



2024 *Prayer Guide*

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Foreword

Welcome to the 2024 Prayer Guide!

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

The information includes each entity team's vision, their types of ministry, descriptions of some of the communities where Christ is least known with whom they are engaging and their prayer points.

This year, we have focused on 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.

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Pray as individuals and as part

I believe we need both the communal and the individual together in ministry - and in prayer!

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body" (1 Cor. 12:12). You are an individual. You are also part of a community.

In the Old Testament, God communicated to the people of Israel as a community. He referred to them as his 'treasured possession' and the 'apple of his eye'. The revelation of Jesus and the new covenant allowed the images of God to be applied to the individual as well.

I grew up in a place and time that highly valued the individual. Our faith was communicated to us as an individual faith. Yes, there were corporate expressions of faith, including prayer, but even those were often biased towards individuality.

I have since had the privilege of living and ministering with people from many diverse cultures and have been challenged and convicted by my sisters and brothers to practise a more communal understanding and expression of faith. They have helped me recalibrate the Biblical tension of integrating the individual and communal in both my thinking and practice.

In Scripture, we see prayer practised both communally and individually. Some psalms are very personal, such as Psalm 25:

***Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good,***

Others are distinctly communal, such as Psalm 100:

***Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.***

The Psalms are overflowing with both individual and corporate praises, petitions, intercession, and thanksgiving. While the psalms contain many personal confessions of sin, they also contain corporate confession, such as 'We have sinned, even as our ancestors did' (Psalm 106:6). As we pray

of an SIM community

the prayers in this year's guide, please remember to keep the individual and community together:

1. Community

a. Take every opportunity, and create new opportunities, to pray as a community.

b. Pray for the communities that God has called us to engage.

2. Individuals

a. Use the Prayer Guide in our individual prayer time.

b. Pray for specific individuals in the communities with whom we engage.

As we pray, please remember our 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.

Our vision and values include both the individual and communal: "We believe in the worth and giftedness of each individual person in SIM" and "By faith, we see multi-skilled, multi-ethnic teams serving together in love and harmony." For each location, I encourage you to pray for the team and for the individual workers who comprise the team.

As we pray this year, may we pray as individuals and communities for individuals and communities.

As Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:17-21: "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

**By Phil Bauman
SIM International Director Designate**



Purpose and Mission

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vision

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

By faith we see...

in the world:

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

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

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

in SIM:

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

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

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

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

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

in eternity:

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

SIM Core Values

We are a gospel community that is:

- 1 Committed to Biblical Truth**
We are committed to biblical truth and joyfully affirm historic, evangelical Christianity. With courage, we declare to the nations the good news of new life in Jesus Christ.
- 2 Dependent on God**
“By prayer” and in faith, we depend on God for the provision of all of our needs. We will demonstrate diligence, integrity, sharing and accountability in cultivating and using the resources God provides.
- 3 A People of Prayer**
Prayer is foundational in our life and ministry. “By prayer” we praise God, seek His direction, request resources and call upon the Holy Spirit to empower our ministries.
- 4 Mission-Focused**
We are committed to the urgent and unfinished task of making disciples of Jesus Christ in all nations. In doing this, we desire to work in loving, trusting, interdependent 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 practice giving and receiving discipleship, life-long learning, consultative leadership, mutual development and training.
- 9 Strengthened through Diversity**
We are intentionally interdenominational, international and multi-ethnic. We believe we will become more effective in ministry as we incorporate the richness of cultural diversity in SIM and celebrate our oneness in Christ.
- 10 Responsive to our Times**
We will respond with creativity and courage to evolving needs and opportunities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In order to ensure they are effective and relevant, our ministries, priorities and structures are subject to ongoing evaluation and adaptation.

Summary of 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, interdenominational 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

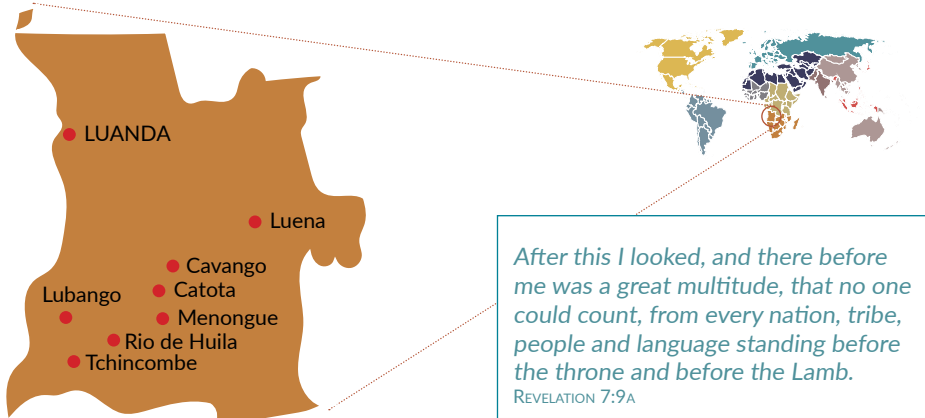
We are people of love. We humbly offer compassionate, holistic service and eternal hope, through the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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

Community

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.

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



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-centered 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, rural Nyaneka church leaders, and workers in compassionate ministries in communities through animal husbandry, business as mission, food and water security, community health evangelism and skill-training programmes.
- Leadership and services, 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

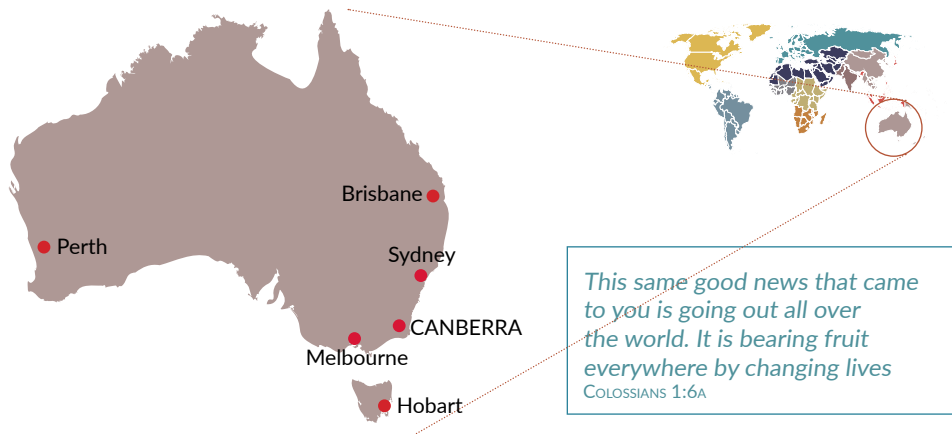
The Nyaneka live in poverty. Older people have little to do with the outside. The Nyaneka are marginalised because their witchcraft is feared. However, courageous Nyaneka believers are eagerly evangelising and planting daughter churches. Thanks to the New Testament, the Jesus Film and some of the Theological Education by Extension books in Nyaneka, there is a strong nucleus of believers. Literacy work and training of church leaders are greatly needed, especially to take the gospel across language barriers to other communities in Angola who have least heard of Jesus.

Too many women suffer from disdain and rejection due to urinary incontinence from a fistula after prolonged childbirth labours. They are marginalised, suffer abuse and desperately need physical and emotional healing. They need Jesus.



Pray for

- marginalised people: women with obstetric fistulas, and people with tuberculosis, AIDS and epilepsy, who are thought to be cursed
- capable Nyaneka-Mwila speakers, who can be trained as translation checkers
- the completion/publication of the Theological Education by Extension books in Nyaneka-Mwila and their use for training lay church leaders and mission workers
- Angolan churches leaders to be missional
- a focus on youth ministry in churches across Angola
- workers skilled in IT, business planning, administration, supervision and technical matters for hospitals and other partner health evangelism ministries
- the launching of the surgical residency training programme at CEMIL Hospital
- additional SIM personnel for youth, health, theological education, agriculture, and literacy and translation ministries. Praise the Lord for seven younger workers!
- partners and Angolan mission workers to reach communities who still need Bible translation, and for workers for the communities where translations are in progress
- 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 to do their works of service.
- To promote ways for people to play their part in God's global mission, whether that be through ministry opportunities, prayerful support, or financial partnership.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Increasing 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 in some way as Christian, only eight per cent attend church regularly.

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



Immigrants, refugees and overseas students

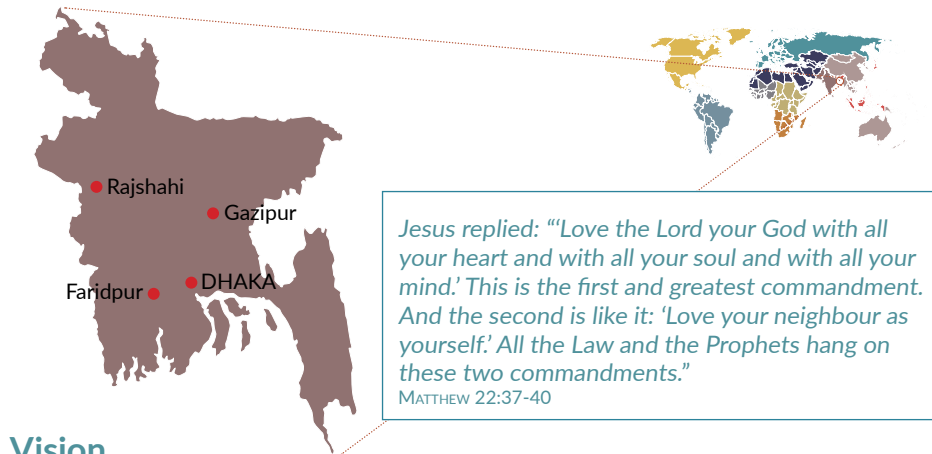
Australia is one of the most culturally diverse nations in the world, with 30 per cent of the population born overseas and up to 550,000 international students arriving each year.

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 mission workers within Australia reach communities which have yet to hear the gospel, including immigrants, refugees and university students.



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 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



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.
- Morningstar Children's Centre: providing primary education to impoverished and under-served children.
- Salam Training Centre: a vocational school providing trade training for young people to develop life skills.
- 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, a densely populated country of about 165 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. The majority of Bengali people live in rural villages. Floods and cyclones often bring devastation to these communities.

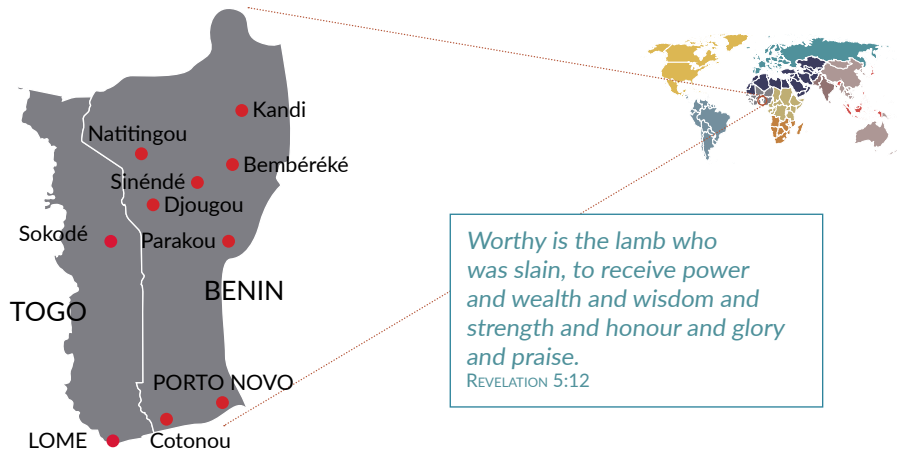
The capital of Bangladesh, Dhaka, is a bustling mega-city which is home to more than 18 million people.



Pray for

- the formation of Christian communities which love God and love one another
- unity, trust and collaboration between believers
- training and development of church pastors
- thanks for improved relations with government departments and visas being granted
- growth in our teams so we can plant new rural teams
- effective care for all the children and vulnerable women in our ministries and projects; that our actions and words will attract them to Christ

Prayer Notes



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.
- Medical work.

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 in these communities through practical acts of love, holiday Bible school programmes, kids' clubs, Bible studies in local languages and student groups.



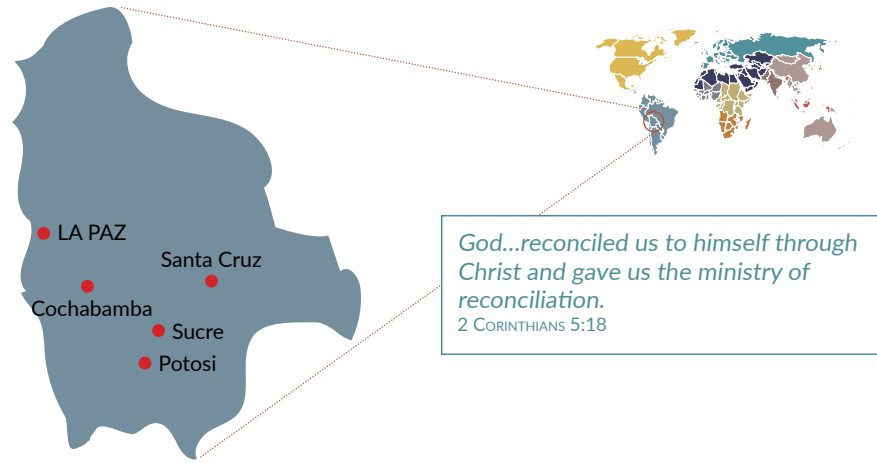
Children sitting in Benin and Togo's classrooms need to meet Jesus too. Many see him embodied in their Christian teacher, who sees himself or herself as an ambassador of the King. Church-founded schools, attended by many children from Muslim homes, have the opportunity to enrol their leaders on the Programme of School Improvement (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 these 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
- Fulani believers in Benin as they read and celebrate the publication of the complete Bible in Borgu Fulfuldé this year
- the gospel to advance in Muslim villages and cities
- more SIM Benin Togo workers to support outreach activities
- the SIM Benin Togo leadership team as they review administration structures and some key ministry projects



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.

Ministries

- 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

Mining families

Most miners of Potosí have never heard God's good news of salvation. They work in some of the darkest places on earth, physically and spiritually. We long for miners and their families to know the power of the gospel and to be filled with the hope of a living relationship with the Lord of heaven and earth.



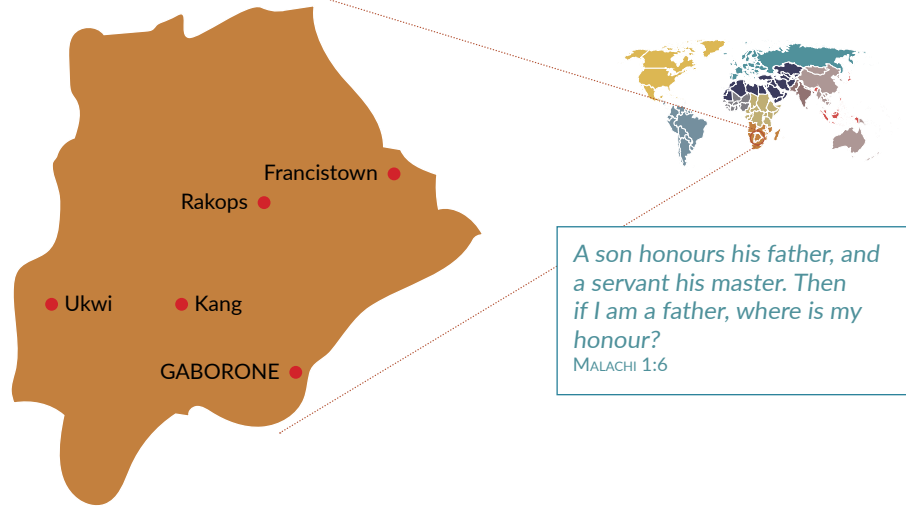
City and rural dwellers

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 and rural communities of Bolivia and around the world.



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
- health and spiritual protection for SIM workers who minister to mining families
- 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 teams



Vision

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

Ministry

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Remote dwellers of the Kalahari Desert

The San are considered to have the oldest culture in the world. Beautiful San rock art can be seen throughout southern Africa, where the San lived as hunter-gatherers. 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. Land the San used to hunt on is increasingly being used for grazing cattle.



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

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 amongst 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 it to strengthen 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



Vision

Christ's church is 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

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Indigenous peoples

Brazil has 344 ethnic groups speaking 181 different languages. Of these, 164 ethnicities are still considered unreached and 99 continue without any church engagement. There are dozens of people groups without a mission worker, nor any 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 of those within a 100-kilometre radius of a major city have already been reached but not all.

There are about one million 'gypsies' in Brazil, from three predominant groups: the Calom, the Rom and the Sinti, all with distinct languages, customs and cultures.



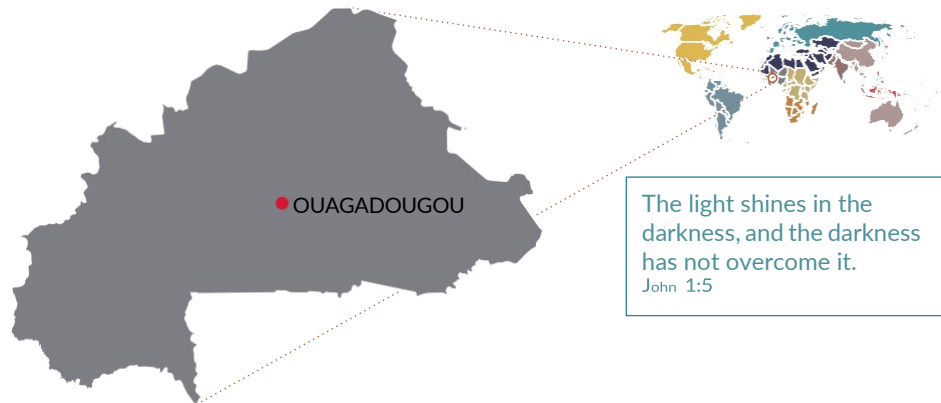
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Among the Sertanejos, the evangelical presence has grown significantly in recent years, but thousands of sites and towns are not yet reached. It is estimated that there are still more than 6,000 groups without knowledge of the gospel.

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

Pray for

- effective direction and involvement of the Brazilian church in mission mobilisation
- financial resources for mission, both in Brazil and to the ends of the earth
- the church to get involved in sending new mission workers to plant new churches
- workers who are preparing to go into cross-cultural mission
- these new workers and those already serving to have their financial needs secured
- new partnerships to emerge to reach the less reached
- the new Christians who will join the Brazilian church community
- cooperation with initiatives that will encourage and strengthen the unity of the body of Christ



Vision

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

Ministry

- 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. Although historically known for its stability, terrorist activity has led to an epidemic of violence and insecurity resulting in nearly two million internally displaced people as of February, 2023.

Many of these people are living 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 about 40 per cent of the country affected by violence, access to fields and markets is challenging and often dangerous.

As a result of the violence, schools, health facilities, churches and village markets continue to close. As of December 2022, more than 6,250 schools remained closed due to attacks or insecurity, denying an estimated one million students access to education. The estimated 600 health facilities closed or severely restricted has left more than 2.4 million people struggling to access health care.

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Pray for

- an end to violence and praise God for the growing openness to the gospel as a result of these challenging circumstances
- the church to reach out to non-Christian neighbours to show Christ's love, 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 during the ongoing crisis with love and the good news
- the church of Burkina Faso to continue to grow in maturity and numbers
- our many ministries to demonstrate and share God's love in ways that transform lives for Christ during these difficult times



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

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

Communities where Christ is least known

New Canadians

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

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



Pray for

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

Prayer Notes



Vision

Because we are convinced that no one should live and die without hearing the gospel, we desire 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-centered 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.
- Sports Club outreach.

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Muslim communities

Central Asia is home to nearly 73 million people from a wide diversity of cultures and lifestyles. Within this region are dozens of communities where less than 0.5 per cent of the people know the Lord. The disintegration of the Soviet Union opened new opportunities for ministry in Central Asia. Islam has become the dominant and fastest-growing religion in this region.

Amid opposition from their communities and governments, God is at work in the lives of Central Asians, breathing a young but vibrant indigenous church into existence. Central Asian believers desperately need workers to come alongside them to reach those who have not heard the gospel.



Rural people of Kyrgyzstan

In Kyrgyzstan, there is a long history of passing stories down to younger generations. As a nomadic people moving with their herds throughout the region's mountains and valleys, story-telling was very important for sharing their people's history and for entertainment in their yurts in the evenings.

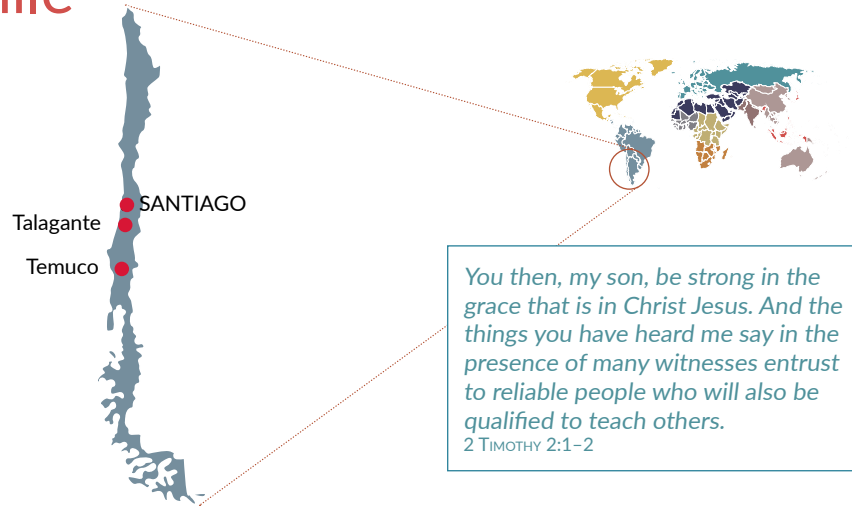
Stories based on a historical king in the region far surpass all others and were eventually compiled into a poem. This story is so important to the culture that many people study the poem their entire lives and children are expected to memorise and recite segments of the poem.

Our workers are learning the language of this people group so that they can share the story of Christ our King with friends.

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Pray for

- workers to come who are humble, teachable and love God and people
- relationships with local leaders as we explore suitable opportunities to serve with them
- disciple-making efforts among Muslim background believers
- the spiritual growth of new believers, especially those who live alone in Muslim communities
- theological resources to become accessible to local leaders and congregations



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.

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In Chile and beyond

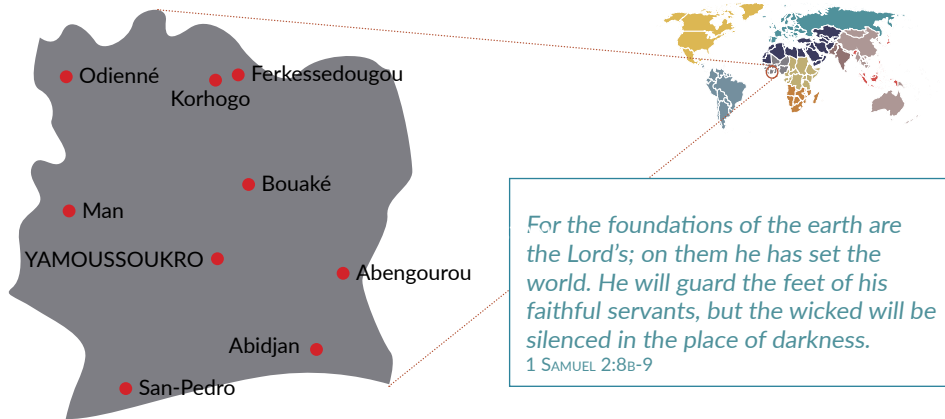
The Chilean evangelical church is part of a growing worldwide mission movement. Our focus is to accompany and support the church in the flourishing of discipleship as its DNA; disciples who make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known.

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 to reach out to the communities of university students, college and university professors and migrants who live and die without Christ.



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

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The Dioula (Jula)

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



DIOLA WEAVING. PHOTO: AUDREY MICHEL

The Fulani

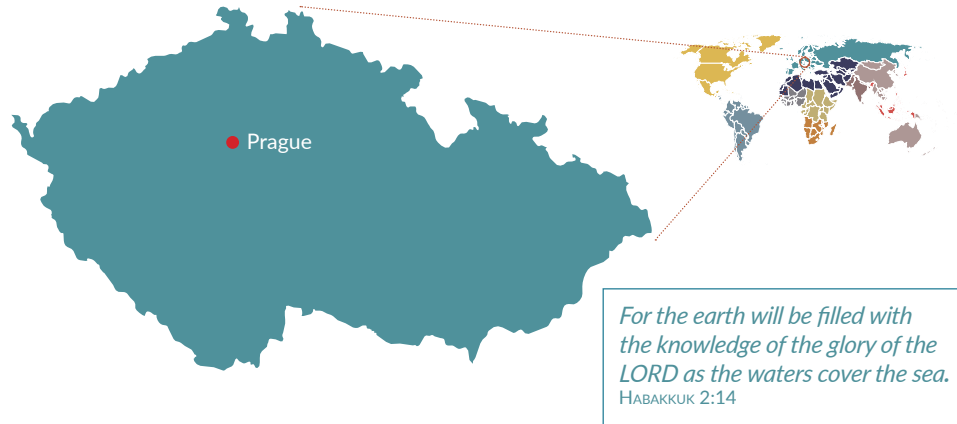
Fulani are heavily impacted by the rise of terrorism in the West African region. Some are disillusioned by the fruits of militant Islam, while others are drawn to the opportunities or fraternity of militant Islam. Numerous Scripture materials are available in Fulfulde. Pray that this changing dynamic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



TWO MUSLIM FULANI MEN PRAYING

Pray for

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



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

- Mobilising churches for mission and sending workers from across Central and Eastern Europe, focusing first on Czechia, Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine.
- Providing training locally for both the church and workers (advanced security, support raising, business as mission, Kairos).
- Establishing a sending office that can facilitate the diverse needs of workers from areas in Eurasia not serviced by other SIM entities.
- Short-term trips for church groups to Central Asia.
- Receiving workers into Central and Eastern Europe and facilitating secondments with other organisations.

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Youth in Czechia

Czechia is a beautiful country in the heart of Central Europe. Despite a rich history of Christianity, it is now one of the most gospel-poor countries in Europe, with atheism and eastern religions both on the upswing. Protestants represent less than one per cent of the population.

The Czech people are receptive, however, and there is freedom to share the gospel of Jesus. The younger generation is especially open. Most young people speak English and like meeting people from different cultures. Therefore, many opportunities to serve them exist, including using the arts, drama, sports, music, social media and more.

Poles and Ukrainian refugees in Poland

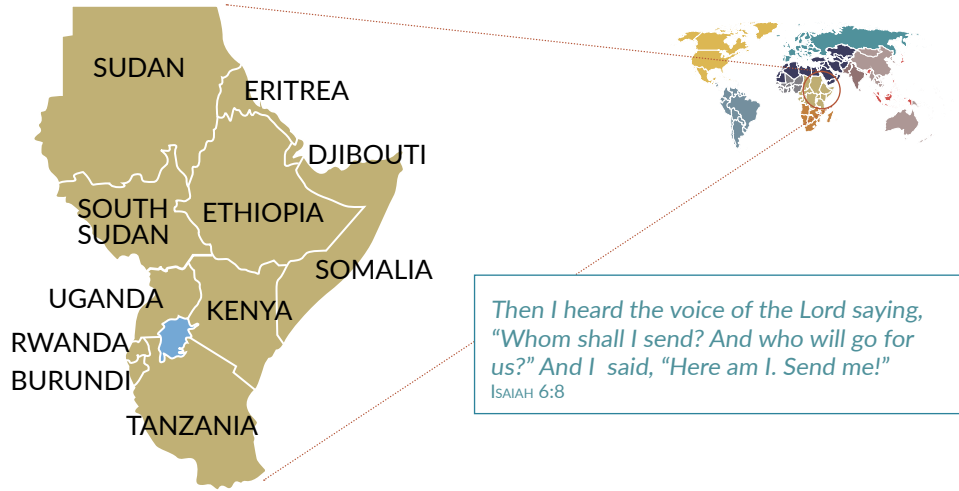
Although Poland was under communist rule for decades, Roman Catholicism remains the official religion of almost 88 per cent of the population. However, less than half of them attend church regularly. The Christian faith is considered a life of following rituals and rules, and not one of a new creation in Christ, with a relationship with God based on the Bible.

Since the war in Ukraine started, almost 13 million Ukrainians, mostly women and children, crossed into Poland. Many have since returned home, but there are still about three million Ukrainians living in Poland. There is a huge need for humanitarian help, but this situation also constitutes an opportunity and a challenge to mobilise Polish and Ukrainian churches to become missional.

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Pray for

- new office workers to help us increase our capacity
- our ability to work and flourish in love and unity as a multi-cultural team with diverse ethnicities, languages and skills
- Czech youth to hear, understand and be transformed by the gospel
- increased knowledge and passion for mission among Polish and Ukrainian churches



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 African Sending Office 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.
- Leadership training and theological education.
- Youth ministry.

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Nomadic people groups

Our workers serve among nomadic people groups in West Africa. These groups are large and very diverse, with a total population of around 40 million spread across 20 countries. They are mostly herders who follow a traditional way of life. There is openness to the gospel among these groups. The challenge is that, because of the nature of their livelihood, these people move from place to place in search of grazing land and water for their massive cattle.



Pray for

- give thanks for the answered prayer of an increased number of resilient workers among nomadic groups in West Africa.
- give thanks to God for the growing passion among churches in East Africa to send more workers and support them sacrificially
- the need to establish a cross-cultural training programme to equip our workers.
- God to stir the hearts of Christian professionals to use their skills and gifts for his glory in cross-cultural contexts
- the well-being of our workers who are serving in a very harsh environment in the face of natural and man-made dangers. Pray for protection from the evil one



Vision

We envision churches in East Asia glorifying God by partnering with the global church, SIM, and our supporting constituencies in sending workers to reach those who are living and dying without hearing God's good news. We want to raise disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known, working together with local churches. Together, as God's people, we commit ourselves to the cause of the great commission, through praying, giving, mobilising, sending and receiving workers.

Ministry

- Promotion.
- Strengthening church partnerships.
- Mobilisation of churches and individuals.
- Involving constituent countries more in candidate screening and selection.
- Mentoring and orientation.
- Information coordination.
- Church, theological institutions and SIM mission partnerships.
- Administration, supervision and development of receiving contexts.
- Crisis management and contingency planning.
- Care for children of cross-cultural workers.
- Pastoral care and prayer.

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Unreached in Taiwan

SIM Taiwan envisions sending out more mission workers to reach people where Christ is least known, including the least reached communities in Taiwan. They include those in the rural areas of central and southern Taiwan, who often follow traditional religion.

We do this through promotion, strengthening partnerships with churches, mobilisation of churches and individuals, mentoring and journeying with those who are called for cross-cultural mission, screening the applicants and helping SIM EA process the applicants and collaborating with local churches to place mission workers who can reach out to international students.

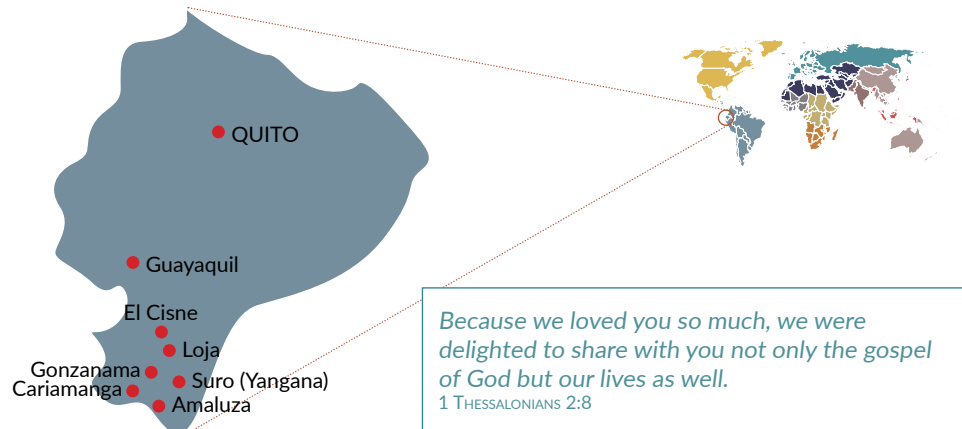


Diaspora peoples

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

Pray for

- SIM East Asia's strategies to equip and send members to focus on frontline evangelism, discipleship, producing missional churches and turning mission fields into mission forces
- wisdom for diaspora and international student ministry leaders to strategise their ministries
- attempts to send members to serve in Japan with OMF Japan and Asian Access
- God to supply the funds for 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
- the efforts to form a New Gen Mission Initiative Committee to draw young people to serve in mission



Vision

We want to see a testimony of the love of Christ where it is least 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).

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Discipling tomorrow's leaders

We seek to strengthen the work of sharing the good news and teaching the youth from both the city and provinces how to walk with, and follow, Jesus. We connect through small group Bible studies on university campuses, at conferences, in public English-learning groups, through outdoor activities and more.



Young people and students

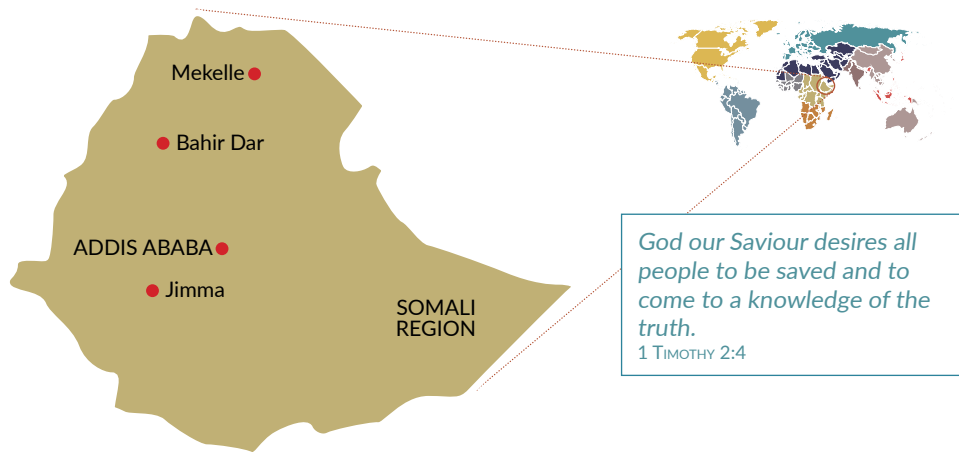
Due to a lack of staff, the main current focus is on our university ministry. Since the pandemic, it has been challenging to reconnect face-to-face to meet in small groups or one-on-one to study the Bible. But, little by little, people are reconnecting.

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Pray for

- a person with social media skills to help manage our social media ministry. It can be for three to six months, or longer. English is not required for this ministry
- a youth pastor or leader (English or Spanish-speaking) with experience of working with teens and Generation Z
- someone to work with university students. Skills in teaching, discipleship and mentoring young people and Spanish is required
- the partnerships we have with the local churches in Loja, SIM and the university ministry CECE (Community of Christian Students of Ecuador) will continue to work well during the next season of ministry

Prayer Notes



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

We pursue this vision by

- working with congregations and disciples of Christ.
- identifying strategically critical barriers and crossing them with innovation.
- engaging only where outside partnership is needed.

We strive 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 toward maturity and interdependence.

In the spirit of the Great Commandment we demonstrate our reliance on God in all our endeavours through consistent prayer; we seek to be a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-skilled, and multi-denominational community; and we embody humility and love in our community, life, and ministry.

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Children and youth

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



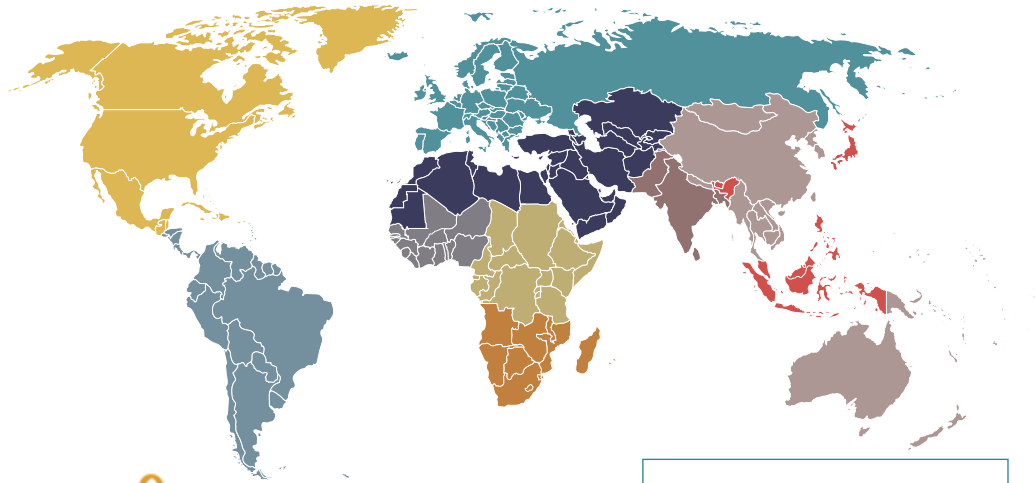
Vulnerable people

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



Pray for

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

Faithful Witness in Forgotten Communities is SIM's global initiative to mobilise multi-cultural, multi-skilled teams to make Jesus known in communities where people are living and dying without ever making a Christian friend. Our vision is to see the gospel message take root in these forgotten communities.

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 the Middle East, eastern Chad, Mali, northern Nigeria, Thailand, North Africa and South Asia.

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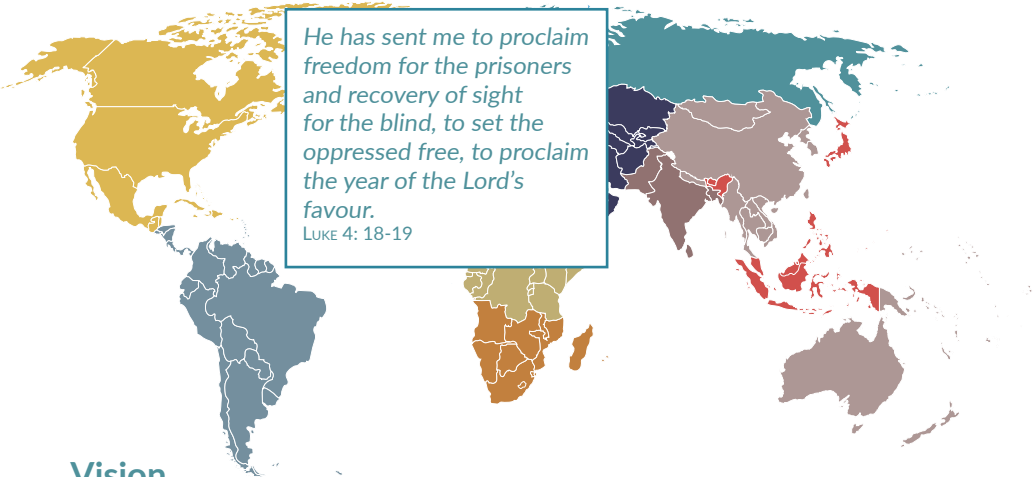
Forgotten communities

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 isn't yet known.

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Pray for

- praise God for the 62 mission workers from five sending entities and 20 different nations to seven least reached destinations
- ask God for another 50 workers to join them from an even greater diversity of SIM sending entities
- praise God for the seven existing teams
- ask God for three new teams to be launched in three forgotten communities
- praise God for the power to cross barriers with the gospel in Chad, Thailand, Mali, North Africa, northern Nigeria, the Middle East, and South Asia
- ask God to give clear guidance as to where we should send the next three teams
- praise God for sending courageous, quality and extremely diverse workers
- ask God to make ethnic and social reconciliation central to the good news that these teams embody
- ask God for unity of purpose and a solid bond of the peace that Jesus won for us at the cross
- praise God for donors from around the world who have provided so generously for Faithful Witness workers
- ask God for even greater and broader financial participation so that SIM entities around the world can send workers from anywhere the church is, to everywhere it isn't yet
- praise God for protecting the teams
- ask God to make his faithful witnesses thrive in hard places and fill them with courage and joy when suffering for Jesus's name
- ask God for 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, ask God that many would believe and obey him, 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 they 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 comprising 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

More than 50 million people are in slavery today, in every country in the world. Those most at risk are refugees, children and young people, those who have experienced trauma and those with disabilities.

Our *For Freedom* team provide strategic guidance, resources, and training to SIM teams, workers and local churches seeking to protect those at risk.

Our *For Freedom* network provides support, training and encouragement for those working with vulnerable communities.

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Children

More than 12 million children worldwide have been trafficked into situations of forced marriage, sexual exploitation, forced labour or recruited as child soldiers. Millions more are in vulnerable situations due to the pandemic, which has also caused a huge increase in the online exploitation of children. Traffickers are now operating online to recruit, groom and lure victims on everyday platforms like Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook, posing even greater risk to children across the world.

For Freedom has provided trafficking prevention and protection training for partner ministries in Southern Africa, helping teachers, parents and churches keep more than 20,000 children safe from trafficking and abuse.



Refugees

Refugees face a great risk of being trafficked and exploited many times throughout their journey. Forced to leave their families and community networks, experiencing significant isolation and trauma and with little access to resources or a way to earn income, they are extremely vulnerable to human trafficking.

Since the start of the Ukraine war, *For Freedom* has been part of the European Freedom Network's rapid response team working to keep Ukrainian refugees safe. Essential safety tips for refugees were given out at border crossings - vital information that enabled thousands of women and children to evade traffickers seeking to prey on those fleeing the conflict.

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Pray for

- those in situations of human trafficking and slavery; pray for those who have been trafficked and for those who are the traffickers, that all may know the freedom, love and grace of our Lord Jesus
- the *For Freedom* network to continue to be a source of encouragement, support and community for those in SIM serving vulnerable and at-risk communities
- the safety of vulnerable children and refugees, and for our teams and local churches seeking to keep them safe



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.

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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 is Afghanistan, but many other countries are represented, including Bangladesh, Turkey and DR Congo.

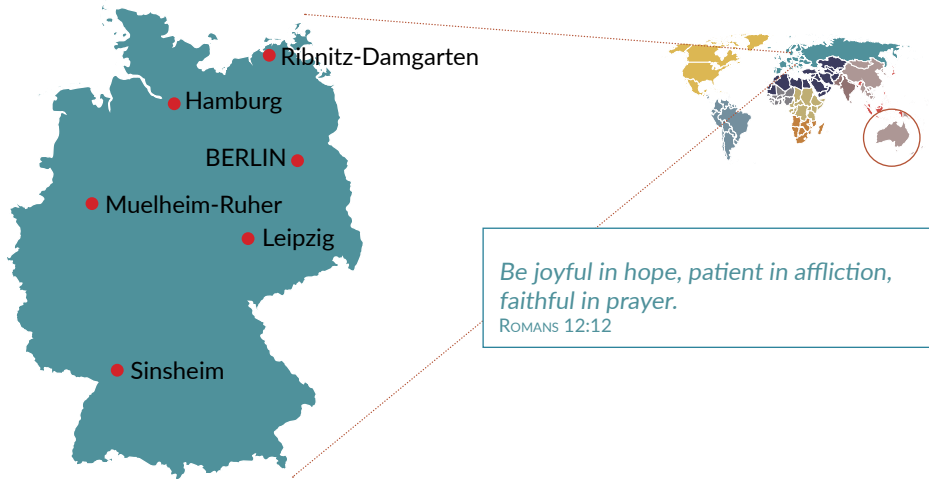
Our workers collaborate with French evangelical organisations and churches to facilitate outreach through literacy, administrative help, and discipleship with the refugees.



Pray for

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

Prayer Notes



Vision

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

Ministry

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

Prayer Notes

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Diaspora

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



The Ruhr region

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

International community and students

We are reaching out to the multi-cultural community in cities. Presently, 420,000 overseas students are studying at universities in Germany. The largest group is from Asia, with significant groups from India (34,000), Syria (21,000) and Iran (13,000).

Secular Germans

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

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Pray for

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



Vision

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

Ministry

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

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Muslim peoples of northern Ghana

The Dagomba and Sisaala people of northern Ghana are predominantly Muslim but hold strongly to their traditional roots. SIM Ghana works closely with churches to share the good news of God in these communities in both word and deed, and to disciple seekers and believers to grow in living lives of loving obedience to him.



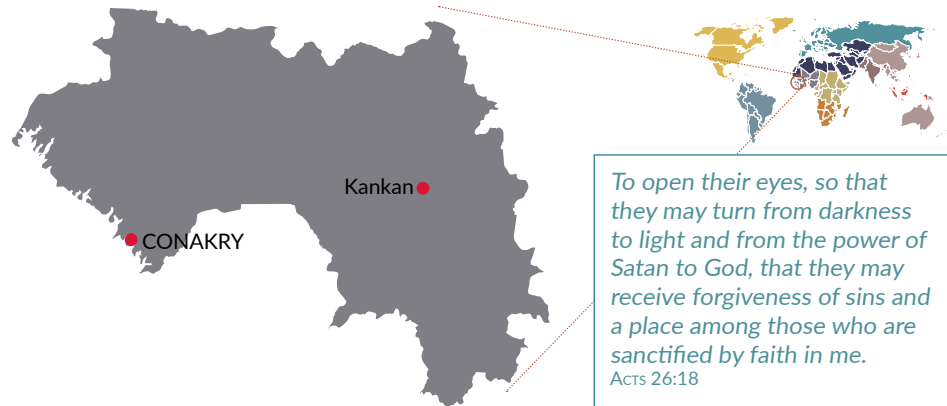
We have a particular focus on youth through discipleship, leadership training and the work of Sports Friends; on children through the training of children's workers; and an emerging work among vulnerable women and widows.

The Fulani

The Fulani people are scattered throughout Ghana. Our team share life with the Fulbe community, through language and culture learning, and through a developing health and discipleship ministry.

Pray for

- the opportunities that the Lord is opening to support the Fulbe people through health teaching and discipleship of seeking new believers
- Christian parents to recognise the urgent need to disciple their children and for churches to train children's ministry leaders
- the gospel to be deeply planted in the hearts of young people so they will be salt and light among their peers
- the ministry to vulnerable women and widows, that the discipleship groups will be a safe place for our Muslim neighbours to hear the good news
- the coaches trained through the ministry of Sports Friends, that they will disciple young people to a mature faith in Christ
- for marketplace leaders to use the knowledge gained in the business as mission training to impact their workplaces for Christ
- the leaders of the Good News Bible Church (GNBC). Their theme this year is 'Leading on the Authentic Word of God in Times of Crisis.' Praise God that in the face of widespread prosperity teaching, the GNBC continues to be faithful to the whole word of God



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's transformation to Upper Guinea and beyond.

Ministry

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

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Maninka

There are more than three million Maninka people in Guinea. Only a very small percentage are believers in Christ. A new social media ministry has begun and is allowing Maninka people to hear more about Jesus. Kids' clubs, medical ministries, friendship evangelism and local Christians from other people groups are also providing opportunities for the Maninka to hear the good news. Praise the Lord for what he is doing among the Maninka people.

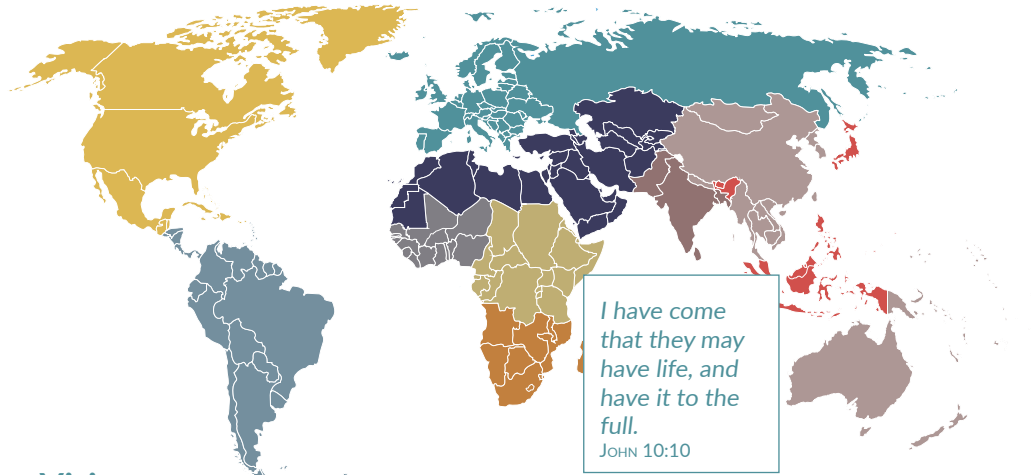


Pray for

- SIM Guinea mission workers and staff to be abiding in Jesus and dependent on prayer
- healthy, biblical churches to be planted throughout Upper Guinea among the Maninka people
- a spirit of forgiveness, humility, kindness and tender-heartedness among believers
- the resources that have been shared with unbelievers to be listened to and read, and for God to open hearts to receive the gospel
- for a successful audio recording of the entire Maninka New Testament in 2024
- at least one more expatriate worker or family for each language group (Maninka, Peuhl) by July, 2024
- adequate administration to support these new workers



Prayer Notes



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 more than a dozen countries, engaging in:

- Medical support.
- Care.
- Prevention.
- Church-equipping.
- Livelihood initiatives.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

People living with, and impacted, by HIV

Globally, 38.4 million people are living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

- Every day 4,000 people – including 1,100 young people (aged 15 to 24 years) – become infected with HIV.
- In 2021, 650,000 people died of AIDS-related causes – one every minute.
- As of 2021, approximately 14.9 million children under the age of 18 had lost one or both parents to AIDS-related causes.

Recent crises – including Covid, conflicts and natural disasters – have set back global progress on HIV. In 2021, there were 1.5 million new HIV infections worldwide, more than three times the target for that year.

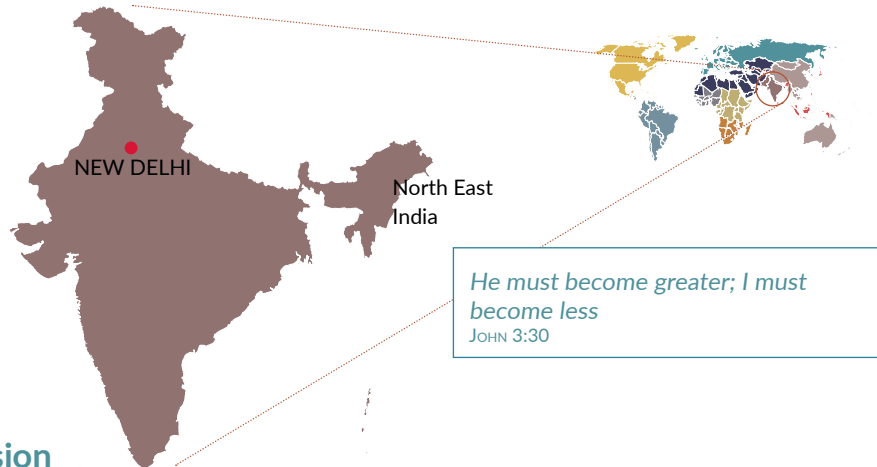
“Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa and Latin America have all seen increases in annual HIV infections over the past decade. In Asia and the Pacific....new HIV infections are rising where they had been falling over the past 10 years.” (UNAIDS Global AIDS Update, 2022)

Of major concern, inequalities have been widening and are severely impacting already vulnerable populations, including those affected by HIV. These communities now have heightened risks of poverty, homelessness, school dropout, discrimination and loss of opportunities. These vulnerable populations represent some of society's most marginalised communities and those in which Christ is least known.

Pray for

- an end to the inequalities impacting already vulnerable communities and perpetuating key health and social issues, including HIV
- transformed people and communities, as our Hope for Life ministries and workers express the love and compassion of Christ, and as they disciple new believers
- the financial needs of our Hope for Life ministries – that the Lord will raise up local and international support
- strong local partnerships to bring hope and give life through care, prevention, development, medical and church-equipping ministries





He must become greater; I must become less
JOHN 3:30

Vision

SIM operates in two distinct regions – 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 North India, SIM loves friends from other faiths as they come into the kingdom and engages with children, youth, leaders and the marginalised as they are discipled into kingdom life, community and service.

Ministry

- Provide seminars on mission, partnership, member care, and conflict resolution to strengthen and mobilise churches.
- Mobilise, recruit, assess, and orient those called to cross-cultural mission.
- Pray for, support, encourage, and debrief those who are serving cross-culturally.
- Strengthen churches and leaders for local and cross-cultural mission.
- Disciple Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist friends as they follow Jesus in their communities.
- Serve 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

Muslims

India has 200 million Muslims – the third-largest Muslim population in the world. It is India's largest minority religion and Muslims can be found in every corner of India. Islam arrived in India in the seventh century and has contributed much to India's rich history, architecture, poetry, educational institutions, films, food, and culture. Indian Islam has also contributed to global Islam through its internationally influential Darul-Uloom Deoband seminary. The majority of India's Muslims claim allegiance to either the Sunni or Deobandi sects.



Pray for

- the opportunity to partner with churches in three more NEI states
- more local and international workers being called to go to India's unreached Muslim populations. Local churches to catch a vision for reaching out to their Muslim neighbours
- churches to have unity in working together, rather than competitively, in mission
- the new NEI deputy director, who will start in 2024. Pray too for the search process for a new NEI director to start in 2025
- development of teams to work in communities where Christ is not known
- creativity, increased networks and provision for developing missional businesses
- those involved in education through our two international schools, as well as informal educational settings, to be a positive light to their students
- local churches and believers to meet increasing religious persecution with forgiveness, grace, and wisdom
- God's protection and strength for those who are leading church communities and organisations in this challenging season



Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us. And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!
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Vision

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

Ministry

- Encouraging church members and seminary students to have a passion for those without Christ
- Equipping pastors and church members for cross-cultural ministry
- Outreach to children, youth and young adults
- Church planting in partnership with local churches
- Community development in partnership with local organisations
- Missional business and tentmaking
- Teaching English as a Second Language (seeking effective avenues and manpower to get this started)

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Indigenous communities

The Republic of Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago and stretches some 5,000 km east to west and 1,700 km north to south, from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. With evangelical Christians making up only 3.21 per cent of the population, a large percentage of Indonesia's 279 million people does not have much contact with witnesses to the saving power of 'Isa al Masih' (Jesus the Messiah).

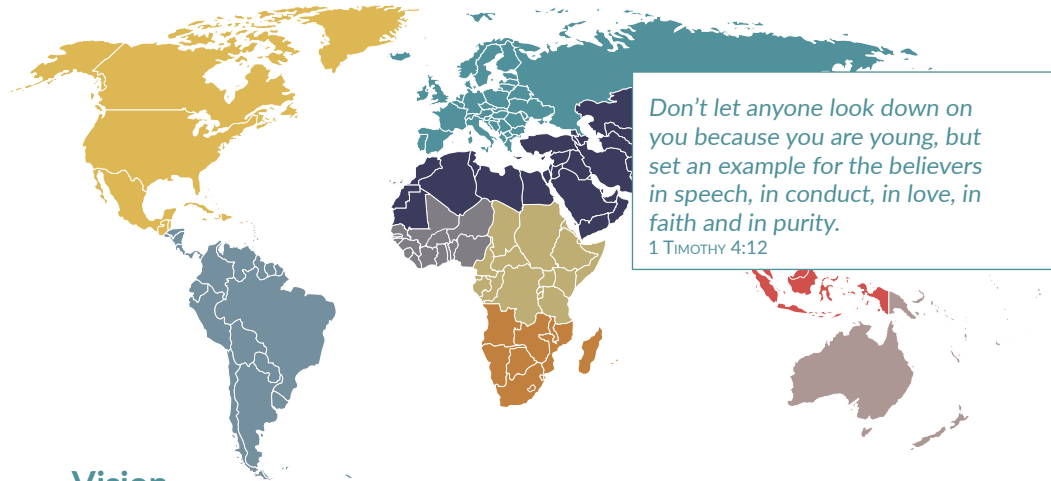
Some large communities without Christ exist throughout Indonesia's more than 13,000 inhabited islands, with similar lifestyle characteristics and similar, yet distinct, main languages. Large clusters like Aceh, Banjar, Barito, Betawi, Bugis, Deli, Jawa, Kaili, Lampung, Madura, Maluku, Melayu, Minangkabau,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

While most communities identify with the majority religion, almost all practise some form of animism. More people are needed, not only to live among some of these communities, but also to mobilise, motivate, encourage, and train Indonesia's evangelical churches for cross-cultural mission within their own country.

Pray for

- qualified and committed Indonesian believers who will be willing to serve cross-culturally, either in Indonesia or abroad
- connections to the right people as we look for the best place to open an office for SIM Indonesia
- Qualified and committed believers to help form a legal board for SIM Indonesia
- SIM Indonesia's small band of workers to be effective in ministry
- SIM Indonesia's workers to experience joy in ministering in difficult places
- wisdom for SIM workers seeking to encourage a cross-cultural mindset among Indonesia's churches
- a movement of God's Spirit among churches so that more believers would respond to his call to cross-cultural ministry





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.
- Communications and multi-lingual resources.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Young people

Young people across the world are the future of global mission. They are a precious gift to the church and the mission community.

Roughly half the world's population of more than nine billion are now aged 30 or under. In sub-Saharan Africa, young people make up more than 70 per cent of the population. Yet young people are severely under-represented in the major institutions of society, including government, judicial systems and security services.

We should remember that Jesus died in his early 30s, so fully experienced life on earth as a young person. He knows precisely the challenges they are dealing with.

Thanks to digital technology and social media, young people are more connected than ever before and, no matter where they live, face many similar challenges: globalisation, climate change and growing individualism among many others.

Some of these young people are caught up in wars, both civil and international; some are refugees and risk their lives for better futures in places far from their homelands; some are suffering the effects of natural disasters, including drought and famine. Some have suffered trauma and bear both the physical and psychological scars of their sufferings.

They have all had to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic at a crucial stage of their lives. It has affected their development in ways we are only beginning to understand.

SIM has dozens of ministries among young people, teaching them the Bible, helping them navigate the complexities of the modern world and pointing them to Jesus. That includes ministries through churches, among university students and in workplace training centres.

Pray for

- The global church to prioritise prayer, time and resources to nurture the young people in their congregations
- Young people to become more aware of Jesus Christ and how he can transform their lives
- For young Christian people to be beacons for Christ in their families, their social networks and their communities
- For young people who are suffering hurt, trauma or persecution to find peace, comfort and joy in the hope of Jesus Christ
- Phil Bauman, who takes up the International Director role in March, that he would have God's wisdom, peace and grace as he and wife Andrea start this new ministry.
- Effective mentoring and disciple-making at all levels of leadership in SIM and that the Leader Development programme would be blessed



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 mission workers are pursuing these goals in partnership with local churches and Asian Access Japan (A2J).

SIM Japan Vision and Mission

SIM Japan desires 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 with Japanese churches wherever the Lord leads 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.

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 to be 0.1 per cent, and roughly two-thirds of these towns do not have a church.

Following the earthquakes in Tohoku (2011) and Kumamoto (2016), there has been some growth in Christianity. Churches have been started, and people 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.

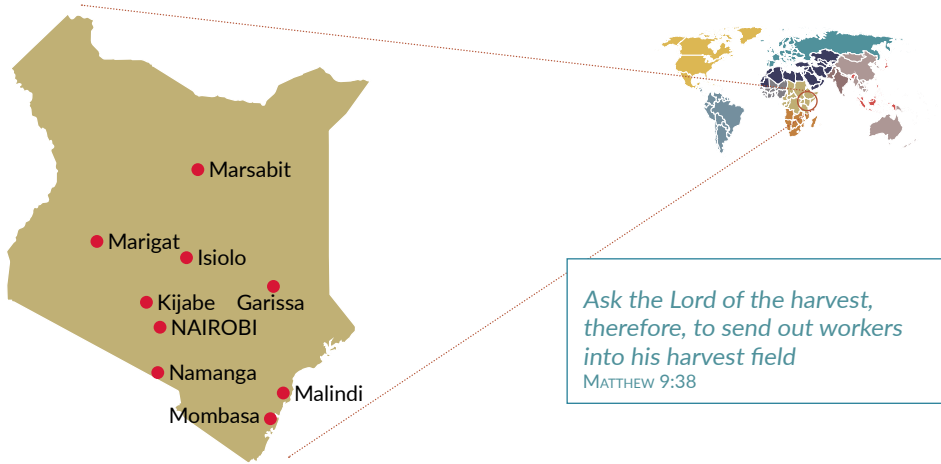


Yamagata

Last year five new SIM workers moved into this region to partner with the Yamagata Missions Network. This team is partnering with others to revitalise local churches and help them reach out to communities where Christ is least known.

Pray for

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



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.



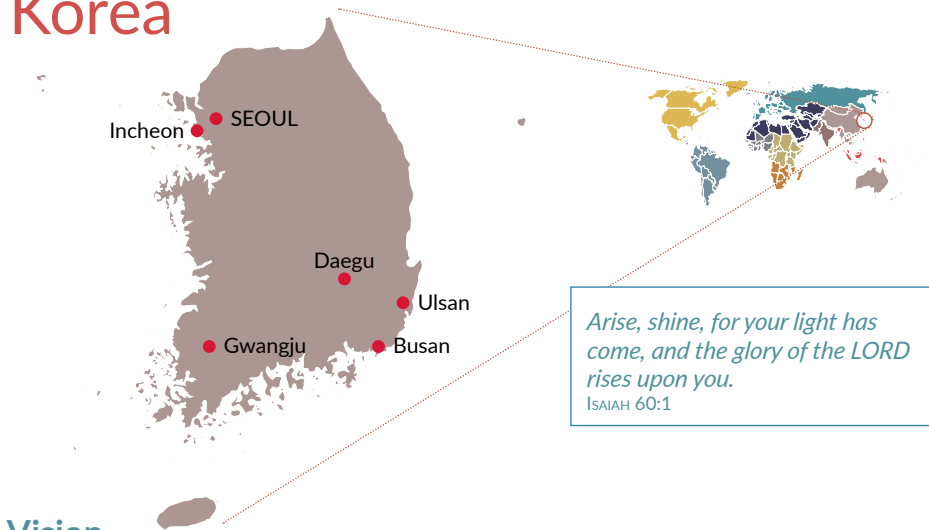
Orma

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 of Islam. Most of the Orma have never heard the name of Jesus as the son of God, but that Jesus was simply a prophet, teacher or a good man.



Pray for

- outreach, disciple-making and church planting among Muslim communities in the coastal areas and northern Kenya
- theological educators who can equip Christian leaders for local, regional, and global missions
- 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 revitalised as they grasp the biblical teaching on God's mission and actively participate in global mission; young people in local churches living lives that reflect God's heart and break through barriers; migrants being exposed to the gospel, becoming followers of Jesus and carrying the gospel to their own communities and beyond; our prayer network for Community B extending to the global SIM family and then witnessing transformation through the dedicated efforts and ministries of gospel workers; and local Christians increasing in awareness of mission and in active engagement in global missions

Ministry

- 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.
- Developing and executing creative communication strategies to engage local believers for mission and mission workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Generation MZ

Generation MZ is a term predominantly used in South Korea, encompassing both millennials (Generation M), born between 1981 and 1996, and Generation Z, born between 1997 and 2012.

Among college students, 68 per cent say they 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. Currently, four in 10 young adults do not go to church regularly.

When considering careers, 80 per cent prioritise financial compensation and benefits, but suicide is the leading cause of death among South Korean youths. These MZers need healing from their anxieties and secular values through the gospel.



Community B

After years of tension and disconnection, there are slow signs of doors opening as the pandemic recedes. We need caution about political tensions. Strategies need to be developed to provide more support for various organisations which are helping Community B. We also need to maintain an up-to-date understanding of the community and God's clear guidance and wisdom in collaboration with partner bodies.

Pray for

- meaningful connections God will establish and for him to empower local churches through equipping programmes
- that programmes to train and equip young people are in place and help participants to experience transformation and to join in God's mission, locally and globally
- that people will encounter the life-changing message of the gospel and grow as devoted followers of Jesus as we minister to migrants
- God's blessings upon partner organisations serving Community B, so that their ministries may bring fruit and joy to him and the people
- that ministry reports are shared creatively and effectively through SIM Korea's SNS platforms, especially the website, so that more might join by giving or going



Vision

SIM Latinoamérica's vision is to mobilise the Latin church into mission service, to share SIM fieldwork opportunities, and 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.

Ministry

- Send Latinos into mission work by partnering with local churches and sending agencies across our region.
- Mobilise Latin churches to engage in mission-focused prayer, giving, recruitment, sending and care of Latin mission workers.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Global unreached peoples

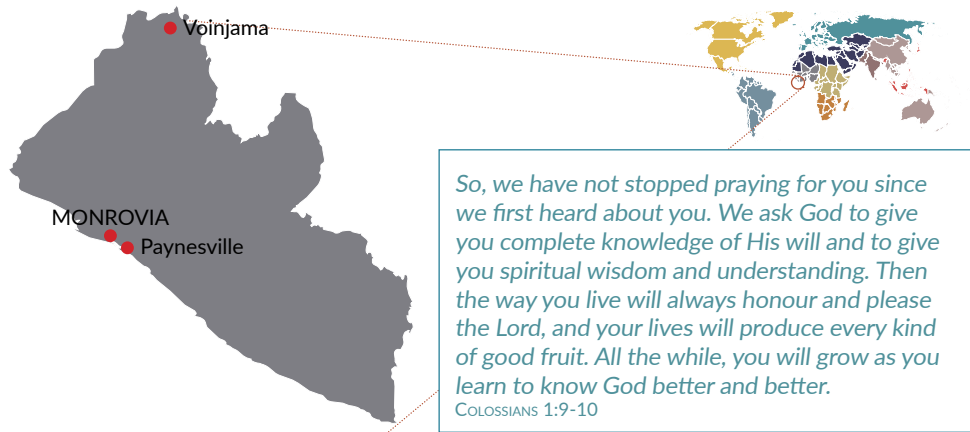
Latin America is growing as a mission force. Each year, more Latinos get involved in mission training and pray for God to use them among the nations. We pray SIM can be a channel for God to facilitate candidates to the field. The current focus of the Latin American mission movement is the unreached peoples of the world. This focus drives SIM Latinoamérica to fields in Africa, the Middle East and Asia where our workers can engage with Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, tribal groups and atheist Communists.

God has opened doors for a Peruvian worker to reach out with the love of Christ to female brothel workers in Africa; another Latin worker is church planting among Muslim women in Asia; and another, after serving for two decades in Asia, is moving to serve immigrant Muslims in Spain.



Pray for

- team life and adjustment to using English for our mission workers on the field
- finances needed for our Latin workers
- the candidates who are raising funds and preparing to go to their assignment
- a strong prayer network in Spanish for SIM work and SIM Latinoamérica workers and administrative staff
- good collaboration and strength for our administrative staff, who work in seven countries across the region
- Vamos (Let's Go) and Movilicemos (Let's Mobilise His Church), which are key programmes and resources to challenge and support the Latin American church in mission
- the development of SIM mobilisers in each of the 19 Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America



Vision

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

Ministry

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

ELWA Hospital

ELWA Hospital serves the medical needs of the community surrounding the ELWA Radio compound in Paynesville, Monrovia, Liberia. The hospital met many community needs throughout the civil war period, the Ebola epidemic of 2014-2016, and the Covid-19 pandemic. In November 2016, the hospital opened a new 42,000 square-foot facility, a full-service 85-bed health care institution, an 18-bed emergency room, three operating rooms, male, female, surgical, and paediatric wards, a maternity and postpartum ward, a laboratory, imaging department, eye clinic, pharmacy, and outpatient clinic. Support services include a chaplain's office, an HIV-AIDS counselling and treatment programme, and a diabetes education programme. ELWA Hospital is also a teaching hospital, training doctors, surgeons, and nurses for Liberia's health care system.



Pray for

- God to provide a CEO, a CFO, and an HR Manager for the hospital, as well as doctors in various specialties
- the chaplains at the hospital as they share the gospel with people who are hurting emotionally and spiritually. Pray that people will encounter Jesus through the loving care they receive and through the gospel message presented to them
- God to call Liberians as mission workers to people in remote areas, sent out by Liberian churches who feel burdened for their neighbours' salvation
- Liberian church leaders to be equipped to discern and dispute false teachings
- for the Evangelical Seminary of West Africa (ESWA), the first graduate-level theological school in Liberia
- renewed vision and energy in the ELWA ministries, that they may continue to represent Jesus in the community through doing good works and faithfully teaching the word and ways of God
- peace, prosperity, and stability in Liberia, one of the poorest nations in the world



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 ministries.
- Community development.
- Theological training.
- Supportive ministries, including administration and teaching mission worker kids.
- Outreach and church planting.

Communities where Christ is least known

Comoros

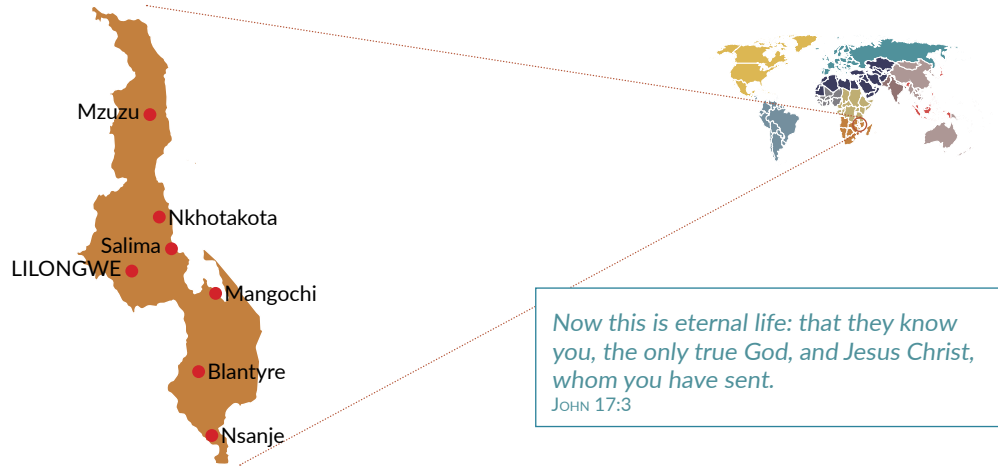
The Comorians live on a chain of islands in the Indian Ocean between Madagascar and Mozambique. Major challenges in the Comoros Islands include poverty, disease, and hunger. Educational levels are low and less than half the population is literate. Although French and Arabic are the official languages, the Comorians speak a Swahili dialect. Children are expected to help with farming, fishing, and animal care. Polygamy is practised among the Comorians.

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

Pray for

- Bible translation into Malagasy dialects
- the Lord to call mission workers who can establish a local SIM administration to serve our mission team 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 departure of the current leader
- the people of the Comoros to be reached with the good news of Jesus
- emergency relief work after the famine and cyclones in 2021, 2022 and 2023
- the raising of mission workers from churches in Madagascar

Prayer Notes



Vision

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

Ministry

By faith, we see:

- The unreached of Malawi authentically responding to the gospel and established into vibrant, God-fearing, biblically-based churches,
- A mature, dynamic, relevant church focused outside of herself, dependent on God and intentionally reaching others with the gospel to the ends of the earth,
- Children and youth receiving Christ's forgiveness on the cross, growing in their faith, reflecting Jesus' character and becoming committed disciples of Christ who are active in church and society,
- The mission of God advanced through a team of Spirit-led, fruitful workers united in purpose and through the church in Malawi actively involved in the great commission.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Yao people

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

In partnership with the Bible Society, the Scriptures were translated into Chiyao, and the full Chiyao Bible was published in 2014. SIM also partners with OM in the ministry of Radio Lilanguka ('light' in Chiyao), a community radio station based in Mangochi.

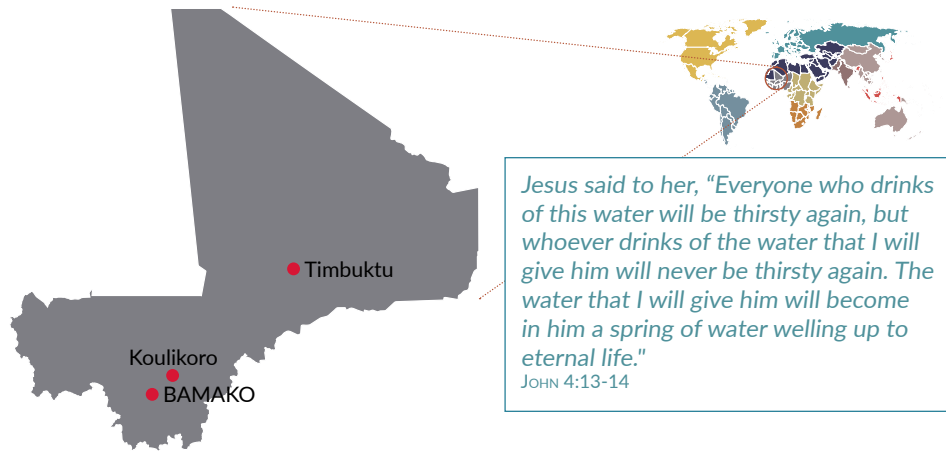
A multi-cultural team of SIM mission workers is currently engaged in church planting among the Yao in the hill areas near Mangochi. Yao believers are being discipled and equipped to reach more Yao communities where Jesus is least known. A young Yao couple have undertaken theological training at a Bible college and will be starting to serve the church this year.

The land that had been purchased to be developed into a base for the church and mission now has a temporary church shelter and a borehole. A boundary fence is planned before the development of the rest of the site.

Pray for

- Yao believers to be disciples and equipped to reach others in their communities
- lay leadership training and the ongoing training of church leaders
- mission mobilisation of the church in Malawi
- children's and youth ministry through the church and Sports Friends to bear fruit bringing health, hope and healing to children in need and to those suffering trauma
- more mission workers to join the SIM Malawi team





Vision

We desire to see a relational transformation of the communities we serve for Christ, by deliberately, creatively, and prayerfully increasing the number of growing, reproductive believers in Christ.

Ministry

- Evangelism and dynamic disciple-making.
- Church planting in communities where Christ is least known.
- Bible and literature distribution.
- French language and culture learning.
- Leadership development.
- Rural community development.
- Children's ministry and education.
- Sports ministry.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Hassaniya of south west Mali

The Hassaniyas, otherwise called Moors, can be found in settlements north of the Kayes Region, 40km north of Kayes city, towards the border of Mauritania. They occupy about 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.

Historically, they were slaves in Mauritania, suffering negligence and persecution. Not only are they spiritually impoverished, but they lack basic social amenities because their villages have no clinics, schools, or sufficient supply of potable water. This has created a sense of inferiority, low initiative and isolation. They are calm and accomodating and do not compete with other ethnic groups.

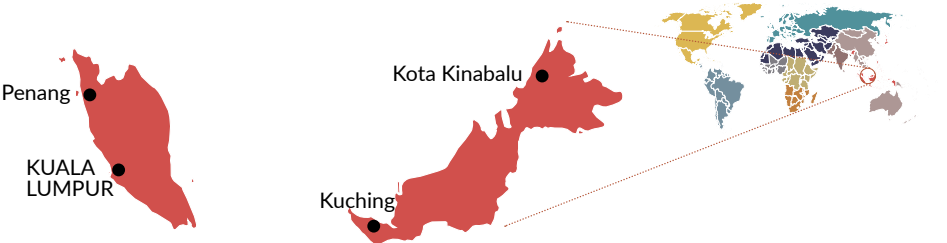
They follow the Qadiriyya sect, a traditional Sufi order of Islam from Mauritania. They have mosques but no regular religious leaders. Teachers from Mauritania are invited annually for Koranic and Islamic interest teachings during the main festivals.

Currently, only SIM has mission workers directly working with the Moors in the villages. The Faithful Witness team started in late 2020 with a family and a single worker but more have since joined. Ministries in the villages cover community development projects such as borehole water supply, gardening, community health education, school, media and sports ministry.

Pray for

- political and economic stability, peace and security in the country
- pioneer workers witnessing for Christ in Muslim communities, and for more workers
- national churches to be involved in discipleship and mission mobilisation
- spiritual transformation in the three Moor villages where the Faithful Witness team is serving, and other villages
- good health and God's protection for the workers
- God's continuous provision for the team and their ministries





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 achieving 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.

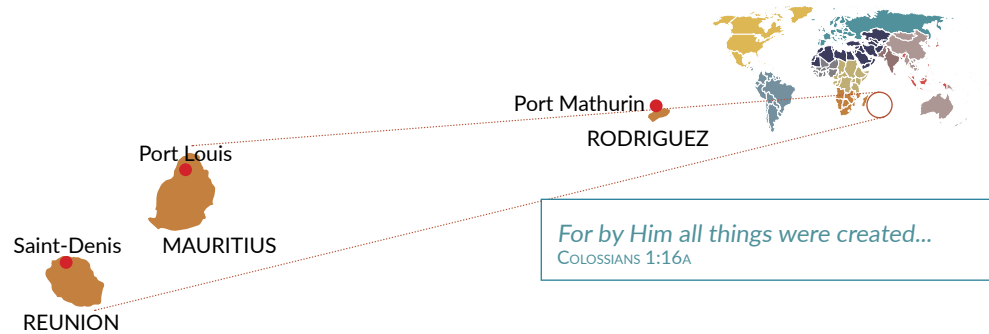
Frontier people groups

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. Surely, God's breakthrough and creative access is urgently needed to reach these communities.

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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 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; and 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.

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslims and Hindus

Hindus represent nearly half the population of Mauritius. Hinduism in Mauritius originates from India. Many hierarchical and economic sub-groups exist, with the best known being the Brahmins - the priestly community. The Brahmins form the religious backbone of Hinduism. The Bhojpuris are an ethnic sub-group and make up the majority of Indians in Mauritius.



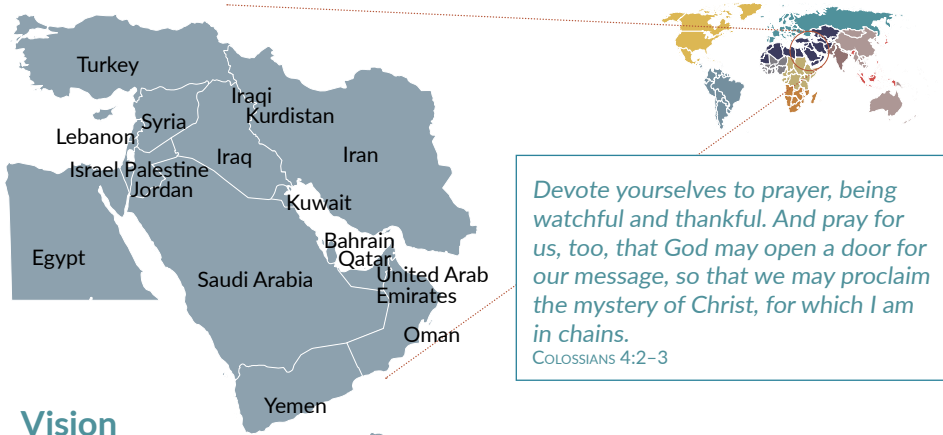
Muslim communities, too, are proud of their religion and heritage. The same is true of many nominally religious Christian people. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to break through the religious barriers.

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Pray for

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

Prayer Notes



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; and mobilise the worldwide church to pray for the region. Serving in various contexts, our multi-cultural teams:

- Invest in relationships, learn languages, and acquire cultural sensitivity.
- Engage in church life, serving alongside local believers.
- Reach out with compassion to the marginalised, including refugees and the displaced.
- Provide education at all levels, including theological training
- Serve through 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

Majorities

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

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



Marginalised people

Regional conflicts and economic challenges have prompted huge movements of people in recent years, compounding the plight of those already disadvantaged or marginalised. Economic collapse, political instability and natural disasters have intensified these challenges, bringing 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.

Pray for

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



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

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

City dwellers

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

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

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

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



Pray for

- the leaders of the Mongolian church. Ask the Lord for leaders who will grasp the responsibility they have been called to. The Mongolian church needs servant leaders who proclaim the word in and out of season and who serve with a heart for God's kingdom, seeking to grow the Lord's church, not just their congregations
- the Mongolian churches to grab hold of the vision to disciple and train young people and help these young people understand what it means to live as true followers of Jesus Christ
- Mongolia has changed dramatically after Covid so the team is refining and developing ministry strategies. Pray with us that we will continue to be sensitive to listen and move according to the Lord's voice
- The team has grown in the past year, praise God, but pray for our unity as we come from many different cultural contexts and seek to walk together in humility



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light, and on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
ISAIAH 9:2

Vision

We desire to reach the least-reached people in rural north west 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

- Biblical and theological training at INTEL – Instituto Teológico de Lichinga.
- Foundations for Farming – 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.
- Care for those with disabilities and for the marginalised.
- Church planting in the Lichinga area.
- Bible translation consultancy.
- Business start-up ministry.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Yao

It's said that to be Yao is to be Muslim. The Yao 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. The Yao 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 2,500. There is no better time than now for evangelism and discipleship.

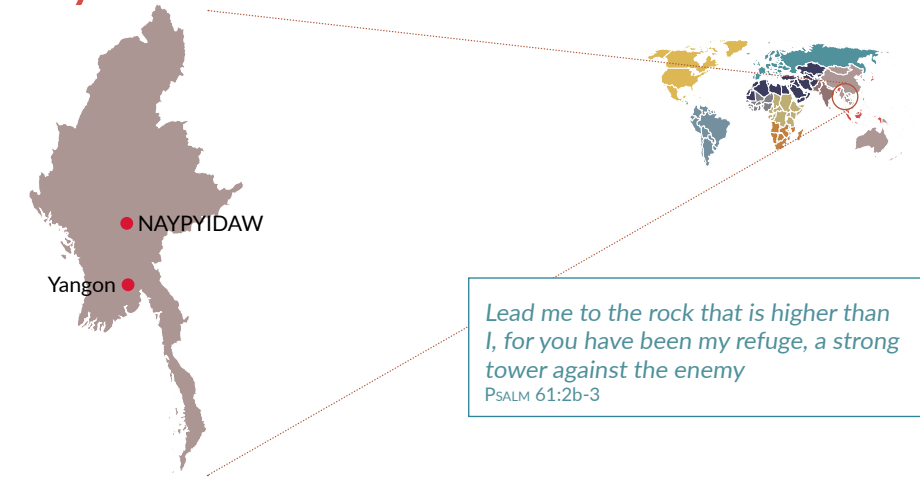


Makuwa-Metto and Makuwa-Chirima

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 prominent. 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 is facilitating evangelism and discipleship.

Pray for

- the team doing agricultural training and evangelism in a rural setting
- healthy relationships among churches and for God to prepare the hearts of new students at INTEL
- fruitful harvest of new believers, and for ongoing discipleship among the Yao
- movement from apathy and towards Biblical transformation among local churches
- the new church plant (IPELVA)
- after-school discipleship in Cuamba
- transformed lives among students at INTEL
- protection for locals and an end to the insurgencies that have occurred in the last five 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 team - treasurer and personnel coordinator
- for short-term teams to proclaim Christ through English classes offered to university students



Vision

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

Ministry

Outreach to Buddhists through:

- providing English education to young people.
- improving the lives of those with disabilities by offering services and technology through a prosthetic workshop.
- operating a training centre with language and technology courses and providing internships to young adults.
- discipling Christians through partnership with local churches and through a youth hostel.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Buddhist majority

Myanmar has a population of more than 54 million, with more than 80 per cent living and dying without Christ. More than 31 million are Bamar, the main ethnic group and this group is nearly 95 per cent Buddhist. Most Buddhist homes have an altar to Buddha and to the evil spirits.

Disabled people

Raising the standard of care for the disabled community is an objective of the prosthetic workshop. The staff provide tailored solutions for people living with physical disabilities.



Next generation

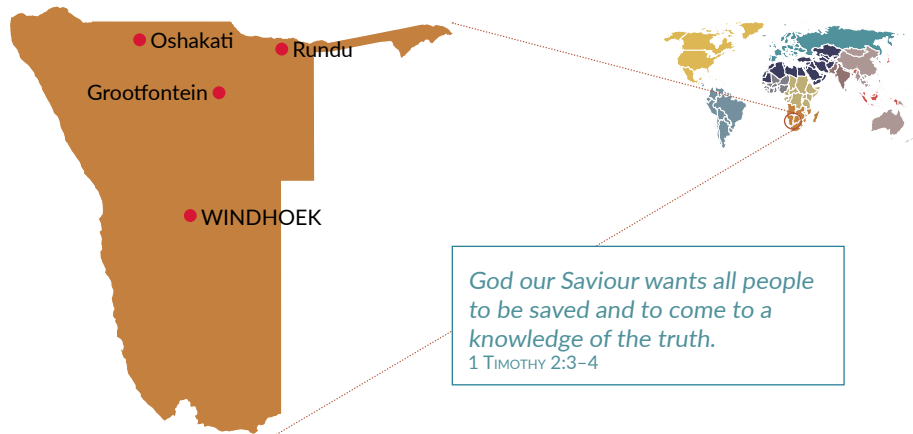
Many young people in Myanmar are seeking ways to leave the country because they see no future. Some are actively fighting for freedom, while others are trapped in addiction or have found themselves part of fake overseas job scams.

Providing education and skills to young adults helps equip them for an uncertain future, whether they remain in Myanmar or choose to work or study overseas. This is done at a two-year private college and at a training academy. Both businesses offer language and technology courses taught by foreign teachers. Interacting with the students has given us opportunities to build relationships that often lead to spiritual conversations.



Pray for

- praise God for all members returning, along with a new family
- new team members over the last year and arriving soon
- team members to have servant hearts and continually extend grace to one other
- new ministries being started, to include work in community development
- God's purposes to be fulfilled amid the ongoing political unrest in Myanmar



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 the secular culture. SIM partners with various community development programmes and schools to reach children and youth with the gospel. For example, we partnered with Samaritan's Purse to give out 7,200 gift boxes to children who will now participate in a 12-week Sunday School programme, which explains the gospel. In addition, we also train local church youth workers to help make disciples of the next generation.

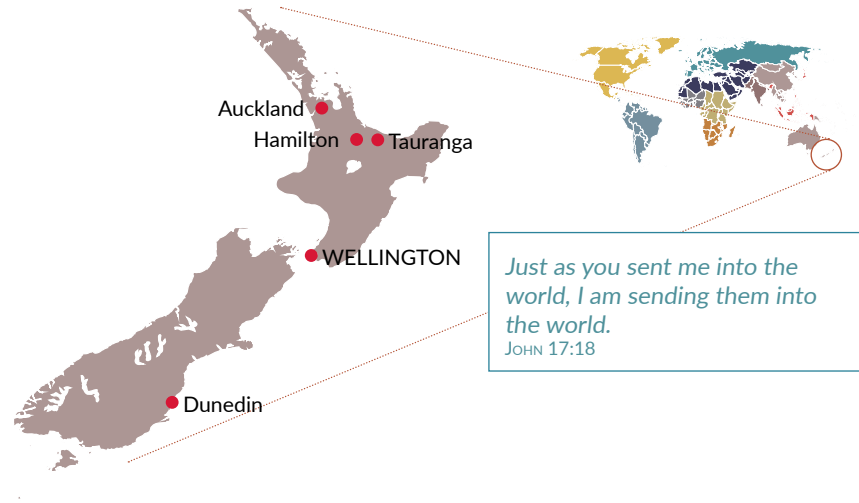


Leadership training

While a large part of the population claims Christianity in name, a much smaller percentage are following Christ with their lives. In addition to formal theological education at the local seminary, SIM also partners with local denominations to train their church leaders to disciple their own congregations. For example, the Namibia Discipleship Training Movement (NDTM) holds regular regional seminars to train their pastors in discipleship.

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
- Namibia Discipleship Training Movement (NDTM) - a locally-run discipleship programme which is looking to expand across denominations
- Teen Mission Namibia - an annual teen mission trip, which aims to inspire and equip young people for mission



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

Communities where Christ is least known

The unchurched majority

Despite being referred to as 'God's Own Country' in New Zealand idiom, this has always been a mainly secular land. Generally, this has been a confidently optimistic nation which is more interested in sport than matters of faith. But that may be changing.

Quite regularly, natural disasters, like earthquakes and floods, come along to shake people's apathy, and many are feeling vulnerable as the cost of living continues to rise in the country.

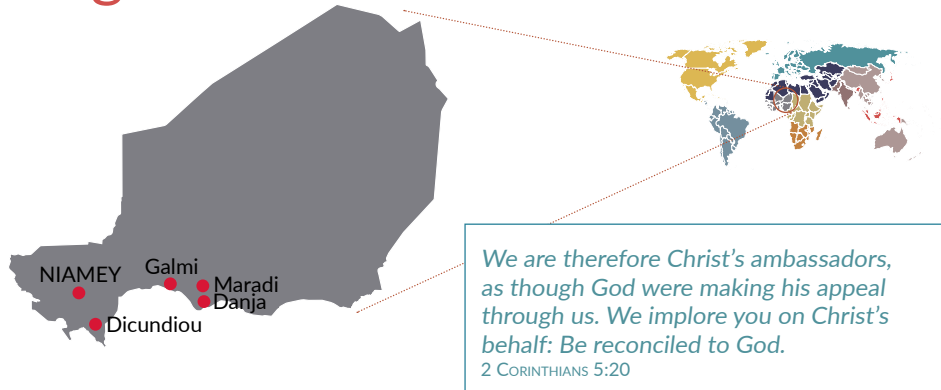
SIM New Zealand can have a role in reaching the unchurched majority, as a partner to churches, encouraging them in mission as many begin to seek other answers.

Pray for

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



Prayer Notes



Vision

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 17 million people are living and dying without Christ. The task is great.

Ministry

- Outreach ministries in Niamey and Maradi: university outreach, personal discipleship, literacy, people group focus, Dorcas Widows project, the Maza Tsaye Centre of Ministries, translation and media.
- Galmi Hospital.
- Danja Medical Centre.
- Sowing Seeds of Change in the Sahel.
- Leadership and services: administration, SIMAIR, guest houses, leadership, church-mission relations.
- Sahel Academy.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Galmi Hospital

Recently bestowed an Excellence in Service award by the Nigerien government, Galmi Hospital is a 184-bed hospital in rural Niger which exists to glorify the name of Jesus Christ by providing physical and spiritual healing, proclaiming the gospel, and making disciples. Last year, Galmi Hospital provided care to more than 80,000 people.

The hospital has three in-patient departments and a busy outpatient department. Ancillary services include evangelism, pharmacy, laboratory, X-ray, rehabilitation, nutrition, hygiene, security, and maintenance. Galmi Hospital is a teaching hospital for PAACS (Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons).

The hospital is upgrading the malnutrition centre, the operating theatre and the sterilisation room, and is also building a new paediatric ward. In the current ward, children are often three-in-a-bed during the malaria season, due to the huge volume of patients.

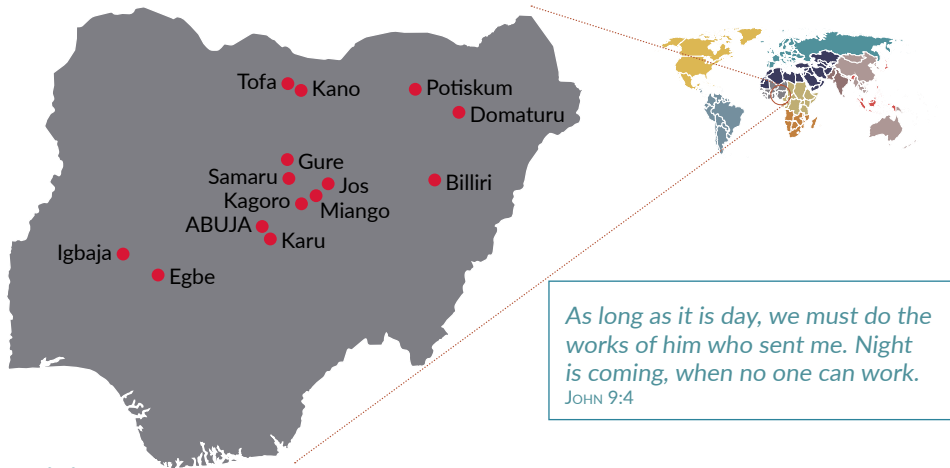
The hospital evangelists work with medical staff in sharing the gospel with patients, many of whom have never heard the name of Jesus.

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Pray for

- patients to experience the love of Jesus through the compassionate care of the hospital staff
- for the emotional, spiritual, and physical stamina of the hospital staff - they all see many difficult cases and work in an often-chaotic environment. Pray for them, especially during the malaria season, which peaks in October
- for more long-term medical and paediatric doctors
- for the evangelists and Bible teachers around Galmi who serve God faithfully. Pray that we can offer biblical training that will aid them in teaching God's word faithfully
- the surgical trainees who face intense study and work schedules
- a second Finance Manager for our field; the job is increasingly difficult for one person to do alone
- the pastors of local churches to be men of integrity and vision, united in purpose, and for the churches to grow a mission vision
- 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 90 million Muslims and others living and dying without Christ in Nigeria; mission teams in each of the 12 northern Sharia states expressing Christ's love and compassion in word and deed; strengthened churches with equipped Christians carrying out Christ's mandate to make disciples in one of Africa's most influential and populous countries, and also making a major impact in global missions this century.

Ministry

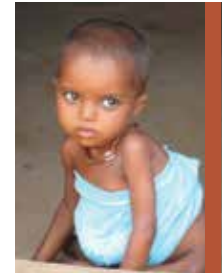
- Proclaiming the gospel, particularly to Fulani and Muslims in the north.
- Supporting and strengthening persecuted Christians and others affected by oppression and hostility.
- Providing Christ-centred, compassionate medical care and holistic healing, and mentoring others to do the same.
- Reaching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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslim communities

It is estimated that almost half Nigeria's population of 215 million are Muslims, and our team prays to expand our ministries to reach them. Pray for more workers 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 needs and build relationships. There are open opportunities but timing is critical while it is still legal to share the gospel.



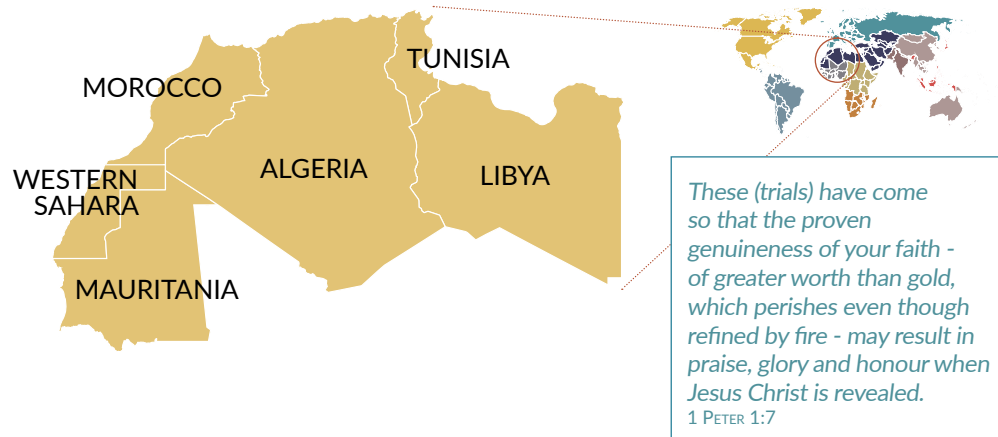
Fulani

There are about 20 million Fulani in Nigeria. They are predominantly Muslim but are open to friendship, evangelism and Christian media and our team reaching them is growing. We praise God for new partnership opportunities with local workers to expand outreach.

Sporadic attacks by some Fulani herdsmen against Christian farmers have affected attitudes toward them. We pray for effective outreach, for a spirit of love from Christians instead of retaliation, and for opportunities to disciple Fulani believers.

Pray for

- increased efforts, fresh approaches and more workers to reach Muslims in Nigeria while the door is open (John 9:4)
- contextualised discipleship for growing numbers of Muslim-background believers
- revival in the national church and an increasing passion for gospel-focused ministry
- Faithful Witness workers to be able to raise adequate support to continue Fulani ministry in Nigeria
- Director selection process and other new administrators to replace leavers
- a new short-term associate coordinator to further develop our internship programme
- Nigerians and SIM workers in times of increasing security and economic instability
- persecuted believers to endure hardship, receive trauma healing and practise love and forgiveness
- our urgent need for theological educators, medical professionals, educational consultants and communication specialists
- effective and expanded ministries to marginalised and vulnerable communities, and a coordinator for our anti-human trafficking ministry



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 in any region on earth. Believers are routinely persecuted for their faith; workers are watched by authorities. But, through businesses 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, mobilising Christian sub-Saharan African students to be witnesses to the more than 35 per cent of young people who no longer believe Islam is true.

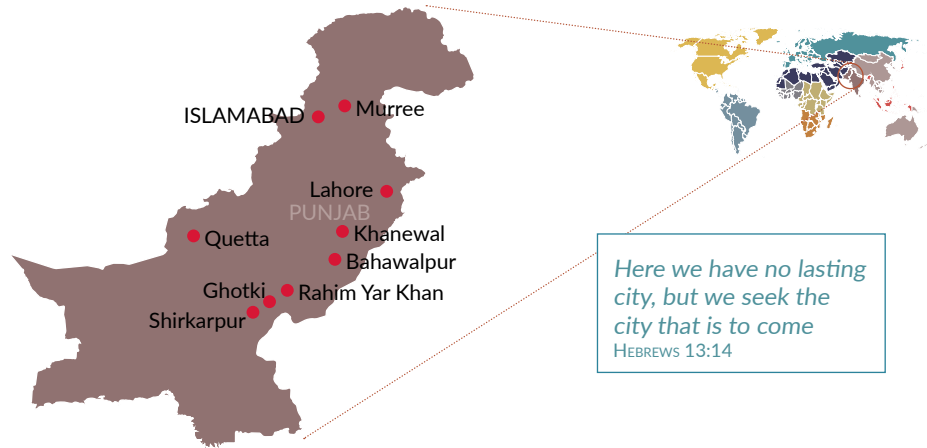


Nomads

Of the 92 ethnic groups in North Africa, 22 are nomadic. Very few workers are bringing the gospel to them. Climate change is impacting desert nomads, famine is driving them from the desert. We need many more workers prepared to engage nomads as partners and ambassadors of Christ.

Pray for

- persecuted believers, some imprisoned, many traumatised and almost all ostracised by their families
- unity in the tiny church
- many more business people, professionals and skilled tradespeople to obey God's call to North Africa
- the many young people who are searching for truth outside of Islam. May they hear the gospel and follow Jesus Christ
- boldness, love and wisdom in equal measure for our workers in these hard places
- the Tunisia team as they develop their leadership
- the other North African countries to grow as Tunisia has, through partnerships and the mobilising of many more workers
- God's direction as we develop partnerships and discover new opportunities
- 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 missions within Pakistan and beyond; disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in word and deed in communities where Christ is least known; poor and marginalised families better integrated into society, through education and medical assistance; 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 young men — are addicted to drugs and alcohol. There are very few places for those who want to break free but have little money, and even fewer where freedom in Jesus can be found. Pray for the light of Christ to shine through lives set free from drugs and devoted to him.

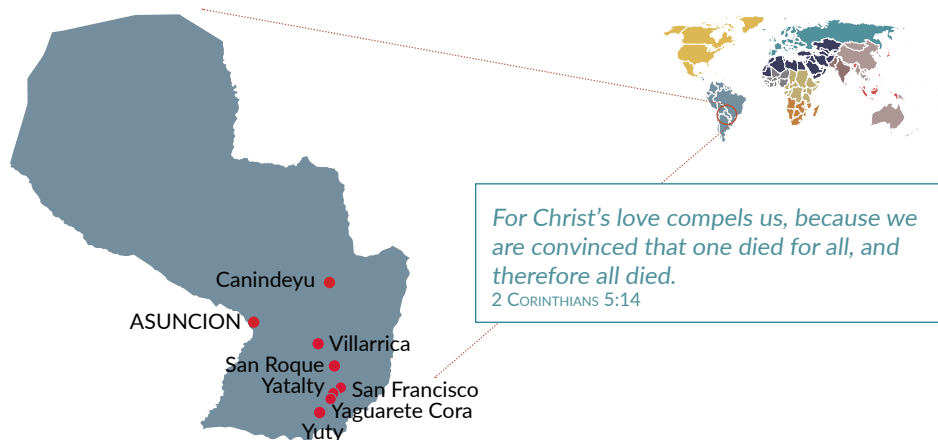


Saraikis

The traditional homeland of Saraiki speakers is in central Pakistan, where SIM has been working with local churches for decades. The Saraikis are hospitable people, numbering around 20 million. Pray for many to 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
- more mission workers with a heart for discipleship, outreach, missionary kid education, Bible teaching, leadership and/or administration
- the ongoing training of Christian leaders
- visas for new personnel, visa renewals for existing personnel and good relationships with officials
- our SIM team and leadership to walk closely with the Lord and know his peace and joy
- integrity and wisdom for government officials
- police and security guards, who are in difficult and sometimes dangerous jobs
- SIM children's friendships, education, health, safety and spiritual growth



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; TCK 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 the 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 into local languages.

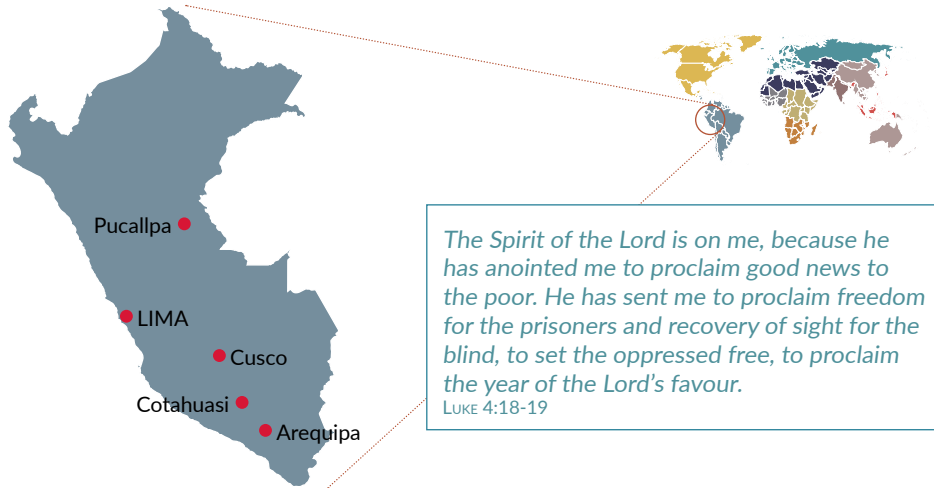


The deaf

SIM mission workers are partnering with a local ministry to produce a video translation of the Bible for the deaf in the Paraguayan sign language. Two team members live and work with deaf people who do not yet know sign language, teaching them language while using basic Bible stories to reveal God's word.

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



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 sanitation 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.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

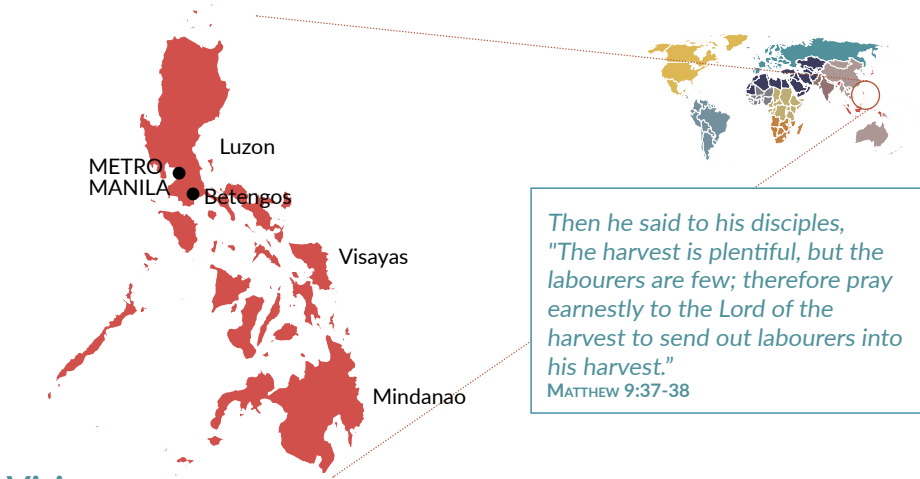
Punta de Bombón

Punta de Bombón is part of an unreached series of villages along the Peruvian coast outside Arequipa. Allen and Mary Beth George moved to Punta de Bombón (population 8,000) with a Peruvian pastoral couple, Elvis and Rosita Jacobo, in April, 2022 to plant a new church. They initially contacted a couple of Christian families and started inviting their contacts to attend Bible studies and Sunday church services in the Georges' home. In addition, the Georges host game nights, men's fishing outings, guitar and piano lessons and cooking workshops. About 20 people are currently attending church each Sunday.



Pray for

- Punta de Bombón church plant: Pray for the members of the new church under spiritual attack via financial and health difficulties
- the new Pucallpa team, that God would strengthen them in unity and purpose as they reach Pucallpa with Isola Madre and university ministries
- spiritual vitality and supportive communities for our mission workers, as many serve in small, dispersed teams
- the people of Peru, struggling with political unrest and rising prices
- 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, encouraging workers among them and equipping and mobilising for cross-cultural ministry.

Ministry

Muslim

- 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.

Migrants

- Indonesian, Indian and Chinese diaspora.

Mobilisation

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslims

The Philippines is home to 14 Muslim people groups with a total population of around seven million. These groups are all considered unreached. Each group has a unique culture, but all share the same faith, which is mixed with animistic practices. Armed conflict in the south in the 1960s led many Muslims to flee north and they are now scattered throughout the whole of the Philippines.



Conflict over many years has left a mutual hatred between Muslims and Christians. As a result, the evangelical church has generally avoided reaching out to Muslim tribes. This is changing, although it is very difficult for Filipino mission workers to get financial support for Muslim outreach. The number of mission workers, including local and foreign, reaching out to Muslims is estimated to be less than 500.

Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) are thought to be under one per cent of the total population of seven million but this is not a definitive figure because much of the work is done secretly and many MBBs do not openly identify as believers to protect themselves and their families.

Despite the difficulties, God is changing lives powerfully. Some encounter him through dreams and visions, others experience healings and miracles and still others hear about him from Christ followers – local and foreign mission workers or MBBs.

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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 Wolof and Wolofone people would come to know Jesus Christ.

Ministry

- Teaching English.
- Medical ministries.
- 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 and other literature.
- Outreach via websites and social media.
- Teaching in a mission school with local as well as international pupils.
- Teaching both adults and children in local churches.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Urban youth

More than 60 per cent of Senegal's population of 17 million is under 25. Many teenagers and young adults leave their home areas to continue their education or seek employment in urban centres, especially the capital, Dakar. They have different mother tongues but most use Wolof in daily life. Education levels vary widely - some have had little formal education, others have simply learned to read and recite the Qur'an in Arabic, while some are in high school, university or vocational training programmes. There is high unemployment and most of those who do work are in the informal sector, which is financially precarious. The vast majority are Muslim but can be open to listening to Bible stories and considering the claims of Christ. Some are engaging with evangelistic materials in Wolof online or via social media.



Young believers

More and more young people are choosing to follow Jesus - some have been brought up in the church, while others have come to faith through outreach programmes or the witness of friends and extended family. They need good Bible teaching and discipleship to help them develop deep roots and prepare them for faithful living.

Pray for

- opportunities to share Christ through teaching, training and medical ministries
- local believers to create content for online outreach and to be available to follow up with those who respond
- faithful teaching of both adults and youth in local churches, particularly in Wolof
- perseverance for persecuted believers; that their faithfulness may point others to Christ
- 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 continue to work towards developing our campus in Kwazulu Natal as we strategically reach the surrounding least-reached communities in South Africa. We are seeking a larger facility in a neighbourhood that will enable us to minister to those communities directly from our headquarters. Xhosa, Indian and Portuguese ethnolinguistic communities, religious groups such as Muslims, Hindus and Amazoni, 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 in this endeavour and in Christ's great commission
- effective, loving inroads among South Africa's least-reached communities and awareness of how best to minister to their needs
- more workers to take the gospel to, and minister among, the least reached
- revival among Christians and churches, especially those without a history of sending mission workers
- 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 SIM South Africa

Prayer Notes



Vision

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

Ministry

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The sick

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



Beyond borders

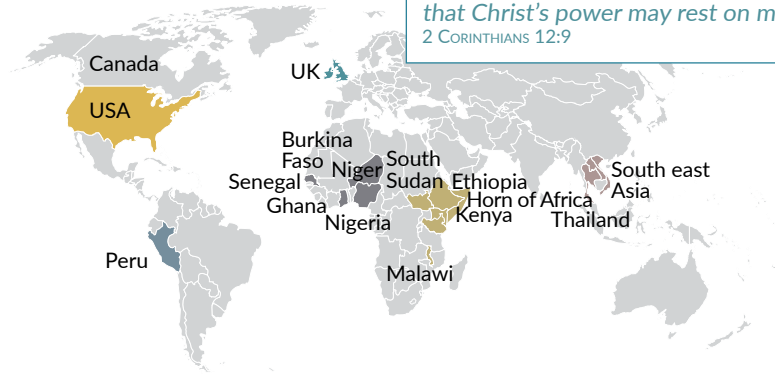
Ongoing conflict and instability have caused much trauma to the people of South Sudan. In addition, our community is host to many different groups of refugees from Sudan. The current unrest in Sudan has created new challenges and opportunities because our host community is once again receiving new refugees. We also work in neighbouring countries which host refugees from South Sudan. We long to see each of them come to know Jesus as saviour, healer and Prince of Peace.



Pray for

- God's glory to be known in South Sudan and Sudan
- people who don't know Jesus to hear and receive God's good news of salvation
- new and existing churches to grow and send more workers across cultures
- praise for the increasing desire for the church to want to grow in relationship with God through understanding his word more
- praise for God's provisions over the past year
- God's peace and healing to be received and displayed in those traumatised by their circumstances
- dependence on God for spiritual and physical strength for our team so they do not become discouraged or grow weary
- believers to know we are loved by God, not because of what we do but because of who he is
- renewed peace in Sudan and for the people of Upper Nile State to live in harmony

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.
2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



Vision

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

Ministry

Globally, 42 per cent of the population is under 25. In 19 countries, Sports Friends is training and equipping local church leaders and church planters to extend the love of God to young people through strategic sports ministries.

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.
- Equip coaches for effective service by providing ongoing support and encouragement to help them live, lead, minister and coach for the glory of God.
- Develop the leadership capacity of sports ministry coordinators, who will provide vision, guidance and management for the local sports ministry movement and develop coaches at the local church level.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Meagre gifts multiplied

"Me? A soccer coach?" Pastor Gloh chuckled to himself as he recalled his feeble gait and weak legs. He was one of many victims of poliomyelitis, the notorious viral infection that has paralysed millions of children around the world. Gloh limped through the sticky heat of his hometown in Ratchaburi, Thailand. He considered the impossibility of a crippled pastor beginning sports ministry. "It would be too difficult," he decided. However, training with Sports Friends filled him with the confidence to establish a sports ministry team. Many onlookers doubted Gloh's ability to succeed, and many young people were disinterested in having a 'disabled' coach. However, a group of 9-12-year-olds wanted to play and had no one else to help them.

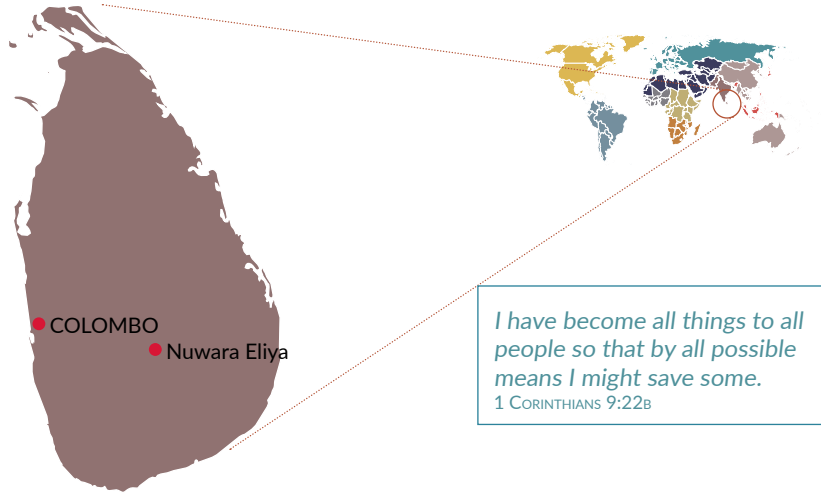


Gloh poured his heart into those boys. He found he could instruct even what he could not perform; he simply coached according to the training he received and showed them the love of Christ. Soon the village leader and local municipality were encouraging Gloh in the sports ministry. They saw the benefit it offered the community's children. The more time they spent with Gloh, the more they learned about Jesus and his ways. Some of the worst-behaved boys were becoming leaders to their peers, even mentoring others on the team. The transformation was remarkable!

No matter how many times we see God transform lives and communities through sports ministry, we are always amazed and moved to worship. He is so kind, empowering the weak of the world to build an eternal kingdom.

Pray for

- Pastor Gloh's love and investment in these young people to continue to make an impact on their families and community
- That God would raise up more coaches like Gloh, who trust God to use their weaknesses to share about Christ with the least reached in Thailand
- More than 250,000 young people are currently being served and encouraged by roughly 12,000 coaches
- That 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



Vision

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

Ministry

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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Muslims

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

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

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

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

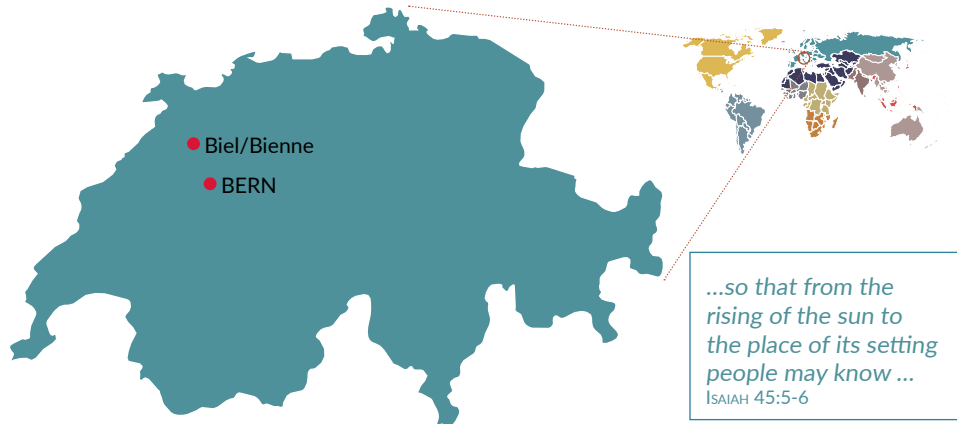
In the last few decades, a small segment of the church has become conscious of the need to share God's love with these neighbours. There has been little initiation of gospel work among Muslim communities.

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.



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 this community
- effective leadership of the Muslim Network in its efforts to come up with a common strategy for evangelism and church planting
- more volunteers and unity in the network
- new believers to become disciples and church planters among their own people
- two church planters to come forward to plant churches in each of the 25 districts of the island



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.

Communities where Christ is least known

Unchurched Swiss

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



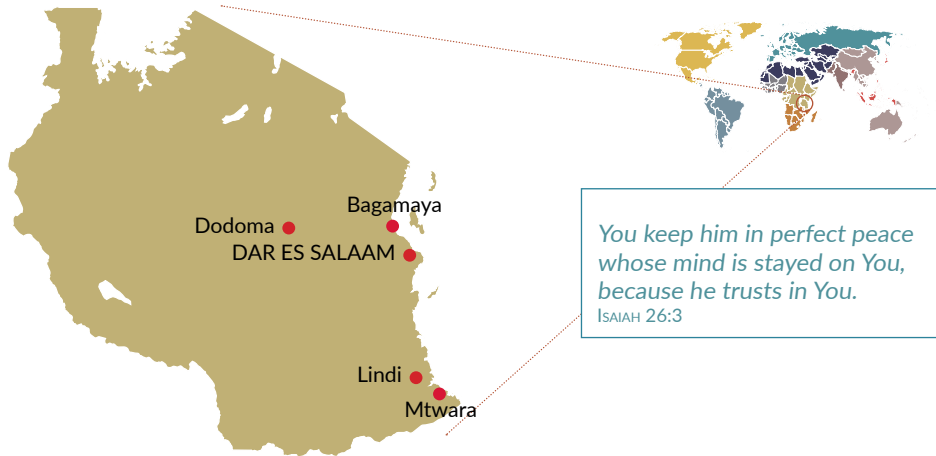
The number of evangelical churches is growing but remains at around 2.5 per cent. Studies have found that these evangelical churches reach only 'institutionally-minded people' and these churches make little impact, particularly among the younger generation. Faith is not seen as relevant in modern Swiss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

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Pray for

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

Prayer Notes



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 built, not 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 come and sit, and find rest.

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

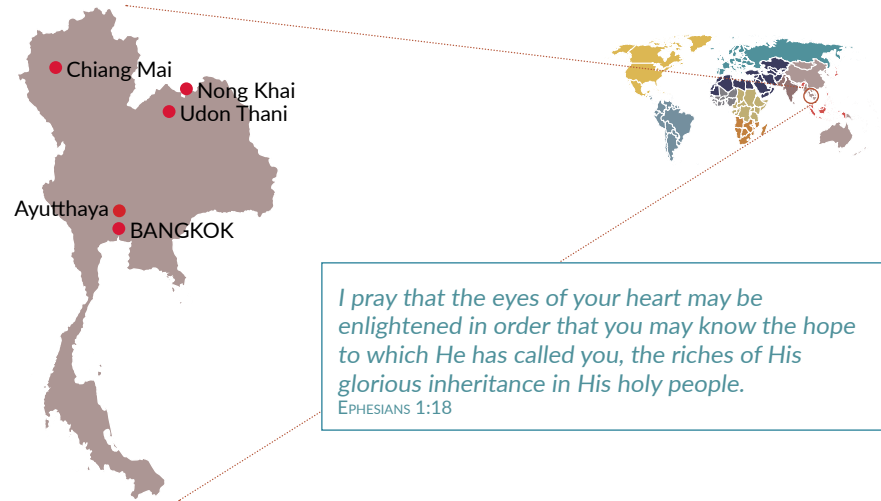
A typical outreach consists of door-to-door evangelism during the week, with an invitation to the Jesus Film which is shown later that week. In the past, this has led to the planting of small churches, which are still operating today. Pray for more churches to catch this vision, so they can play a role 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





Vision

By faith, we see the least-reached communities of Thailand responding authentically to the gospel and being discipled into biblically-based, community-transforming churches which engage in mission. Motivated by Christ's love, we strive to make disciples where he is not yet known.

Ministry

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

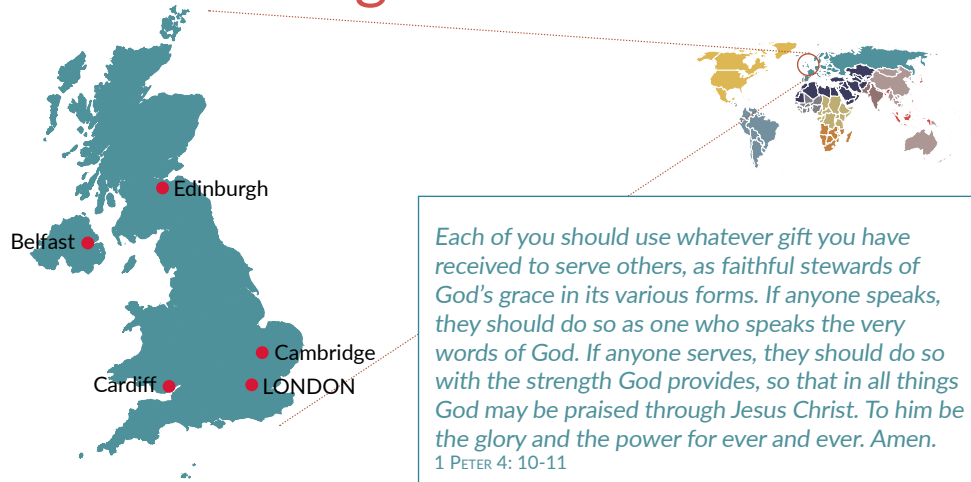


Youth

Sports ministry can be a powerful tool for the church to use 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.

Pray for

- a potential new church plant in the south of Chiang Mai, pray 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



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. Our goals are to:

- Provide support and resources that are highly valued by churches, workers and SIM.
- 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 churches.
- Enabling individuals and churches to partner in the work of SIM in all sorts of ways.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Central London

Our ENGAGE programme brings mission workers into UK churches to support outreach to the diverse communities on their doorstep. Mary Girma, who serves in central London, says: "In this area, 15,000 people are living in tower blocks - two-thirds are immigrants from the Middle East, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean and many are low-income families. It's a very secular area, with 63 per cent having agnostic or non-Christian beliefs.

"In the gospel outreach work, we regularly knock on doors and visit hundreds of homes in the area. The main route for our evangelism is building relationships and sharing the gospel. God astonishes us with the hundreds of gospel conversations we have had. There are two follow-up ministries we run: the Life Skills course through which 90 people have been trained; and English classes where about 15 people come each week. The Lord has been granting us fruit, in that more and more people have been connected to the church through the Christianity Explored course or attending one of the services."



Pray for

- more people from evangelical churches in the UK to get passionate about outreach to the nations, both globally and locally
- God to open the hearts of the people in multi-cultural communities around the UK to respond to the gospel and for workers in this harvest field
- more workers from the UK to be sent around the world, particularly those under 30, who can faithfully and fruitfully carry the good news to the places where Christ is least known
- the SIM UK team has been going through lots of change, with new leadership, systems and databases. May we stay united and encouraged through the hope we share and hold in Christ



Vision

Our wildly important goal is to recruit, mobilise and care for more overseas ambassadors of Jesus sent by the American church. To meet this goal, we are increasing digital engagement with people discerning God's leading, building a network of prayer mobilisers, and developing deeper relationships with our church partners. Through eyes of faith, we see 100 new workers being sent per year by 2030.

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.

Communities where Christ is least known

Wherever we serve

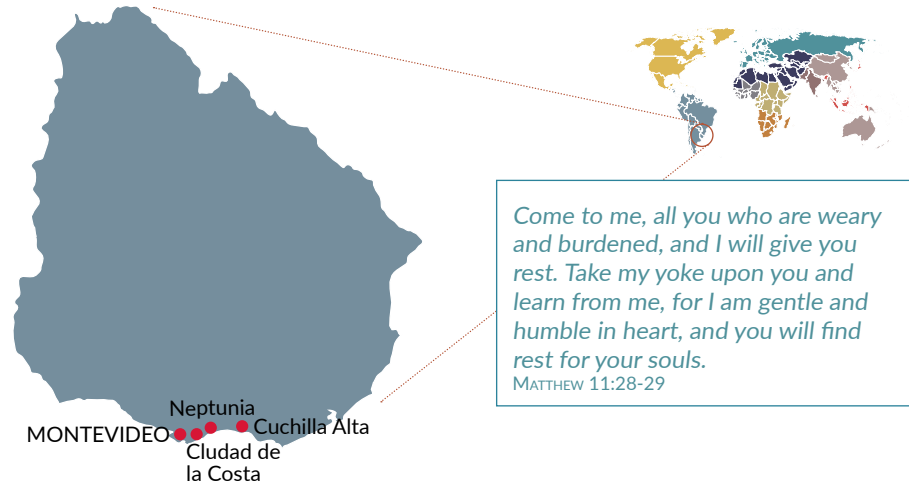
The bride of Christ in America includes tens of thousands of people whom God is leading to go and make disciples where Jesus is least known. SIM USA is committed to serving churches as they work to identify, nurture and equip potential workers in their congregations. As part of our efforts, we have designed a new website with an in-depth digital learning centre to address the questions, concerns and needs of Christians who sense God leading them to go as well as the church leaders who desire to send them. We desire to see this hub of stories and teaching resources continue to grow as we prepare SIM USA to launch future generations of mission workers.



Pray for

- churches in the United States to feel excitement and urgency about their role in God's global work
- an abundance of prayer and financial support partners to help equip SIM USA to send efficiently over the next decades
- vibrant church and organisational partnerships to energise Americans' engagement in the Great Commission
- the next Connect event, where potential future mission workers will learn more about SIM and what it's like to go and make disciples overseas
- God to stir in the hearts of many American believers and for these believers to respond obediently to his leading to go

Prayer Notes



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.
- Training theologically and missionally: counselling, worship, next generation and Christian leadership tracks.
- Empowering personal Bible study in the local church.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Montevideo's southern strip

Uruguay stands out among its neighbours for its political and economic stability and relaxed way of life. But, sadly, it also stands out for its widespread struggle with depression and suicide and its aversion to the gospel. Within Uruguay, the least-reached areas are historically the higher-income areas within a thin strip of land along the capital's coastal highway, the 'Rambla'.

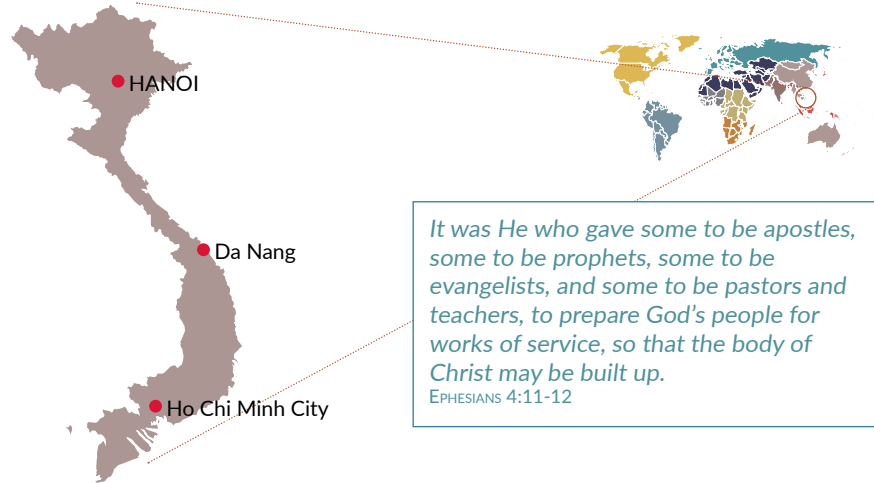
Some SIM Uruguay mission workers are serving in the richest neighbourhood in the city and are seeing God open up opportunities! There, a partnering church has found a way to help alleviate local needs. A focus on one-on-one pastoral care, biblical counselling and group studies like 'Emotionally healthy spirituality and relationships' has proved effective in changing lives and drawing some from this hardest-to-reach demographic to faith in Christ, our ultimate hope.

Last year, two men came into one of these courses by invitation from people in the church. They were told that it just might help them with their internal challenges. They both testified that being in their group did help them; they felt heard and valued! Amazingly, both came to faith in Christ through the course! Both have been heavily involved since and one of them has even become one of the main coordinators for that course this year.

Pray for

- a new church plant effort in the town of Cuchilla Alta
- blessing for the youth leadership training ministry - the first SIM project to transition to full Uruguayan leadership
- more global workers to come to equip and empower local churches





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 communities

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

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

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



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Majority community

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.

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 who have not heard of Jesus
- churches lacking a pastor to find one with adequate Bible knowledge
- for courage and perseverance for those facing persecution for their faith
- training Vietnamese Christians to equip their people and develop leaders who can teach biblical principles for godly living
- the nation to be tolerant of Christianity and outreach
- for Communist Party members, government officials and military personnel, who are pillars of Vietnamese society
- a permanent presence to be established to support workers
- for workers who will live here and make disciples in culturally appropriate ways



Vision

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news, the West African Mission Office partners with the West African church for the success of global mission; mobilises and sends qualified, equipped workers from and through the West African church all over the world, 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.

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

The Tedaga of Niger

The Tedaga, also known as Teda, of north eastern Niger are mostly nomadic pastoralists, while a minority live in small communities of less than a few hundred. They are patrilineal with an elder male heading the lineage.

The second order of their kinship is the clan – a system which gives them identity due to their scattered distribution. Almost all Teda are Muslims. Their Islamisation dates back to the early Arab conquest, hence all their traditions and way of life are linked to the Islamic faith.



The Pwo of Burkina Faso

The Pwo or Puguli are a group of farmers in the north west of Ghana and southern Burkina Faso. They belong to a larger people group known as the Sissala. The majority of the Pwo believe in traditional religions and in a supreme being called Wise as the creator of all things. They believe their own rituals and moral behaviour maintains the universal order and thus the universe cannot survive without human beings. A few are following Islam.



Pray for

- the Lord to raise additional workers to join the few who are already working among the Teda and the Pwo
- the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favour to mission agencies focussing on these communities
- God to soften the hearts of these people groups to be open to the gospel message
- God to raise teams of prayer supporters to stand in the gap for these communities
- strong local churches to be planted in these communities



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

Prayer Notes

Communities where Christ is least known

Children and young people

Young people account for more than a third of Zambia's 18 million people - they need to be reached and discipled for Christ. Traditionally, the church has not prioritised ministry to children and youth and many of the existing programmes have not brought transformational growth. These younger ones are loved by the Lord Jesus and have the opportunity to make a lifetime of impact on their families and their culture for the glory of God and the witness of his church.

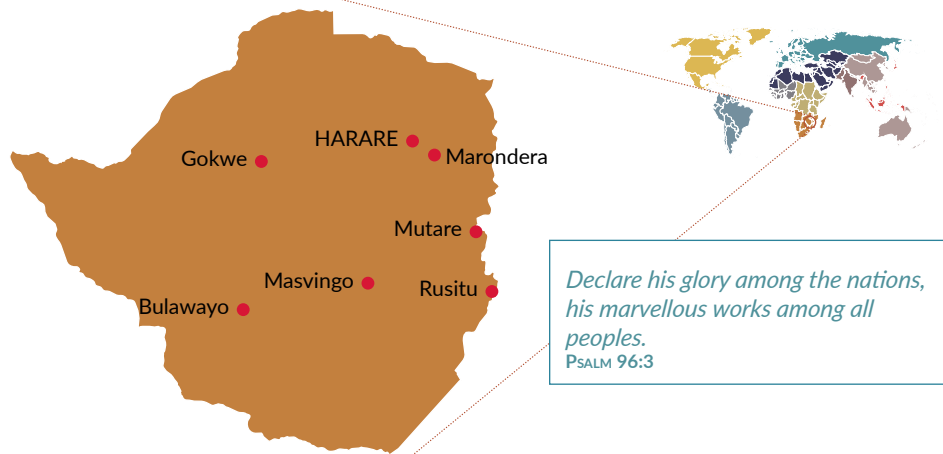


University students

Many Zambian university students have been exposed to Christianity. For many, attending university is their first time away from their home village and the first time they have to live on their own. They are heavily influenced by secular education and educators during a time when they are exploring new opportunities and ideologies. They struggle to understand their faith and grow in their walk with the Lord. Discipleship and mentoring initiatives provide opportunities to encourage them.

Pray for

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



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, HIV and AIDS, Covid-19, human trafficking prevention.
- Theology and resources: theological education, Leaders Equipping and Resourcing Network (LEARN), research, witness to cults.
- Disaster relief: famine, Covid and other infectious diseases, climate hazards (tropical cyclones etc).
- Leadership and services.
- Evangelism.

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 talents such as healing. According to the Joshua Project, the Nambya are engaged yet unreached. The primary religion practised by the Nambya is ethnoreligion, which is deeply rooted in a people's ethnic identity. Conversion to Christ requires patience and understanding of the culture.



Pray for

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

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