

# Prayer Guide



# **Foreword**

# Welcome to the 2026 Prayer Guide!

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

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

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

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# Pray that we all keep

ne of the great joys of my role is being able to see all the connections that make SIM a truly global organisation.

There are connections between our people, between our entities, between our ministries and to the communities we serve.

Of course, the most important connection we all have is our connection to Christ – and the true value of that is shown in John 15, when Jesus says:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

Jesus didn't say 'I am the vine and you are the branch' in the singular; no, He said 'I am the vine and you are the branches' in the plural. We are all branches who stem from our connection to Christ at the centre. We are all connected, both as the body of Christ and as SIM globally.

# **Connected in community**

The body of Christ cannot help but be a community of people. That is how God intended it. The kingdom of God is bigger than SIM but we are nevertheless part of the kingdom and we are a community of people that must be connected together.

Our shared Purpose, Mission and Vision draws us together, as do our commitment to our Statement of Faith and our Core Values. We share the same Jesus, we share the same gospel values and we share our need to be connected.

It is only as we are connected to Christ that we can bear any fruit of value. We bear fruit by showing ourselves to be His disciples and one of the key ways we do that is by working together in connected ministries and entities.

# **Connected to communities**

We must be very closely connected to the communities we seek to engage. Our whole reason for existence is to make disciples in communities where Christ is least known and we cannot do that without being connected to those

# well-connected in 2026

very communities, even if they are in some of the more challenging parts of the world. We should constantly be asking questions of ourselves to ensure we build and maintain that connectedness.

Are we connected well to those communities, in ways that are relevant and contextual?

Are we connected well to the churches we work with to fulfil God's mission across cultures local and globally?

Are we connecting well with inquirers and candidates, so that, with them, we can determine whether they are right for SIM and SIM is right for them? We also need to be connected so they can be better equipped to make disciples of the Lord Jesus in communities where He is least known.

# **Connected in action**

As you read and pray through this year's Prayer Guide, I hope you will see some of those connections in action. I also hope you see how those connections enable us to take the gospel to places where Jesus is least known.

You will notice a few changes in this year's Prayer Guide. To better emphasise our connectedness, we have included ministries with a presence in multiple entities, and for which SIM International is responsible, (Faithful Witness in Forgotten Communities, For Freedom, Hope for Life and Sports Friends) in the entry for International, rather than each being separate.

We have done this to keep the focus on the ministries of our entities. These multi-country ministries are part of SIM International but they are also closely connected to many of our entities, helping them benefit from shared expertise and resourcing.

I would love you to pray for our connectedness this year - that our connections to God, to each other and to the people we serve might grow ever closer and stronger as we pursue our calling to make disciples of the Lord Jesus in communities where He is least known.

Phil Bauman SIM International Director

# **Purpose and Mission**

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Vision

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

# By faith we see...

#### in the world:

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

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

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

#### in SIM:

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

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

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

Courageous leaders investing in the development of others for lifetransforming 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- A People of Prayer

  Prayer is foundational in our life and ministry. 'By prayer' we praise God, seek His direction, request resources and call upon the Holy Spirit to empower our ministries.
- 4 Mission-Focused
  We are committed to the urgent and unfinished task of making disciples of Jesus Christ in all nations. In doing this, we desire to work in loving, trusting, inter-dependent relationships with churches and other partners who share our vision.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- A Learning, Growing Community

  We believe in the worth and giftedness of each person in SIM and of those we seek to serve. As enduring disciplines, we practise giving and receiving discipleship, lifelong learning, consultative leadership, mutual development and training.
- Strengthened through Diversity
  We are intentionally inter-denominational, international and multi-ethnic. We believe we will become more effective in ministry as we incorporate the richness of cultural diversity in SIM and celebrate our oneness in Christ.
- 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, interdenominational and multi-ethnic diversity of His church.

# Disciples of Jesus who make disciples

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

#### Church-centred

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

# Compassionate

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

# Community

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

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

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

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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

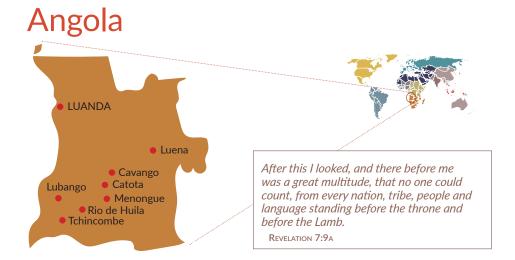
We are people of love. We humbly offer compassionate, holistic service and eternal hope, through the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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



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

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# The marginalised

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

However, Nyaneka believers are evangelising and planting churches. Praise God for the New Testament, the Jesus Film and a few Theological Education by Extension books in Nyaneka. The Old Testament translation is in progress.

Some believers have embraced Farming God's Way with good results.

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

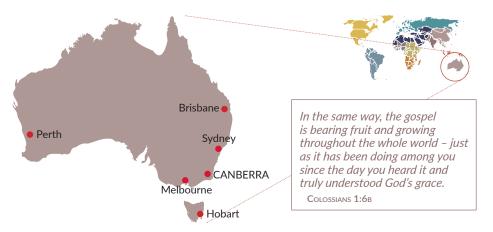




need physical and emotional healing. What they really need is the hope of Jesus.

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

Australia Day 2



# 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.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Increasingly secular people

Traditionally a Christian nation with freedom of religion, Australia is becoming increasingly secular. The dominant ideology has become an individualistic, New Age spirituality with no accountability. While over 40 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, and specifically towards its perceived intolerance and authoritarianism.



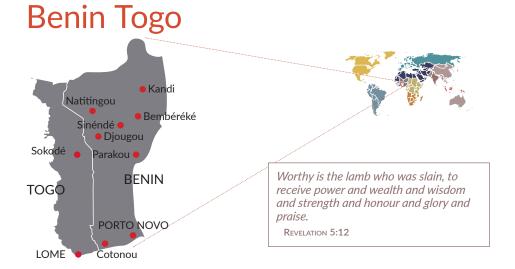


# Immigrants, refugees and international students

Australia is one of the most culturally diverse

nations in the world, with 30 per cent of the population born overseas and more than 500,000 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 international students.

- SIM Australia's mission workers to follow Jesus closely and know His empowering to be effective and fruitful in their ministry
- challenging Australian believers to discover the part they can play in God's mission
- partnering and equipping churches to minister to cross-cultural communities around them and to see mission as central to church ministry
- the Lord of the harvest to raise up more churches and workers in communities where Christ is least known, both overseas and locally through Across
- our Home Ministry Team as we connect with those who go, and provide services and resources to prepare and send them well



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.
- Discipling the next generation of adults and leaders.
- Bible translation and literacy.
- Theological education.
- Healthy leadership and member care.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# The Weno people

The Weno live in north western Benin and trace their roots to traders who set up outposts centuries ago and taught Islam to the animists around them. Over the last 100 years, people from other Beninese ethnic backgrounds have joined them. People who consider themselves Weno do so because that is the language they speak and identify with, rather than the language spoken by their ancestors. To be Weno is to be Muslim, and therefore most Weno-speaking people think that the Bible is not for them. Weno inquirers or new believers typically experience opposition from their community, including insults and rejection.

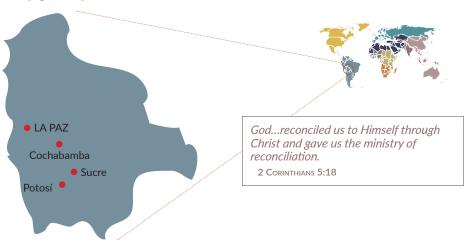


Approximately 30 per cent of the Bible has been translated into Weno, but local Christians have been reluctant to engage with the translation work as they consider use of the language an endorsement of Islam.

We long to see a Christ-centred, contextual church planted among this influential, but gospel-resistant, people group. An outreach and translation team is in place and involved in language learning, Bible translation, literacy and radio evangelism.

- three new SIM workers who are learning Weno and building relationships with local churches in order to share our vision and mobilise further for this ministry
- our Bible translation team and their need for more workers, including people willing and competent to help with community checking
- local believers and pastors to be growing in courage and desire to share Jesus with their Muslim neighbours
- an openness to the gospel message among the Weno
- the ongoing search for a new treasurer for SIM Benin Togo

Bolivia Day



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# **Sports Friends**

Sport is a great way to make connections with active youth. Since more than 50 per cent of the Bolivian population is under 25, sport provides a great opportunity to build relationships with them. We are equipping local churches to use sport to make disciples of Jesus Christ among young people, their families and their communities where Christ is least known.



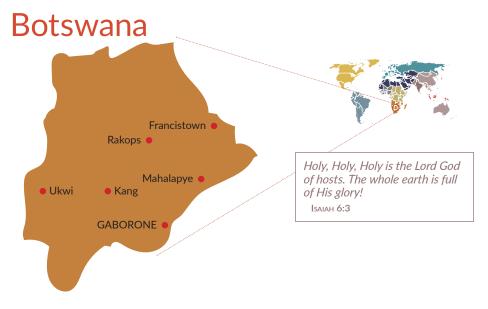
# Mining families

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.

# **Pray for**

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



By faith, we see every person in Botswana having the opportunity to respond to the good news, growing in obedience to God and becoming disciple-makers to the ends of the earth.

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Remote dwellers of the Kalahari Desert

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



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

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

- Botswana SIM appointees who are developing prayer partners and raising support, that the Lord would lead them to the place He has prepared for them
- more believers to hear the Lord's calling into ministry of mission
- local translators among the remote desert dwellers of the Kalahari, that they would persevere in their ministry without the support of expatriate mission workers
- the work of examining shame/honour perspectives of biblical theology and applying them to strengthen a good understanding of God's instructions
- children and young people to grow in their faith and apply biblical truths in their daily lives
- people bound by animistic traditions to be set free
- theological training for many untrained pastors in various churches

Brazil Day



# Vision

In a country where the evangelical population grew from 21.7 per cent to 26.9 of the population between 2010 and 2022, we have a call to reach the communities where Christ is least known inside and outside Brazil.

# **Ministry**

- Mission worker mobilisation.
- Developing outreach vision among pastors and churches.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Indigenous peoples

In Brazil, there are 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 and without any knowledge of the gospel.

#### Ribeirinhos

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. Most of these communities are reported as having the lowest income in the country. They need spiritual and economic help.



#### 'Glocal' communities

Brazilian passport holders are welcome in most of the countries in the world and have formed communities in many places. They are both global and local, hence 'Glocal'. With the number of evangelicals growing, there is a great opportunity for, and responsibility on, Brazilians to reach communities where Christ is least known.

- involvement of the Brazilian churches in reaching the communities where Christ is least known
- financial resources so that mission work may be carried out, both on Brazilian soil and to the ends of the earth
- the church to get involved in sending new workers into cross-cultural mission
- the establishment of an SIM signatory entity in Brazil

Burkina Faso Day



### Vision

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

#### **Ministries**

- Aid distribution to internally displaced and suffering people.
- Scripture translation and audio production.
- Evangelism and discipleship.
- · Medical centres.
- Theological education.
- Ministry to at-risk young women.
- Ministry among street boys.
- Community development and well-drilling.
- Ministry to people with disabilities.
- English classes as a platform for evangelism.

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# Communities where Christ is least known.

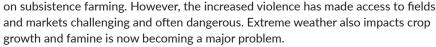
### Internally displaced people

Burkina Faso is ranked among the 20 poorest countries in the world by Global Finance and has reached the same dubious ranking in Christian persecution level on the Open Doors' World Watch List.

Although known historically for stability, terrorist activity has led to an increase in violence and insecurity, resulting in more than two million internally displaced people.

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

The economy of Burkina Faso relies heavily



Besides the staggering physical needs, the people of Burkina Faso are suffering from deep grief, loss and trauma.

- an end to violence, God's comfort for those who grieve, and a return to peaceful life for the people of the land
- praise God for growing openness to the gospel because of the current challenges
- believers to continue to grow in maturity, standing firm in their faith and reaching out with the hope of Christ to unbelievers around them
- wisdom for mission and church leaders, as they seek to minister effectively together with love and truth during the continuing crisis
- the varied ministries of team members to demonstrate God's love in ways that transform people's lives during these difficult times
- strength for the SIM team as they say goodbye to cherished friends retiring or relocating, and for open hearts to welcome new colleagues hoping to join them



Canada



# **Vision**

To 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 among all peoples.

# **Ministry**

- Discipleship through projects in sectors such as health care, food security, farming and sustainability, anti-human trafficking, education, business development and much more.
- Educate and inspire churches about the Biblical mandate for mission. Provide resources, training and coaching to pastors and church leaders for building a missional culture.
- Reports that provide transparent financial updates and project results to ensure accountability.
- Partnership with donors as ministry partners, inviting them into prayer, planning and strategic conversations.
- Media which tell compelling stories demonstrating impact and transformation from around the world. Organise virtual or in-person prayer gatherings focused on unreached people groups.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Diaspora

Canada is home to many diaspora and immigrant communities from unreached countries. To raise up Christ-centred witnesses, we need people who understand their language and worldview.

#### Indigenous

We long for healing and restoration for young people so they have hope, purpose and know their identity in Christ; for spiritual awakening, marked by repentance, reconciliation and recognition of our need for God in relationship. We work in urban centres (Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal), Quebec and French-speaking Canada, in indigenous communities, among newcomers and the diaspora population from unreached nations and on university campuses.



# **Pray for**

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- leadership and staff: for clarity and boldness, and to walk in wisdom, humility and unity. Micah 6:8
- our workers: for spiritual, emotional and physical protection, greater boldness, cultural sensitivity, and fruitfulness in sharing the gospel. John 15:8
- church engagement: to embrace their role in missions, through sending, praying and giving. Matthew 28:19
- donors: to understand they are co-labourers in God's mission. 1 Corinthians 3:19
- new workers: the next generation of workers to hear and respond to God's call.
   Matthew 9:37

Central Asia Day 5



### Vision

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

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Women in crisis

Central Asian men often travel to other areas or countries to get work. This leaves their wives and children on their own for long periods of time, with little money to live on.

Sadly, some of the wives resort to alcohol or drugs to help cope.

We have a worker who is part of a local crisis centre for women, helping them gain skills and make wise choices, and sharing the hope of Jesus with them whenever she has a chance to do so. Their children are invited to a weekly kids' club.

#### Sports outreach

One of our newest workers is part of a group that organises coaches and teams to go to Central Asian countries to teach kids and youth how to play floorball.

Many of the young people have said how different these coaches are and have asked to join other groups those coaches are involved in.

This has opened the door for our worker and others to invite young peple into groups where they study the Scriptures.

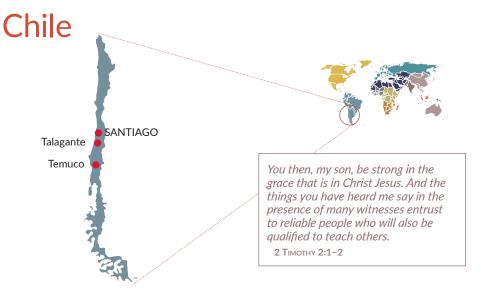




# Pray for

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

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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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### Communities where Christ is least known

# In Chile and beyond

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

We work to help the Chilean church grow in its capacity and commitment to send workers to serve where Christ is least known both in Chile and outside.



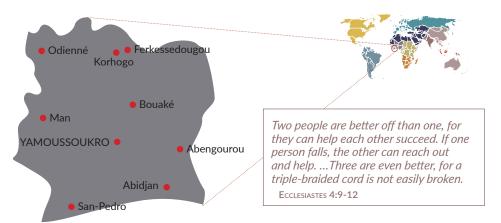
SIM Chile hopes to develop new partnerships and ministries to support church leaders and their efforts to make disciples in their congregations and to reach out to the communities of university students, college and university professors and migrants who live and die without Christ.

# Pray for

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- 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

Côte d'Ivoire Day



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

- Theological education.
- Leadership development.
- Community development.
- Disciple-making.
- Street children.
- Ministry to women.
- Arts in mission.
- Trauma healing.
- Radio outreach.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### The Fulani

There is only one Christian worker ministering to the growing number of Fulani in northern Côte d'Ivoire. We desire to see a team built that can minister together to this precious Muslim, displaced people. Pray for strong collaboration with Fulani Christian leaders in Burkina and that local Ivorian Christians will have a growing heart to see and love the Fulani and other non-reached around them.

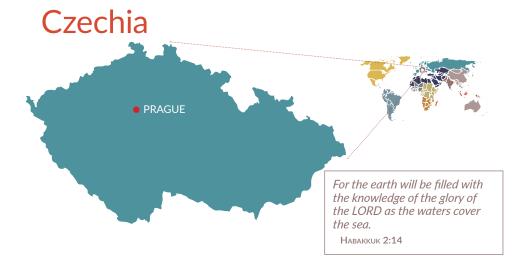


# The marginalised through trauma

The 2025 elections created uncertainty and

raised memories of trauma suffered during the civil war (2002-2011). Hundreds of thousands of children have suffered trauma and neglect and are living on the streets. Many women have been sexually exploited and are trapped in human trafficking. Spiritual and emotional healing is needed for these precious people to experience freedom and restoration.

- local Christians to have love for the Fulani
- Fulani communities to be transformed by the gospel
- a team to grow to minister together to the Fulani
- Ivorian churches to be unified in seeking God's glory
- Ivorian churches to have a heart to reach the least reached
- terrorism to be restrained in West Africa
- · resources to minister effectively to the marginalised
- creative, God-driven and wise means of ministering effectively to the marginalised
- spiritual, emotional, and relational health for the SIM team
- health and wise leadership of the Dioula church planted in previous years



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 Czechia, Ukraine and Central Europe.

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Those at risk from human trafficking

Czechia is a source of, as well as a transit and destination country for, trafficked women and children, with a significant recent increase in Ukrainian women. The 21st century has been characterised by the shift of sexual services to the online environment. At the same time, some women choose this as their job, despite it being illegal in Czechia. We strive to network and connect everyone who wants to serve in this area with a vision to reach out with love, service, and the gospel.



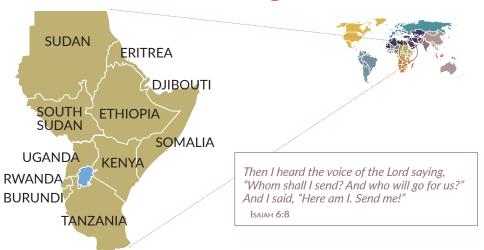
The ongoing war in Ukraine continues to affect millions. Over the past year, we've begun responding actively to these needs. We have established a partnership with the leadership of the Evangelical Church in Ukraine and with the trauma healing institute. Czech teams now travel regularly to Ukraine, where they serve alongside Ukrainian believers at retreats for widows and children of fallen soldiers, as well as for children from frontline areas. We have also partnered to help renovate a social centre for displaced people. In times of crisis, sharing the





gospel must go hand in hand with practical help and a ministry of presence.

- new office workers to help us increase our capacity as a sending and supporting office
- the small, growing team to be filled with love for each other and the community
- an emerging group of people and organisations determined to work together to fight human trafficking in Czechia
- ministry of presence in Ukraine



To see the number of global mission workers tripled from the region by establishing 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.
- Medical ministry.

- Leadership training and theological education.
- Youth ministry.
- Leadership ministry.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Desert tribes of West Africa, North Africa and the Middle East

The tribes live in the Sahara Desert and surrounding areas in the Sahel, North Africa, West Africa, the Negev, and the Arabian Peninsula in the Middle East. They are predominantly nomadic, with a rich cultural context that can be challenging to penetrate. Christ is least known in these communities and there is a limited access to the gospel.



The East Africa Sending Office strives to reach some of these communities, such as the Fulani. To share the good news, we need dedicated workers and teams who are willing to share their lives and ensure that the good news is shared in all communities.

- an easy transition for new candidates
- · consistent financial support for our workers
- safety for new workers facing difficult circumstances when engaging in new ministry among the desert tribes
- physical healing for workers suffering from health issues
- visible fruit in their ministry efforts, with lives transformed by the power of the gospel
- quick acquisition of language to communicate the gospel effectively and good access to technology and communication tools to facilitate effective ministry and outreach

East Asia Day



#### Vision

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

# **Ministry**

- Serving and blessing churches so they in turn can be a blessing to God's mission.
- Mobilisation of, and partnering with, seminaries, churches and individuals to send members into global mission, especially to places where Christ is least known.
- Serving East Asia entities and involving them more in selecting, journeying, equipping and prayerfully sending candidates wherever God has called them.
- Conducting cross-cultural training and orientation for worker candidates.
- Providing administrative services, supervising and developing receiving contexts.
- Handling of crisis management and contingency planning.
- Caring for children of cross-cultural workers and providing pastoral care and prayer support for workers.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### BHT

BHT is located on the southern slopes of the eastern Himalayas in south Asia and has three major ethnic unreached people groups. Buddhism is the main religion and other religions, including Christianity, are practised by just one per cent of the population. It is not easy to get a visa or permit to work there. We envision our current SIM BHT team bringing the locals into the grace of God, and discipling them to reach out to the communities where Christ is least known. By incorporating discipleship into the DNA of our fellowships there, we wish to see new believers





being rooted in Christ and in His word, catching the vision to be salt and light to their own least-reached people in BHT.

#### International students

East Asia is a growing hub for international students. Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan are becoming very popular destinations, attracting international students from more than 160 countries. Thus, these places have become significant mission fields on our doorstep. These students often return to their home countries after their studies, taking with them a new perspective and potentially a desire to share their faith in communities where Christ is least known.

- SIM East Asia's strategies to equip and send members to focus on frontline evangelism and discipleship, so producing missional churches
- intentional and strategic efforts to draw young people to serve in mission and in mission leadership
- diaspora and international student ministry leaders to focus and have clear strategies
- 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 to focus on strategic ministries
- cross-departmental efforts, focusing on succession plans for SIM East Asia staff, leaders, members of key committees and members



Our goal is to see people believing in Jesus as the living son of God and enjoying a loving relationship with Him. We want to see them committed to living in obedience to God's word, sharing Jesus with their communities, and serving others as a part of a local vibrant Christ-centred church.

# **Ministry**

- Waves of Hope radio station (programmes of encouragement, discipleship, evangelism, and music).
- Words of Hope (mentoring pastors and leaders in theology and Bible study facilitation).
- Compassion ministries (serving in crisis alleviation, medical aid, and emotional trauma healing).
- Planting and strengthening rural churches (evangelism, discipleship, training leaders).
- Leadership and services (member care, team direction and decisions, and finances).
- Mobilising (partnering with local churches to enter communities with no existing church presence).

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

#### Families in the southern mountains

In the steep mountain ranges of southern Ecuador, more than 98 per cent of people mix their worship of an idol that represents Mary, the mother of Jesus, with beliefs about the spirit world. They desire to gain health, protection, success and power over evil spirits.

The winding, narrow and often dangerous dirt roads make travel difficult. Families are scattered at great distances from one another, without access to healthy biblical doctrine.

The Waves of Hope radio programmes reach many of these isolated families with the gospel, discipleship courses, Christian music and other encouraging content.

Our church-planting and strengthening ministry is establishing a foothold here with small teams of workers living in the communities. They become the hands and feet of Jesus by serving those communities through kids' and youth clubs, Bible studies, counselling and mentoring.

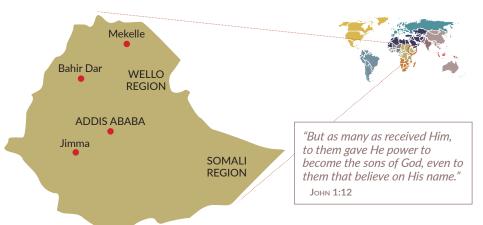
It has been our joy this past year to see several groups of new believers baptised! Join us in praying that more people are released from enslaving ritual religious traditions into a true and personal relationship with Jesus.





- partner churches to gain increased vision for outreach
- local churches to work in unity, allowing members from multiple churches to serve and train together
- more workers for the radio station, rural church planting and serving youth
- increased local financial support for the radio station
- Christians to apply wise scriptural practices in their businesses
- steadfastness for our workers to prioritise our vision, since most also serve dual roles in leadership or administration
- a unified, collaborative team strategy, focusing on select geographic areas

Ethiopia Day



#### 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 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 inter-dependence. We do this by:

- working with congregations in war-torn areas (like the north of Ethiopia) to provide rebuilding resources such as trauma healing training and Bible school modules;
- providing training to churches and community leaders in business growth, contextualised evangelism and youth camp models;
- using Bingham Academy to provide excellence in education and as a springboard to reach youth in the surrounding neighbourhoods with the gospel;
- identifying strategically critical barriers and crossing them with innovation;
- using media ministry, including a new wave of social media endeavours, to target a variety of unreached groups;
- and engaging with like-minded partners when needed.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Wello

Wello is a critical region in the north of Ethiopia where a significant majority of the population adheres to Islam and there are few Christian believers among the key ethnic groups - the Wello Amhara and the Yejju Oromo.

- 1 Wello Amhara: out of a population of approximately 6.95 million, only 2.9 per cent identify as Christians, with evangelicals making up a just 0.2 per cent. The majority (77.1 per cent) are Muslim.
- 2 Yejju Oromo: With a population of around 681,000, this group is predominantly Sunni Muslim with 1.3 per cent Christian and only 0.4 per cent evangelical.

Through much prayer and discussion, we believe God has led us to focus on the Wello





region. We are prayerfully considering finding like-minded partners with a presence in the region to design and implement ministry so we can reach and serve the community with love and thoughtfulness.

- Leadership: for SIM leaders to have wisdom, strength and spiritual insight as they
  guide ministry efforts across the country
- Ministries: for safety and fruitful outcomes for all those travelling within Ethiopia to serve in different roles
- Youth Ministry: for SIM to reach and disciple youth effectively, in cooperation with local churches; ask for unity, creativity, and lasting impact
- Ethiopian church: for a strong partnership between the church and SIM; ask God to align their goals as they work together to advance His kingdom
- Bingham Academy: for God to provide qualified and committed teachers who can help students both academically and spiritually
- SIM's Vision: for SIM's commitment to sharing the gospel with unreached people and making disciples; request divine opportunities, open doors, cultural understanding, empowered workers, spiritual breakthroughs and protection and provision for all SIM members

France-Belgium D



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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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### International students

There are 430,000 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 2024, nearly 158,000 asylum applications were submitted by foreign refugees. Their main origin is Afghanistan, but they come from many other countries too, including Bangladesh, Turkey and DR Congo. Our workers collaborate with French evangelical organisations and churches to do outreach to refugees through literacy, administrative help and discipleship.

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

Germany



Vision

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

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Diaspora

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



# The Rhine-Ruhr region

Around 10 million people live in the Rhine-Ruhr

region. This makes it one of the largest metropolitan areas in Europe. It covers 53 cities, including Cologne, Düsseldorf, Essen and Dortmund, as well as many others in North Rhine-Westphalia.

It has the highest migration density in Germany at 40 per cent, with people from many different countries (eight per cent are Turkish and four per cent are Polish).

#### International and multi-cultural students

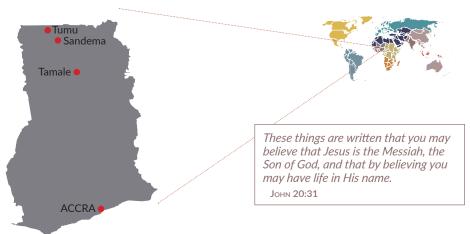
There are more than 495,000 overseas students studying at German universities. The largest group is from India (49,000), with significant groups from Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

#### Secular Germans

Germany is rapidly becoming a secular country. Regions in the east and north of the country have little or no local or personal Christian presence. This creates opportunities for workers from all over the world. Munich is a metropolitan area where few people openly proclaim Jesus as Lord. Half of the city's inhabitants are foreigners or have a migration background. International churches are sharing the gospel with people and blessing the German community.

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

Ghana Day 1



# 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 Fulbe peoples.
  - Ministry amongst widows and vulnerable women.
  - Outreach through educational support amongst children.
  - Outreach amongst youth and children.
- Equipping the church for mission through:
  - Leadership development for missional ministry,
  - Sports Friends ministry,
  - Children's ministry leader training,
  - Business as mission.
- Mobilising the church in Ghana for mission in Ghana and beyond.
- Leadership and services.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Muslim peoples of northern Ghana

We serve with local churches among the predominantly Muslim Sisaala, Dagomba and Fulbe peoples. With the growth of the church amongst the Sisaala and Dagomba, our focus is on equipping churches through training to share the good news of God in their communities. More churches and organisations now serve amongst the Fulbe,



a previously-ignored people. This provides opportunities to work together in ministry as we seek to share the good news of God.

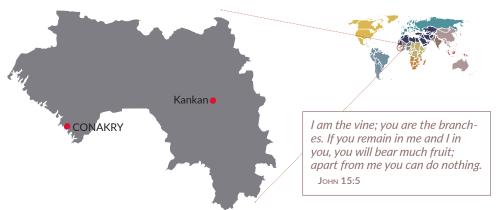
Our focus on children and young people continues through Sports Friends, showing God's love through educational support and children's ministry leader training.

# Widows and vulnerable women among the Dagomba

Literacy lessons have encouraged women in their desire to read the Bible in their heart language. This ministry demonstrates God's love through supporting women in farming and small businesses and supporting children's education and medical needs.

- the outreach to the Fulbe. Pray for developing friendships and opportunities to share the love of Jesus with the Fulbe and for the discipling of new believers to a mature faith
- children's ministry leaders to be trained as congregations see the importance of children, both in and outside the church. Pray for faithfulness and perseverance
- protection for the Sports Friends coaches as they travel long distances around the country to minister
- women learning to read. Pray they come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and grow in their faith
- mission-minded congregations and individuals responding to God's call to mission.
   Pray for guidance as they explore His call
- The Good News Bible Church's theme is "The Great Commission: our Mandate and response to the Nations." Pray for fruit from the year's activities

Guinea Day



# Vision

By faith, we see:

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

# **Ministry**

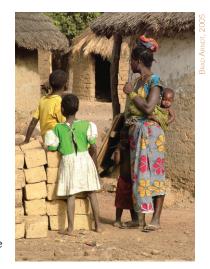
- · Reaching West Africa
  - Social media and radio ministry (Maninka).
  - Kids' clubs (Maninka).
  - Relationship-building (Maninka and Peuhl).
- Engaging the church in missional discipleship
  - Theology and discipleship training.
  - Distribution of scripture portions and audio scriptures.
  - Preaching, Bible study groups and Sunday school.
- Lead and serve the team.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

### Villages

Many Maninka live in small villages. Families engage in subsistence farming to meet their basic needs. Life can be hard, with little access to health care or education. Christianity is seen as something foreign and new compared to their long Islamic tradition. Pray for our growing social media and radio ministries to connect effectively with interested people in villages. Pray that in the coming years we will see groups of Maninkaspeaking believers sharing Jesus in every town and village of Upper Guinea.



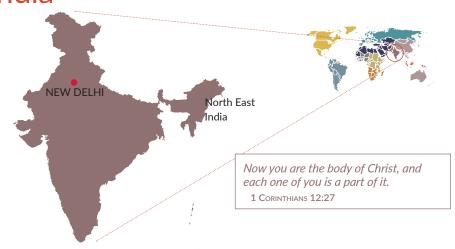
#### University students

Kankan has a public university and several private higher education institutions. Students have little choice over where they study and many receive a

university placement far from their home town. Universities are places where people from different religions and language groups interact but they are all heavily influenced by Islam. Students often gather funds together to offer Islamic sacrifices before exams or graduation.

- SIM Guinea mission workers and staff to be continually growing in their personal relationships with Jesus
- mobilisation of the local church for cross-cultural mission
- the effective introduction of a trauma healing ministry in 2026
- long-lasting fruit from our ministry with neighborhood children
- physical and spiritual protection for the team and continued opportunity to minister
- God to raise up new team members to join us

India Day



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Jaat

The Jaat are traditionally a warrior community known for their group solidarity, pride and self-sufficiency.

"Men may come, and men may go, but I go on forever" is a common Jaat proverb. Sikh and Hindu Jaats are found across North India, while Muslim Jaats are generally from Pakistan.

There are more than 18 million Jaats in India and their communities are often prosperous, traditional and closed. They often see following Jesus as something only



those from lower communities do. Only three per cent of Jaats claim to be Christian.

- more local and international workers called to go to India's Jaat community
- development of teams working in communities where Christ is not known
- God to guide and direct the North East India entity's new director, who started in August, 2025
- peace in North East India so that churches will have a conducive atmosphere to carry on the Great Commission
- creativity, increased networks and provision for developing transformational businesses
- those involved in education, through our two international schools as well as informal educational settings, to be a positive light to their students
- efforts to equip local believers to be witnesses in their workplaces to bear good fruit among the least-reached
- unity and wisdom among our leadership teams
- wisdom to motivate churches to raise full support for their mission workers
- opening of ways to partner with churches for world mission

Indonesia



"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

# Vision

We envision Indonesian believers and churches reaching unreached communities with the gospel through word and life, discipling new followers of Christ and mobilising them to share God's grace across barriers, in Indonesia and beyond, for His glory.

# **Ministry**

- Integrating discipleship into the DNA of churches and ministries.
- Mobilising theological institutions and students for mission.
- Creating mission awareness and equipping pastors and other church members for cross-cultural ministry.
- Partnering with churches to train and send workers to unreached communities in Indonesia and beyond.
- Building meaningful partnerships that address church and ministry needs.
- Exploring missional business opportunities to support outreach efforts.
- Teaching English as a second language as a strategic mission tool.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# The Minangkabau

The Minangkabau (Minang) are an indigenous ethnic group from West Sumatra. They are the fourth largest group in Indonesia and one of the most influential. Famous for their tradition of migrating to seek success, many Minang live across the country and are known for their skills in trade and the restaurant business.

Minang communities traditionally live in self-governing villages called nagari, led by a penghulu (village head) and advisors. They follow a matrilineal system and value education and entrepreneurship.

While relatively developed, West Sumatra still needs improvement in education and small industries. Crafts such as weaving, sewing, and knitting, along with tourism in Lake Maninjau, Lake Singkarak, and Bukittinggi, hold potential for growth.



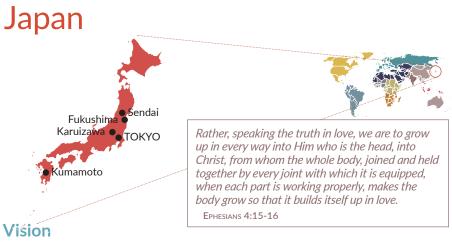


Most Minangkabau are devout Muslims (99.74 per cent) and their faith is deeply tied to their identity. A local saying reflects this: "To be Minangkabau is to be Muslim." Islam became central to Minang culture in the 19th century.

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- the legal registration for the SIM Indonesia foundation
- new workers to settle in well to the team
- revival in Indonesia's 72,000 churches. Many do not have a vision for mission; some are nominal. Evangelicals are only 3.2 per cent of Indonesia's 280 million people
- that the 548 people groups in Indonesia who have heard the gospel would continue to grow in their faith as devoted followers of Jesus
- Indonesian churches to develop a deep burden to reach the 239 unreached people groups in their country still living without knowledge of Christ
- for clear direction and strong collaboration among Indonesian networks working to mobilise churches for cross-cultural mission, both within Indonesia and globally
- Minang people to come to the light, confess their sins and be cleansed from all unrighteousness by the blood of Jesus
- more workers to reach the Minangkabau with the good news of Jesus

Day 12



In Japan, SIM ministers through SIM Japan and a strategic partnership with A3 (formerly Asian Access). A3's vision is to see a vibrant community of servant leaders with vision, character and competence leading the church in Japan. We aim to identify, develop and release emerging kingdom leaders who will unite the church, multiply leaders and congregations, and extend the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. SIM Japan's vision is to be used by the Lord and by Japanese churches to send and receive mission workers to share the gospel.

# **Ministry**

- SIM Japan mobilises workers from within Japan to serve in mission globally.
- SIM Japan is preparing to receive mission workers from around the world to share the gospel with the people of Japan.
- A3 partners with A2J, a Japanese-led movement of churches working throughout most regions and denominations. A2J is focused on training pastors, encouraging young leaders, supporting regional church multiplication and uniting the church in Japan.
- Through partnership, A3 encourages mission workers to use their gifting and talents to promote church multiplication on a local, regional and national level.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

### Rural or non-urban Japan ('inaka')

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

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

Since the earthquakes in Tohoku (2011) and Kumamoto (2016), there has been some growth in Christianity. Churches have been started and people who have been historically resistant to Christianity, such as farmers and fishing communities, have become Christ-followers. A3 prioritises partnering with church multiplication projects in these least-reached areas.

#### Tohoku (north east Japan)

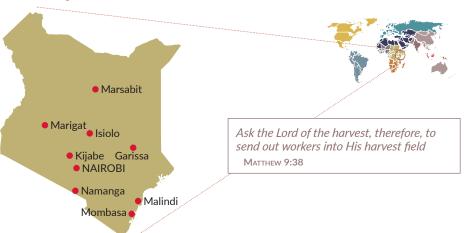
More than half our team ministers in Miyagi, Yamagata and Fukushima prefectures. There is a great need for workers in Fukushima, where stigmas related to the nuclear disaster have significantly limited ministry. The team partners with local churches, helping them reach out to communities where Christ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





- 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
- creativity to help new workers adjust to life and ministry in Japan
- many new workers from around the world to partner with what God is doing in Japan
- new mission workers to be sent from Japan

Kenya Day



# Vision

SIM Kenya owes its existence to the 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.
- Healthcare.
- Eleventh Hour Network.
- Young disciples.

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# 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.

- 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



By faith, we see:

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

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Muslim migrants

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



wisdom as we consider strategies to reach them with the good news of Jesus.

#### Generation MZ

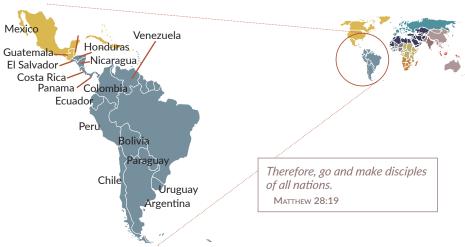
Generation MZ is predominantly used here to refer to those born between 1981 and 2012. Among college students, 68 per cent have no religious affiliation and only 30 per cent have ever attended church. The rate of unchurched youth has doubled in the last five years but suicide is the leading cause of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

# Community B

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

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

Latinoamérica



# Vision

To mobilise the Spanish-speaking Latin church into mission service, to share SIM mission 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 with SIM.

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Global unreached peoples

Each year, more Latinos get involved in mission work among the nations. We pray that God will use SIM as an instrument to facilitate Latin American candidates to the unreached in SIM entities.

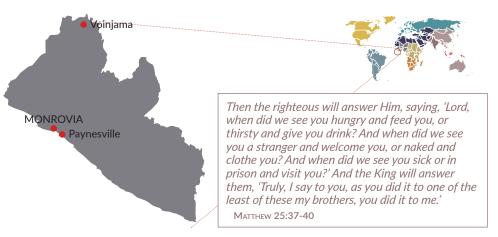
We praise God for opening doors for Latinos with SIM to serve in Africa, Europe and Asia among Muslims, Hindu and Buddhist people.

- wisdom for our board of directors and leadership team
- team life and adjustment for our mission workers in the field
- for God to give us more candidates
- a strong prayer network in Spanish for SIM and our Latin workers
- finances needed for our workers and for the office administration, communications and mobilisation budgets
- for good healthy sending partnerships in Latinoamérica
- good collaboration and strength for our administrative staff, who work virtually from different countries
- the Vamos magazine (Let's Go) and Movilicemos resources (Let's Mobilise His Church), which are key tools to challenge and encourage the Latin American church in God's mission
- us to have SIM mobilisers in each of the 19 Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America
- for wisdom in finding new ways to encourage the Latin church and candidates into mission work





Liberia Day 14



# Vision

A growing community of believers that reflects Christ's love and compassion, equipped to live out the gospel daily, serving Liberian society, proclaiming the gospel and making disciples through healthcare, education and broadcasting.

# **Ministry**

- ELWA Hospital.
- Trinity Dental Clinic.
- Seminary level pastoral and theological education via partnership with Evangelical Seminary of West Africa (ESWA).
- Bible translation (Manya people).
- ELWA Radio.
- ELWA Academy (700 Liberian students from pre-school to grade 12).
- Trauma healing.
- King's Kids (caring for the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of children with disabilities and their families).

<b>Prayer Notes</b>

### Communities where Christ is least known:

# Paynesville and surrounding communities in need of healthcare

SIM Liberia healthcare ministries, including ELWA Hospital and Trinity Dental Clinic, are in Paynesville, 20km from the capital, Monrovia.

The surrounding communities (King Gray, Mills Center, Kenny Town) include impoverished populations with limited access to quality healthcare, which often leads them to seek out traditional treatments, many involving occultic magic, sorcery, and witchcraft. Through the ministries of SIM Liberia, the people have the opportunity to hear and experience the good news of Jesus Christ as they receive quality medical care.

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- for God to guide SIM Liberia through its multi-faceted crisis, involving elements of finances, personnel and reputation
- provision of medical workers, particularly physicians, for ELWA Hospital
- restoration of relationships and reputation with partners and government agencies
- defence against the schemes of our enemy,
   who is sowing seeds of disunity and distrust among our team and our partners
- God's financial provision for ELWA Hospital and the rest of SIM Liberia's ministries
- God's wisdom and discernment for SIM Liberia leadership and the Crisis Management Team (CMT) from SIM International
- God's clear vision for the future of SIM Liberia and ELWA Hospital





Madagascar



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

- Medical.
- Community development.
- Children and youth work.
- · Schools.
- Radio.
- Theological training.
- Discipleship.

- Bible translation.
- Supportive ministries, including administration and teaching mission worker kids.
- Outreach and church planting.
- Emergency relief response.

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### Communities where Christ is least known

# Islamic people

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

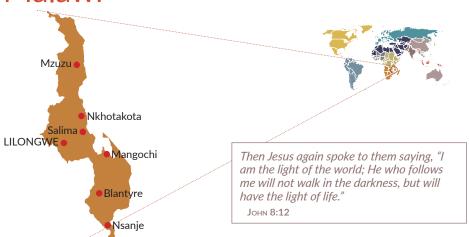
One of the poorest countries in the world, Madagascar also suffers from many cyclones and periods of drought, which threaten the food supply of marginal areas.





- the practical use and the impact of the translated Bible in dialect
- wisdom, knowledge and strength for the newly-established leadership team
- the new perspective that has been installed under the new structure
- the ministries being carried out in Madagascar
- for new workers who can help existing ones, both from abroad and locally
- mission workers to come from Madagascar and to join in God's global mission
- our work among children
- church unity and effective discipleship and evangelism

Malawi Day 15



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

By faith, we:

- bring the gospel to the Yao, Indian, and Asian communities in Malawi by making disciples and facilitating the formation of Christ-exalting churches;
- prepare church leaders to become disciple-makers with a passion for reaching those who do not know Jesus;
- equip the church to help young people become disciples of Christ and train Malawian churches to use sport as an evangelism tool;
- disciple leaders to care holistically for the spiritual, physical and emotional needs
  of Malawi's most vulnerable people, and equip leaders to care for those who have
  experienced major emotional trauma;
- mobilise and equip the Malawian churches to send workers into communities where Christ is least known to share the good news of Christ.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# The Yao people

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

SIM has been working among the Yao since the late 1980s, finding this people group resistant to Christian influence. In 2014, SIM, in partnership with the Bible Society, published the complete Bible in the Yao language.

SIM has three mission worker families churchplanting among the Yao. The Namwera Yao Evangelical Church opened in 2019, and there is another church plant in the village of Kazembe Mataka. Bible study groups meet regularly in many other villages. Yao believers are being discipled to reach their families and friends





with the gospel. A Yao couple who graduated from Bible college in October, 2023 are leading the church in Namwera.

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

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

Malaysia Day 1





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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### International students

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

# Diaspora peoples

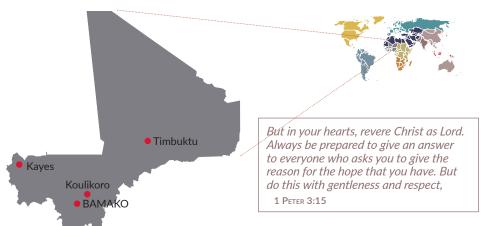
The Lord has brought many nations to Malaysia. There are about 2.6 million non-citizens in Malaysia. They are predominantly asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers and come from least-reached nations, particularly Muslim countries. Many have come to live, work or study without legal status. Such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

# Frontier people groups

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

- 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 churches, including both foreign and local believers, can cross barriers to share the gospel and the love of Christ with all people, particularly the frontier people
- greater partnerships with national churches for cross-cultural mission, both locally and globally

Mali Day 16



#### Vision

SIM Mali has a vision to see:

- a holistic contribution towards Malian communities through the gospel (ecclesiastical, social, economic etc.).
- a healthy, Christ-centred team.
- transformation in the rural communities where Christ is least known.
- discipling the church and the youth for God's mission.

# **Ministry**

- Language and cultural learning.
- Kayes Rural Development Project, a ministry tool to build relationships with the least-reached nomadic community.
- Discipleship and mission mobilisation.
- Mission and discipleship creative camp.
- Medical ministry.

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

# The Moors, Soninke, and Fulani of south west Mali

Khossani is a big, old town towards the north of Kayes and four ethnic groups living there: the Moors, the Soninke, the Fulani and the Khassonkes. The first two are the most numerous Islamic groups.

The Soninke occupy the west, while the Fulani live throughout this area. The Moors are in the east, occupying 17-19 villages with a population of more than 12,000. They are farmers and herdsmen. 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.

This region is not only spiritually impoverished but also lacks basic social amenities, with no infrastructure like water, electricity, clinics or schools. This has created a sense of inferiority, low initiative and isolation. They are calm, uncompetitive with other ethnic groups and accommodating.

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





- the SIM Mali team and the different ministry activities around the country
- stability, peace and security in the country because insecurity hinders ministry activity and disturbs the peace of the workers in the field
- the local churches to realise the importance of discipleship and mission mobilisation
- for the younger generation of Malians to have God's calling on their lives
- the Faithful Witness team serving among the stiff-necked people in challenging conditions
- God's continuous provision for all the team members and projects

Mauritius Day 17





For by Him all things were created...
Colossians 1:16a

# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

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

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

## Hindus and Muslims

Hinduism in Mauritius originates from India and Hindus represent nearly half the population. 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.

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





Middle East Day



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**

Obeying God's call and trusting Him, we:

- encourage local Christians to minister to neighbours with love and truth;
- support local church-planting and discipleship initiatives;
- model vibrant Christian faith;
- mobilise the worldwide church to pray for the region;
- invest in relationships, learn languages and acquire cultural sensitivity;
- engage in church life, serving alongside local believers;
- reach out with compassion to the marginalised, including refugees and 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;
- aspire to develop new ministries in response to changing needs.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Majority faith people

Islam is the majority faith but the Middle East is a diverse and complex region with a gospel history as old as the church. It is home to some of the world's oldest church traditions, but also to some of the greatest persecution of believers. The small faithful church is surrounded by a much larger population that has heard of Jesus but does not know Him.

However, people are asking questions as never before. They need to connect with scripture and with Christians who can explain it. We pray that many from the majority communities will understand and accept the gospel through the witness of our lives, friendship, testimony and gospel presentation.



Regional conflicts and economic challenges have prompted huge movements of people over recent years and a widespread desire to

emigrate. As churches adjust, train people and reach out with Christ's compassion, we rejoice that unprecedented numbers are finding hope, peace and life in Christ.

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

Mongolia Day 1



After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things known from of old.

Acts 15:16-18

#### Vision

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

# **Ministry**

- Supporting churches in planting and disciple-making.
- Training next-generation leaders in pastoral leadership and mentoring.
- Education grade school to university levels.
- Youth mentoring, social welfare and evangelism.
- Nomadic community outreach.
- Urban outreach.

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

# Young people

Young people are the most responsive to the gospel in Mongolia, yet youth ministry is one of the most under-supported ministries, with about 40 per cent of churches saying they do not engage in it at all. The high numbers of youth conversions may show the effectiveness of children's Sunday schools. However, if churches seek to retain the younger generation, they need to invest in discipling this age group.

Our team members serve as teachers from grade school to university. With church partnership, they share the gospel, lead Bible studies and welcome students into their homes, outside of their classroom.





#### Vulnerable people

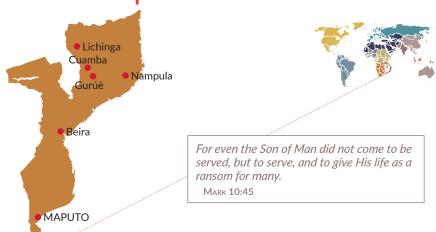
As the country goes through rapid changes of urbanisation and modernisation, many

people are exposed to vulnerable situations. A recent report identified a variety of ministries in family, education, sport and health through which churches engage with vulnerable communities. However, the overwhelming majority of churches only sometimes engage in such programmes.

The team cares for children with special needs and their families and provides mentors and living space for at-risk young adults through partnership with churches. In these relationships, we testify to God's glory, love and power in Christ.

- God's protection over the well-being of the Mongolian church leaders and families as they share the gospel with young people and vulnerable people
- God's wisdom and guidance to be upon Mongolian leaders as they lead the nation
- God's direction and guidance for team-building as they serve together from diverse professional backgrounds and different ages
- divine appointments with local leaders as the team seeks to grow ministries for young people and vulnerable people in unreached communities

Mozambique Day 1



#### Vision

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

# **Ministry**

Our ministries include:

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

Our future ministries will include evangelism through teaching English to university students; bringing in theological and Biblical teachers who can provide rural and urban training and discipleship; and administrative service in personnel and finance.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Yao

It's said that to be a Yao is to be a Muslim. The Yao people typically mix traditional African beliefs with Islam to form a Folk Islam. Today, most of the 500,000 Yao in northwest 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 3,500, so God has opened a door and there is no better time than now for evangelism and discipleship ministries.





#### Makuwa-metto and Makuwa-chirima

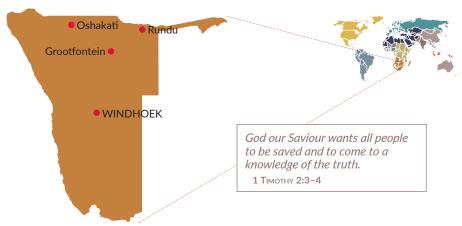
There are about one million people in each of these groups. Most are subsistence farmers,

working their fields with handheld tools. There is a growing trend of Makuwas moving to towns and cities, where unemployment and promiscuity are 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 in the local language is facilitating evangelism and discipleship.

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

Namibia Day 1



# 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 discipled 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.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Children and young people

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 young people with the gospel. For example, Family of Hope Services (FHS) runs a remedial school for 40-50 children each year, teaching uneducated children so they can qualify for public schools. Using a Bible-based curriculum, the centre is a shining light of the gospel to those families and the surrounding community.





# Leadership training

While a large part of the population claims Christianity in name, a much smaller percentage are following Christ with their

lives. Therefore, we are working with a local seminary to train and equip the next generation of pastors and church leaders to disciple their own congregations. We are also organising Pastor's Book Set conferences in towns around the country to give local church leaders resources to disciple their congregations and combat common issues, such as sexual addiction.

- God to send more workers to Namibia
- God to use FHS and other similar Christian community centres to reach many children with the gospel
- the Pastor's Book Set conferences to better equip and resource many faithful workers for discipling others
- the churches in Namibia to hear God's calling to support mission and send out workers, both inside and outside the country

**Day 19** 

# New Zealand



# Vision

With prayer as the anchor, we work to see a missional New Zealand church working cross-culturally to actively participate in God's redemption of His creation, both here and abroad.

# **Ministry**

We have defined our three 'SEA' currents: Sending, Equipping, and Adapting.

- We SEND by working with the New Zealand church to identify those God calls to cross-cultural mission and helping them discern and act on that call.
- We EQUIP churches to embrace mission, supporters to engage in ministry and members to serve sustainably.
- We ADAPT our office systems and procedures to ensure we can continue to serve our partners well.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# The non-believing majority alongside increasing immigration

The 2023 census revealed what the New Zealand church already knew. After years of decline, it was the first year that more than half the population said they had 'no religion'. The proportion of the population identifying as Christian has dropped by one per cent per year over the last several decades.



Add to that increasing immigration, with significant numbers from countries where faith in Jesus Christ is quite minimal, and it is easy to understand why diverse cultural communities, norms and experiences are common in New Zealand.

Today, New Zealand is truly a secular country in which you can no longer assume your neighbour has a similar worldview or knows the basic tenets of Christianity. It is very evident that our mission field is both here and abroad.

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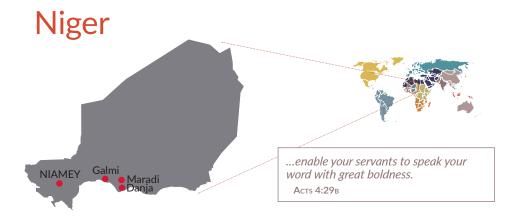
- our mobilisation team as they work with enquirers and applicants. We pray for two new long-term members this year and two short-term exposure trips.
- our efforts to build new relationships with churches
- our members, for God to work in their lives as well as in the communities where they serve

#### • EQUIPPING

- our people care team as they work alongside our sending churches to care for the people we send
- our efforts to build SIM advocates to be a voice for us in their church and community
- our efforts to train and support new members who are preparing to go or are in their first year of service. Pray we support them well so they can adjust to new ministry contexts

#### ADAPTING:

- our office team as we update two financial systems
- the launch of our new branding and communications material
- the team would see specific areas of encouragement tangible glimpses of how God is using their efforts in His redemptive work



#### Vision

In a world broken by sin and separated from its creator, we are convinced that the gospel of Jesus Christ brings true freedom and transformation. In Niger, where 27 million people are living and dying without Christ, we are compelled to go - and to pray. The task before us is great but we believe in a greater God. Through prayer and obedience, we trust God to do what only He can.

# **Ministry**

- Outreach in Niamey, Galmi and Maradi: university outreach, evangelism and discipleship, literacy, people group focus, the Maza Tsaye Centre of Ministries, translation and media.
- Community services: Galmi Hospital, Danja Medical Centre, Sowing Seeds of Change in the Sahel, Dorcas Widows project.
- Education: ESPriT seminary, Sahel Academy. Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons surgical training.
- Leadership and services: administration, SIMAIR, guest houses, leadership, church-mission relations.

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

#### University students

University students represent a growing and influential segment of society.

Most come from communities where Christ is not known, and many arrive from remote regions that are now inaccessible due to security concerns.

They come with a readiness for new relationships and fresh perspectives. This creates a unique and powerful opportunity for gospel outreach, through personal connections, academic engagement and acts of service. This includes Christian workers and local believers sharing the





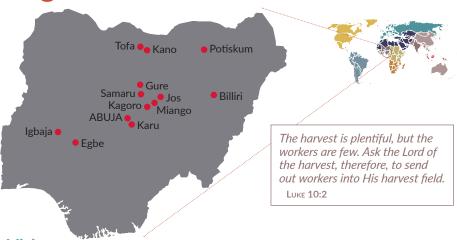
hope of Christ, whether through English clubs, outreach events or group discussions. At the same time, Christian students leaving home for the first time find space to grow deeper in their faith and discover what it means to follow Jesus in a new environment.

# **Pray for**

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- Open hearts among students; pray university students would be open to new relationships and the truth of the gospel during this formative season of life
- Reaching the unreachable; lift up students who come from remote regions now
  closed to traditional mission work due to security concerns; pray their time in the
  city would be a divine appointment to encounter the love and truth of Jesus
- New workers joining the team; give thanks for four new workers joining the
  university team; pray for their preparation, cultural adjustment, language learning
  and for God to use them powerfully in building relationships and sharing the gospel
- Creative and effective outreach; ask God to bless the various outreach efforts, such
  as English clubs, events and small group discussions; pray these would be spaces
  where students feel safe, valued and drawn to the message of Christ
- Growth for Christian students; pray for Christian students who are living away from home for the first time; ask God to strengthen their faith, connect them with supportive community, and equip them to be bold witnesses among their peers
- Spiritual breakthroughs on campuses; pray for a spiritual awakening across university campuses in Niger; ask God to raise up student leaders, open doors for gospel conversations, and bring lasting transformation through His spirit.

Nigeria Day 2



Vision

By faith, we see Nigeria transformed by the gospel reaching every tribe, tongue, and community. With a fresh, renewed focus, we dedicate ourselves to focusing our attention on those living and dying without Christ, in the heart of northern Nigeria. We commit to strengthening partnerships with local churches, empowering leaders, and engaging communities. Our prayer is for unity in purpose, disciple-making and bringing hope to Nigeria's north, so that the gospel truth is presented clearly across this nation, while there is still opportunity to do so.

# **Ministry**

- Proclaim the gospel to communities where Christ is least known, especially among the Fulani and Muslim communities in northern Nigeria.
- Implement a clear, strategic approach aimed at disciple-making, holistic care, community transformation, mission mobilisation, local involvement and empowerment, and strengthening persecuted Christians and those affected by oppression and hostility.

Prayer Notes	

#### Communities where Christ is least known

#### Muslims

Northern Nigeria is a land of profound spiritual opportunity, with nearly half the 230 million people identifying Muslim. Our core north ministry is committed to expanding the reach of the gospel into this influential and strategic region and beyond.



#### Unreached nomadic communities

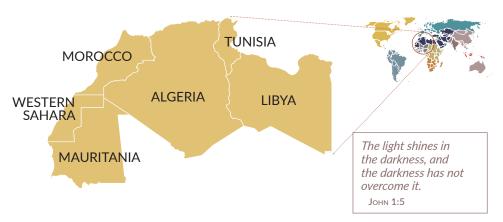
About 20 million Fulani nomads in Nigeria are part of the larger 40 million Fulani across West Africa. Many are misunderstood and

marginalised, leading to conflicts and barriers to outreach.

We believe that a Christ-like, compassionate approach, built on love and genuine friendship, is the key to reaching their hearts and enabling gospel discussions. Despite attacks by some herdsmen, we continue to pray for open doors, a spirit of love among local Christians and opportunities to support and disciple Fulani believers.

- divine favour and open doors to share the gospel in northern Nigeria, especially among unreached Muslim communities, including the Fulani
- local churches and ministry teams working among the Fulani, that they may operate with revived faith, strength, patience and sensitivity in challenging environments
- God to soften hearts and foster openness among the Fulani and other nomadic communities, enabling meaningful gospel conversations and relationships
- more resources: financial, spiritual and human, to reach these least-reached and under-served rural communities effectively
- wisdom, discernment and opportunity, as we engage in medical outreach, water projects, vocational training, media and creative community engagement
- the Spirit to grow love and unity among Nigerian Christians and Christ-like compassion toward Muslim neighbours, especially in areas affected by conflict
- opportunities to support and disciple persecuted Christians, and for protection and strength for those facing opposition
- our front-line workers, those supporting them and our leadership team, to remain rooted in the gospel, and equipped and resilient by the Spirit's enabling, as they trust God and act wisely through the challenges of living and serving in Nigeria

North Africa Day 21



# **Vision**

A flourishing body of Christ where His name was not known and a story of God's provision for faithful servants who persevered as His witnesses.

# **Ministry**

Building God's Kingdom in the countries of North Africa through:

- Business as mission;
- discipleship of believers;
- campus outreach;
- English teaching;
- trauma healing;
- transformational development;
- Third Culture Kid (TCK) education.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

Living in North Africa means living in community. For men, it means drinking coffee in the coffee shops late at night, while women visit home-to-home or spend time together at the salon.

Living life together with colleagues, employees, friends, neighbours, language teachers etc, gives us many opportunities to develop relationships with people of peace and speak about Jesus every day.

Several of our workers are educators, reaching the next generation for Christ, whether in a university lecture hall, high school classroom or primary school playground. Others teach English in community centres or home-school their own children. One worker has an after-school club to mentor young people in robotics. Each has a unique opportunity to impact those around them by their lives, words and prayers.

Workers in partnership with local believers are presenting a health and wellness programme in a desert community, teaching about physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health. It is a great way to begin spiritual conversations and also build relationships of trust and cooperation with North African brothers and sisters.





# **Pray for**

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- the local fellowship of believers, which is very small (about 0.03 per cent across the region). Pray for unity and trust among them. Pray for faithful discipleship and godly leadership in the church
- those who continue to follow Jesus amid trials, imprisonment and rejection by their families and communities
- new vision, spiritual breakthroughs, wisdom and direction for areas where we have not worked previously and in communities where He is least known
- God to sustain our workers, many of whom minister in challenging environments
- the Lord to send new workers to a part of the world where there are fewer followers of Christ than in any region on earth
- the spiritual strongholds of Islam to be broken. More and more young people are already rejecting their traditional faith but the power of Islam still holds many captive

Pakistan Day 2



#### Vision

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

# Ministry

- Church-planting.
- Leadership training.
- Rural education.
- Rural medical assistance.
- Disciple-making training.
- · Business as mission.
- Education of mission kids.

- Language and culture learning.
- People care and development.
- Welcoming new workers.
- Supporting Christian schools.
- Vocational training for young people.
- Ministry with women and children.
- Addiction recovery ministry.

Prayer Notes	

# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Hazara

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

# Drug-dependent youth

Huge numbers of young people, especially boys and young men, are addicted to drugs and alcohol. For those with little money

but who want to break free, there are very few places to go 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.

- people from all backgrounds to come to know Jesus Christ, through church ministries and outreach
- strength for new believers to stand firm in Christ, despite opposition and persecution, and wisdom for the church in how to support and welcome them
- 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, Christian education as discipleship and outreach, Bible teaching and works of administration
- the ongoing training of Christian leaders
- visas for new personnel, visa renewals for existing personnel and good relationships with officials
- our SIM team and leadership to walk closely with the Lord and know His peace and joy
- integrity and wisdom for government officials
- police and security guards, who are in difficult and sometimes dangerous jobs
- SIM children's friendships, education, health, safety, and spiritual growth

Paraguay Day 2



# 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.
- Partnering with First Nations leaders: mobilisation of First Nation believers;
   Bible studies and discipleship, community health initiatives; 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 Guarani language is strongly preferred. Using oral methods, church-planting teams are evangelising, discipling and training church leaders, regardless of the leaders' literacy levels, so that these leaders may know and teach God's word.



# Indigenous groups

Many of those who belong to Paraguay's 19 indigenous groups live and die in small, scattered communities without sufficient access to God's good news. Historically animistic in their views,

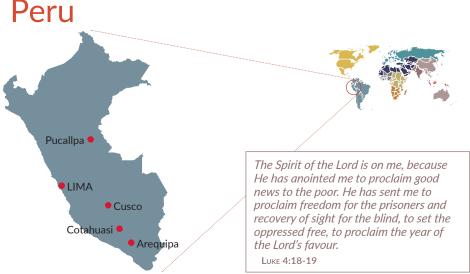
these communities are often led by both a political leader and a spiritual leader (shaman). An SIM team of mission families has answered a partnership invitation from the indigenous church leaders to unite in evangelism and discipleship efforts.

#### 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 to this uniquely isolated, unreached community.

- each of our ministry teams, that God would help guide efforts to achieve His
  desired outcomes
- spiritual power, strength and victory because our team has felt under intense spiritual attack for many years
- next steps of growth for our SIM church plants and their leaders
- a growing sense of unity and support within the SIM team
- more mission workers, because we have seen many families leave in recent years
- the development of the SIM Camp Board; that this group of Paraguayan church leaders would, in unity, take the initiative in directing the SIM Camp

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# 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.
- Dental work in a mission clinic and villages.
- Sunday school training and Vacation Bible School preparation.

- Water hygiene projects.
- Community service ministries: a breakfast programme, homework clubs and a laundry facility.
- Support for vulnerable mothers (Dorcas programme, Isola Madre).
- Sports Friends.
- Prison ministry for international prisoners.
- Administrative support.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Quechua speakers in Pastaza

In the northern jungle of Peru, many people drink water straight from open wells and suffer from parasitic diseases as a result. Eight church leaders have requested simple water filters for the families in their communities, and SIM's Quechua ministry is carrying out pilot projects, first training the leaders and then helping them train others and distributing filters to provide clean drinking water.

The church leaders are enthusiastic and committed but often lack the training and understanding to be able to communicate the gospel well to their churches and communities. Workers from SIM partner ministry AIDIA train local leaders and are helping them produce a Bible translation in their local language. The water ministry





helps to make connection with non-believers and shows God's love for all.

Noemi (employed by AIDIA, through a SIM project) leads this outreach, having worked in the more established Apurimac water ministry for three years. The long river journey to access these communities means she usually visits for a month at a time.

# Pray for

- water hygiene ministries and the long trips Noemi makes to remote jungle communities, that people may have improved health and understand the gospel
- spiritual vitality and supportive communities for our mission workers, as many serve in small, dispersed teams
- Peruvians to continue to be sent out to the ends of the earth through SIM Latinoamérica and for God to raise up more sending churches
- the direction of our Arequipa team, because it is has many new workers and has undergone recent ministry changes
- the administration of the Peru team as we transition to a new book-keeper and new guesthouse managers

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Philippines Day 2



# **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.

# **Muslim ministry**

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

# Migrant ministry

• Indonesian, Indian and Chinese diaspora.

# **Mobilisation ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Balik-Islam Muslims

There are 14 least-reached people groups in the Philippines and all are Muslim. Their population is estimated to be seven million and is increasing.

One of the reasons they are increasing is because of Balik-Islam. Balik is a Filipino word which means 'return'. Muslims here



believe the Philippines used to be a Muslim country before the Spaniards came and spread Christianity. The Filipino conversion of non-Muslims to Islam means returning to the original religion of the Philippines. Balik-Islam means return or revert to Islam.

This Balik-Islam phenomenon started in the late 1970s when Filipinos started working in Middle Eastern countries. Surprisingly, many of these non-Muslim workers, particularly in Saudi Arabia, returned to the Philippines as new Muslims. Today, more Filipinos are becoming Balik-Islam because of the intentional sharing of faith of Muslims in non-Muslim communities.

Filipino Muslims used to be concentrated in Mindanao but recent research by two local organisations showed the increasing number of mosques and Balik-Islam in different cities and provinces in Luzon. The Balik-Islam are passionate about their faith and actively share it with non-Muslims.

- Filipino churches to adopt Muslim communities in prayer and reach out to them with the love of Jesus
- opportunities for SIM Philippines workers to mobilise and train local churches in Muslim ministry
- good partnership and collaboration with other mission groups and churches in engaging in Muslim ministry, particularly in communities where there is no work yet
- 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

Senegal Day 2



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

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

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Clinic patients

In medical work, it can be difficult for doctors and nurses to have time to listen to, pray with and witness to patients in the busyness of work. So, in 2025, SIM Senegal appointed a chaplain, Anna, to work in one of the Christian clinics in Dakar, where we have an SIM doctor. Anna started work in January and has had opportunities to chat with patients who need counsel as well as medical advice. She has handed out Bibles and prayed with patients.

#### Street children

Sadly, across Senegal there are children and teenagers who for various reasons do not attend school but are seen in the streets, either looking for work or begging. There



are Christian ministries to these children and teenagers, and SIM Senegal works with three of these. One of our workers teaches the Bible, and another brings practical help (carpentry skills) so that these teenagers can find work.

- opportunities with patients; for doctors and nurses working with Anna to refer
  patients to her; that patients would be open to seeing her, and that the Lord
  would use her to spread His word and love in a country where so few have any
  opportunity to meet a Christian witness
- children and teenagers in these Christian centres, that they would be receptive to God's word and that the older ones would find work and stability in life
- opportunities to share Christ through teaching, training, and media ministries
- faithful teaching of both adults and youth in local churches, particularly in Wolof
- more long-term workers

South Africa Day :



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

- Ministries and outreach to people of all ages.
- 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.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Neighbouring peoples

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

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



countries in the Southern Africa region by providing support services.

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

South Sudan Day



#### Vision

God's good news is shared where He is least known.

# **Ministry**

Our ministries include:

- bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to refugees and host communities who have never heard and discipling them to share the same in their communities. We go out and people come to our clinic where they can hear and be loved;
- equipping church leaders and members to disciple their families and others to see churches grow, reproduce, and send out their own mission workers;
- connecting, networking and producing content for our workers to use in mobilising so we can actively find the people, skills, giftings and finances we need;
- caring for the people in our team, so they can love one another well and be effective ministers of the gospel.

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# Communities where Christ is least known.

#### Unreached people groups

We engage 21 people groups from Sudan and South Sudan, most of which are unreached and the others least-reached.

We are happy to report that some of these people groups, with new believers and young believing communities, have already sent out their first mission workers. Others have returned to their homelands to proclaim the gospel to their people.

We are even raising up Fulani believers from Niger who speak the same language as the Falata in our area to come and partner with us in proclaiming the gospel in their own language.

What an exciting time to be alive!



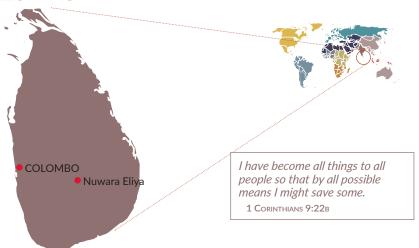


# Pray for

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

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 an end to the conflicts in Sudan and South Sudan and for the people of Upper Nile State to live in peace and harmony with one another Sri Lanka Day



# 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.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

#### Muslims

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

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



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

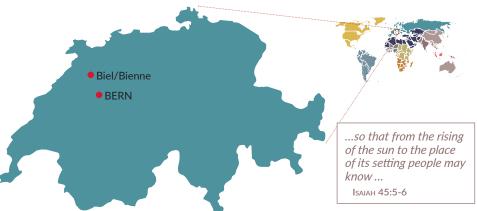
Muslim influence has grown, due to intermarriage between these people groups and Sri Lankans, bringing political leadership and economic sway. The influence of Muslims far exceeds their numbers. Even though a few hundred people among them have come to follow Christ, there are no churches with congregants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

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

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

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

Switzerland Day :



# **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**

SIM Switzerland is dedicated to:

- connecting with churches in the French and German-speaking parts of Switzerland;
- sending Christians into cross-cultural ministries, providing administrative support and member care;
- raising spiritual and financial support;
- maintaining modern and relevant communication tools in German and French;
- facilitating the sending of mission workers from Switzerland and other European countries.

Prayer Notes	

#### Communities where Christ is least known

#### Muslim communities

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

Muslim communities began arriving with Turkish guest workers in the 1960s and continued with waves of refugees fleeing the Balkan conflicts in the 1990s. More recently, Switzerland has seen many refugees from Afghanistan. There are now

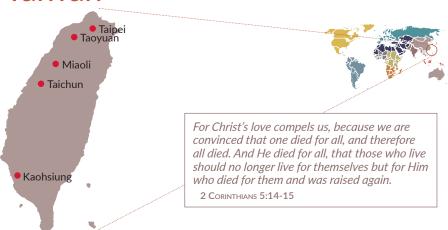


Muslim communities across Switzerland, many of which maintain strong cultural and religious connections to their countries of origin.

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

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

Taiwan Day



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

- Reaching out to migrant workers (Indonesian, Thai, Filipino etc), elderly Taiwanese in rural areas and international students with love and the gospel.
- Mobilising, sending, caring for and supporting mission workers.
- Mobilising Taiwan churches and Christians for cross-cultural mission.

Prayer Notes

# Communities where Christ is least known

# Elderly people in rural Taiwan

By April of 2025, the elderly (65 and over) made up 19.48 per cent of Taiwan's population. They mostly live alone or in nursing homes, especially in rural areas. Very few churches in Taiwan focus on reaching out to elderly people and they have very limited opportunity to hear the gospel. They are a hidden unreached people group.



#### Migrant workers

There are more than one million migrant workers in Taiwan, most from Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Thailand. Because of language barriers, churches in Taiwan cannot reach out to them with the gospel.

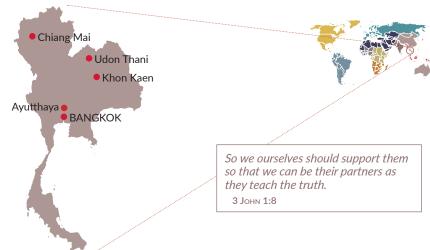


#### International students

There are more than 120,000 international students in Taiwan, from Vietnam, India, Malaysia, Indonesia and other countries. Because of language barriers, churches in Taiwan find it difficult to reach out to them with the gospel.

- more workers from Taiwan who are called by God to go to least-reached people groups and make disciples for the Lord
- suitable workers from overseas who can witness Christ to the least-reached people groups in Taiwan
- open doors to partner with churches and organisations in Taiwan to reach out to migrant workers, international students and elderly people in rural areas

Thailand Day 2



# 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 outreach.
- Evangelism and church-planting.
- Sports Friends.
- Hope for Life, a community outreach ministry for those affected by HIV and AIDS.
- Missionary kid education.
- Leadership and administration.
- English teaching.
- Mobilising, training and sending Thai mission workers.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Northern church planting

While the province of Chiang Mai is about six per cent Christian, many sub-districts have no churches or believers. Lamphun province, located just south east of Chiang Mai is only 0.5 per cent Christian. Being the oldest city of the Lanna Kingdom, it is rich in Buddhist culture and religion, with many festivals and events taking place at its many temples. It is also known as the suicide capital of Thailand. The Northern church planting team is being led by some of SIM Thailand's most experienced workers, who have been sowing the seeds of the gospel faithfully among the peoples of Lamphun.





#### University outreach

University ministry in Thailand has shown much promise in various contexts across the country. In all three regions where SIM Thailand engages

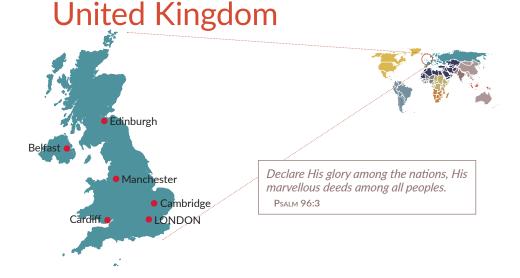
with least-reached peoples, university outreach is part of the strategy. This takes the form of English tutoring off-campus, joining the faculty to improve English proficiency and campus outreach.

# Pray for

- the development and expansion of university ministries in Thailand
- the resilience of workers, who wrestle with language learning, cultural adaptation and spiritual warfare as they minister among the least-reached
- God to raise up mission workers among the Thai church and more staff for SIM Thailand's sending operation

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# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

- Preparing, sending, and receiving, equipping and supporting mission workers.
- UK cross-cultural mission.
- Providing opportunities for individuals and churches to partner in the work of SIM.
- Supporting and mobilising the UK church in cross-cultural mission.

Prayer Notes	

# Communities where Christ is least known

# North west England

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

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

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

A family from the UK have moved to this region, having served with SIM in south Asia. They use their language and cultural experience to build bridges into south Asian communities.

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

- our UK-based mission team and their witness in multi-ethnic, religiously diverse communities. Pray for people to come to Christ.
- praise God for the rise in church attendance in the UK, openness to the gospel and engagement with the Bible among young people
- God to draw to us people who are willing to go where Christ is least known
- the development of new church partnerships
- the growth of our SIM UK community
- God's provision for SIM UK and those preparing to go
- SIM UK to stay relevant to the times and in step with the Holy Spirit and with what God is doing around the world







#### Vision

Through eyes of faith, we see:

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

# **Ministry**

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

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

# The unchurched and people unaffiliated with a church

Many people in the US have never been to church, while others who used to attend are no longer connected. However, there is a growing spiritual interest, led mostly by younger people and especially men.

"The increase in commitment to Jesus among those under 40 suggests a growing spirituality that is quiet, personal, unconventional and hopeful, but also challenging," says Barna CEO David Kinnaman. "That's because today's spiritual openness is unlikely to translate into church affiliation or attendance and may not resemble renewal movements of the past."

While mainline denomination churches in the US appear to be shrinking, non-denominational churches are growing at a

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rapid pace and are increasingly passionate about communities in countries where it is illegal to become a Christian. In addition to ministering to immigrants living near them, many of these churches are open to receiving help from SIM USA to identify, prepare and send people to places in the world where Jesus is least known.

- clear, healthy expectations for all stakeholders (local church, SIM USA, worker and receiving team) in bringing the gospel to places where it is unwelcome
- effective efforts to help US churches understand more about what they need to send workers to countries that don't grant mission worker visas
- abundant increase in connections with the US church, leading to 70 long-term and mid-term completed applications from potential global workers
- growth in the number of financial ministry partners God is calling to worship Him through giving to send more workers

Uruguay Day 2



#### **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 disciplemaking.
- Mentoring and cross-cultural skillbuilding.
- Theological and missional training: counselling, worship, next generation and Christian leadership tracks.
- Empowering personal Bible study in the local church.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# Reaching the nations in Uruguay

A quiet but significant mission field has emerged among internationals who now call Uruguay home for various reasons and for various periods of time.

From vulnerable refugees to wealthy expats, and everything in between, God is drawing people from some of the world's least-reached nations to this peaceful, but least religious, country in the Americas.

Christ Church Montevideo - a partnering congregation where SIM mission workers serve - has positioned itself uniquely. As the only church in the capital offering services in Spanish and English, it has become a spiritual home for a diverse mix of internationals.

What a responsibility and open door this is for Christian workers in Uruguay to reach souls with the gospel!

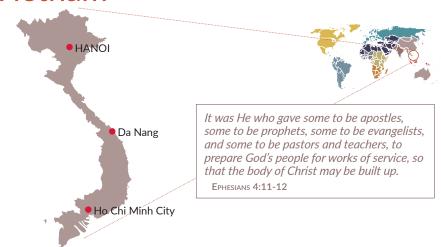
We also want to strengthen, inspire and equip international believers for local impact as well as in their unique communities. One example is with the Indian population. Christian Indians have successfully brought their Hindu and Muslim friends to Christ Church events and services. This is something their friends would be significantly less likely to do in their home contexts and amid family and cultural pressures. Here in Uruguay, they are willing to be curious, open and searching.

- spiritual openness and a felt need for Jesus and His gospel
- local and international Christians in Uruguay to be motivated and equipped to make and develop disciples in their areas of influence
- God to put Uruguay on more people's hearts, propelling them toward serving in current or new ministry opportunities





Vietnam Day 2



# Vision

By faith, we see Vietnamese communities where Christ is least known being engaged by a multi-ethnic team with the gospel, reflecting Christ through character, word and action; 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 training for Biblical relationships in the home, church and community.
- Preparing Vietnamese teachers to teach Biblical marriage and family.
- Training Vietnamese to help those in trauma, through God's love and comfort.
- Supporting the teaching of new chaplaincy candidates.
- Being witnesses in the workplace through missional businesses.
- Establishing in-country support services for a growing team of workers.
- Teaching the design of learner-centred training.

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

#### Minority people groups

There are approximately 69 people groups which do not know Christ in Vietnam. Of those, 30 have fewer than one per cent professing Christians, and 15 have no followers of Christ.

In these communities, when a person receives Jesus Christ as saviour, he or she is often eager to follow the Biblical mandate to lead others to Christ by starting and shepherding a church in his or her community. These pastors have



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little education or Bible knowledge. Their risk of persecution is high. Their journey can be lonely, with no one to encourage or guide them in their new faith.

#### Majority people group

The Kinh make up 86 per cent of the 102 million population. They have Christian resources, but only 1.2 per cent are followers of Christ. This makes the Kinh people the largest people group which does not know Christ in south east Asia.

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



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

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

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

## Dendi of Benin

The Dendi people are in the northern region of the Benin and are also found in some border areas of Togo, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Mali and others. All are unreached by the gospel.

The Dendi are the proudest Islamic group of northern Benin. They are 99.9 per cent Muslim, with just 0.07 per cent Christian, and 0.03 per cent evangelical. There are some resources available in the Dendi language, but the majority of the people have not yet heard a clear presentation of the gospel.



- speed in language learning for new workers
- God to bless the mission workers with knowledge and understanding, good health and provision to bring more souls to Christ
- the breaking of the yoke of Islam in Benin
- God to help the few believers of Christ to stand strong and not to be distracted by anything that might hinder Muslims coming to Christ
- for the sports ministry to win many young people for Christ through football



Zambia Day 29



# Vision

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

# **Ministry**

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

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#### Communities where Christ is least known

#### Children and young people

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

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



opportunity, we know young people can impact their families and their culture for God's kingdom.

#### University students

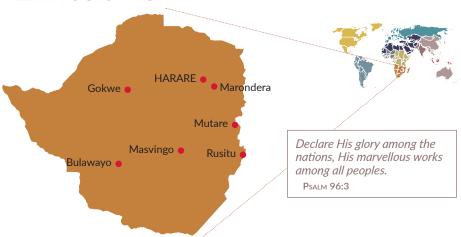
Most university students have been exposed to Christianity but struggle to understand their faith and grow in their walk with God. At university, they are heavily influenced by secular education and educators when they are exploring new opportunities and ideologies. Therefore, discipleship and mentoring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

# **Pray for**

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

Zimbabwe Day



# 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: children, particularly vulnerable girls; youth; college and university students; those impacted by HIV, AIDS and Covid-19; and the prevention of human trafficking.
- Theology and resources: theological education; Leaders Equipping and Resourcing Network (LEARN); research; witness to cults.
- Disaster relief: famine, Covid-19 and other infectious diseases; climate hazards (tropical cyclones, flooding etc).
- Leadership and services.
- Evangelism.

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# Communities where Christ is least known

# The Nambya

The Nambya 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 areas surrounding Victoria Falls.

They believe in a supreme being and ancestors who heal and protect them from evil; they also believe ancestral spirits are benevolent or malevolent and may inspire individual gifts, such as healing.

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

According to the Joshua Project, the Nambya of Zimbabwe are engaged but unreached.

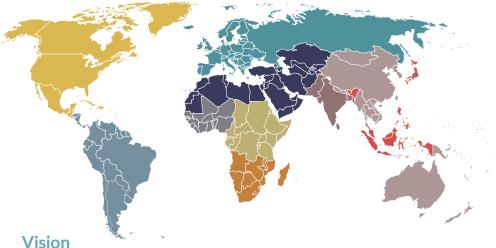
Bringing them to faith in Jesus Christ requires patience and a good understanding of the culture.

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





SIM International Day 31



SIM International seeks to unite the worldwide SIM community in deep mutual trust, clear ministry direction, effective governance, and courageous leadership to lead the pursuit of SIM's shared Purpose, Mission and Vision.

# **Ministry**

Our ministries lead and equip entities so they may pursue ministries which seek to accomplish our shared Purpose and Mission. SIM International staff serve around the world, including the US, Canada, UK, Kenya and South Africa. We strive to provide:

- global leadership and training;
- personnel, financial and technical support to our entities worldwide.
- cross-cultural people and ministry development support to our entities worldwide;
- direction and planning for the expansion and long-term sustainability of SIM priority ministries and projects;
- Sports Friends, working with churches to train sports coaches to share the gospel;
- Hope For Life, working with all those impacted by HIV and AIDS;
- For Freedom, working to ensure all our entities are aware of human trafficking risks in their contexts;
- Faithful Witness in Forgotten Communities, working to mobilise workers from non-traditional sending contexts into places where the gospel is least known.

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# **Equipping SIM entities around the world**

As a global organisation our purpose is clear: to make disciples of the Lord Jesus in communities where He is least known. That is what our entities are doing on a daily basis and it is the role of SIM International to help equip them for that task.

We do that by providing a range of services, including training, financial infrastructure, communications, personnel and member care, as well as global leadership. We strive constantly to listen to our entities so that we can better understand what they need and how we can provide it.

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

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

International also has responsibility for several global ministries, including Sports Friends, Hope for Life, For Freedom and Faithful Witness in Forgotten Communities. Our role is to empower and encourage our entities to work with the leaders of these ministries as together they seek to make disciples of the Lord Jesus in communities where He is least known.

- greater connection and collaboration between entities, so they can better share knowledge and resources to accomplish our shared Purpose and Mission
- wisdom for the leaders of International, as they strive to find cost-effective ways of leading and serving our diverse entities
- clarity among entity leaders about the role International plays in leading and equipping them to achieve the shared Purpose, Mission and Vision of SIM
- International Director Phil Bauman to have grace, wisdom and strength as he manages our large, complex and diverse organisation
- effective mentoring and disciple-making within SIM leadership teams and that they will exhibit a grace-filled culture that practices mutuality and belonging
- the Leader Development programme to be blessed with willing participants, experienced mentors and financial resources; and that it can develop resilient leaders able to serve in tough places
- our global ministries, Sports Friends, Hope for Life, For Freedom and Faithful
   Witness, to be effective in making disciples of Jesus in least-reached communities

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