

# MISSIONS MAGAZINE

2026



# THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM IS **LOSTNESS**

It's an eternal problem and the number of those dying without Christ grows every day. God has given us the solution—**the gospel**.

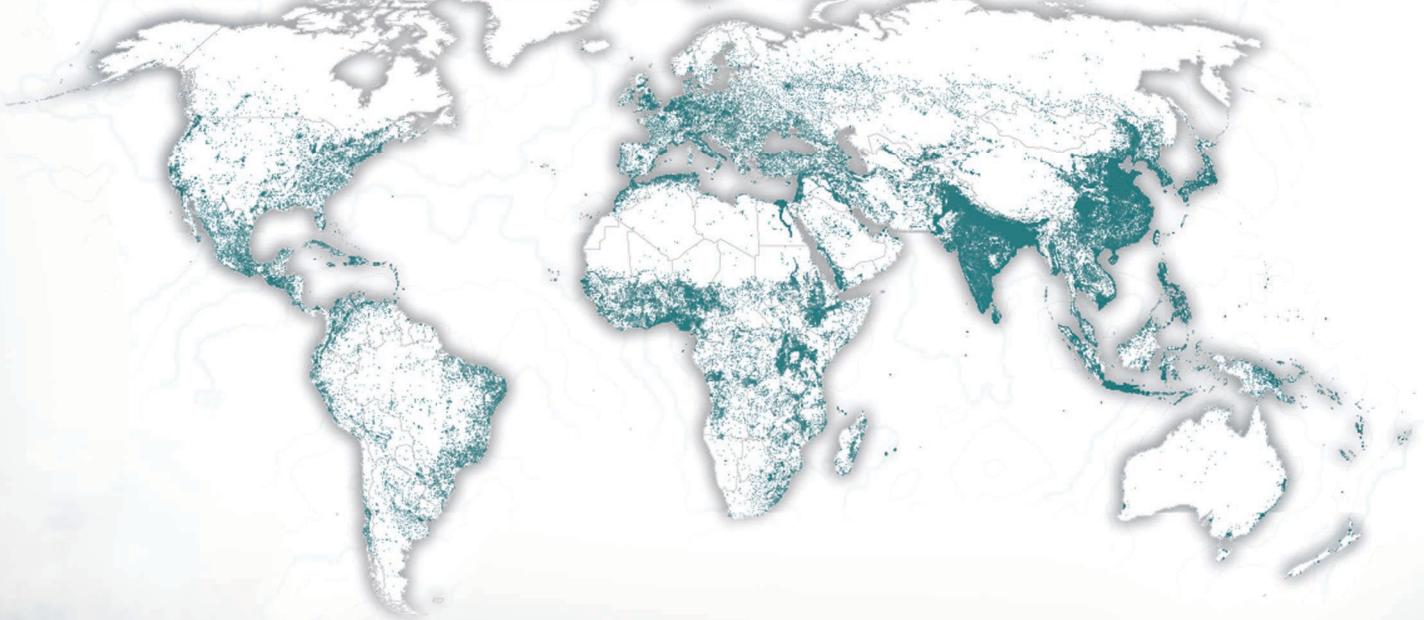
Join in as Valley View takes the gospel to the lost in cities and hard-to-reach places and among the dispersed and displaced.

This is the biblical model we see in Scripture—missionary presence. God didn't give His commands to a select few. He gave His commands to the Church—to all believers. Valley View needs you to partner with us and we need you now. Every day, 166,388 people die without Christ. There's no time to waste.

**Let's join in the work together to reach the nations.**



# WHERE DO PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR THE GOSPEL? EVERYWHERE.



**Every day, 166,338 people around the world  
die without Jesus Christ as their Savior.**

These aren't just numbers. They're people. Each one made in the image of God. Each one waiting for a chance to hear the life-changing gospel. The harvest is plentiful, the laborers too few. The time is now.

**Join us in reaching the nations.**



**“AFTER THIS I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD NUMBER, FROM EVERY NATION, FROM ALL TRIBES AND PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB.”** Revelation 7:9



In Revelation 7:9-10 John saw heaven not as it is now, but as it will be. John said, "I looked and behold a great multitude that no one could number from every nation, from all tribes, peoples, and languages standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

**This vision is now yours! God has entrusted you to use your lives and your resources to steward the Revelation 7:9 vision forward.**

**59%**   
**OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION  
(4.6 BILLION PEOPLE)  
ARE CONSIDERED UNREACHED.**



This means there are less than 2% evangelical Christians within their people group or nearby. Unless something changes, they have little-to-no chance of hearing the gospel in their lifetime.

God has gifted you uniquely for His mission. Thank you for doing your part, whether that's praying, giving, or going.

## WHERE IS GOD LEADING YOU?



# MOBILIZING God's People FOR God's Global Purpose



## WHAT IS PERSPECTIVES?

### Perspectives is a Discipleship Course

Perspectives is an awe-inspiring comprehensive study course that is rooted in the Scriptures. It's a multi-faceted learning experience that has profoundly impacted over 250,000 alumni.

### Perspectives is a Movement

Perspectives is a global movement that is awakening the Body of Christ to pursue the fulfillment of God's global purpose within every people group for His glory.

## WHY TAKE THE PERSPECTIVES COURSE?

God has a unique role for each Christian in His global purpose of evangelizing the nations.

Perspectives isn't a course solely about world missions. It's a study program rooted in Scripture, clarifying each believer's remarkable opportunity to join God in His global purpose.

## YOU HAVE AN INTEGRAL ROLE TO PLAY IN GOD'S PLAN.

God delights when His people respond to His invitation to be a blessing to all peoples of the earth.

## TUSCALOOSA PERSPECTIVES

Offered annually from January - April

more info at [perspectives.org](http://perspectives.org)

# Student Mission Trip | March 14-18

# EMMAUS CHURCH

## Henderson, Nevada

Valley View is blessed to partner with Emmaus Church. Each spring, we send a team to Henderson, Nevada to serve alongside Emmaus by hosting an annual sports camp for kids in their community. This camp is more than just games and fun—it opens the door for Emmaus to connect with families, share the love of Christ, and disciple people by pointing them to Jesus.

**Henderson is a city where nine out of ten people are spiritually lost.** The need is great, but so is the opportunity. By partnering with our friends at Emmaus, we get to bring hope, build relationships, and make an eternal difference. Together, we can help shine the light of Jesus in a community that desperately needs Him.

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# Human Trafficking Awareness Conference

**February 1 | 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

Learn about the realities of human trafficking in our community and how we can make a difference. This event will feature representatives from The WellHouse and the West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force who will provide information relevant to high schoolers, college students, adult women, and adult men.



## SPEAKERS

Jessica Simpson  
Carolyn Potter  
Captain Simpson  
Doug Gilmer  
Nick Freeman

## TOPICS

Coercion  
Sites and Apps  
Circumstances of Trafficked Victims  
Understanding Signs  
Monitoring Children's Online Activity  
Signs of Distress  
Resources for Victims

# What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking refers to the use of force, fraud, or coercion to extract labor or services from an individual against their will. It is a violation of fundamental human rights that affects an estimated 27 million people globally. Contrary to common belief, trafficking does not require movement across borders, and it occurs in communities throughout the US, including right here in Tuscaloosa.

## Common Myths

*Myth: Trafficking victims are kidnapped by strangers and physically restrained.*

The reality is that most victims are recruited through deception, manipulation, and false promises.

*Myth: Trafficking primarily involves young females.*

The reality is that human trafficking victims span all genders, ages, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

*Myth: Victims will immediately seek help when offered.*

The reality is that many victims are groomed to believe their situation is normal, feel ashamed, fear their traffickers, distrust law enforcement, or lack documentation and resources to leave.

*Myth: Traffickers are foreign organized crime syndicates*

The reality is that traffickers include individuals, family operations, small businesses, and loose criminal networks.

*Myth: Rescue operations end the story of exploitation for trafficking survivors.*

The reality is that survivors face long-term challenges, including trauma, debt accrued during trafficking, difficulties accessing employment and housing, and complex paths to stability. Recovery requires comprehensive support services, not just rescue.

## How you can get involved:

*There are two organizations here in Alabama that are dedicated to the fight against human trafficking:*

**The WellHouse** provides emergency, short-term, and long-term care programs for restoration to female victims of human trafficking who have been sexually exploited

**The West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force** conducts training and operations focused on educating citizens in Tuscaloosa County regarding human trafficking and reducing the prevalence of trafficking in the county and nearby areas.

# SERVE

*"EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN  
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED  
BUT TO SERVE"*

**Matthew 20:28**



## SEARCHING FOR WHERE YOU MIGHT GET INVOLVED?

The following lists various ministries of Valley View where you could make a difference in someone's life. These ministries are constantly in need of someone to help fill the gap. Pray about what God might be leading you to become involved with. Scan the QR code or visit the Missions Corner or Welcome Desk for further information and connection to one of these amazing ways through which God is touching people's lives.

### **Local Serve Teams**

Big Sandy Elementary School  
Duncanville Middle School  
Englewood Elementary School  
Hillcrest High School  
Hillcrest Middle School  
Maxwell Elementary School  
Taylorville Primary School  
Northport Elem / Huntington Place Schools  
Lloyd Wood Education Center  
Moundville Rehab Center

### **Hospice Care**

Share Jesus' love to those in need

### **Laundromats**

Pay for people's laundry in order to share the gospel and have activities for their children

### **Faith & Character Club**

Instill in children Biblical stories and truths

### **Human Trafficking Awareness**

Provide opportunities for restoration to victims of human trafficking

### **Faith Riders**

Join a motorcycle ministry sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others

### **Royal Family Kids Camp & Mentoring**

Show foster kids the love of Jesus

### **Worship Ministry**

Lead congregation in worship through choir, band, & tech

### **Creative Ministry**

Serve through photography & video opportunities

### **Guest Services**

Join the Welcome Desk, Door Greeters, Coffee Team, or Security Team

### **Adult Bible Study**

Serve through one of our Sunday morning Bible Studies

### **D-Group**

Meet in a discipleship group outside of Sunday morning

### **Circle of Friends**

Serve individuals and families with special needs

### **Kids Ministry**

Serve children from newborns to 5th grade

### **Student Ministry**

Serve students from 6th to 12th grade

### **College & Young Professionals**

Serve college students and young adults

### **Women's Ministry**

Serve women of all ages

### **Handyman Team**

Being the hands and feet of Jesus to share the gospel with those in need of housing repairs

# CLARKSTON

## Georgia

Clarkston, a refugee resettlement city outside of Atlanta, is home to people from 92 unreached people groups representing 60 different countries and over 100 languages. It is known as the most ethnically diverse square mile in the US. The Lord has brought people from the ends of the earth to only 3 hours from Tuscaloosa. Valley View has an opportunity to extend hospitality to the sojourner, care for the widow and orphan, and preach the good news of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard.

In Kristopher Woods, a 193-unit apartment complex in Clarkston, there are people from all over the world. People from Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Pakistan, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, and other countries. You can make a difference. You can have an effect upon lostness among some of the world's unreached people groups within 3 hours of Tuscaloosa.

We need people of all ages who can help in the areas of Bible stories, music, crafts, recreation, and snacks. If you fit into one or more of these areas and are interested in being part of a ministry weekend or week to impact lostness at Kristopher Woods, we'd love to have you join us!

**For more info, contact:**

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## WHO WE ARE

For the Children is a national organization dedicated to transforming the lives of children who have experienced relational trauma. Valley View sponsors the local chapter and helps to provide high-quality care and impactful programs to the children in our community.

**It's our desire for every kid to experience unconditional love, hope, and safety.**



**Royal Family KIDS®**

**CAMP AND MENTORING**

## **TWO FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS**

### **Camp**

A five-day camp that creates a space where children entering or already in the child welfare system can learn to develop healthy relationships, build trust, and begin healing.

**June 14-19**

### **Mentoring**

Camp goes deep and breaks barriers. The mentoring program goes wide. Dependable, monthly contact with the same, safe adults is critical in building on that healing and trust and forming lasting relationships.

**January 11**  
**February 22**  
**March 22**  
**April 19**  
**May 3**



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# VALLEY VIEW KIDS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Vacation Bible School** is a special week set apart each summer to intentionally share the love of Jesus with children in a fun, safe, and gospel-centered environment. Through Bible teaching, worship, games, and meaningful relationships, kids are introduced to God's Word and encouraged to see how it applies to their everyday lives.

This past summer, God used VBS to impact the lives of hundreds of children and their families. Kids from our church and surrounding community gathered to learn biblical truth, ask questions, and discover how Scripture applies to their lives. The relationships built during VBS often extend far beyond the week itself, continuing into our Next Gen ministries and family life.



## VBS 2026

We are already looking ahead to next summer with excitement! **Vacation Bible School** will take place **July 19-23 from 6:00-8:30 pm**, and we invite our church family to begin praying, preparing, and considering how to be involved.

The celebration will continue with our **Back 2 School Bash on July 24**, as we come together to serve families and support kids as they head into a new school year. Join us as we continue to invest in the next generation and share the hope of Christ with our community!



# TURKANA MISSION TRIP

## JULY 16-30, 2026

We're taking a medical mission trip to Turkana, Kenya to assist the ministry of Eddie Williams. For those interested in going contact Charles Ruede at the Missions Corner or at [cruede@valleyviewtuscaloosa.com](mailto:cruede@valleyviewtuscaloosa.com).



## HANDYMAN TEAM

***Do you have experience in one  
or more of the following?***

<b>- Framing</b>	<b>- Electrical</b>	<b>- Painting Exterior</b>	<b>- Landscaping</b>
<b>- Exterior Siding</b>	<b>- Flooring</b>	<b>- Painting Interior</b>	<b>- Changing light bulbs</b>
<b>- Plumbing</b>	<b>- Drywall</b>	<b>- Carpentry</b>	

Or, maybe you would like to gain some experience in one of these areas. The hope and desire of this team is to have an opportunity to share the gospel with people who are in need of housing repairs, whether that be senior adults, members of Valley View, or people from our community. We can utilize our knowledge and experience to help people with their housing needs, as well as share the gospel.

If you're ready to lend a hand when needs arise, we'd love for you to join the team! Together we can be the hands and feet of Christ to our community. Be on the lookout for a survey of gifts and talents coming soon.

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# COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

## Alabama Baptists' Gifts through the Cooperative Program *missions supported by your gifts*

### 2024 Gifts Distribution



**38,809,555**

Total Gifts Through the Cooperative Program



**19,404,778**

Total Gifts to SBC



**19,404,778**

Total Gifts to SBOM



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**9,781,949**

Total Gifts to IMB

(55.41% of SBC portion of CP dollars)



**4,422,349**

Total Gifts to NAMB

(22.79% of the SBC portion CP dollars)



**1,773,521**

Total Gifts in 2024



**12,546,558**

Total Gifts in 2024



**6,442,307**

Total Gifts in 2024

**It begins with you!** You give yourself first to God (2 Cor. 8:5). Next, out of gratitude and obedience to God for what He has done for you, you commit to give back to Him, through your church, a portion of what He provides. This is commonly called a tithe and represents ten percent of your income (Lev. 27:30, Mal. 3:10).

**Your church decides the next step.** Every year Valley View prayerfully decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in your state and around the world through The Cooperative Program. This amount is then forwarded to the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.

**Messengers at the Alabama Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting** from Valley View and other churches across Alabama decide what percentage of Cooperative Program gifts contributed by local congregations is forwarded to the SBC for North American and international missions and ministries. Alabama sends 50%.

**Messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting** from across the country decide how the gifts received from the states will be distributed among SBC entities. These gifts are used by SBC entities to send and support missionaries, train pastors and other ministry leaders; provide relief for retired ministers and widows; and address social, moral and ethical concerns relating to our faith and families.

# PRAYER

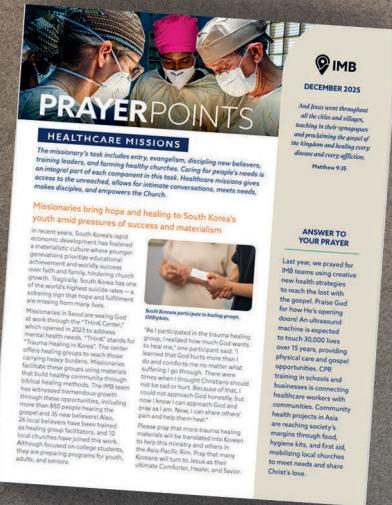
You may be wondering "How can I participate more in reaching/affecting lostness?" You may not be able to go around the world or across the street to tell someone about Jesus, but everyone can pray.

**Prayer is the #1 strategy to affect lostness.** Pray strategically for Unreached People Groups (UPGs) by utilizing the monthly **PrayerPoints Prayer Guide** and the annual **Loving The Lost Through Prayer Guide**. Get your copy either in your Sunday morning Bible Study class or at Missions Corner.



Loving The Lost  
Through Prayer Guide

## PrayerPoints Prayer Guide



IMB

DECEMBER 2025  
And Jesus was throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.  
Mark 9:35

### ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year, we proved for the first time that creative health strategies can be effective for the gospel. Praise God for how He's opening doors to the world and machine is expected to touch 30,000 lives over the next year, offering physical care and gospel opportunities. CRF thinks God's business is connecting healthcare workers with communities in need. health projects in Asia are reaching society's most vulnerable, including hygiene kits, and first aid, mobilizing local churches to meet needs and share Christ's love.

**"Expect great things,  
attempt great things for God."**

William Carey

# abch

The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes (ABCH) is to protect, nurture and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. ABCH is the state's largest faith-based provider of foster care services. Here's a snapshot of the impact made last year:

**522**

children served in foster care, family care, and college care

**102**

children reunited with their biological families leading to family restoration

**29**

moms transitioning out of homelessness through our Family Care homes

**46**

children adopted into loving, Christian homes

**2276**

Individuals served through Pathways Professional Counseling

**45**

spiritual decisions to become Christ-followers

Our 2025 Camp of Champions at Shocco Springs was a big success! There were over 1000 attendees, with 533 kids, 280 foster parents, and 215 volunteers.

## Thank You for Your Support!

When you support ABCH, you are supporting generational hope and healing. Many children who come into our care come from a long line of generational heartache with abuse, neglect, or substance abuse. With your support, we can provide things like counseling to heal their trauma, a Christian home with loving foster parents, food, clothing, tutoring, and medical needs. Most importantly, your support helps plant seeds of faith, guiding these children toward healing and breaking generational cycles. Helping one child today means creating a better future for generations to come. Would you come alongside these vulnerable children? Together, we can protect Alabama kids!

## For more info, contact:

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**Foster kids in  
Tuscaloosa  
County**

ab  
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**144**





## TUSCALOOSA INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

Tuscaloosa International Friends (TIF) is a community organization committed to fostering cross-cultural connections. We pair incoming international students with welcoming Local Friends in the Tuscaloosa area. Our goal is to facilitate enriching experiences where both parties can gain deeper insights into each other's backgrounds and traditions.

For international students studying at The University of Alabama, Stillman College, or Shelton State Community College, TIF offers a gateway to understanding Alabama and the broader United States, while Local Friends in the Tuscaloosa area have the opportunity to embrace diverse cultures firsthand.

**LEARN MORE**



**make friends • make memories • make a difference**



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TUSCALOOSA**

## FURNITURE GIVEAWAY



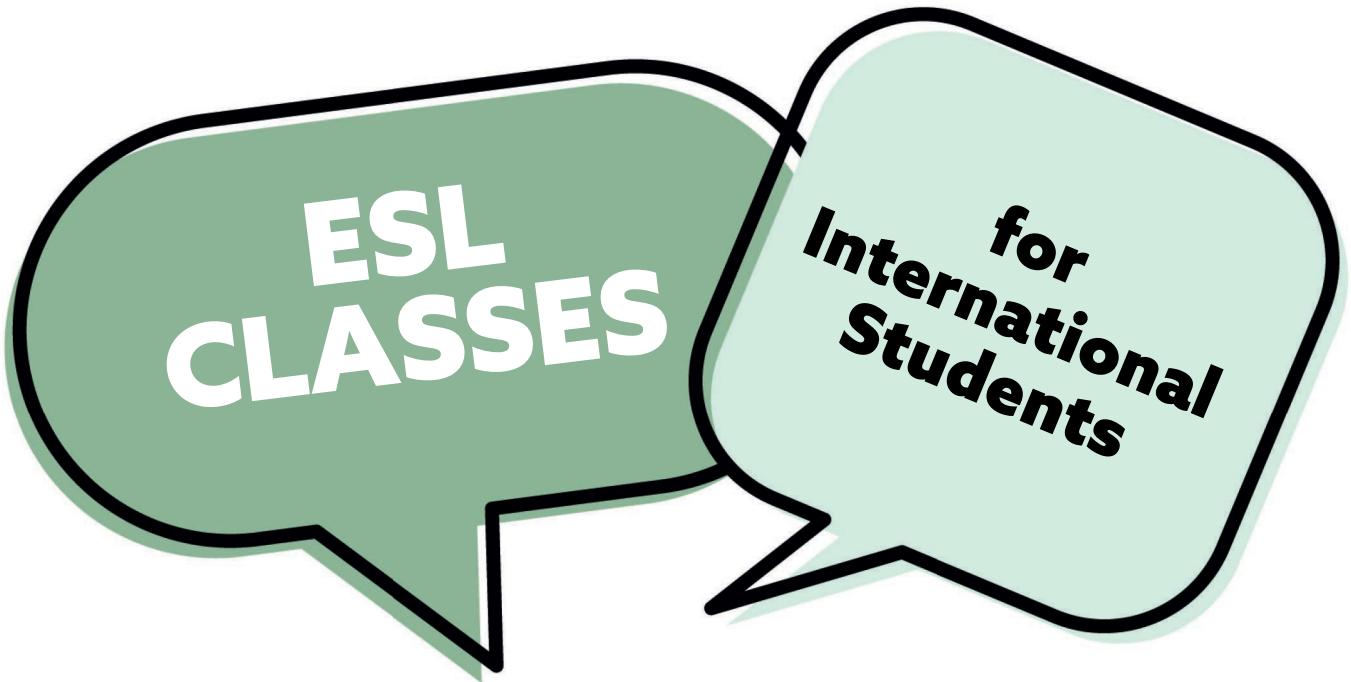
Every August thousands of students arrive in Tuscaloosa to study at The University of Alabama, Stillman College, and Shelton State Community College. Hundreds of those students are traveling from overseas and arrive in Tuscaloosa in need of basic furniture and household items. We have a great opportunity to show hospitality to these students by giving them free beds to sleep in, desks to study at, and chairs to sit in. Since 2019, we have served over 650 students.



**LEARN MORE**



**Opportunities to volunteer or donate!**



The Tuscaloosa County Baptist Association international ministry, English as a Second Language, meets weekly at various churches in Tuscaloosa during the fall and spring semesters of the University of Alabama school year. Those taking the course come from the countries of China, Nepal, Bangladesh, Iran, Egypt, Yemen, Cameroon, Germany, Venezuela, Brazil, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, and others.

There are teachers, workers, and language helpers from local churches. These workers range in age from college students to senior adults. Area churches provide materials, meals, and encouragement. Training and equipping are provided for each of the teachers who teach English.

Each week the volunteer workers share English grammar, pronunciation, idioms, stories, culture, songs, and traditions. A Bible story is told during the group time. These stories begin with creation and will continue throughout the Bible to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ and to the early church in Acts. It is their desire that throughout the year the students see and experience the love of God in Christ and hear the gospel.

## GOALS

- To point people to Jesus, as the only Savior and Lord
- To teach English and an understanding of American culture
- To train American college students, especially those interested in going to the nations, to teach English in an international setting

**Interested in being a part of this ministry?**

**For more info, contact:**

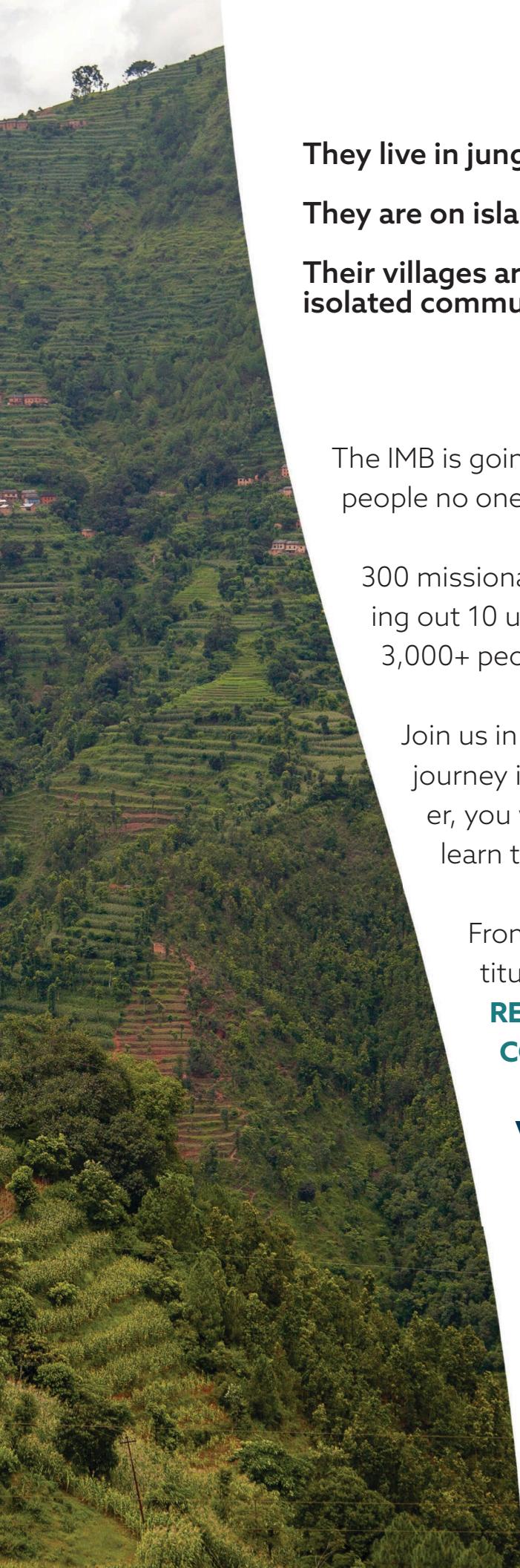
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# 3,072 PEOPLE GROUPS

No one *is engaging them.*

**Until now.**



They live in jungles and across deserts.

They are on islands and across mountains.

Their villages are remote. Some live in cities, others in isolated communities.

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The IMB is going to the deepest part of lostness to find the people no one else is looking for.

300 missionary explorers – over three years – each scouting out 10 unengaged, unreached people groups – so that 3,000+ people groups **HAVE ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL.**

Join us in this pioneering initiative, Project 3000, and journey into the unknown. As a missionary explorer, you will find out where these people groups live, learn their culture, and develop ministry strategies.

From the Great Commission until the Great Multitude, we must unite in this Great Pursuit: **TO REACH EVERY NATION—NO MATTER THE COST.**

**VISIT [IMB.ORG/GREATPURSUIT](http://IMB.ORG/GREATPURSUIT) TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY.**



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# UNTIL ALL HEAR HIS NAME

It was a 40-hour journey by car and bus, then a 50-mile hike just to find the one unengaged, unreached people group they were looking for. John's team climbed a mountain expecting to find the village and were disappointed to discover the people had moved on.

But that's not the end of the story. God had a divine appointment waiting, and you helped make it happen.

On their descent, they encountered an elderly woman from a different unreached group.

Walking down the narrow path with the woman, they shared the gospel and explained Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. The woman loudly questioned the bold claim.

She yelled, "If what you are telling me is true, then why has nobody told me of these things before now?" Then she turned and stormed away.

John's heart broke. How will they know Jesus loves them if they've never heard the gospel?

You are helping more people groups hear the good news for the first time through your faithful giving. **Your generosity empowers Missionary Explorers like John and his team to take the gospel to the 3,072 people groups among whom there is no Christian witness.**

**As of 2024, 33 Missionary Explorers were sent to 214 people groups, most of whom heard the good news for the first time.**

Your missionaries serve in places hostile to the gospel. They use pathways like businesses and healthcare to do ministry among unreached people groups where it's seemingly impossible.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU JOIN A GLOBAL NEXTGEN TEAM?

*One thing's for sure, you won't be a tourist! You will serve alongside an IMB team and be a vital part of the missionary task. Your time might look something like this:*

## ENTRY

College sophomore Eric Walker hiked a trail leading through indigenous villages, gathering information on language, culture, and beliefs. His two months of work cultivated gospel access for missionaries to share with these unengaged, unreached people groups.



## EVANGELISM



Margie Jones spent the last year as a barista in a coffee house. At every opportunity, she shared Jesus' love and her faith with a customer named Fah. Fah's heart and mind were moved, and she prayed to receive Christ as her Savior. Without evangelism, it's not missions.

## DISCIPLESHIP

Rubi Ortega used her passion for teaching with a college Bible study in Paris. For an entire semester, Rubi helped the students, both new and strong believers, dig deep into the Bible and apply it to their own lives. Their faith, as well as Rubi's, grew. Discipleship is at the heart of the Great Commission and critical for a healthy church.

## HEALTHY CHURCH FORMATION

In just three weeks Melvin Le's team helped start a church. His team partnered with a local Thai pastor who was already evangelizing in his community and discipling a small group. The team helped the local believers understand and adopt biblical characteristics of a church. Melvin couldn't stop smiling as he worshiped at their first church service.

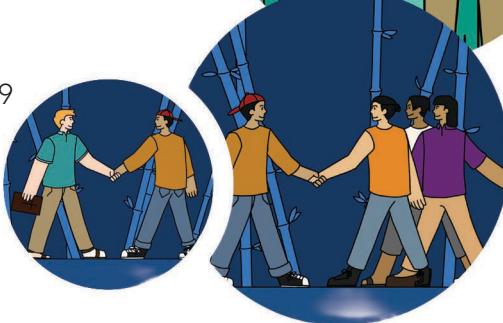
## TRAINING LEADERS

The First Baptist Church youth group from Kansas flapped their arms in the air like birds to the delight of the Zambian children. Vacation Bible School was a new experience for most attending the event—children and adults. Working beside each Kansas youth was a local believer learning how to recreate VBS. Training—whether in the classroom or through experiential learning—sets up a church to reach the nations.



## EXIT TO PARTNERSHIP

From the nations, to the nations—in pursuit of the Revelation 7:9 vision—Taiwanese churches have risen to the challenge of taking the gospel to places it's never been. IMB Journeymen Paul and LaTisha Brown play a vital role in equipping and working alongside them. Raising self-sustaining churches is critical.



# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, YOU CAN GO!

**Not ready for college? Want to take a gap year? Looking for summer adventure?**

Use your skills and passions—like baking, video games, sports, music—to serve in places around the world where Jesus is not known. Talk to your leader or parent about serving with IMB for one week or longer.

**EXPLORE 1-2 WEEK TRIPS WHERE YOU CAN IMPACT THE NATIONS at [IMB.ORG/GOIMPACT](http://IMB.ORG/GOIMPACT)**

*"I've been told a ton of people haven't heard about Christ. I never thought about those people being in a big city...I want to show them Jesus."*

**Naomi Bay**  
High School Student

# COLLEGE STUDENT, YOU CAN GO!

**Taking a semester off? Graduating early? Have time before graduate school begins?**

See how God uses your passion and interests to fulfill the missionary task. Ask your college ministry leader or an IMB NextGen recruiter about serving anywhere from one week to one year.

The options are vast: lead Bible studies in South America for three months; teach English in Africa for six months; or spend a year in Central Asia coordinating logistics for missionaries.

*"I can't believe my love of the outdoors and hiking is used for God's glory. It's humbling to think about sharing the gospel with people who have never heard."*

**Gavin Noris,**  
Alabama

**EXPLORE TRIP OPPORTUNITIES at [IMB.ORG/NEXTGEN/TRIPS](http://IMB.ORG/NEXTGEN/TRIPS)**





## YOUNG ADULT, YOU CAN GO!

Ready to use your professional skills? Between jobs? Looking to make an impact?

Use the skills you already have while adding new ones. You can: serve on a college campus for a year; be a barista in Europe for two years; or teach English for three months in the Pacific Rim. Contact an IMB NextGen recruiter about serving anywhere from one week to two years.

**FIND YOUR NEXTGEN RECRUITER at**  
**[IMB.ORG/NEXTGEN/RECRUITERS](http://IMB.ORG/NEXTGEN/RECRUITERS)**

**"I saw the request to develop a social media strategy and...I was like, 'I can't stay here. I have to go!' These are the people who need the gospel."**

Kareyn Hellman,  
Texas

## IMB JOURNEYMAN

Spend two years going deeper and wider. Be a vital part of missionary teams sharing the gospel with a spiritually lost world, no matter the cost.

### YOU WILL:

- Share the gospel, make disciples, plant churches
- Be fully funded by the IMB for two years
- Receive training, medical coverage, and housing

**LEARN MORE at [IMB.ORG/JOURNEYMAN](http://IMB.ORG/JOURNEYMAN)**



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# VOLUNTEERS

Short-term missionaries are vital to the Great Commission. Ask any long-term missionary—most of their stories began with a mission trip. The enthusiasm volunteers bring to the field catalyzes and expands the ministries of missionaries. A volunteer mission trip might look like teenagers surveying a community about religious beliefs or healthcare professionals helping open a clinic to share the gospel.

Your missionaries paved the way for volunteer involvement:

**11,803    2,171    1,845    109**

volunteers

churches  
represented

volunteer  
trips

countries  
served

## READY TO GO?

Use your gifts to transform lives with the gospel while living among the nations. Many have gone before you but many still need to go. Where will God's mission take you?

**DISCOVER WAYS TO GO** at [IMB.ORG/NEXTGEN](http://IMB.ORG/NEXTGEN)





# WHAT DOES YOUR GENEROSITY SUPPORT?

Your missionaries living in community among those who have never heard the good news is the best way to share the gospel. This is missionary presence, and you have made missionary presence possible among some of the last unreached people groups on earth.

Your prayers and giving significantly accelerated growth in missionary applicants since 2018. This, coupled with an increase in how long your missionaries remain present among their people, means your impact among the nations is growing stronger.

You fuel missionary presence in the following ways:

## CULTURAL ACCESS

You enabled missionaries to learn new languages and live near unreached people groups as part of the community.

## MISSIONARY COMPENSATION

You provided income for missionaries and critical education for missionary children so their families can stay on the field.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

You kept missionaries safe through training, secure equipment, and coordinated intelligence to manage risks.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

You ensured each adult and child has full healthcare coverage, including mental health and spiritual care.

## MINISTRY TOOLS

You engineered research, training, and resources that help missionaries succeed in sharing the gospel cross-culturally.

## MISSIONARY TEAMING

You built healthy missionary teams through interpersonal training and leadership development.

# THANK YOU

Every hour of every day, an IMB missionary is faithfully living and serving among those who need salvation through Jesus Christ. You make this possible. Just as they have answered God's call to go, you have answered a call to give, pray, and send missionaries. God is doing incredible things around the world. Thank you for joining in His work.

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest children's evangelism program, has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts to children worldwide for more than three decades. The project of Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need.



The collection season for Operation Christmas Child includes nearly 5,000 drop-off locations open across the country. Churches, groups, and families across Tuscaloosa County have the opportunity to pack a shoebox gift filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items for children in need and drop them off locally during National Collection Week.

"Every shoebox gift is an opportunity to tell a boy or girl that God loves them. That's why we do what we do," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "I'm thankful for every single person who packs a shoebox because these simple gifts open the door for the Gospel."

Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline) to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement. Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of the more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands.

Operation Christmas Child seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. Thank you for partnering with us in sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world!

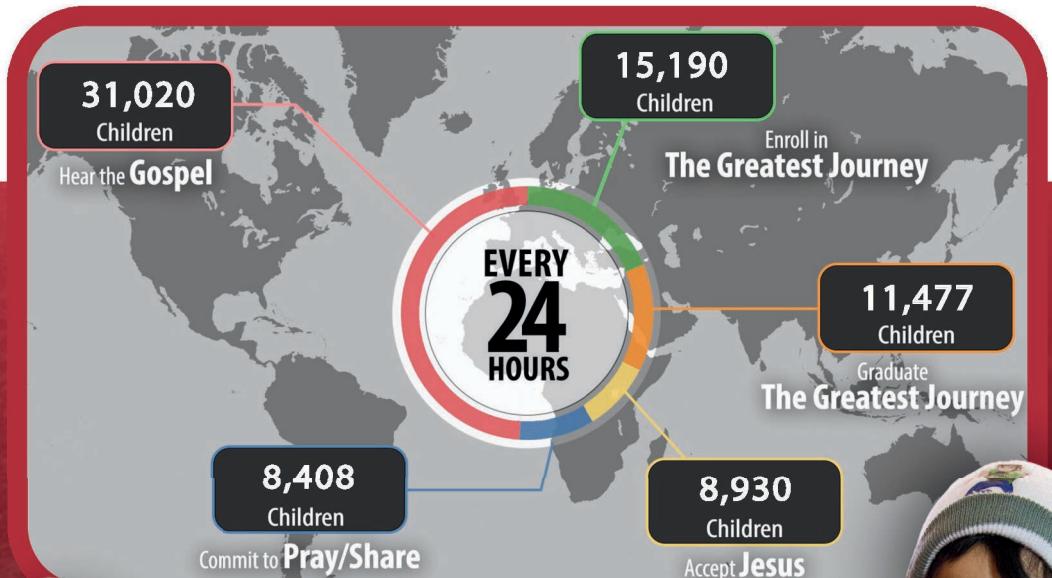
**2026 GOAL  
2000 Boxes**

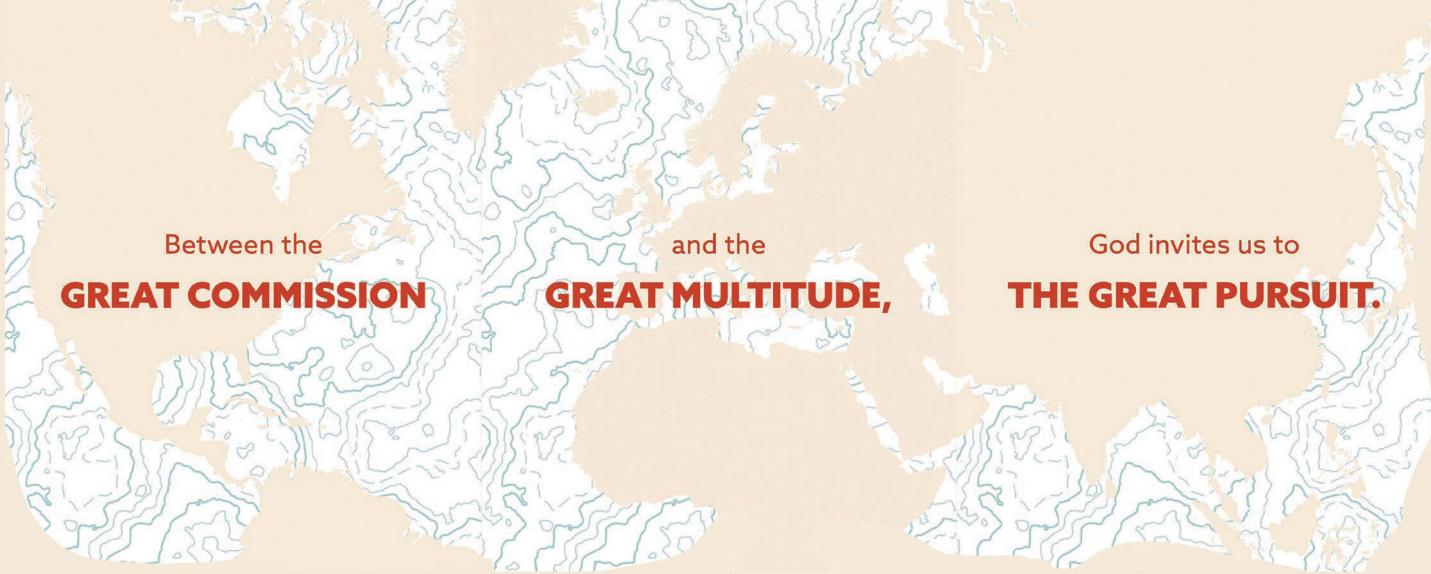
**Nov 8**

Collection Deadline

**Dec 4**

ATL Shoebox Processing Center





At the International Mission Board, we celebrate that Southern Baptists take the Great Commission seriously and that together, we are working toward the Great Multitude we see in Revelation 7:9.

Here's how we are thinking about that at the IMB. Between the Great Commission and the Great Multitude is the Great Pursuit. We have been commissioned to pursue the lost, those who continue to shoulder the world's greatest problem—the only problem that is universal and eternal. We not only have the solution—the gospel—we have been commissioned to share the solution. The biblical model of getting the gospel to those who have yet to hear is through the presence of a missionary.

The task is a big one, but we also have opportunities today that we've never had before to reach the lost. Airplanes can get us almost anywhere in the world in 24 hours. And when the airplanes land, we have cars, trains, boats, and feet to get us the rest of the way. Most importantly, we have missionaries on the ground ready to go the extra mile, by horse, canoe, motorcycle—whatever it takes to reach the lost. And they are ready to take you with them!

Thank you for obeying the Great Commission and being a part of the Great Pursuit to ensure that all peoples are represented in the Great Multitude.

Let's keep moving—together.

Paul Chitwood, IMB President



# Celebrating God's Work

International Mission Board

## Global Realities

Global Population  
**8,094,268,920**

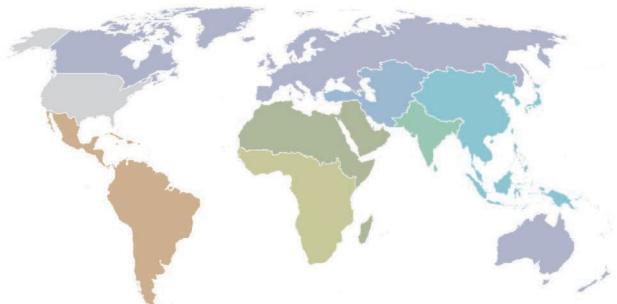
Global Daily Population Growth  
**209,550**

Global Dying Daily Apart from Christ  
**166,338**

Total People Groups  
**12,263**

Unreached People Groups  
**7,324**

Unengaged Unreached People Groups  
**3,118**



### Global Affinities

European Peoples	South Asian Peoples	Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples
Central Asian Peoples	Asian Pacific Rim Peoples	Global Deaf Peoples
American Peoples	Sub-Saharan African Peoples	



**1,609,869**

People heard the gospel

**144,969**

New Christ followers

**68,628**

Baptisms around the world

**1,915**

People groups impacted

**2,409**

New churches formed

**37,820**

People trained in church planting

**155**

Countries served

**11,803**

Short-term volunteers

## Global Impact



**REACHING  
THE NATIONS,  
TOGETHER.**

[imb.org](http://imb.org)



**INTERNATIONAL  
MISSION BOARD**

**As you flipped through these pages, you undoubtedly saw the opportunities that exist where you can be involved. You noticed the statistics and the areas of opportunity. God gave us the Great Commission, and we see the resulting beautiful picture of heaven in the Great Multitude (Revelation 7:9). Everything you and I do out of obedience to the Great Commission—given to all of us as believers—is the Great Pursuit.**

The Great Pursuit is a steadfast journey, fueled by love, compassion, and the unwavering belief in the transformative power of the gospel. So that lives can be changed and all people in all places can stand before the throne, we press on in 2026 and beyond, no matter the cost.

As 166,338 people die daily without the hope of the gospel, there is no time to waste. Now, more than ever, you can affirm your commitment to the Great Commission and join others in going and telling people about Christ, and by giving through the various missions offerings and the Cooperative Program, a Southern Baptist program for cooperating in missions since 1925.

Seeing the reminders of God's work around the world, where do you see yourself in His work? Can you see yourself as a missionary to that family across the street, or to those students at UA, or to the unreached people in Clarkston, or maybe going to another country to be involved with an unreached people group? Do you see the difference your generosity makes? Did you see the powerful results of faithful prayers?

You are a valuable partner in affecting lostness. Together, with other partners around the world, we will reach the nations. Are you ready to take the next step in your missions commitment?

You make the pursuit of the last remaining unreached people groups possible through your praying and generous giving. In 2026, you can prepare more missionaries to go. You can engage more people groups. You can share the gospel with more people in more places. May God bless you abundantly as you join in the Great Pursuit.



# LOSTNESS IS GROWING EVERY DAY

**We will not ignore it.  
We won't be silent.  
We won't stand still.**

We will reach the nations  
**NO MATTER THE COST.**

We will bring the solution,  
**THE GOSPEL,**

to the world's greatest problem,  
**LOSTNESS.**

*"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the lamb."*

**Revelation 7:9**