting cross-cultural training and orientation for worker candidates.
- Providing administrative services, supervising and developing receiving contexts.
- Handling of crisis management and contingency planning.
- Caring for children of cross-cultural workers and providing pastoral care and prayer support for workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

BHT

BHT is located on the southern slopes of the eastern Himalayas in south Asia and has three major ethnic unreached people groups. Buddhism is the main religion and other religions, including Christianity, are practised by just one per cent of the population. It is not easy to get a visa or permit to work here. Unlike Buddhism and Hinduism, Christianity is not a registered religion but fellowships and practices are happening, protected by fundamental constitutional rights. Construction of church buildings is not allowed but believers are using their homes for fellowship gatherings. Public preaching of the gospel is illegal and conversion is against the law. Those who turn to Christianity face strong opposition from society and families. Since expatriate members cannot be sent to work in BHT, efforts are being made to raise local leaders to reach the unreached.



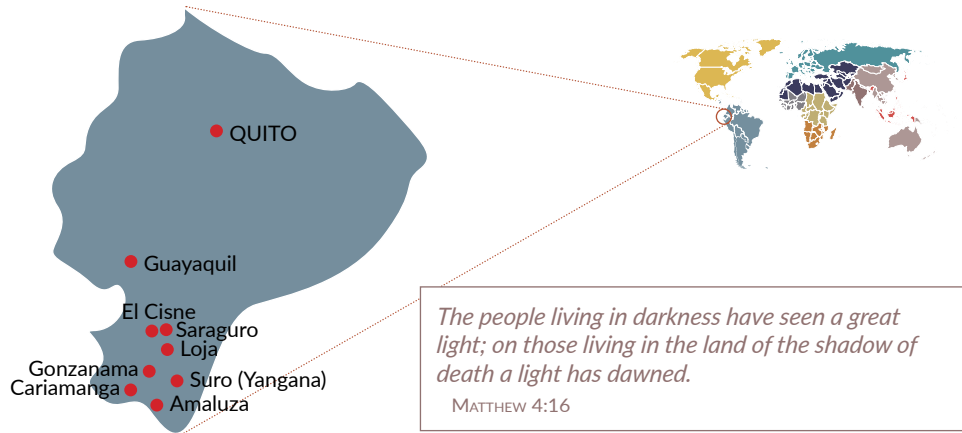
Diaspora

Diaspora ministries are gaining significance as more and more Asian (Indonesian, Chinese, Indian) diaspora communities and international students are moving in huge numbers to East Asia and other parts of the world. They are a rich harvest field on the doorstep, and we have a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with them. SIM East Asia is strategising to reach out to these communities with the gospel of Christ, along with partnering churches and like-minded organisations.

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Pray for

- SIM East Asia's strategies to equip and send members to focus on frontline evangelism and discipleship, so producing missional churches and turning mission fields into mission forces
- intentional and strategic efforts to draw young people to serve in mission
- clarity for diaspora and international student ministry leaders to focus and strategise their ministries
- God to supply the funds for SIM East Asia's projected growth, operation, ministries and projects
- wisdom and resources in developing the capacity of 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



Vision

We want to see a testimony of the love of Christ where it is less known, disciples of Jesus expressing the love of God in their communities and Christ-centred churches among all peoples.

Ministry

- Waves of Hope radio station (evangelistic/equipping/counselling programmes).
- Words of Hope (growing pastors, theological education, bookshop).
- Compassion ministries (medical aid, finance management, trauma healing).
- Planting and strengthening rural churches (multiplication).
- Youth ministries (university outreach, Bible studies).
- Leadership and services (personnel, leadership team).

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Disciples making disciples

The Planting and Strengthening Rural Churches team works in remote locations across Loja province to evangelise, disciple and establish self-sustaining churches that reach their communities with the good news.

We aim to use reproducible and easily accessible methods for discipleship, to raise up local believers as disciple-makers so that we will see a movement of Ecuadorians reaching Ecuadorians with the truth of Jesus Christ.

Our workers serve among a variety of belief systems including staunch folk Catholicism, Incan animism, and New Age practices.

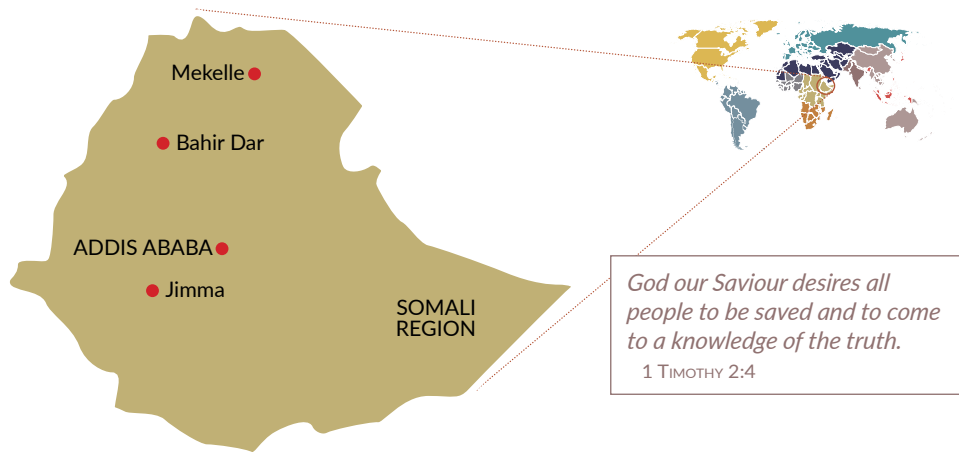
We strive to build unity among the churches and help these believers develop a vision for how God can use them to reach their community, despite rejection and opposition.

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Pray for

- believers to be raised up as disciples who make disciples
- the development of a mentoring programme to train local leaders of rural churches
- relationships with partner churches to be strengthened
- protection, encouragement and favour among the communities our workers serve, especially those living far away from colleagues and in communities with strong opposition to the gospel
- more workers. We aim to form teams in each ministry location so our workers can be well-supported and see a greater impact





Vision

To see the church in Ethiopia crossing barriers with the gospel of Jesus to expand her boundaries in communities where Christ is least known.

Ministry

- Working with congregations in war-torn areas (like the north of Ethiopia) to provide rebuilding resources such as trauma-healing training and Bible school modules.
- Providing training to churches and community leaders in business growth, contextualised evangelism and youth camp models.
- Using Bingham Academy to provide excellence in education, and as a springboard to reach youth in the surrounding neighbourhoods with the gospel.
- Coming alongside new churches planted in vulnerable neighbourhoods in Addis Ababa.
- Using media, including social media, to target unreached groups.
- Striving for all ministries to work through or toward the local church. We follow the example of Jesus by bringing truth and demonstrating love to the whole person and community and we strengthen the capacity of congregations and disciples towards maturity and inter-dependence.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children and youth

More than half of all Ethiopians (approximately 117 million people) are under 20. Most of them have limited opportunities to come to know Christ and become his followers.



Vulnerable people

In a primarily rural country, the urban population is now around 20 per cent and growing fast. Poverty and abuse remain major issues, especially among newcomers to urban areas. Girls and homeless street boys are at risk of being trafficked.



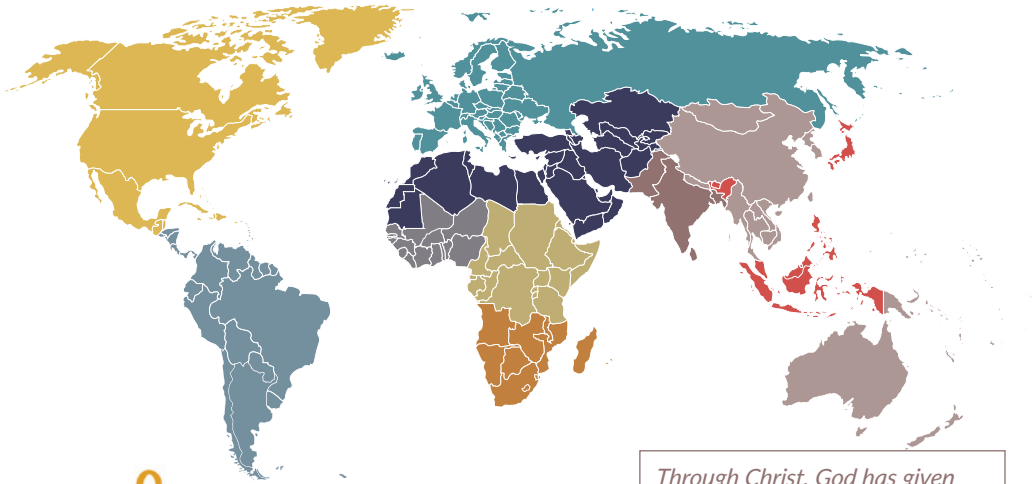
Displaced and war-affected peoples

Over the last four years, Ethiopia has been affected by civil war. Many communities, particularly in the north, are still suffering or are trying to rebuild lives, homes and communities. The food supply is unstable in many areas.

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Pray for

- churches and church members who have received youth, business or contextualisation training from SIM ministries to put the lessons into practice for gospel impact
- mission decisions and wisdom as travel and ministry, especially outside Addis Ababa, are limited because many areas of the country are unsafe
- recruitment of excellent teachers with a passion for making disciples among students and advancing mission outreach at Bingham Academy
- a healthy and prayer-led environment in our SIM administrative offices
- churches and their leaders to become more willing to show Christ's love to neighbours, especially those from different ethnic or socio-economic backgrounds
- teaching, disciple-making and mentoring initiatives in Orthodox communities
- government leaders to have pure motives and serve their communities well
- a long-term solution to provide peace and stability throughout Ethiopia and an end to violence and tensions between different regions of the country
- a heart for global mission to be born in the Ethiopian church and for local congregations to feel called to support and send global workers



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

The Faithful Witness initiative exists to launch multi-skilled, multi-ethnic teams in communities around the world which have limited or no access to the gospel. These forgotten communities are our focus, because we believe no one should live and die without having access to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Ministry

We provide funding for new workers sent from diverse contexts around the world to share the good news with those who have never heard. We have launched teams in Chad, Thailand, Mali, Nigeria, North Africa, the Middle East, East Africa, South Asia and Asia.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

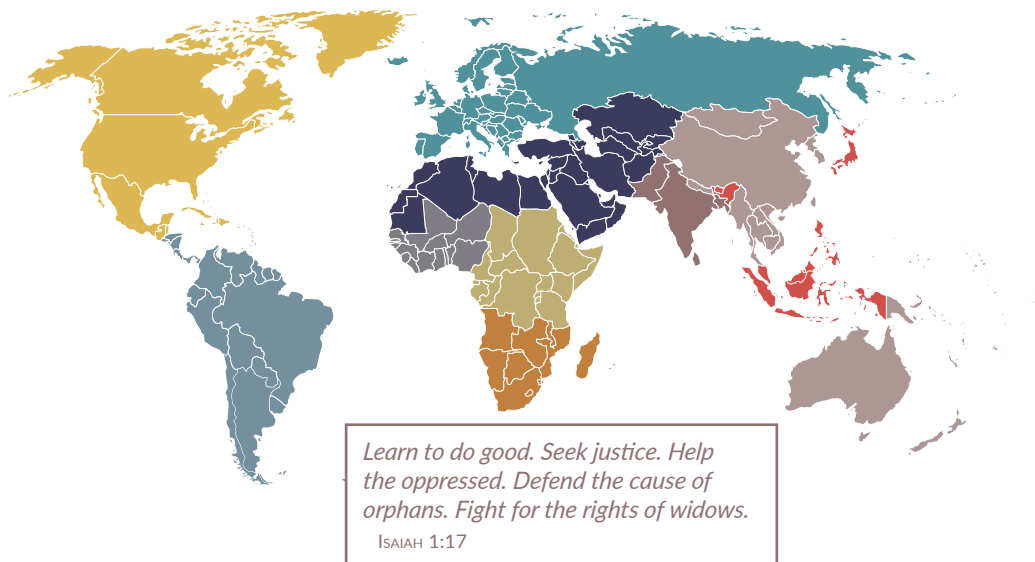
Forgotten communities

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 Christ isn't yet known.

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Pray for

- praise God for the new pioneer mission leaders serving with new teams in Central Asia and East Africa
- God to raise up new leaders who will be pioneers in sharing the gospel
- praise God for the 70 mission workers from nine sending entities and 17 different nations to nine least-reached communities
- God to bring new workers to join these teams from an even greater diversity of SIM sending entities
- praise God for the launch of our new website, faithfulwitness.org. Pray it would be a powerful tool in sharing the gospel
- praise God for the nine existing teams
- new teams to be launched in three forgotten communities
- praise God for the power to cross barriers with the gospel in Chad, Thailand, Mali, Nigeria, North Africa, the Middle East, East Africa, South Asia and Asia
- God to give clear guidance as to where we should send the next teams
- praise God for sending courageous, quality and extremely diverse workers
- God to make ethnic and social reconciliation central to the good news that these teams embody
- praise God for donors from around the world who have provided so generously for Faithful Witness workers
- God to bring even greater and broader financial participation so that SIM entities around the world can send workers from anywhere the church is, to everywhere it isn't yet
- praise God for protecting the teams
- God to make his faithful witnesses thrive in hard places and fill them with courage and joy when suffering for Jesus's name
- God to bring stability where there is conflict, social favour where there is tension and to meet human needs where there is a chronic lack of food and water
- above all, many to believe in and obey God, bringing glory to Jesus's name



Vision

Our vision is to bring an end to human trafficking and exploitation in the communities where SIM serves and see lives transformed as those communities come to know Christ. We focus on preventing human trafficking by working with SIM teams, partner ministries and local churches to protect those who are most vulnerable and at risk. We are guided by our strategic framework which comprises six ministry building blocks that prevent human trafficking, protect the vulnerable and bring Jesus to those in need: awareness, relationships, protection, resilience, integrity and transformation.

Ministry

- Strategic guidance, resources and training to SIM teams, workers and local churches seeking to protect those at risk.
- Support, training and encouragement for those working with vulnerable communities.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Girls

Girls are particularly vulnerable to becoming victims of human trafficking and exploitation, often due to lack of access to education or cultural gender expectations. They are commonly trafficked into situations of domestic servitude, sexual exploitation and forced marriage. Around 18 per cent of all trafficking victims are girls aged under 18.

The For Freedom Network supports several ministries working to prevent the trafficking of vulnerable girls. In West and southern Africa, network members teach the Dignity Campaign, promoting self-esteem and Christian identity among young women and girls, helping build their resilience so they are less likely to be trafficked.



People who are sexually exploited

Although only 12 per cent of those in slavery are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation, it is perhaps the most traumatic form of human trafficking. It's not only women and girls who are trafficked for this purpose; men, boys and the LGBTQ+ community are also sexually exploited in brothels, homes, hotels and, increasingly, online.

Several countries in the world are realising the danger and damage involved in prostitution and are moving to adopt a model of legislation known as the Equality Model. This legislation targets those who do the buying and selling of sexual services and provides support for those in prostitution to leave. It has been shown to reduce rates of sexual exploitation and trafficking significantly.

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Pray for

- those in situations of human trafficking and slavery; those who have been trafficked and those who are the traffickers, that all may know the freedom, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
- those in the For Freedom Network serving vulnerable girls in West and southern Africa and south Asia; pray the girls will know their identity and security in Christ, and their resilience will be strengthened
- more governments to adopt the Equality Model of legislation to protect those in prostitution and sexual exploitation



Vision

SIM France-Belgium exists to mobilise, recruit, and send mission workers among unreached people to preach the gospel by meeting people's spiritual, emotional, relational, and physical needs, regardless of their cultures and beliefs.

Ministry

- Equipping the church.
- Making disciples of Christ among refugees and international students.
- Raising awareness and mobilising for cross-cultural mission.
- Equipping global workers for ministry.
- Sending global workers in collaboration with churches.

Communities where Christ is least known

International students

There are 400,000 international students in France, of whom almost 100,000 come from Muslim countries.

Our workers collaborate with French evangelical organisations and churches to do outreach and discipleship with those students.



Refugees

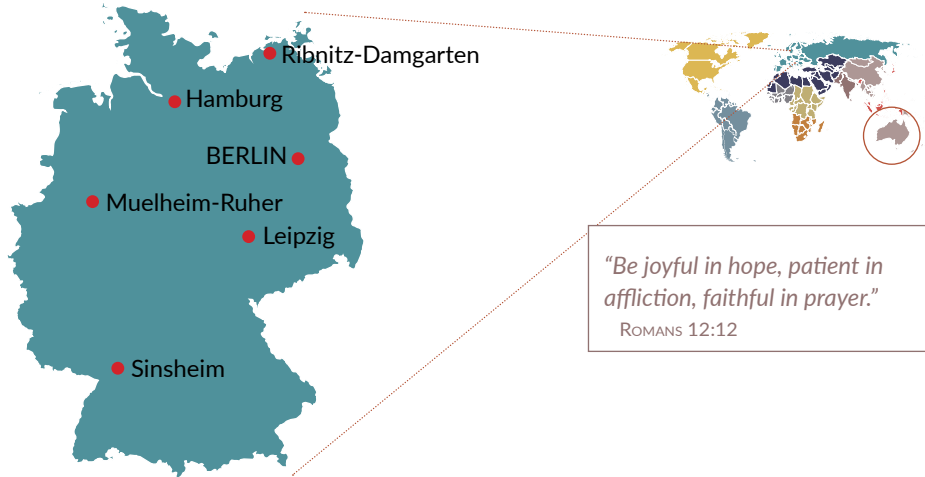
In 2022, nearly 131,000 asylum applications were submitted by foreign refugees. The main origin country is Afghanistan, but many others are represented, such as Bangladesh, Turkey, and DR Congo. Our workers collaborate with French evangelical organisations and churches to do outreach through literacy, administrative help and discipleship.



Pray for

- SIM France-Belgium to be a good catalyst in raising awareness among churches and individuals
- good partnership with churches to mobilise and send global workers
- God's provision for the workers and the ministries they are involved in

Prayer Notes



Vision

So people meet God!

DMG Germany is a mission organisation that glorifies God by telling the whole world how great he is. Jesus asks us to humbly live out every aspect of his love in word and deed, boldly proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to a hurting world. DMG prepares Christian workers for cross-cultural ministry, then sends and cares for them in partnership with like-minded organisations and churches. As the diversity of the fellowship grows, we work to strengthen the sense of belonging in an international team.

Ministry

- Prayer and fellowship in community.
- Engaging the church for mission.
- Mobilising mission workers, especially in German-speaking Europe.
- Welcoming and caring for international workers serving in Germany.
- Short-term volunteer programme.
- Member care and lifelong learning for all workers.
- Promoting partnership in world mission.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Diaspora outreach

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



The Ruhr region

The Ruhr, 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. It has the highest migration density in Germany, from every nation (eg 26 per cent Turkish, 18 per cent Polish). It also has the highest number of students and foreign students in Germany.

International and multi-cultural churches and students

Reaching the multi-cultural communities in cities. There are around 475,000 overseas students studying at German universities. The largest group is from India (42,500) with significant groups from Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

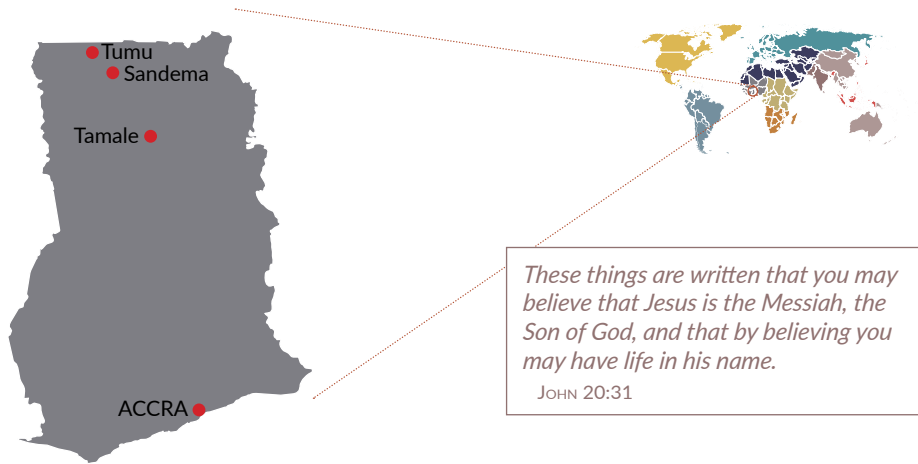
Secular Germans

Germany is rapidly becoming a secularised community. Regions in eastern and northern Germany have little or no local or personal Christian witness. There are opportunities for workers from all over the world.

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Pray for

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



These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
 JOHN 20:31

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 and Dagomba people, with an increasing focus on ministry to the Fulbe (Fulani) people throughout Ghana.
- Equipping the church for ministry to children and young people through Sports Friends and the training of children's ministry leaders.
- Intentionally developing local church leaders to be equipped for missional ministry through ongoing leadership training.
- Equipping the church for training Christians in missional business and work.
- Mobilising local churches for mission within Ghana and beyond.
- Leadership and services.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Sisaala, Dagomba and Fulbe

For many years, SIM Ghana has worked among the Sisaala and Dagomba people groups. Both identify as Muslim but also hold strongly to their traditional roots. SIM works with local churches to share the good news of God in these communities.



Together, we are intentional in training, developing and strengthening local church leadership within these communities. There is an emphasis on children and youth through Sports Friends ministries, and, more recently, working with the church in the care of vulnerable women and widows.

In the last six years, SIM Ghana has been serving among the Fulbe (Fulani) people. Team members are continuing to build friendships with the Fulbe through the hard work of learning their language, customs and culture, and through opportunities in health care, discipleship and children's literacy.

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Pray for

- Fulbe families, where God has opened the way to build friendships through caring relationships, health teaching and discipling new believers. Pray for more opportunities for the Fulbe to come to know Jesus
- children and young people, that they will come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour and choose to follow him for a lifetime. Pray for Sports Friends coaches and trained children's ministry leaders to be faithful in demonstrating God's love to young people
- the ministry to vulnerable women, that the women will be enabled through the training they receive in business and farming. May they hear, understand and practise the biblical teaching they receive
- Christians in business to realise and use the opportunities they have through their work to introduce people to Jesus, encourage people to follow him and impact the world
- increasing links with local mission-minded congregations and individuals
- the leadership of the Good News Bible Church



Vision

By faith, we see:

- the peoples of Upper Guinea hearing and responding to the good news and brought to salvation in Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- a vibrant, maturing church overflowing with people of many ethnicities, bringing Jesus' transformation to Upper Guinea and beyond.

Ministry

- Reaching West Africa
 - Social media and radio ministry (Maninka).
 - Kids' clubs (Maninka).
 - Relationship-building (Maninka and Peuhl).
- Engaging the Church in missional discipleship
 - Theology and discipleship training.
 - Teacher training.
 - Sunday School and youth.
- Lead and serve the team

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Religious leaders

Religious leaders play an important part in the Maninka and Peuhl communities where we minister. Because the Quran is recited in Arabic during Islamic services, the local population relies on the religious leaders to interpret and explain faith teachings. Religious leaders can, therefore, be a force for, or against, radicalisation.

We praise God for religious leaders who are interested in knowing the teachings of Jesus. Some are now including Jesus' teaching in regular services. Please pray the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of these key influencers.

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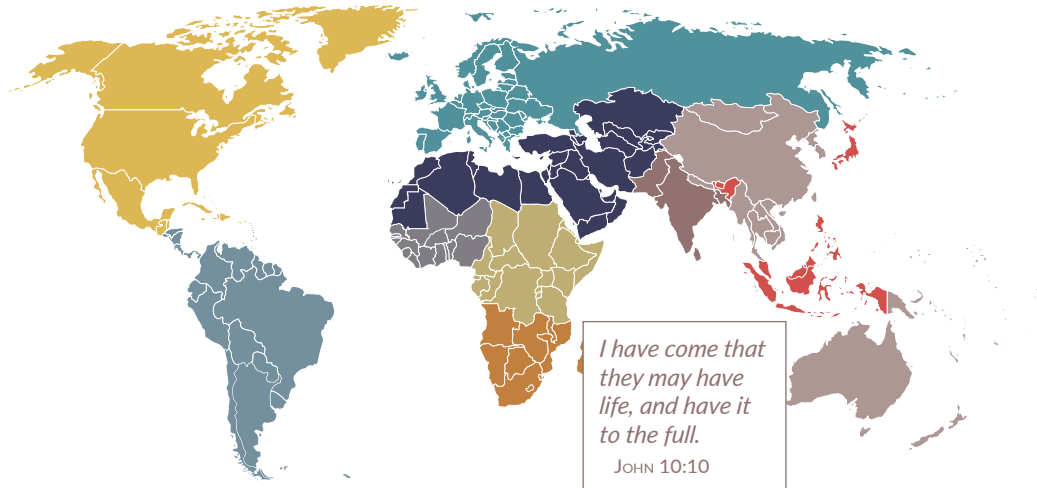
Pray for

- SIM Guinea mission workers and staff to be continually growing in their personal relationships with Jesus
- the mobilisation of the local church into cross-cultural mission
- the wide distribution and use of the recently completed Maninka New Testament
- physical and spiritual protection for the team, and the continued opportunity to minister to the community
- God to raise up new team members to join us



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Vision

To see holistic transformation in people and communities impacted by HIV and its key drivers.

Ministry

Hope for Life crosses barriers and opens doors into communities where people are impacted by HIV, expressing Christ's love and compassion where he is least known to bring hope and give life.

Hope for Life ministries of SIM and its partners are active in 12 countries, crossing barriers through:

- medical support.
- care.
- prevention.
- church-equipping.
- livelihood initiatives.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

People living with, and impacted by, HIV

Globally, 39 million people are living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). In 2022, 1.3 million people became infected with HIV (46 per cent of them women and girls), and 630,000 people died of AIDS-related causes.

While decades of global effort have significantly advanced treatment and care, inequalities continue to be a key, concerning driver of HIV. Already vulnerable populations are becoming increasingly affected by heightened risks of poverty, exploitation, homelessness, school dropout, discrimination and loss of opportunities.

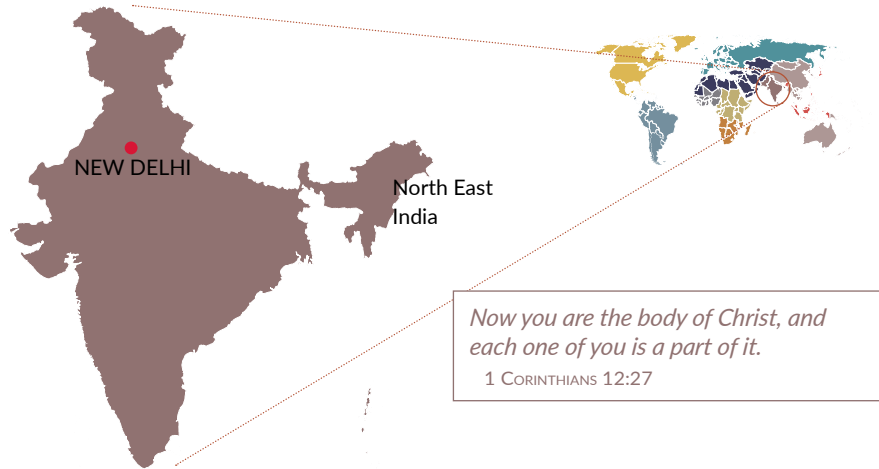
In response, Hope for Life is focusing on holistic and integrated responses to protect the vulnerable in some of society's most marginalised communities and those in which Christ is least known.

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Pray for

- an end to the inequalities which impact already vulnerable communities and perpetuate key health and social issues, including HIV
- transformed people and communities as our Hope for Life ministries and workers respond holistically, expressing the love and compassion of Christ among those who are most vulnerable
- opportunities, means and resources for our ministries to bring hope, particularly in countries impacted by elections, conflict and/or economic upheaval
- God's provision of finances and workers for each of our Hope for Life ministries





Vision

SIM operates in two distinct regions of India – North East India, which is east of Bangladesh and comes under SIM East Asia; and the rest of India, which is a separate SIM entity.

In North East India, SIM facilitates and partners with local churches to send mission workers to the ‘ends of the earth’. In northern India, SIM seeks to be a witness to Christ, transforming communities where he is least known.

Ministry

- Equip and mobilise churches through seminars on mission, partnership, member care and conflict resolution.
- Mobilise, recruit, assess and orient those called to cross-cultural mission.
- Equip churches and their leadership for local and cross-cultural mission.
- Outreach to Hindu and Muslim friends.
- Outreach to students and young professionals through education.
- Outreach among marginalised communities, including those with HIV, transgender people, trafficking survivors and those with disabilities.
- Operate businesses which can transform people and society.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Marus

Marus are a traditionally business-oriented people group spread throughout much of northern India, Pakistan and Nepal. They are a tight-knit community of around eight million people, who speak their own language.

Marus are predominantly Hindu but there are large minorities of Jain and Muslim adherents and a small number of Christians. The best way into Maru communities is through relationships cultivated through business.



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Pray for

- more local and international workers being called to go to India’s unreached Maru community; transformational businesses to start which will allow workers to build relationships among the Maru
- mobilisation and development of teams working in communities where Christ is not known
- creativity, increased networks and provision for developing transformational businesses
- those involved in education through our two international schools, as well as informal educational settings, to be a positive light to their students
- efforts to equip local believers to be a witness in their workplaces to bear good fruit among the least-reached
- unity and wisdom among our leadership teams
- wisdom to motivate churches to raise full support for their mission workers
- opening of ways to partner with churches for world mission
- for the North East India search committee to be led to the right director for their entity
- churches in Manipur and the workers supported by them. Widespread ethnic violence has affected this state for more than a year, disrupting every aspect of life





Vision

We envision Indonesian churches and ministries bringing Indonesians into the grace of God, discipling them and mobilising them to cross barriers and reach communities where he is least known, both in Indonesia and beyond, for God's honour and glory.

Ministry

- Helping churches and ministries to incorporate discipleship into their DNA and in all they do, which includes integrating discipleship into existing activities.
- Mobilising theological institutions and students for mission.
- Creating mission awareness and cross-cultural equipping of pastors and church members.
- Partnering with local churches in equipping and sending workers to serve among the unreached within Indonesia and beyond.
- Forming meaningful partnerships with churches and ministries that help to meet their felt needs.
- Exploring missional business opportunities.
- Teaching English as a Second Language (seeking effective avenues and manpower to start).

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Sundanese

The world's largest population of Muslims live in Indonesia and many do not have a gospel witness. Sunda is the largest ethnic group living and dying without Christ. Most of the 38 million Sundanese live in the villages of West Java and are tenant farmers. Small communities are displaced on other islands, some in very squalid conditions such as rubbish dumps. Workers in these communities are providing non-formal schooling to the children.



Sundanese are known for their kindness and believe that having the Sundanese character is the best path of life. Although they look happy on the outside, Sundanese are dominated by fear and shame. They are attracted to the experience of authentic love, even if that love is from a Christian. Many are open to the gospel, but there is no large movement to Christ.

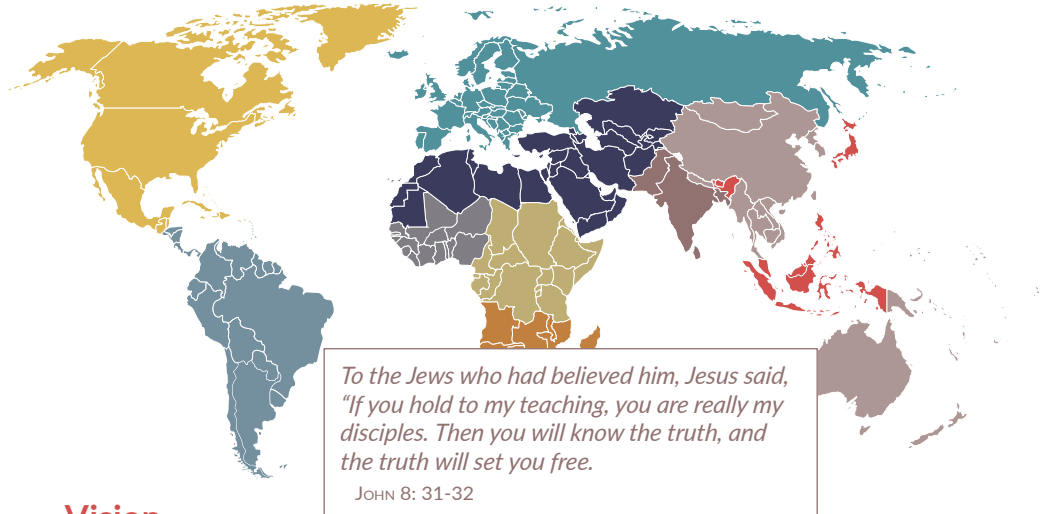


Discipling Sunda believers is very difficult. New converts face intense pressure to return to their old faith, first from family and then from the wider community.

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Pray for

- people of integrity to help SIM Indonesia be registered as a legal entity and lead SIM Indonesia into the future
- revival in Indonesia's 72,000 churches. Many do not have a vision for mission; some are nominal. Evangelicals are only 3.2 per cent of Indonesia's 280 million people
- grace and discernment to identify candidates with a mission call to serve
- Indonesia's 548 people groups that have heard the gospel to grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus
- Indonesian churches to be burdened to share the gospel with the nation's 239 people groups who are living and dying without Christ
- continued unity, direction and collaboration for several Indonesian networks seeking to mobilise churches for cross-cultural outreach, both here and overseas
- wisdom, joy and perseverance for SIM Indonesia's workers
- Sundanese people to come to the light, confess their sins, and be cleansed from all unrighteousness by the blood of Jesus
- more workers to reach the Sundanese with the good news of Jesus



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

Our ministries help clear barriers for those whom God is calling to serve cross-culturally. Our staff serve around the world, including the US, Canada, UK, Kenya, South Africa and New Zealand. We strive to provide:

- 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.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Equipping our entities for the task

As a global organisation our purpose is clear: to make disciples of the Lord Jesus in communities where he is least known.

That is what our entities are doing on a daily basis and it is the role of International Leadership and Services to help equip them for that task. We do that by providing a range of services, including training, financial infrastructure, communications, personnel and member care, as well as global leadership. We strive constantly to listen to our entities so that we can better understand what they need and how we can provide it.

When our governance structure changed back in 2014, we had just eight signatory entities – that is, entities which had signed the Mission Agreement, committing them to work together for a shared goal, using an agreed set of policies, principles and practices. Since then, the number of signatory entities has grown rapidly and we now have more than 50.

It has been thrilling to see that growth, as more and more entities and their governing boards, with a diverse set of voices, take ownership of our work in their locations. Of course, that has come with many challenges but we are convinced that it is God's will that the diversity of the kingdom of God be reflected in SIM.

SIM has dozens of ministries to least-reached communities, helping people hear and understand the truth of the gospel. We pray that ILS will continue to help them do that.

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Pray for

- greater connection and collaboration between our entities, so they can better share knowledge and resources
- wisdom for the leaders of ILS, as they strive to find cost-effective ways of providing the services a global mission needs
- SIM board members to fully grasp the role they play in leading SIM and holding teams accountable
- International Director Phil Bauman, who took on his role in February 2024, to have grace, wisdom and strength to give clarity as to how we will pursue our purpose and mission
- effective mentoring and disciple-making within SIM leadership teams
- the Leader Development programme to be blessed with willing participants, experienced mentors and the necessary financial resources; and that it can develop resilient leaders able to serve in tough places



Vision

In Japan, SIM ministers through SIM Japan and a strategic partnership with A3 (formerly Asian Access).

A3 Vision and Mission

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 Japan Vision and Mission

Our vision is to be used by the Lord for churches in Japan to send and receive mission workers to share the gospel. Our mission is to send and support mission workers and to receive mission workers from all over the world to share the gospel with Japanese people.

Ministry

- SIM Japan mobilises workers from within Japan to serve in mission globally and is preparing to receive mission workers from around the world to Japan.
- A3 partners with A2J, a Japanese-led movement of churches 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.
- A3 partners with local churches and networks. We encourage our mission workers to promote church multiplication on a local, 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 (municipalities under 50,000 people).

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

After the earthquakes in Tohoku (2011) and Kumamoto (2016), there has been some growth in Christianity.

Churches have been started, and people who have been historically resistant to Christianity, such as farmers and fishers, have become Christ-followers. A3 prioritises partnering with church multiplication projects in these least-reached areas.



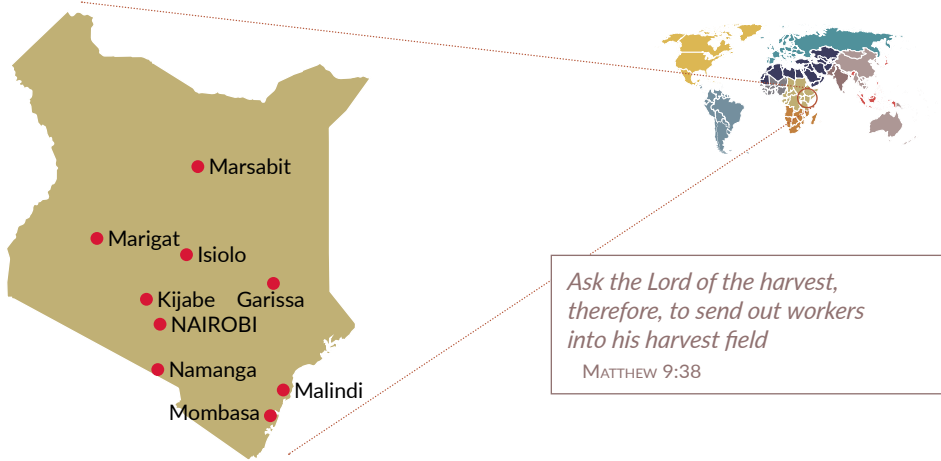
Tohoku (north east Japan)

More than half of our team ministers in Miyagi, Yamagata, and Fukushima prefectures. There is a great need for workers in Fukushima, where stigmas related to the nuclear disaster have significantly limited ministry. This team is partnering with local churches and helping them reach out to communities where Christ is least known.

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Pray for

- the church in Japan to reach the more than 99 per cent of Japanese people who do not know Jesus
- 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 with which to partner
- many new workers from around the world to partner with what God is already doing in Japan
- new mission workers to be sent from Japan



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

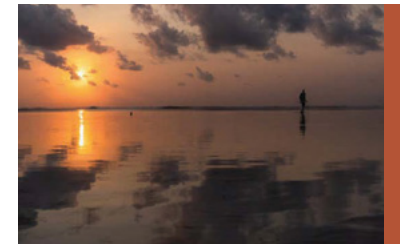
Digo

The Digo are an East African tribe, concentrated on the southern coastal strip of Kenya between Mombasa and the border of Tanzania. 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

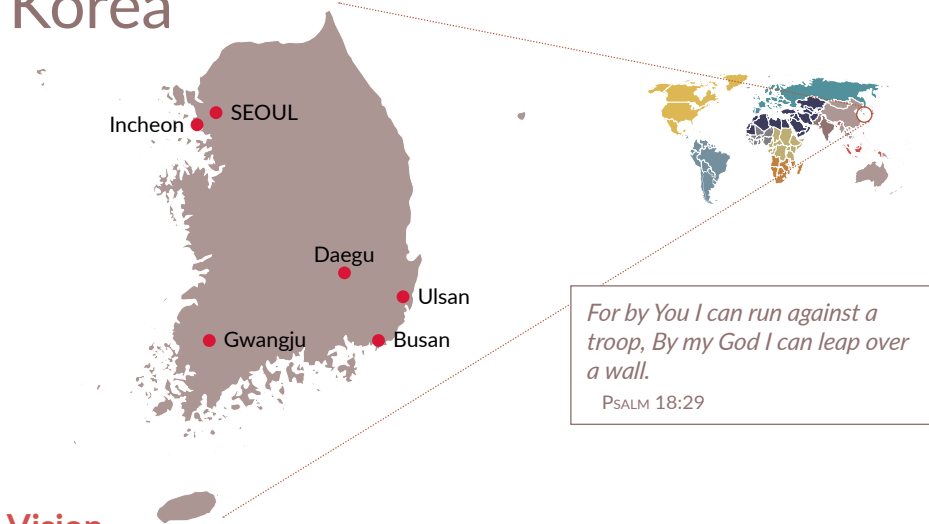
The Orma are semi-nomadic people who live in the south eastern parts of Kenya in Tana River and Lamu counties. The Orma are almost exclusively Muslim and have been so for three or four generations. They are devoted in their faith, observing all the rites and religious festivals. Most of the Orma have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



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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 churches, educational institutions and communities
- young health professionals mobilised, trained and equipped for medical mission



Vision

By faith, we see:

- local churches raising awareness of God's mission and encouraging believers to live out God's purpose for the whole world.
- young people in local churches becoming missional and actively engaged in global mission.
- migrants being exposed to the gospel, becoming followers of Jesus, and carrying the gospel to their own communities and beyond.
- the prayer network for Community B extending to the global SIM family and then witnessing transformation through the dedicated efforts and ministries of gospel workers.

Ministry

- Strengthen partnerships with supporting churches.
- Collaboration with local churches through SIM Korea's mission programme.
- Mission training programmes and outreach for young individuals.
- Outreach, discipling and church planting among migrants.
- Networking and collaboration for prayer and mobilisation for Community B.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslim migrants

South Korea has been a mono-ethnic nation for nearly 5,000 years. However, it is now becoming multi-ethnic due to a dramatic decline in birth rates and an influx of more than 2.5 million immigrants, including 300,000 Muslims. Most Muslims came to escape economic poverty and to work as labourers, mainly around industrial zones. We need wisdom as we consider strategies to reach them with the good news of Jesus.



Generation MZ

Generation MZ is predominantly used here to refer to those born between 1981 and 2012. Among college students, 68 per cent have no religious affiliation and only 30 per cent have ever attended church. The rate of unchurched youth has doubled in the last five years but suicide is the leading cause of death among our youth. These MZers need healing from anxiety and their secular values through the gospel.

Community B

After years of tension and disconnection, there are slow signs of doors opening after the Covid-19 pandemic. Organisations are preparing to resume activities. We need to be cautious about political tensions. Strategies need to be developed to provide more support for various organisations seeking to work with this community. We also need to maintain an up-to-date understanding of the community and to seek God's clear guidance and wisdom in collaboration with partner organisations.

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Pray for

- meaningful connections that God will establish and for him to empower local churches through equipping programmes
- the SIMers Mission School and 'Be n Go' programme to equip young people so they experience transformation and engage in God's mission, both locally and globally
- migrants to encounter the life-changing message of the gospel and grow as devoted followers of Jesus as we minister to them
- God's blessings upon partner organisations serving Community B, so their ministries may bring fruit and joy to him and the people
- our social media and website to be shared effectively, encouraging people to join in mission by praying, giving, or going



Vision

SIM Latinoamérica's vision is to mobilise the Spanish-speaking Latino church into mission service, to share SIM mission opportunities, and to walk alongside local churches as they send workers and make disciples among the least-reached. By faith, we see Latinos from the 19 Spanish-speaking countries of the region faithfully serving in mission with SIM.

Ministry

- Serve as the sending entity for Latino mission workers to SIM entities.
- Mobilise Latin churches to engage in mission-focused prayer, giving, recruitment, sending and care of Latino mission workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Global unreached peoples

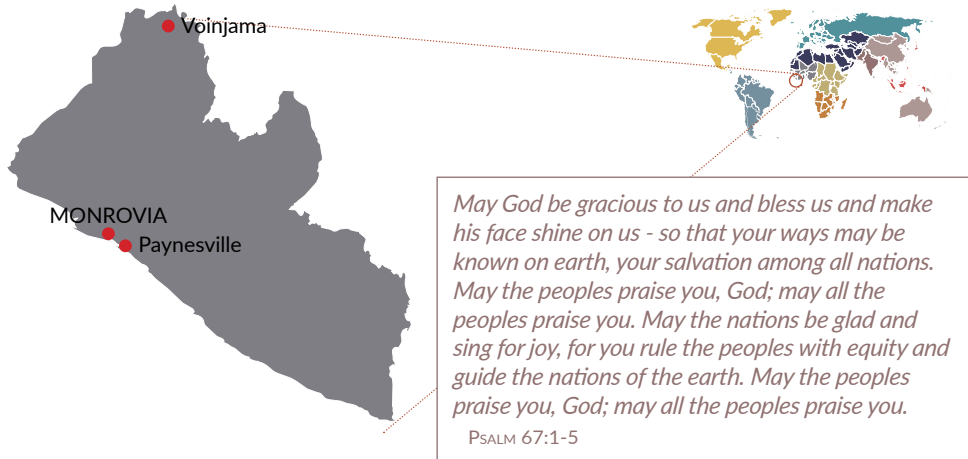
Each year, more Latinos get involved in mission work among the nations. We pray SIM can be an instrument of God to facilitate candidates going into mission work. The focus of the Latin American Missions Movement is the unreached peoples of the world.

We praise God for opening doors for Latinos with SIM to serve among female brothel workers in Africa; among Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist people groups in Asia; and among immigrant Muslims in Spain.



Pray for

- team life and adjustment for our mission workers in their countries of service
- finances needed for our Latino workers
- a strong prayer network in Spanish for SIM work and SIM Latinoamérica workers
- good collaboration and strength for our administrative staff, who work virtually from different countries
- our resources: the Vamos (Let's Go) and Movilicemos (Let's Mobilise His Church) programmes are key ministry resources that challenge and encourage the Latin American church in God's mission
- the development of mobilisers for SIM in each of the 19 Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America
- SIM Latinoamérica's participation in the 10-year COMIBAM global conference in Panamá 2025
- SIM Latinoamérica vision trip to the Buddhist world in 2025



Communities where Christ is least known

The Manya people

Living in the forested north west region of Liberia, the Manya people are part of the Malinke people whose history dates to the Malian Empire. Today they practise a mix of African traditional religion and Islam. For the most part they are farmers, though many also make a living as mechanics and merchants. The majority of Manya people are living and dying without Christ. Praise God that the Bible is being translated into their language!



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Pray for

- our mission family working on Bible translation and reaching out to Manya neighbours through health care
- more workers among the Manya people. Pray that God will call Liberian Christians as mission workers to people in remote areas, including among the Manya
- a strong church to be established among the Manya
- our SIM Liberia Administrative and Services Team. Working behind the scenes, they ensure that our personnel are cared for and that our campus is kept running well. They carry heavy and essential roles
- God to meet the urgent personnel needs on the service and administrative teams, including a Chief Financial Officer, an Electrical Engineer, a Mechanical Engineer, and a Construction Engineer
- praise God for his provision of a Chief Executive Officer for the hospital. Pray as he takes on this role, that God will give him much wisdom
- the urgent personnel needs at the hospital will be met, especially the need for a Finance Manager and an HR Manager
- Liberian church leaders to be equipped to discern and dispute false teaching
- the professors and students at the Evangelical Seminary of West Africa (ESWA), the first graduate-level theological school in Liberia
- peace, prosperity, and stability in Liberia, one of the poorest nations in the world

Vision

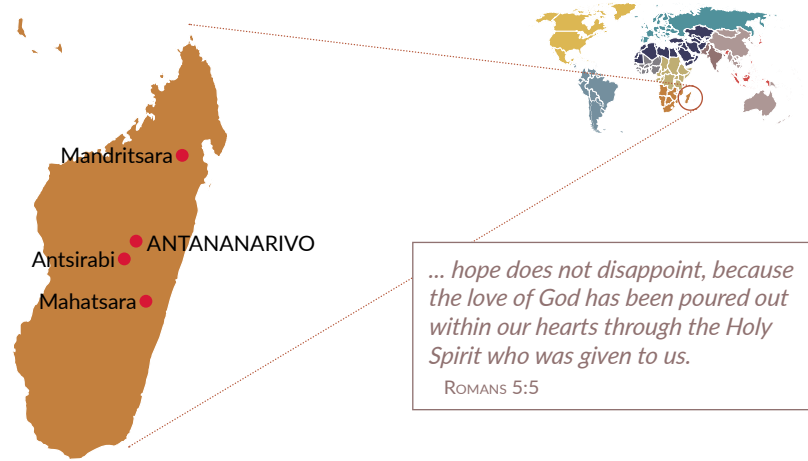
Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, we believe He has called us to make disciples of the Lord Jesus in communities where He is least known.

Ministry

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

Prayer Notes

COMOROS ISLANDS



... hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
ROMANS 5:5

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; and 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.
- Community development.
- Children and youth work.
- Schools.
- Radio.
- Theological training.
- Discipleship.
- Bible translation.
- Supportive ministries, including administration and teaching mission worker kids.
- Outreach and church planting.
- Emergency relief response.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Islamic people

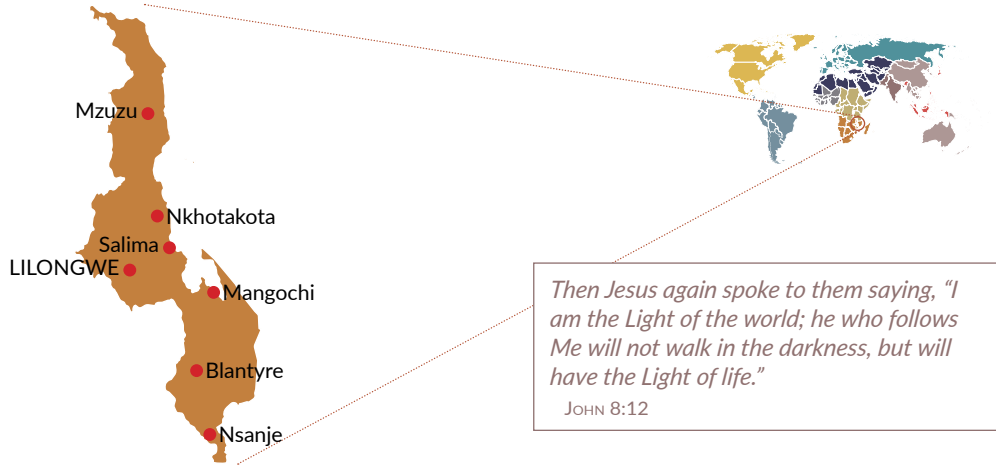
Islam is making a big effort to draw people away from Christ and build mosques in all major centres. There are many churches in Madagascar but there are areas where Islam is dominant and other places where Christianity is nominal and without power. Villages are small, scattered and relatively isolated from each other in the rural areas. Many are without Christian witness.

One of the poorest countries in the world, Madagascar also suffers from many cyclones and periods of drought. Each threatens the food supply of marginal areas.



Pray for

- Bible translation into Malagasy dialects
- the Lord to call mission workers who can establish a local SIM administration team to serve our mission workers with financial, administrative, personnel services and leadership
- pastoral training in Antananarivo, Antserabe, Mandritsara and Mahatsara
- more missional healthcare workers for Christian hospitals across the country
- local co-workers at the Timothy Centre to continue the activities (theological education, community development, outreach and discipleship) after the current leader leaves
- the people of the Comoros to be reached with the good news of Jesus
- emergency relief work after the famine and cyclones of 2021, 2022 and 2023
- the raising of mission workers from churches in Madagascar



Then Jesus again spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."
 JOHN 8:12

Vision

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

By faith, we:

- bring the gospel to the Yao, Indian and Asian communities in Malawi by making disciples and facilitating the formation of Christ-exalting churches.
- prepare church leaders to become disciple-makers with a passion for reaching the lost.
- equip the church to help young people become disciples of Christ, and we train Malawian churches to use sport as an evangelism tool.
- disciple leaders to care holistically for the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of Malawi's most vulnerable people, and we equip leaders to care for those who have experienced major emotional trauma.
- mobilise and equip Malawian churches to send workers into communities where Christ is least known to share the good news of Christ.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Yao people

The approximately 1.7 million Yao who live in Malawi are 99 per cent Muslim. They combine Muslim beliefs with traditional African religion, seeking to please their deceased ancestors and living in fear of curses.

SIM has been working among the Yao since the late 1980s and has found them resistant to Christian influence. In 2014, SIM, in partnership with the Bible Society, published the complete Bible in the Yao language.

SIM currently has two mission worker families church-planting among the Yao and a third couple preparing to join. The Namwera Yao Evangelical Church opened in 2019, and another church plant is in the village of Kazembe Mataka. Bible study groups meet regularly in 11 other villages. Yao believers are being disciplined to reach their families and friends with the gospel. A Yao couple graduated from Bible college in October, 2023 and are leading the church in Namwera.

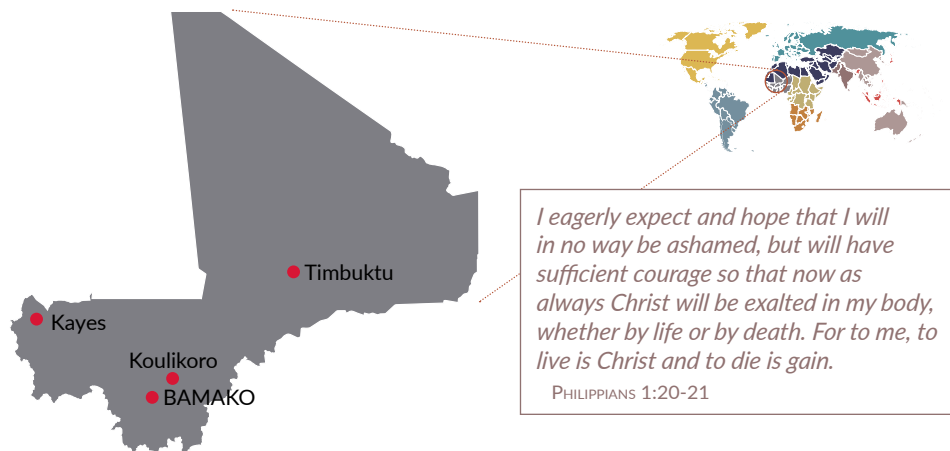
Land was purchased and is being developed for the church in Namwera to use as a mission base and for other outreach activities.



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Pray for

- God to penetrate the hearts of the Yao people and of the Indian and Chinese diaspora peoples, and for the new believers to become courageous witnesses in their communities
- students and church leaders to live out the gospel and for the church to share the gospel with others in Malawi and beyond
- more young people to become disciples of Christ; that Sports Friends will enable more young people to hear the good news of the gospel
- workers and resources to care for the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of Malawi's most vulnerable populations and for the training of leaders to help those suffering from emotional trauma
- more Malawian mission workers to be sent out among the least-reached to declare the good news of Jesus



Vision

SIM Mali has the vision to see:

- a holistic contribution towards Malian communities through the gospel (ecclesiastical, social, economic etc.).
- a healthy team with a Christ-like atmosphere.
- transformation in the rural communities where Christ is least known.

Ministry

- Language and cultural learning.
- Kayes Rural Development Project, a tool to build relationship with least-reached people.
- Discipleship and mission mobilisation.
- Mission and discipleship creative camp.
- Children’s ministry and education.
- Language centre.
- Women’s ministry.
- Sports ministry.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Soninke, Fulani, and Moors of south west Mali

In Mali, the communities where Christ is least known are the Soninke, the Moors the Tuareg and the Fula.

Khossani is a big, old town north of Kayes city and four ethnic groups live there: the Soninke, the Moors, the Fulani and the Khassonkes.

The first two are the most numerous Islamic groups. The Soninke occupy the west, while the Moors are in the east, occupying 17 villages with a population of more than 12,000. They are farmers and herdsman. The region is isolated from the open world. Access roads are rocky and sandy, with many of the villages blocked for months in the rainy season. The Fulani live throughout this area.

This region is not only spiritually impoverished but also lacks basic social amenities. There are no clinics or schools and an insufficient supply of good water. This has created a sense of inferiority, low initiative and isolation. They are calm and accommodating and do not compete with other ethnic groups.

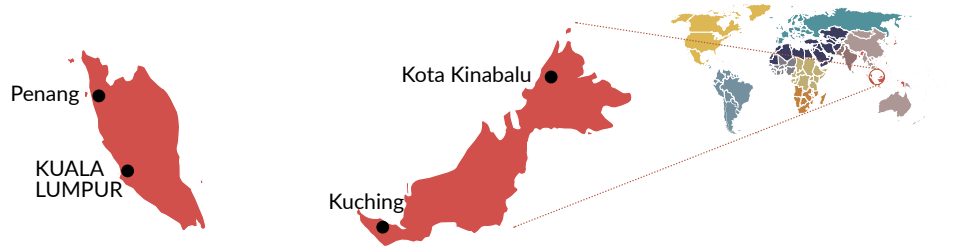
At present, SIM mission workers are only working directly among the Moor communities, thanks to the Faithful Witness team installed in late 2020. This team lives in the Kayes region, where temperatures can reach more than 50°C in the hottest months of the year.

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Pray for

- the SIM Mali team and for more workers
- stability, peace and security in the country
- the language learning centre which started in July 2024 and needs more teachers
- the local churches to realise the importance of discipleship and mission mobilisation
- the Faithful Witness team serving among the stiff-necked people in challenging conditions
- the younger generation of Malians to have the calling of God
- God’s continuous provision for all the team members and projects





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

To be the catalyst movement for sharing the gospel through words and deeds that demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in the least-reached communities, transforming the mission field into the mission force.

Ministry

- Friendship evangelism among the international students in three key church planting hubs.
- Outreach through education, social work, healthcare and vocational learning among the diaspora communities such as migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.
- Being the stimulus and ministry 'proof of concept' for cultivating missional partnerships with churches.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

International students

Malaysia is well on course to achieve its target of 250,000 international students by 2025, up from the current figure of 170,000, who come from 162 countries. Malaysia is a popular educational destination for many students from Asian countries, the Middle East and Africa. The new chapter of International Student Ministry of Malaysia (cross-church and cross-agency) was launched in January, 2023. Partnering with churches and mission partners to share the gospel of Christ, Lord willing, many of them will come to know Jesus.

Diaspora communities

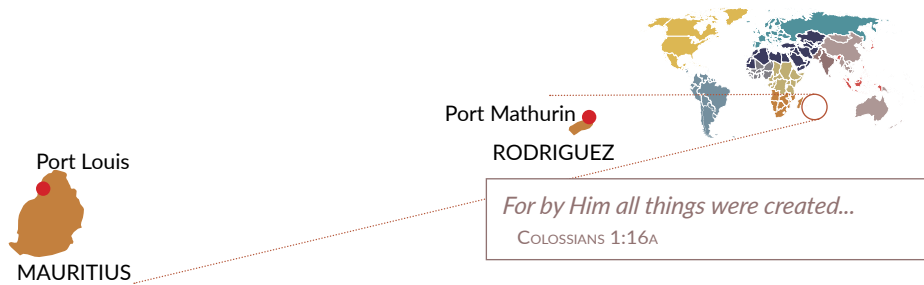
The Lord has brought many nations to Malaysia. There are about 2.6 million non-citizens in Malaysia. They are predominantly asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers and come from least-reached nations, particularly Muslim countries. Many have come to live, work, or study without legal status. The vulnerable diaspora communities are more prone to injustice and exploitation. Truly, God has prepared the mission on our doorstep for Malaysian believers and churches to rise up, encourage people and transform lives.

Frontier people groups

These communities can be found across Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and neighbouring south east Asian countries. Some live in the cities and are educated business people and professionals, while others stay in the rural areas as blue-collar workers. Most live in close-knit family structures. Few attempts have been made to evangelise these groups. God's breakthrough and creative access is urgently needed to reach these communities.

Pray for

- God to send workers from diverse nationalities to work among international students on university campuses across the country
- more skilled workers to be raised up for the diaspora communities among the migrants, refugees and asylum seekers
- spiritual strongholds to be pulled down so that the churches, including both foreign and local believers, can cross the barriers to share the gospel and the love of Christ with all people, particularly the frontier people
- greater partnerships with national churches for cross-cultural mission, both locally and globally



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

Hindus and Muslims

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 - who 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.

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 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





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

Our vision is to see a witness to Christ's love where he is least known in the Middle East, disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities, and Christ-centred churches among all peoples fulfilling God's mission locally and globally.

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
- 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
- provide education at all levels, including theological training, and healthcare
- operate businesses and serve in professional roles, as a means of Christian witness
- participate in Bible translation and distribution
- support initiatives to mobilise local believers for regional and international witness

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Majority

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, our friendship, our testimony and our gospel presentation.



Marginalised people

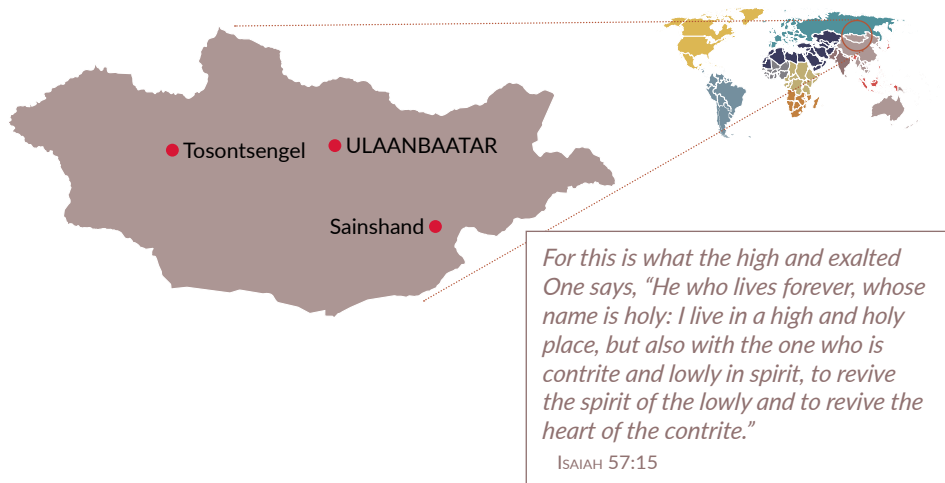
Regional conflicts and economic challenges have prompted huge movements of people in recent years, compounding the plight of the disadvantaged or marginalised. Economic collapse, political instability and natural disasters have intensified these challenges, bringing widespread hopelessness and a desire 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 multi-cultural teams learn language and culture
- wisdom, insight and unity for churches, agencies and leaders as they witness here
- theological and practical training to equip leaders to build Christ's church in unsettled, and sometimes volatile, circumstances
- compassionate ministries to commend Christ to those suffering from the effects of regional conflict through commitment to love, integrity, justice and truth
- our Faithful Witness team, bringing 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 here
- all who are inquiring, exploring and raising support to join our teams



Vision

To glorify God by reaching the people of Mongolia with the gospel of Jesus Christ 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

- Supporting churches in planting and disciple-making.
- Training next-generation leaders in counselling, pastoral leadership and mentoring.
- Education – university and high school.
- Youth – mentoring, social welfare and evangelism.
- Medical outreach.
- Nomadic community outreach.
- Urban outreach.
- Shadow pastoring.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Rural Mongolians

When we think of Mongolia, we often picture the rolling green grasses of the steppes, the gers (the traditional Mongolian felt tents of the nomads), or the nomads and their amazing horse-riding skills. While this is true, it only represents a small part of today's Mongolia. It is a rapidly-developing country, which holds strong ties to its nomadic past, yet is heavily influenced by the Soviet era.

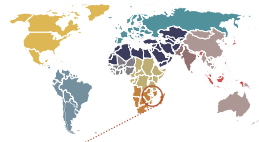


Today, most of the population lives in the capital, Ulaanbaatar, where it is common to see a modern glass office tower sitting alongside a crumbling Soviet-era building. Ringing the city are the sprawling ger districts – small plots of land with gers. As the city changes with the migrating population, so these districts are being filled in with small buildings.

Our ministry is heavily focused on urban outreach but there is a strong desire to reach out to the less-reached countryside areas. A growing number of members are working in, or looking towards, the countryside for possible new ministries.

Pray for

- the leaders of the Mongolian church to seek to grow and develop the hearts of their people
- the team, which has grown in the past year, praise God, but is also in a season of transition as the leadership is changing
- the next entity director to lead faithfully and use his or her skills to develop the next steps
- our unity as we come from many different cultural contexts and seek to walk together in humility and have many ideas of what we want to achieve in Mongolia. Pray we can work together faithfully for the Lord's glory
- the government of Mongolia to act with justice for the nation



For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
 MARK 10:45

Vision

We desire 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

Our ministries include:

- biblical and theological training at INTEL – Instituto Teológico de Lichinga.
- Foundations for Farming – an agricultural and evangelistic project.
- after-school tutoring, evangelism and discipleship ministry.
- evangelism and training in sports ministry.
- literature distribution – resources to help the church grow.
- networking discipleship ministry – connecting rural churches together for growth.
- care for those with disabilities and for the marginalised.
- Bible translation consultancy.
- business start-up.
- marriage, family counselling and teaching.

Future ministries:

- Evangelism through English to university students.
- Theological and Biblical teachers, providing training and discipleship.
- Administrative service in personnel and finance.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Yao

It's said that to be Yao is to be Muslim. The Yao people typically mix traditional African beliefs with Islam to form a Folk Islam. Today, most of the 500,000 Yao in north west Mozambique are subsistence farmers. They have a high rate of illiteracy and short life expectancy. In the past 10 years, the number of Yao Christians in Mozambique has grown from around 300 to 3,500, so God has opened a door and there is no better time than now for evangelism and discipleship ministries.



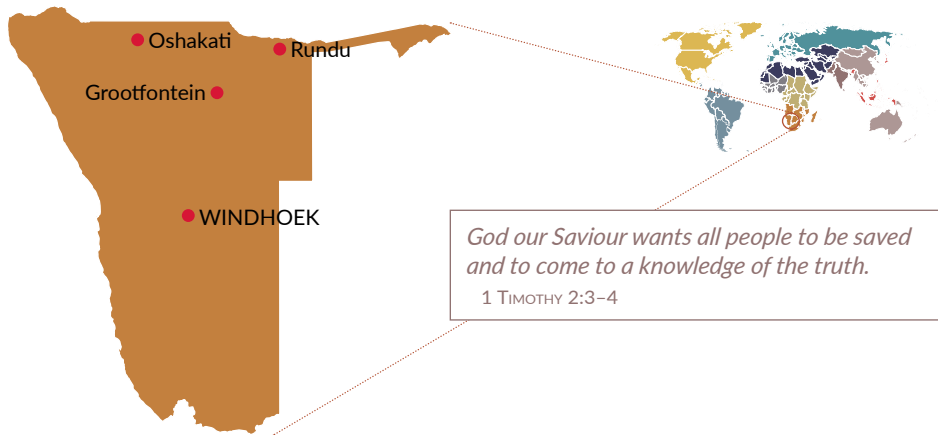
Makuwa-Metto and Makuwa-Chirima

There are about one million people in each of these groups. Most are subsistence farmers, working their fields with handheld tools. There is a growing trend of Makuwas moving to towns and cities, where unemployment and promiscuity are prevalent.

Most adhere to Folk Islam or Folk Catholicism. In urban areas, where some small churches exist, well-trained leaders are needed. A new Bible translation in the local language is facilitating evangelism and discipleship.

Pray for

- Foundations for Farming agricultural training and evangelism
- support for a few of our local mission workers sent from Malawi
- students past and present at INTEL and the development of students into future pastors and servants at the school
- fruitful harvest of new believers and for ongoing discipleship among the Yao
- IPELVA, a new church plant in Lichinga
- after-school discipleship in Cuamba
- protection for locals and an end to the insurgencies that have occurred in the last six years in north eastern Mozambique
- children and sports ministries and for mission workers teaching and planting seeds of God's truth and love
- new mission workers to join the administrative team, especially a treasurer and a personnel coordinator
- short-term teams to proclaim Christ through English classes being offered to university students



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

- Training Christian leaders for local discipleship.
- Discipling children and youth.
- Mobilising the local church for mission.
- Networking and encouraging cooperation between churches and partners.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children and youth

Young people make up 60 per cent of the Namibian population and are heavily influenced by secular culture. SIM partners with various community development programmes and schools to reach children and youth with the gospel. For example, we are partnering with Samaritan's Purse to give out gift boxes to children in least-reached communities among the San people. This opens the door to teach them the gospel. In addition, we also train local church youth workers to help make disciples of the next generation.

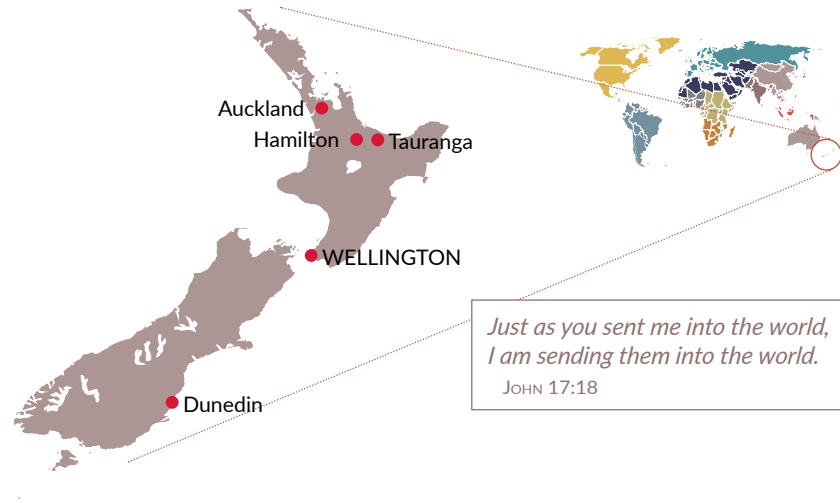


Leadership training

While a large part of the population claims Christianity in name, a much smaller percentage are following Christ with their lives. Therefore, we are working with a local seminary to train and equip the next generation of pastors and church leaders to disciple their own congregations. The seminary is working on expanding the reach of its training by starting small group 'Learning Communities' in various towns around the country, each led by a trained local facilitator.

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
- God to use Christmas gift boxes to open doors for the gospel to be shared among the San people
- more Namibian pastors to have a passion for reaching their communities with the life-changing good news of the gospel



Vision

We are committed to equipping and encouraging New Zealand churches to fulfil Christ's commission in their communities as they reach out cross-culturally around the world, seeking to make disciples of Jesus where he is least known.

Ministry

Working alongside churches in New Zealand in cross-cultural mission work, we are building on our current relationships and working to become partners with new congregations in different ethnic communities.

We are providing opportunities for New Zealand Christians to explore their call to mission, ensuring our mission partners are well-equipped to thrive in their ministries, encouraging 12 prayer groups scattered around the country and hosting a monthly online prayer gathering.

Communities where Christ is least known

The non-believing majority

Like most Western countries, New Zealand has seen a steady decline in church attendance. Many churches have shrinking congregations, others have closed and the ones that are growing are doing so by adding people who used to belong to other churches. Immigration has brought many people who belong to other faiths, but the overwhelming trend is increasing secularisation. This is the environment SIM New Zealand works in. But, of course, there are also encouraging signs, such as the Pacific Island church that recently invited SIM NZ to expand its understanding of mission, and churches attracting migrants by becoming known for welcoming multi-cultural congregations.

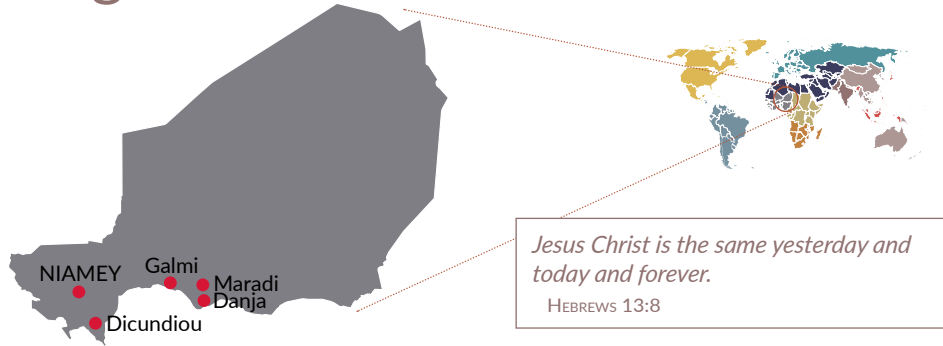


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Pray for

- more opportunities with local churches to share SIM NZ's vision and get their help in mobilising New Zealanders for mission
- creativity as we work to encourage Christians to form or join SIM prayer groups and build up the number of those faithfully holding up our workers in prayer
- inspiration for SIM New Zealand staff as they work to support our mission workers and discover better ways of doing this
- the spiritual and physical well-being of our mission workers, who are often very far from home

Prayer Notes



Vision

Having just celebrated God's faithfulness to our entity over 100 years of service, we continue to seek to make disciples where Christ is least known. We live in a world permeated by an evil that has left humankind separated from the creator and trapped in sin. Convinced that the gospel changes everything and sets us free, SIM aims to bring this life-changing message to Niger, where 27 million people are living and dying without Christ. The task is great.

Ministry

- Outreach ministries in Niamey, Galmi and Maradi: university outreach, personal evangelism and discipleship, literacy, prison ministry, people group focus, the Maza Tsaye Centre of Ministries, translation, and media.
- Community services: Galmi Hospital, Danja Medical Centre, Sowing Seeds of Change in the Sahel, Dorcas Widows project.
- Education: ESPriT seminary, Sahel Academy. 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

Fulani

The Fulani are one of the largest ethnic groups in West Africa, stretching from Senegal into parts of central Africa.

While they have a common language, the many dialects can make the Fulfulde spoken in one area almost incomprehensible in another.

Fulani are traditionally nomadic herders but a significant number are now settled in villages and towns as farmers, artisans and merchants. However, owning cattle is still key to their ethnic identity and many count their riches by the number of cattle they own.

Islam, the most prevalent religion among the Fulani, is also a key part of their ethnic identity. The Fulani culture values self-control and does not allow any demonstrations of weakness.

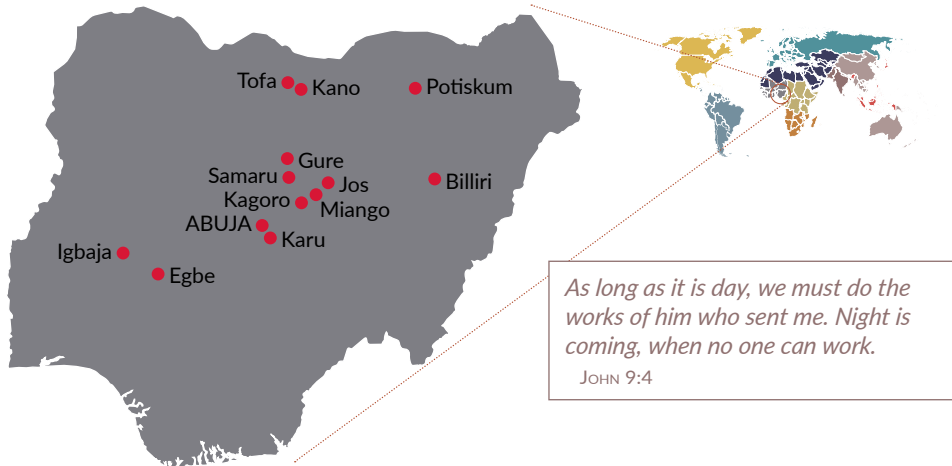
In Niger, the New Testament is now available in two dialects. There are small groups of believers among the Fulani. Mission workers serving with the Fulani use a variety of tools to share the gospel: radio broadcasts, social media, literacy support, Bible translation, friendship evangelism and the ongoing nurturing of new believers.

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Pray for

- the Fulani who have responded to the gospel, that God will give them courage to remain faithful to him, despite much opposition from their families and society. Pray many more will respond to the gospel
- God to raise up more Fulani to be evangelists to their own people. Pray for God's protection on those already involved in evangelism and discipleship
- the pastors of local churches to be men of integrity and vision, united in purpose, and for the churches to grow a mission vision
- more workers for the harvest, including, but not limited to, teachers, doctors and those with administrative skills
- 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





Vision

By faith, we see a response to the gospel message from the more than 100 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 mission.

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 health care, holistic healing and mentoring others to do the same.
- Engaging with marginalised and vulnerable communities through strategic activities.
- Empowering and making disciples among the vast numbers of youth in Nigeria.
- Equipping an enthusiastic and growing church through theological education, other disciple-making endeavours and convert care.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslim communities

Almost half of Nigeria's 215 million people are Muslim, and our team prays to expand our ministries to reach them. We need more workers with a heart for Muslim evangelism to focus on outreach through medical ministry, water projects, vocational training, business consultation, teaching English, Christian schools in Muslim-dominant communities, media and other creative ways to meet felt needs and build relationships. There are open opportunities for ministry but timing is critical while it is still legal to share the gospel.



Fulani

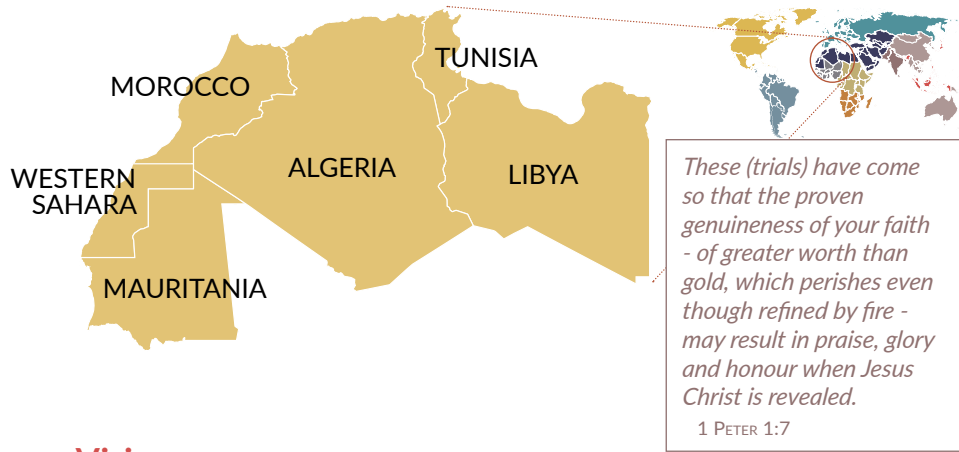
There are approximately 20 million Fulani in Nigeria. They show openness to friendship and gospel discussions, and our team to reach them is growing. We praise God for new partnership opportunities with local mission workers to expand the outreach to this predominantly Muslim community.

Attacks by some Fulani herdsman against Christian farmers have affected attitudes. We pray for more workers, for effective outreach, for a spirit of love from national Christians and for opportunities to support and disciple Fulani believers. We long for more workers to minister among this group.

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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), especially in the north
- effective, contextualised ministry to Muslim-background believers
- revival in the national church and an increasing passion for gospel-focused ministry
- Faithful Witness workers to raise adequate support to continue Fulani ministry
- adjustment to a new Director, Deputy Director and Personnel Coordinator in 2025
- persecuted believers to endure hardship, receive trauma healing and practise Christ's love and forgiveness
- our urgent need for theological educators, medical professionals, educational consultants, teachers and a coordinator for our anti-human trafficking ministry
- establishment of a new school in Kano to facilitate relationships with Muslims
- strategic development of our new MK school in Kano



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:

- business as mission.
- professionals in mission.
- campus discipleship.
- teaching English.
- transformational development among disadvantaged people.
- discipling believers.
- internships.
- third culture kid (TCK) educators.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Businesses and neighbourhoods

There are fewer followers of Christ here than on earth. Believers are routinely persecuted and some are imprisoned. Workers are watched by authorities and some have been forced to leave. Despite the risks, our workers aim to develop relationships with people of peace and speak about Jesus every day, whether in the workplace or in the neighbourhood.

We are seeing some fruit. Through business and employment opportunities, we are building everlasting relationships with employees, community leaders, neighbours, language teachers and new believers.



University students

Workers from Francophone Africa serve as campus disciplers. They mobilise Christian sub-Saharan African university students to be witnesses of Jesus on North African campuses, where more than 35 per cent of North African youth no longer believe Islam is true. Thank God that students have much more freedom on campus than workers do.

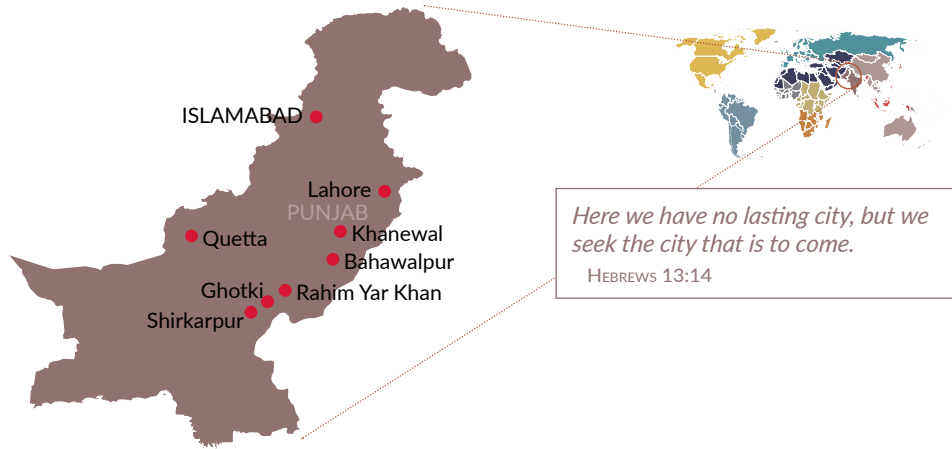
Nomads

Among the 92 ethnic groups in North Africa, 22 are nomadic. Very few workers are bringing the gospel to them. The work is challenging and requires great creativity.

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Pray for

- persecuted believers, some imprisoned, many traumatised and almost all ostracised by their families
- unity in the tiny church
- more business people, professionals and skilled tradespeople to obey God's call to North Africa
- young people who are searching for truth; may they hear the gospel and follow Jesus
- boldness, love and wisdom in equal measure for all our workers in these hard places.
- one country team as they develop their leadership and for other teams to grow through partnerships and the mobilising of many more workers
- people of peace and openness amongst nomadic peoples



Vision

By faith, and looking to Jesus, we strive to see strong churches actively and sacrificially involved in mission 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; and 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

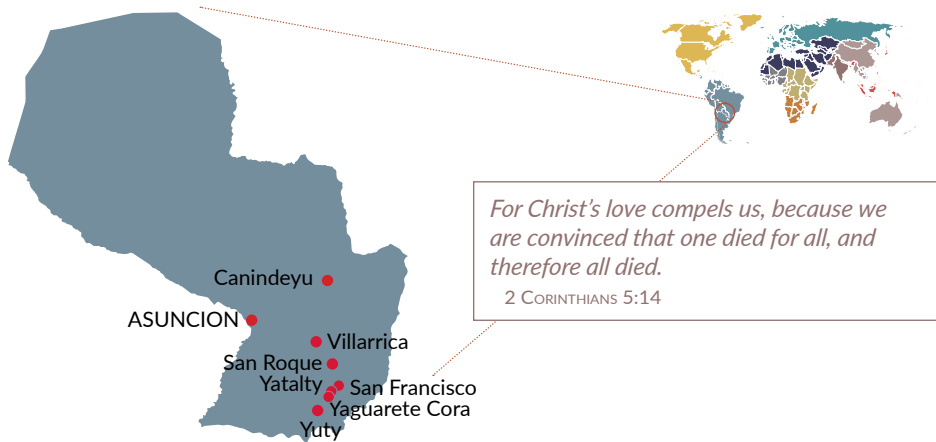
Huge numbers of young people, especially boys and men, are addicted to drugs and alcohol. There are very few places for those with little money who want to break free, and even fewer where freedom in Jesus can be found.

Saraikis

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

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
- the light of Christ to shine through lives set free from drugs and devoted to him
- 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 leaders 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



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 multimedia 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 governance; financial and personnel coordination; short-term ministry; TCKs flourishing.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Rural subsistence families

Around 40 per cent of Paraguay's people 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.



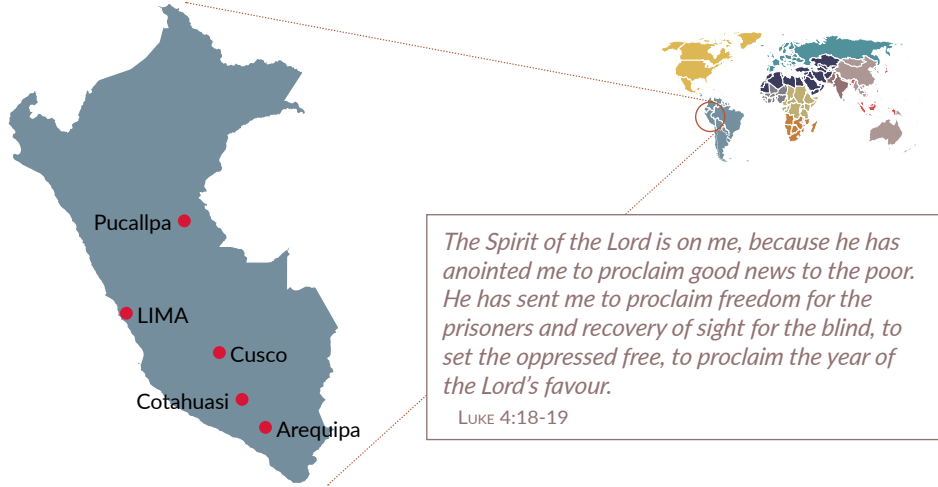
Indigenous communities

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



Pray for

- mobilising partnerships with 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' coordinator
- more leadership training, so that Paraguayan believers in new churches will be equipped to lead their churches and organise local ministries
- continued growth for the SIM mission family engaged in learning local culture and both Spanish and Guaraní



The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.
LUKE 4:18-19

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.
- Oral Bible teaching.
- Radio ministry.
- Youth and university ministries.
- Mission-capacity building, training and mobilisation.
- Church planting.
- Water hygiene projects.
- Dental work in a mission clinic and villages.
- Sunday school training and vacation Bible school preparation.
- Community service ministries: a breakfast programme, homework clubs and a laundry facility.
- Support for vulnerable mothers (Dorcas programme, Isola Madre).
- Sports Friends.
- Prison ministry.
- Administrative support.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

International prisoners in Lima

Foreign men and women are targeted to become drug mules to take cocaine out of Peru. Often, they have come from broken, abusive homes, have mental health issues and struggle with addictions which make them vulnerable targets. These men and women come from all ages and stages of life and are desperate for money to relieve their difficulties.



Because the Peruvian prison system relies on family support for the inmates, foreign prisoners face huge language and cultural barriers.

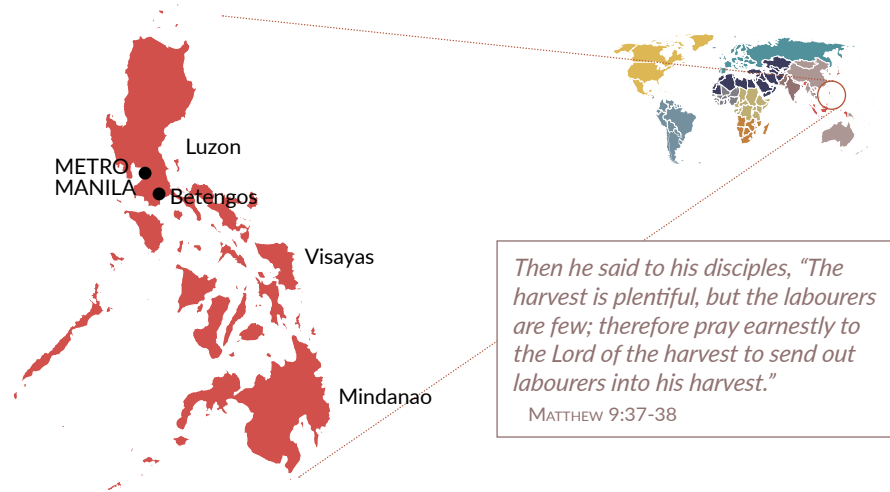
Our ministry, Walking in Liberty, visits the women's prison to share the message of freedom to the women inside the prison and provide humanitarian support. Our prison Bible studies are conducted in English, Spanish, Mandarin and Malay. When the women are released, there are ongoing discipleship opportunities offered to them while living in Lima. We also have some ongoing contact with those who have returned to their passport country.



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Pray for

- our international prisoners' ministry in Lima, that the ministry would grow and be able to start an outreach to male prisoners
- the Arequipa team as it undergoes significant personnel and ministry change
- spiritual vitality and supportive communities for our mission workers, because many serve in small, dispersed teams
- Peruvians to continue to be sent out to the ends of the earth through SIM Latinoamérica and for God to raise up more sending churches



Vision

In partnership with churches and organisations, we make disciples of Jesus Christ by engaging communities of Muslims and migrants where Christ is least known. We encourage workers among them, equipping and mobilising those workers for cross-cultural ministry.

Muslim ministry

- Children’s ministry, through feeding and pre-school education.
- Women’s ministry, through livelihood and missional business.
- Youth ministry, through educational assistance, sports and youth camps.
- Values education through Bible stories.
- Disciple-making and mentoring.
- Counselling and member care.
- Bible and literature translation.
- Disaster relief response.

Migrant ministry

- Indonesian, Indian and Chinese diaspora.

Mobilisation ministry

- Mentoring for missions and member care.
- Mobilising prayer, workers and resources.
- Partnerships and networking.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslims

Fourteen Muslim unreached people groups account for about seven million people in the Philippines. Muslim background believers are thought to be less than one per cent of this number, although with some not able to openly identify as believers the number may be a little higher.



Over the past 60 years, many Muslims have migrated north and there is a continual movement of people away from the Muslim majority areas, who then return ‘home’ either permanently or for a time.

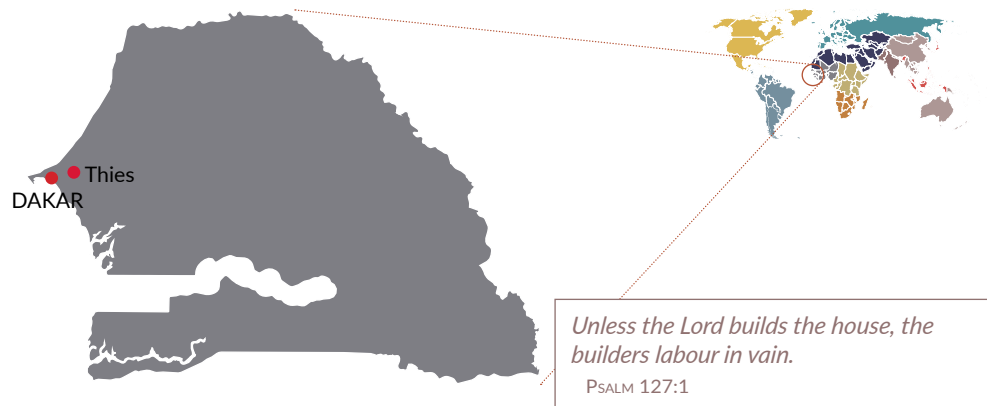
People who are away from the stronger influence of Islam in the south are much more accessible and open to the gospel. This is especially true when life in the north does not live up to expectations and they struggle to find work or housing or provide for their families. This gives our teams a wonderful opportunity to show the love of God and lives are being changed. Contacts often comment, “Why is it you Christians are helping me and not my Muslim community?”

Apart from encountering Jesus through the love and care shown to them by Christians, many are encountering him through dreams, visions, healings and miracles.

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Pray for

- supernatural and miraculous encounters in every family and community that will open doors of opportunity to spread the gospel
- churches and individuals in key cities to have the vision to reach out to Muslims
- more Filipino churches and individuals to engage in Muslim ministry and in sending, supporting and caring for mission workers
- our team’s disciple-making efforts and the maturing of a fellowship of Muslim-background believers. Pray these believers will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus



Vision

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

Ministry

- Teaching English.
- Medical ministries.
- Outreach through sport (Sports Friends).
- Leadership and administration.
- Youth training centre offering vocational courses (baking, computer skills, literacy) and Christian literature.
- Evangelism, disciple-making and church planting.
- Producing and distributing Wolofal (Wolof language written in Arabic script) scriptures, other literature and digital resources.
- Outreach via websites and social media.
- Teaching in a mission school which has local and international pupils.
- Teaching both adults and children in local churches.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The smartphone generation

Around 40 per cent of Senegal's population falls into the 'teenager/young adult' category. If you walk around the cities, you will notice the vast majority of them use connected devices. Even the functionally illiterate manage to communicate via WhatsApp, listen to music and watch videos. Most of this large potential audience are Muslims, who do not have friends who know Jesus and have never heard a clear presentation of the gospel. They are often open to engaging with evangelistic materials in Wolof they find online or via social media. We thank God for the increasing number of such resources and the interest that has already been shown in them.



Village communities

Despite increasing urbanisation, most people in Senegal have roots in a village. Life there moves at a slower pace but is far from idyllic - subsistence farming involves a lot of hard, physical work. In villages near cities, women get up early, go to the city to work and come home late at night. They do not have time to care for their children.

SIM works in one such village, teaching children fundamental daily life skills and early academic skills. We also give moral lessons based on Christian values - all with the permission of the village authorities in an exclusively Muslim context.

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Pray for

- a classroom for toddlers to be built in the village where we are working
- partnerships with local believers to create captivating evangelistic resources for Senegalese internet users
- capacity to follow up with those who respond to online content
- opportunities to share Christ through teaching, training and medical ministries
- faithful teaching of both adults and youth in local churches, particularly in Wolof
- the Pastors' Book Set project and the distribution of books at a conference in February
- God to raise up more long-term workers, especially for the youth training and English teaching centres



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; and 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.
- Missional churches, theological and leadership development.
- Mobilisation and training for cross-cultural service.
- Leading and supporting workers.

Communities where Christ is least known

Neighbouring peoples

We are continuing to work towards developing our campus in Kwazulu-Natal, as we develop our ministry strategy to reach the surrounding least-reached communities.

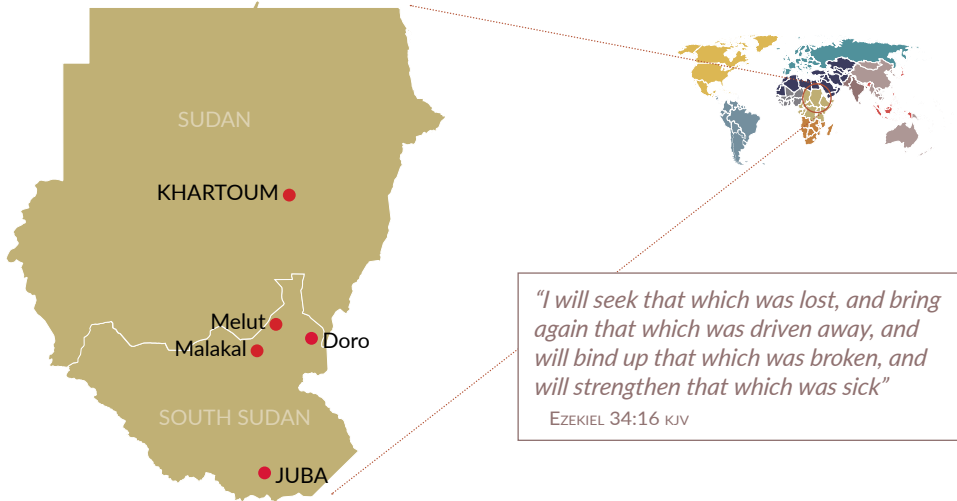
We are seeking a larger facility in a neighbourhood that will enable us to minister to those communities directly from our headquarters. Xhosa, Indian and Portuguese ethnolinguistic communities, religious groups such as Muslims, Hindus and Amazoni (African Zionism), and international students and workers will all be closer to us and more central in our focus. We have also committed to serving SIM countries in the Southern Africa region by providing support services.



Pray for

- new and existing partners - individuals, families, communities, churches and organisations - to join us enthusiastically 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
- the role of SIM South Africa in the region of Southern Africa
- a spirit of oneness in purpose and heart among all those who serve with us

Prayer Notes



"I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick"
 EZEKIEL 34:16 KJV

Vision

By faith, we see God's good news is shared where He is least known.

Ministry

Our ministries include:

- bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to refugees who have never heard and discipling them to share the same in their communities.
- equipping church leaders to disciple others to see churches grow and reproduce.
- through medicine, trauma healing and health education, meeting physical needs and being afforded the opportunity of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- empowering and educating community members to be strong servants to their families, churches and others.
- leadership and administrative services.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known.

The sick

As a primary provider of health services, we offer members of our communities the opportunity to receive compassionate and holistic medical care. As a faith-based organisation, through the care that we provide, we earn the right to share the gospel and to pray with those receiving our services. In addition, our health workers go into the communities we serve to help ensure that people know and understand what it is to practice self-care.



Beyond borders

Due to the many years of conflict and instability in this region, the diverse refugee communities have suffered tremendously.

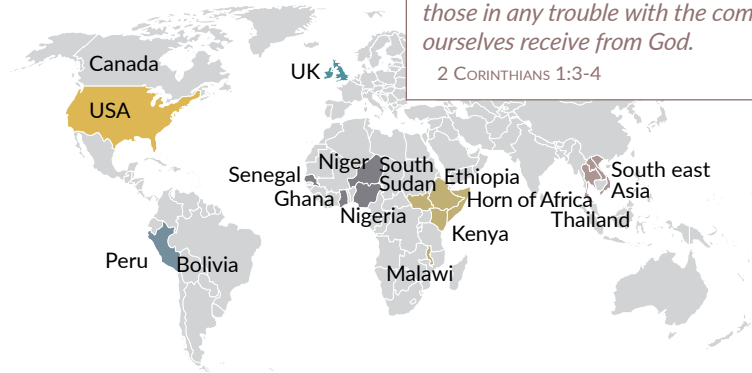
As a result of renewed conflict in Sudan, many new refugees have come into the area of South Sudan we serve. This has led to new challenges but also additional opportunities. The current situation provides greater opportunities for our teams to share the good news of Jesus Christ through compassionate medical care as well as discipleship. Our prayer is that God will work through our teams to draw many to him.

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Pray for

- the peace of God to be known in South Sudan and Sudan
- God's word to be proclaimed across the region we serve and for many to come to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord of their lives
- growth within the local churches and for them to send workers into God's harvest field
- an increased desire within the local church to know and experience God
- God's provision for our various ministries
- spiritual, as well as physical, healing for those affected by the ongoing conflict and social unrest
- our team to not grow weary in doing good and that they would experience God's presence in a new and exciting way
- those who have committed their lives to Christ to know his love like never before
- an end to the conflict in Sudan and for the people of Upper Nile State to live in peace and harmony with one another

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4



Vision

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.

Ministry

Globally, 42 per cent of the population is under 25. In 19 countries, Sports Friends is training and equipping passionate 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

The journey of Joy

Coach Joy in Kenya has an infectious smile and radiates love for everyone she meets.

But Joy's life has had some very challenging seasons. When she was eight, her father tied her up and, in a moment of rage, poured kerosene over her arms and neck and set her on fire. She was rescued by the villagers who heard her screams.



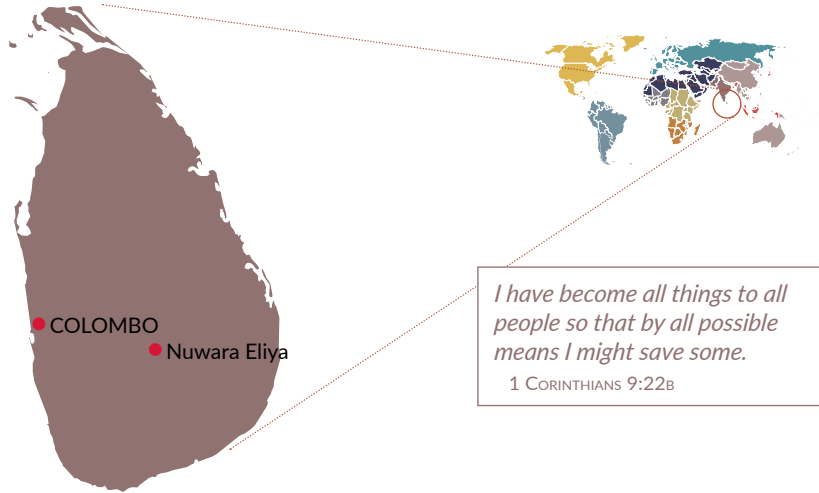
As she grew up, she lacked security in who she was and felt that she would never be beautiful. While her arms and hands bore most of the scarring, Joy felt the wounds on her heart, mind and soul. As her love for soccer grew, she joined a team. Her coach showed her an unconditional love that she never expected. Her life began to change as biblical truth shared by her coach contradicted the lies that she had believed about herself and others. While it took time for her to surrender her life to Christ, she was watching, listening and learning from her coach.

Today, Joy is on staff with the Sports Friends Kenya team, coaching and training other coaches. She also coaches her own team, giving them a safe space where they are needed and accepted, and sharing the love of Jesus with them. Joy has forgiven her father - and he has given his life to Christ! She is no longer ashamed to tell her story, knowing she is able to comfort others, bring them hope and give God full glory in it all.

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Pray for

- Coach Joy's continued impact on young people and coaches in Kenya. Pray God would raise up more coaches like Joy, who trust God to use their journeys to share about Christ with the least-reached
- the more than 280,000 young people who are being served and encouraged by roughly 14,000 coaches. Pray these young people would encounter Christ and that their coaches would be effective in making disciples
- God to provide new ongoing financial partners to support the ministry globally
- God to raise up new workers who will diversify and strengthen our teams for more effective service



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 make up almost 10 per cent (approximately 2.1 million) of Sri Lanka's population and their numbers are rising.

The Moors, who make up a significant portion of the Muslim community, are mainly descendants of 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, bringing 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.

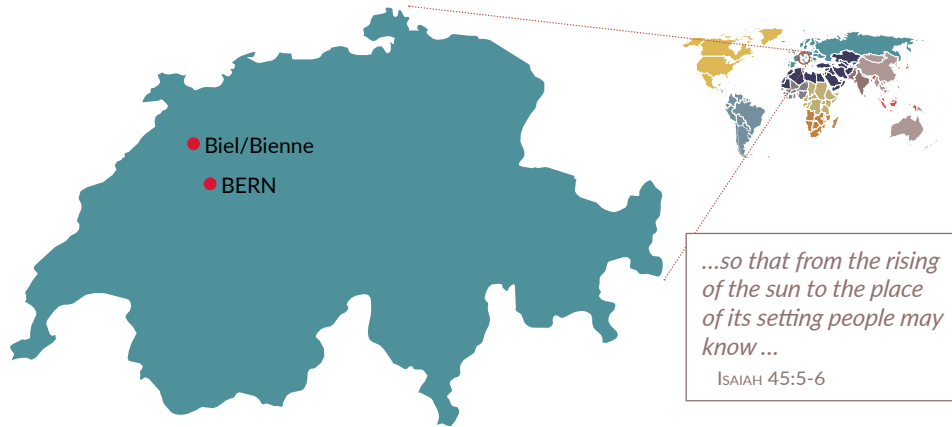
In the last few decades, a small segment of the church has become conscious of the need to share God's love with these neighbours. There has been little opposition to, or initiation of, gospel work among Muslim communities.

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 to become aware of the gospel need in Sri Lankan Muslim communities, dispel inhibitions about relating to them and 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 Muslim people
- effective leadership of the Muslim Network in its efforts to produce 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



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; and 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

Muslim communities

Islam is the third largest religion in Switzerland, with more than 300,000 adherents - 5.2 per cent of the population. Many of them are refugees or asylum seekers and come from diverse countries including Albania, Turkey, Bosnia and Kosovo.

Muslim communities began arriving in Switzerland in the 1960s with Turkish guest workers and continued with waves of refugees fleeing the Balkan conflicts in the 1990s. More recently, Switzerland has seen many refugees from Afghanistan. There are now Muslim communities across Switzerland, many of whom maintain strong cultural and religious connections to their countries of origin.

Christians in Switzerland face challenges in reaching Muslims. Despite the availability of Christian resources in different languages and ongoing mission efforts, many Muslims remain steadfast in their faith. Overcoming these barriers requires fervent prayer, because only God can reveal the need for a sinless saviour who can reconcile them with God.

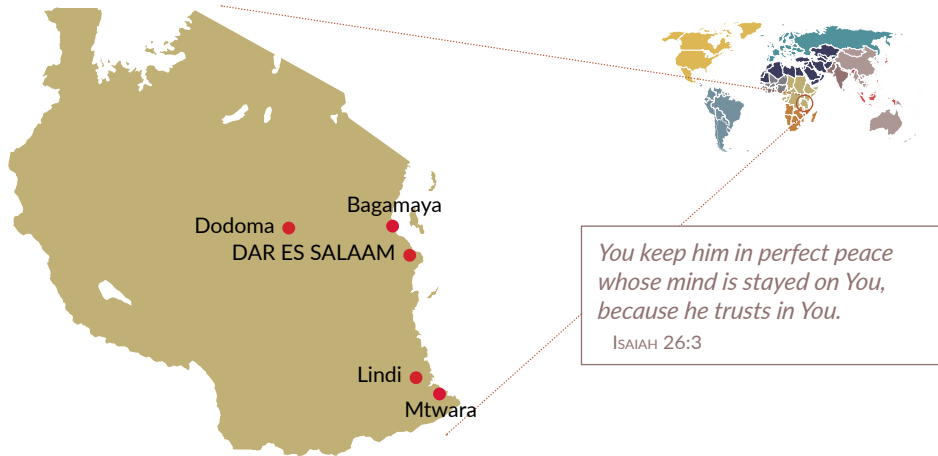
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Pray for

- a deep spiritual hunger among people in Switzerland, especially among Muslims, that draws them to seek and encounter Jesus Christ
- Christians to share their faith boldly and lovingly with Muslims around them
- good networking and partnerships with churches and organisations
- the vision for cross-cultural work, especially among the younger generation, to inspire them to engage in mission efforts locally and globally
- creative ways to mobilise people for mission work
- an increase in the number of mission workers
- God's provision of financial support



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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 to people

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.'

It is all about relationships, as we see in the extensive greeting rituals: How is your father? How is your mother? Your work? Your home? You are considered rude if you are not interested. People care about people.

Houses are not built to face a view of the ocean or mountain, but to face those who will come to visit. People are important and need to be welcomed properly. Strangers will be invited inside for a glass of water, to sit. and find rest.

Local churches are realising the importance of showing their care for neighbours who do not know Christ.

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

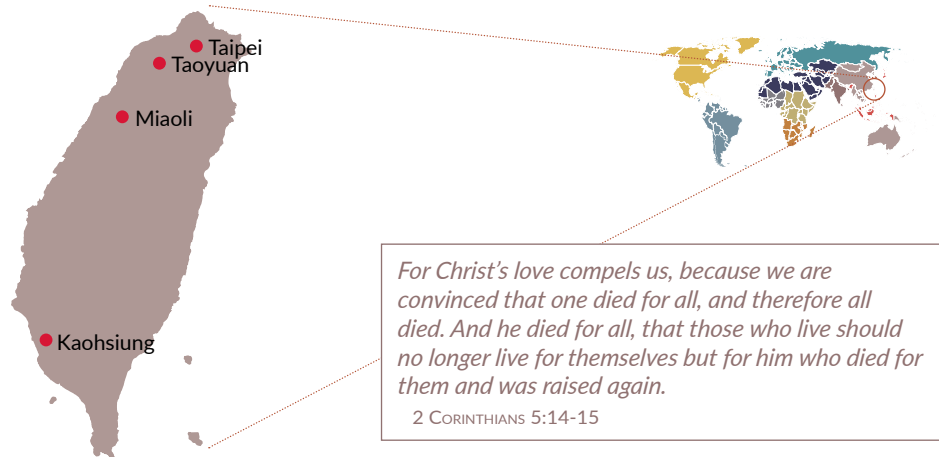
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Pray for

- breakthroughs at government level. SIM Tanzania is currently waiting for re-registration as a charitable organisation; the process has been delayed to the point where all the foreign workers have had to leave due to visa challenges
- suitable local leaders who can take SIM through these processes, to stand up
- 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
- churches to find meaningful ways of showing their care for neighbours who do not know Christ, that hearts will be touched and changed



Taiwan



Vision

We believe no one should live and die without hearing the good news of Jesus. So, by the grace of God, SIM Taiwan wants to reach out to the least-reached people groups in Taiwan and make them disciples of Jesus: rural elderly people, migrant workers and international students. We also want to mobilise churches in Taiwan for mission and send out workers from Taiwan to people groups overseas where Christ is least known.

Ministry

- Engaging migrant workers (Indonesian, Thai, Filipino etc) and their spouses with love and the gospel.
- Engaging elderly Taiwanese in rural areas with care, fun and the gospel.
- Engaging international students in universities with love and the gospel.
- Mobilising, training, sending, caring for and supporting mission workers.
- Mobilising Taiwan churches and Christians for cross-cultural mission with social media, prayer gatherings, publications and more creative ways.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Elderly people in rural Taiwan

The hometown of Taiwan's current president, Lai Ching-te, is Wanli, on the north eastern coast of Taiwan, about a 90-minute drive from the capital, Taipei. Decades ago, it was a major coal mining area. By the end of 2023, the total population was less than 21,000, with more than 22.5 per cent over the age of 65! The elderly mostly live alone and rarely see their children. There are only three small evangelical churches in Wanli, so the elderly have few opportunities to meet Christians.



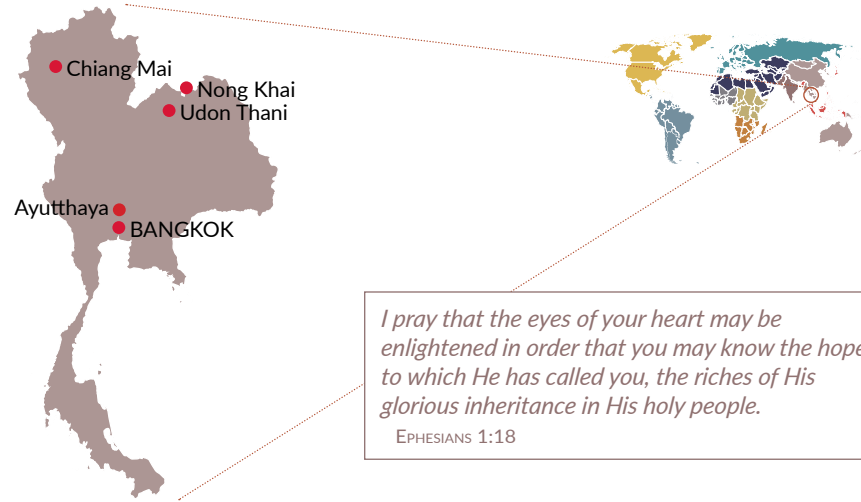
This is typical of Taiwan. The young and middle-aged migrate to the cities, where medical resources and living conditions are better. Rural churches are few and small, and there are very few opportunities to hear the gospel and know Jesus.



There are more than four million elderly people in Taiwan, and nearly half of them live in rural areas; they are the hidden 'unreached people group', often neglected by urban churches. Their lives and thoughts are very traditional and warm-hearted. They, like you and me, need to know Jesus and make him Lord of their lives. But they have limited time to choose.

Pray for

- more workers from Taiwan who are after God's heart and will go to least-reached people groups to make disciples for the Lord
- open doors for connecting with churches and organisations in Taiwan to partner in serving migrant workers, international students and elderly people in rural areas
- suitable workers who can witness Christ to the unreached people groups in Taiwan



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, our HIV and AIDS outreach ministry.
- Mission worker kid education.
- Leadership and administration.
- English teaching.
- Mobilising, training and sending Thai mission workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Ayutthaya

This city lies in a transition zone between Bangkok and the rest of Thailand, meaning it has both an urban attitude and a rural mindset. Almost 90 per cent of Ayutthaya's people are Thai Buddhist, with the remainder largely Muslim. The Christian church represents a mere 0.01 per cent of this province. The SIM multi-skilled, multi-cultural church-planting team in Ayutthaya is making an impact in the community by being involved in ministries such as teaching in government schools, life skills training, art and sport. They are building relationships with local people, presenting the gospel and connecting them with local established churches in this area.



Youth

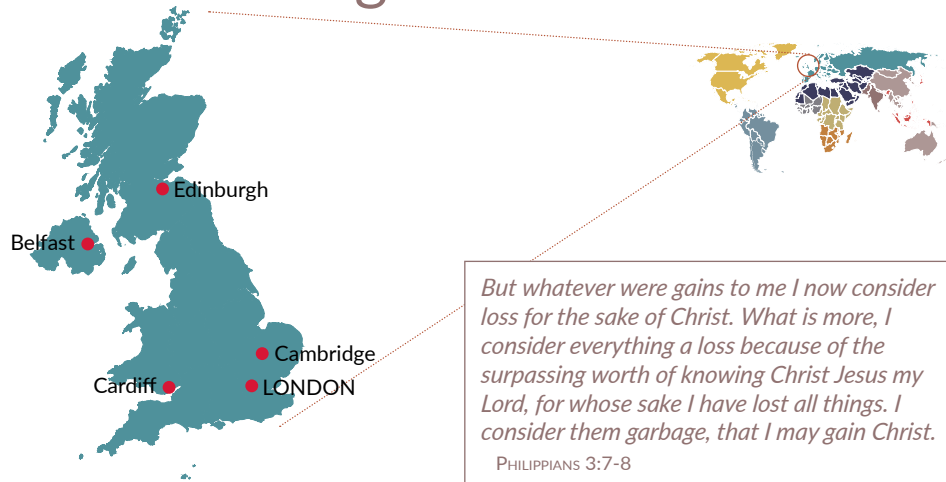
Sports ministry can be a powerful tool for the church to build relationships with young people and share the hope of the gospel. Sports Friends Thailand focuses on training Christian leaders to be coaches in soccer and volleyball, equipping them with the skills for ministry and sports training. These coaches mentor and share Christ's love with young people, helping them become mature disciples. These relationships can often reach into the young peoples' wider families and entire communities.

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Pray for

- a potential new church plant in the south of Chiang Mai and for God to use his workers to be his beacon of light in these areas
- adjustment for the growing team in Ayutthaya, with many workers completing language learning and entering into new ministries
- God to use his workers, with all their training and skills, for his glory
- the SIM sending team who mobilise, train and send out Thai workers. Pray for an increase in Thai mission workers sent out by SIM

United Kingdom



But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.
 PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8

Vision

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

This year our goals are to:

- provide support and resources that are highly valued by churches, workers and SIM globally through the ongoing development of our operations.
- help UK churches engage with their multi-cultural communities, making disciples where Christ is least known.
- further develop a mission-focused, prayerful community across the UK.
- resource, engage and mobilise the next generation of gospel-hearted workers, with a particular focus on young people.

Ministry

- Preparing, sending and supporting mission workers as they share Christ where he is least known.
- Receiving and helping workers to thrive as they serve multi-cultural communities in the UK alongside local churches.
- Providing opportunities for individuals and churches to partner in the gospel work of SIM.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

North west England

The UK has a population of 65 million, almost 10 million of whom were born outside the country. Society is becoming increasingly diverse and that can create tensions and challenges. But it also creates massive cross-cultural opportunities for churches to reach the world on their doorstep.

There is a great opportunity to reach people of south Asian descent in the Manchester region in north west England. SIM has already received several workers from south Asia who are serving here, alongside local churches, through our Engage programme.

One couple are helping lead an inter-cultural church, engaging in street evangelism, running a bookstall and running English classes. Another couple have recently moved to the area from south Asia and have set up a training course that gives Christians the skills, confidence and resources to build Christ-centred friendships with people from a Muslim background.

A UK family who have served with SIM in south Asia have also moved to the region, hoping to use their language and cultural experience to build bridges into local south Asian communities.

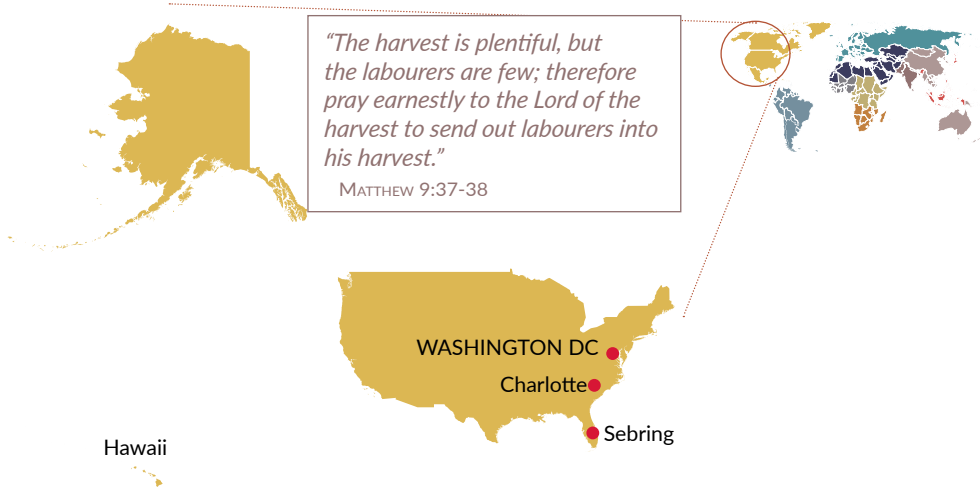
Many churches in the UK have a heart to welcome people from other nations but need help from people with cross-cultural experience to know how best to develop inter-cultural churches. Pray SIM UK can help facilitate people to serve in this area and provide more opportunities for training and resourcing.

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Pray for

- the new leadership team in the UK as they seek to build better relationships with churches and so see more workers sent around the world
- opportunities for more workers to come and serve in the UK through our Engage programme, and for more churches being willing to host and resource them
- a growing heart in the UK and Ireland to pray for the least-reached communities of the globe, leading to more willingness to go sacrificially
- thank God that he is stirring the hearts of a younger generation in the UK who want to step out and serve





Vision

Through eyes of faith, we see:

- vibrant partnerships with the whole American church to recruit, mobilise and care for more overseas ambassadors of Jesus.
- 100 new workers being sent per year by 2030.
- a flourishing, Spirit-led, well-staffed team equipped to live and serve with love and excellence.

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

Immigrants, refugees and international students

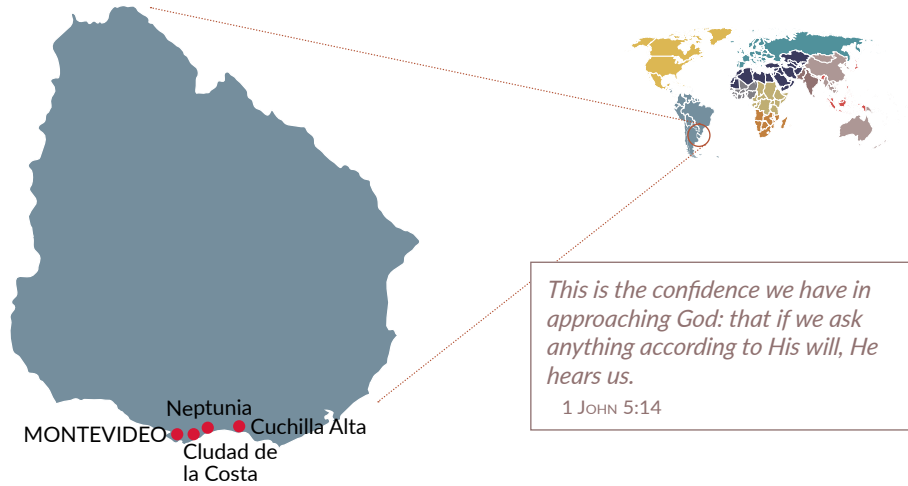
In the last decade, more than one million people have immigrated to Atlanta, Georgia, from almost every nation. Known as the most diverse square mile in America, Clarkston is a suburb of Atlanta that is home to refugees from more than 60 countries who speak more than 110 dialects, with at least 90 unreached people groups identified. Within this extraordinary context, Global Frontier Missions (GFM), a SIM USA partner ministry, cares for, and builds relationships with, resettled refugees. For most of the community, this is their first opportunity to hear the gospel and begin to understand God's love. Some SIM USA workers participate in this caring witness, while gaining from GFM's cross-cultural missions training that equips followers of Jesus to be effective disciple-makers and helps prepare them holistically for cross-cultural ministry abroad.



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Pray for

- an abundant increase in connections with the US church, leading to 70 long- and mid-term completed applications from potential global workers
- growth in the number of financial ministry partners God is calling to worship him through giving to send more workers
- growth in our ability to use mission worker feedback to improve SIM USA services and systems and better help US workers thrive abroad
- growth as an office community in living out our core value of dependence on God in all our goals, activities and lives



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
 1 JOHN 5:14

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.
- Theological and missional training; counselling, worship, next generation and Christian leadership tracks.
- Empowering personal Bible study in the local church.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The deaf

Uruguay is a country often recognised by the world for being at the forefront of inclusion and rights. However, one of the most segregated groups in this society is the deaf.

According to the last census (2011), there are approximately 30,000 deaf people in Uruguay. Their first language is Uruguayan Sign Language, which is not only different from Spanish but is even different from the sign language of other Spanish-speaking countries. Although most learn to read and write in Spanish, they usually do not fully understand it.

In the same way, most hearing people do not know how to 'speak' sign language. Therefore, deaf people often find themselves isolated from the society in which they live. And in the interior of the country, conditions can be worse because deaf people are often neglected or mistreated by families who lack the resources to know how to help.

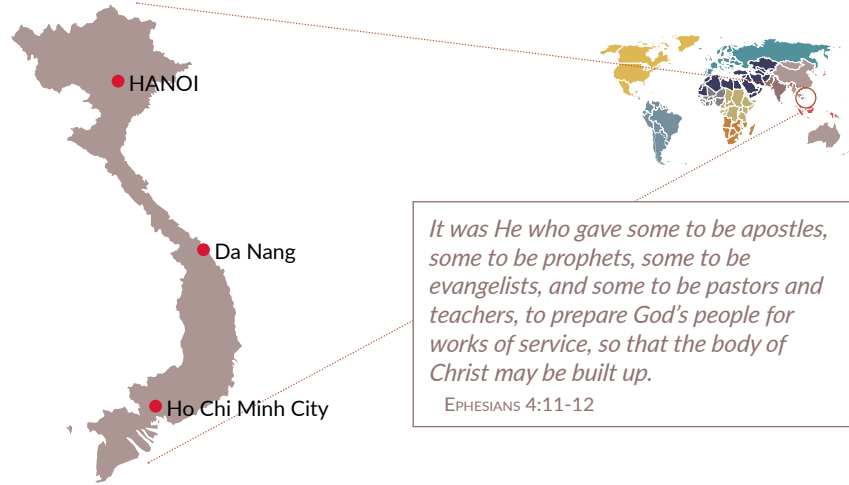
The Association of the Deaf of Uruguay has a special school for the deaf in the capital, Montevideo, and there is one church entirely made up of deaf people (around 40 attendees) which is, unfortunately, currently without a pastor. There is one other small deaf community that participates in a hearing Baptist church. For this reason, SIM Uruguay has identified the deaf population as a least-reached people group in its context. As part of a local Bible society project, a group of deaf people are currently translating the entire Bible into Uruguayan Sign Language.

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Pray for

- God to provide passionate workers to reach and serve the deaf of Uruguay
- continued wisdom for our new entity director who will soon complete his first full year in the role
- God to open up new ministry opportunities in this country because it has so much spiritual need





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 with the gospel by a multi-ethnic team, reflecting Christ through character, word and action; and God's people belonging to growing, maturing, indigenous and mission-minded churches, being and making disciples of Jesus in Vietnam and beyond.

Ministry

- Developing church leaders through theological education and training for biblical relationships in the 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.
- Establishing in-country support services for a growing team of workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Minority people groups

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 guide them to grow in their new faith.



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Majority people group

The Kinh people make up 86 per cent of the population. They have Christian resources but only 1.2 per cent of the more than 84 million Viet-Kinh - the largest unreached people group in south east Asia - are Christ followers.

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Pray for

- minority pastors and those they shepherd, that 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 in their communities who do not know Jesus
- churches without a pastor to find one with adequate Bible knowledge
- those facing persecution for their faith to have courage and perseverance
- the training of Vietnamese Christians so they can equip their people and develop leaders who can teach biblical principles for godly living
- the nation to be tolerant of Christianity and outreach
- Communist Party members, government officials and military personnel, who are pillars of Vietnamese society
- a permanent presence to be established in the country to support workers
- workers who will live here and make disciples in culturally appropriate ways



Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 MATTHEW 28:19

Vision

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, the West Africa 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, crossing cultural barriers with love to those living and dying without Christ; and 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.

Communities where Christ is least known

Abéché, Chad

We send workers to Abéché, the capital of the Ouadai region in the east of Chad, towards Sudan. It is one of the four largest cities in Chad and the most heavily Islamicised. The population is estimated to be 95 per cent Muslim and is made up of several ethnic groups. These include Arabs, Goran, Mimi, Zaghawa Tama and Masalit, among others. All these groups are unreached by the gospel. The remaining five per cent of the population is made up of people from southern Chad, including small numbers of evangelicals and Catholics. Less than one per cent of the indigenous population is evangelical Christian.



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Pray for

- the unity of the few existing churches in Abéché and for the expansion of the gospel
- the steadfastness of Christians who come from Muslim backgrounds in the face of many forms of persecution
- the population of Abéché, which is deeply rooted in Islam, to be open to the gospel
- wisdom, knowledge, understanding and provision of good health for those preaching the gospel and serving the people in Abéché



Prayer Notes



Vision

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children and young people

Young people account for more than a third of the population of Zambia. They are loved by Jesus and need to be reached and disciplined for Christ.

Traditionally, the church has not prioritised ministry to children or young people and the current programmes are not bringing transformational growth.

But, given the opportunity, young people can impact their families and their culture for God's kingdom.



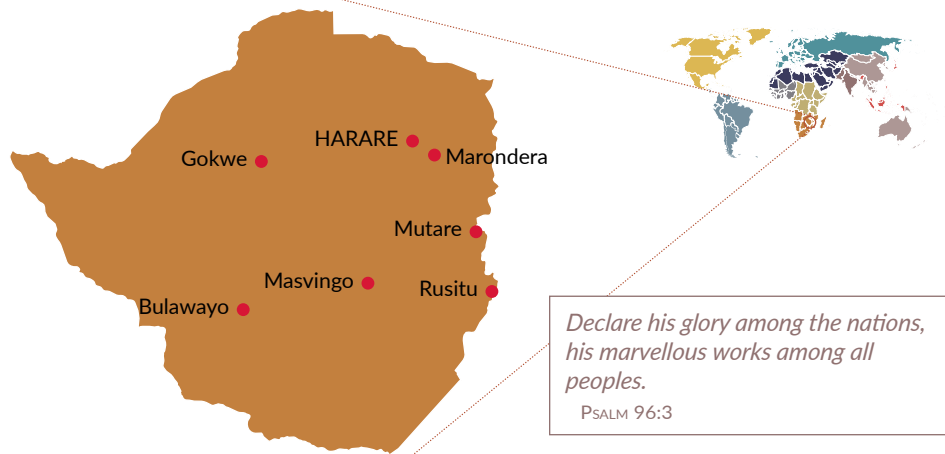
University students

Most university students have been exposed to Christianity but struggle to understand their faith and grow in their walk with God. At university, they are heavily influenced by secular education and educators when they are exploring new opportunities and ideologies. Therefore, discipleship and mentoring are vital.

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Pray for

- praise God for providing a new director for SIM Zambia
- wisdom, unity and harmony as new workers come into key positions in personnel and finance in SIM Zambia
- the youth centre staff and the secondary school chaplain to have lives of integrity, grow deeper in their faith, and be beacons to the community
- our health workers - for wisdom, protection, stamina and supplies. Pray too for the physical and spiritual needs of their patients
- our community development ministry, teaching farmers to grow food for their families and impact their lives spiritually. Farming is now being affected by drought, leading to food shortages, high prices and malnutrition. Pray for rain
- our disciple-making and leadership training ministries with local churches, Bible colleges and university campuses to equip and mentor youth leaders from local churches so they can disciple others
- those who minister to children in school, churches and community, that lives would be changed for eternity, that leaders being developed in churches would grow in their faith and to share the gospel to those around them
- possible Muslim ministry, which we are currently exploring



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; youth; college and university students; those impacted by HIV, AIDS and Covid-19; and the prevention of human trafficking.
- Theology and resources: theological education; Leaders Equipping and Resourcing Network (LEARN); research; witness to cults.
- Disaster relief: famine, Covid-19 and other infectious diseases; climate hazards (tropical cyclones, flooding etc).
- 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 people, based in the north western parts of Zimbabwe. They are found around the coal mining town of Hwange and surrounding areas of 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 may inspire individual gifts such as healing.

Their faith is an ethnoreligion, deeply rooted in their ethnic identity.

According to the Joshua Project, the Nambya of Zimbabwe are engaged but unreached. Bringing them to faith in Jesus Christ requires patience and a good understanding of the culture.

Pray for

- more Nambyan people to come to know Jesus Christ and stand as witnesses for him 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



