

IMB Report Fall 2016

Thank you for the way you have partnered together with us to get the gospel to people who have never heard it before.

Over the past year we have walked through difficult days at the IMB. But to see God's provision through churches and through the Southern Baptist Convention ecosystem has been amazing. From the way that you have cared for, encouraged, and supported missionaries who have made transitions, to the way you have redeployed many of them into your churches and your communities for the spread of the gospel here in North America, to how you have sacrificially and generously given through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering — it's nothing short of breathtaking to see well over \$260 million dollars given from churches with the express purpose of getting the gospel to people who have never heard it.

Toward this end, in 2015 Southern Baptists gave \$95.2 million through the Cooperative Program and \$165.8 million through the 2015 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering[®] for International Missions, the highest total in the 127-year history of the offering. These gifts support almost 4,000 missionaries sent out by Southern Baptist churches through IMB.



In addition, Southern Baptists gave \$6.5 million for hunger relief and development ministries around the world.

Together, these gifts enabled IMB missionaries to report:

- **127,385 people professing faith in Christ**
- **54,762 new believers expressing their faith through baptism**
- **3,842 new churches planted**
- **886 people groups engaged**

I hope that this ministry report is also a picture of what lies ahead as Southern Baptists move into the future. We pray the number of people who have come to Christ, the churches planted and the leaders trained will multiply in the days to come as we continue to pray, give, go and send for the glory of God. We want to partner together with you to take gospel to a world where 2.8 billion people have little or no access to the gospel.

IMB exists to empower limitless missionary teams to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples for the glory of God. As IMB mobilizes Christians and churches to join God's mission through evangelism, Bible translation, disaster relief, sustainable development and more, it is with one goal in mind: to make disciples and multiply churches in fulfillment of Christ's commission.

Pray that God will create a missional awakening in our churches. Pray that He will wake up Southern Baptists to see His great glory and that churches will pray with zeal for the glory of God among the nations. Pray that churches will be aware of ways to give with even greater sacrifice for the glory of God among the nations. Pray that churches big and small will play their part in sending the gospel to the nations.

Learn more about how you and your church can be involved in this mission at

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