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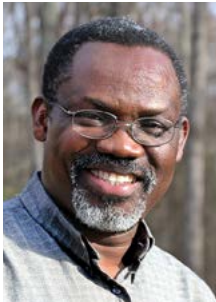
# 2021 Prayer Guide

# 2021 *Prayer Guide*

# Introduction

In the morning, O LORD, you will hear my voice; in the morning I will order *my prayer* to you and *eagerly watch*.

Psalms 5:3



The night our son was born, my daughter and I left my wife, Joanna, and our new son in the hospital to go share the news with our colleagues at an evening service. On the way, my two-year-old daughter turned to me and said, “Let’s pray for mummy.” I did not know why she felt the need to pray at that moment, but we did.

Later we returned to the hospital and took my wife and son home. Within hours, Joanna developed very high blood pressure with a severe headache. We took her back to the hospital where she was admitted for three days. I don’t know how the Lord used the prayers of my daughter and I that evening, but over the next three days, we lifted our voice to the Lord together many times, asking for healing, waiting and watching in expectation.

In Psalm 5:1-2, we read a song attributed to David, written for the choir director and composed for flute accompaniment. It is a prayer song, and the prayer rings with freedom before God and in expectation of Him:

Give ear to my words, O LORD,  
Consider my groaning.  
Heed the sound of my cry for help,  
my King and my God,  
For to You I pray.  
In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;  
In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You  
and *eagerly watch*.

The freedom with which my two-year-old daughter asked that we call upon the Lord is the same freedom David expresses

in this psalm. This year I invite us to approach God like David, bringing to Him our praises and concerns as his loved children. Even when we have prayed and the situation worsens, as it did for my wife, let us choose tenacity in prayer. Let us lift our voices to the Lord, morning, and night.

Surely, we have much to lament. We remember those infected and affected by COVID-19, especially families mourning the loss of loved ones, so let us cry out to the one who is the resurrection and life. We think of those who are sick, so let us lift our voices to our healer. We are living through political upheavals in many nations, so let us bring our anxieties to our Prince of Peace. We are enduring economic hardships globally, so let us offer our groanings to Jehovah Jireh, who dresses even the lilies in splendour.

Though we acknowledge our deep lament, we acknowledge our highest hope: the risen Saviour! This new Prayer Guide reveals countless current and future opportunities for making disciples where this Saviour is least known well as bringing comfort to those who sorrow and grieve. May this year be one of faithful, resilient prayer on behalf of the millions who are suffering and living behind barriers to the gospel.

Like my daughter, let us in simple faith cry to our God and Father who hears his children. Let us order our prayers in the morning and let us resolve to *eagerly watch* through the heat of the day, expecting his favour and mercy in the evening.

Joshua Bogunjoko  
SIM International Director

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# Foreword

Welcome to the 2021 Prayer Guide. The purpose of this prayer mobilisation tool is to inform, inspire and invite readers like you to pray for SIM ministries all around the world.

The information for each context includes that ministry team's vision, types of ministry, prayer points and descriptions of communities where Christ is least known. The phrase "where Christ is least known" is lifted from SIM's Purpose and Mission Statement.

Please share the 2021 Prayer Guide freely and broadly with all who would like to join us in praying for what God is doing through SIM.

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# Purpose and Mission

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

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

- We cross barriers to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, expressing his love and compassion among those who live and die without Him.
- We make disciples who will trust and obey Jesus, and become part of Christ-centred churches.
- We work together with churches to fulfil God's mission across cultures locally and globally.
- We facilitate the participation in cross-cultural ministry of those whom God is calling.

# Vision

The vision of SIM is to see

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

By faith we see...

in the world:

- A vibrant testimony to the gospel through character, word, and action among communities where currently Jesus is least known.
- Followers of Jesus living out the gospel in unity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, making disciples who trust Him, obey Him, and play a full part in church life.
- Churches serving their communities and reaching out with the gospel locally and globally.

in SIM:

- A community growing in faith, in obedience to Jesus, and in ministry competence.
- Workers crossing barriers with the gospel, being and making disciples of Jesus, expressing his love and compassion.
- Multi-ethnic and multi-skilled teams serving together in love and harmony.
- Courageous leaders investing in the development of others for life transforming ministries.
- Effective partnerships with Christ-centred churches and organisations facilitating the spread of the Gospel.

in eternity:

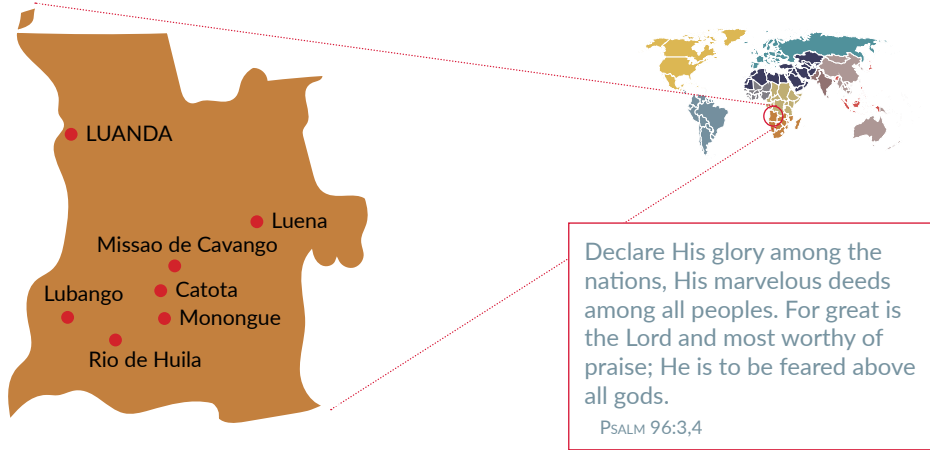
- The redeemed from all tribes, languages, peoples, and nations worshipping the Living God.

# SIM Core Values

We are a Gospel community that is:

- 1 Committed to Biblical Truth**  
We are committed to biblical truth and joyfully affirm historic, evangelical Christianity. With courage, we declare to the nations the good news of new life in Jesus Christ.
- 2 Dependent on God**  
“By prayer” and in faith, we depend on God for the provision of all of our needs. We will demonstrate diligence, integrity, sharing and accountability in cultivating and using the resources God provides.
- 3 A People of Prayer**  
Prayer is foundational in our life and ministry. “By prayer” we praise God, seek His direction, request resources and call upon the Holy Spirit to empower our ministries.
- 4 Mission-Focused**  
We are committed to the urgent and unfinished task of making disciples of Jesus Christ in all nations. In doing this, we desire to work in loving, trusting, interdependent relationships with churches and other partners who share our vision.
- 5 Church-Centred**  
We are committed to being a mission organisation that establishes, nurtures and equips churches to be an expression of Christ in their communities and reach out with cross-cultural, missional vision and action.

- 6 Concerned About Human Needs**  
We humbly acknowledge that the ultimate human need is to know God. We also believe that He has called us to carry out compassionate, holistic service in this broken world by alleviating suffering, fostering development and affecting change in society.
- 7 A Christlike Community**  
We desire to be a transformational community dedicated to becoming like Christ in love, servanthood, holiness and obedience to the Father. We believe that following Christ's example means sacrifice, hardship at times and perhaps even death.
- 8 A Learning, Growing Community**  
We believe in the worth and giftedness of each person in SIM and of those we seek to serve. As enduring disciplines, we practice giving and receiving discipleship, life-long learning, consultative leadership, mutual development and training.
- 9 Strengthened Through Diversity**  
We are intentionally interdenominational, international and multi-ethnic. We believe we will become more effective in ministry as we incorporate the richness of cultural diversity in SIM and celebrate our oneness in Christ.
- 10 Responsive to Our Times**  
We will respond with creativity and courage to evolving needs and opportunities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In order to ensure they are effective and relevant, our ministries, priorities and structures are subject to ongoing evaluation and adaptation.



## Vision

In a culturally, linguistically and economically diverse environment, SIM Angola partners with churches to make disciples of Christ in communities where He is least known, training and mentoring individuals and groups through diverse ministries, including agriculture, healthcare and teaching God's Word.

## Ministry

- Agricultural development
- Healthcare, including surgical care, rural clinics and obstetric fistula care
- Disciple-making
- VaNyaneka Bible translation and literacy programme
- Theological education for local pastors and church leaders
- Training pastors and church leaders in youth engagement and ministry

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Ovangambwe

The Ovangambwe, a sub-group of VaNyaneka, live in southwestern Angola. Their lives revolve around keeping cattle. There has been resistance to the gospel, especially amongst the elders, who say they are too old and set in their ways to change. One church and three preaching points are established among this people group.



### Ovamwila

The Ovamwila, also a sub-group of VaNyaneka, are largely rural subsistence farmers and often live remotely. In recent years, many Ovamwila have come to Christ; however, the majority have not heard the good news. A project to translate the Bible is in a very early stage.

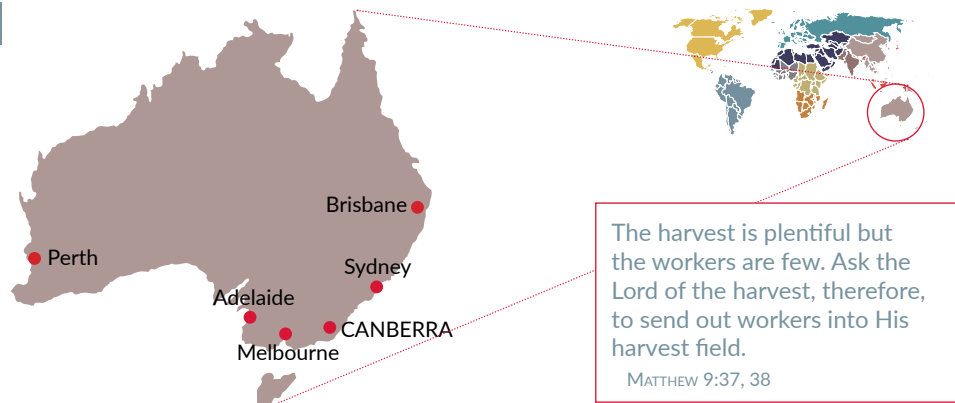


### MuCubal and Muhimba

Living in the southwestern region of Angola, the majority of MuCubal and Muhimba live without the gospel. They are semi-nomadic, raising cattle and goats. The region in which they live often deals with drought and hardship. Efforts are underway to send medical personnel to this region.

## Pray for

- continued good working relationships with Angolan church leaders in each area of ministry.
- wisdom for how to prioritise and respond to many demands on time and resources.
- additional personnel, particularly in the ministries of health, theological education and youth ministry.
- more workers to train local churches and begin new outreach to the youth of Angola.



The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.  
 MATTHEW 9:37, 38

## Vision

Our heart is to make disciples of Christ in communities where He is least known. In dependence on God, we partner with Australian churches to equip and send out cross-cultural mission workers to make the gospel global.

## Ministry

- To follow Jesus in His mission, both in Australia and overseas
- To inspire and partner with churches, in order for them to fulfil God's local, crosscultural, and global mission
- To mobilise and equip mission workers to reach the least-reached with the gospel
- As stewards, to provide efficient and effective support services to help churches, missionaries, donors, and prayer partners to do their works of service
- To promote ways for people to play their parts in God's global mission, whether those be through ministry opportunities, prayerful support, or financial partnership

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Increasing secularization

Traditionally a Christian nation with freedom of religion, Australia is becoming increasingly secularised. The dominant ideology has become an individualistic, New Age, pick-and-choose spirituality, with no accountability.

While 52.1 per cent of Australians identify themselves in some way as Christian, only 8 per cent regularly attend church. Antagonism is increasing (especially in the media) towards the Church and its perceived intolerance and authoritarianism.

### Immigrants, refugees, overseas students

With 30 per cent of the population born overseas and more than 625,000 international students each year, Australia is one of the most culturally diverse nations in the world.

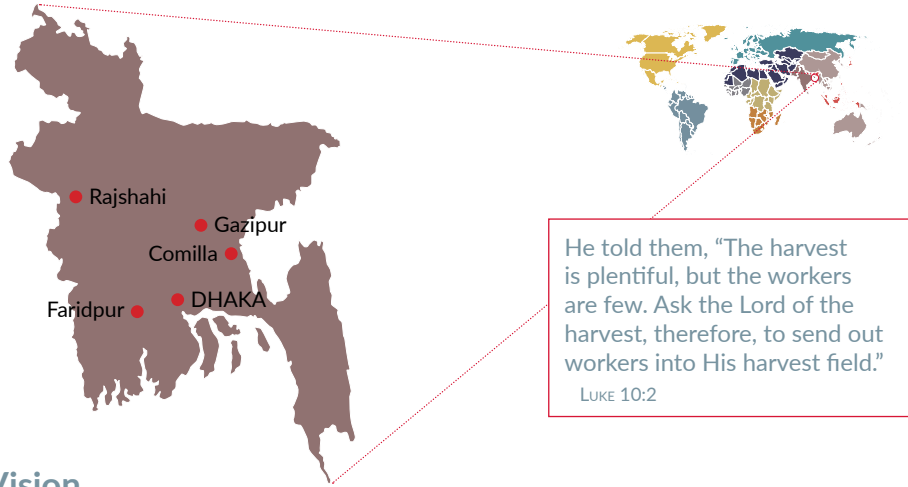
These immigrants and students have brought a variety of religions with them. To faithfully reach these people groups in our own backyard, SIM Australia has developed a local ministry called Across. Across helps SIM mission workers within Australia to reach communities that have yet to hear the gospel, such as migrants, refugees, and university students.



### Pray for

- Australian Christians to be bold witnesses, demonstrating the love of Christ to those who oppose them, and to be revived once again in their faith so they can cross barriers to make Christ known.
- everyone at SIM Australia to follow Jesus closely and be empowered for effective and fruitful work, as we facilitate more people, prayer, and funds for Christ's mission.
- sending and supporting churches to increase their engagement beyond current mission workers and see mission as central to church ministry.
- SIM Australia, as we seek ways to partner with churches in growing and refining their cross-cultural mission.
- the Lord of the Harvest to raise up more churches and workers in communities where Christ is least known, including the more volatile regions.
- more believers to discover the parts they can play in God's global mission (whether it be through serving on the field, or serving as a prayerful and/or financial partner).





He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."  
LUKE 10:2

## Vision

We desire to see people from all backgrounds loving the Creator with all their hearts and loving their neighbours and their communities as themselves.

## Ministry

- Partnering with local people for outreach work
- Children's Uplift Programme: working with women and their children who are vulnerable or are survivors of human trafficking
- Arsenic poisoning prevention programme: providing education, filters and treatment for arsenic poisoning, a common ailment in Bangladesh
- Transformation centres: providing education opportunities, such as English language classes and primary classes for children in the slum in order to promote new development in impoverished communities
- Morningstar Children's Centre: a slum school that reaches out to poor children and their families
- Salam Training Centre: a vocational school providing trade training for young people to develop life skills
- Bible correspondence school: a distance learning school to disciple believers throughout the country

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Bengali

The Bengali are the largest ethnic community in Bangladesh, a densely populated country of more than 160 million people. Bengalis are conversational, hospitable, and community minded people. Many of them revere God but don't know the Good News as presented in the Bible.

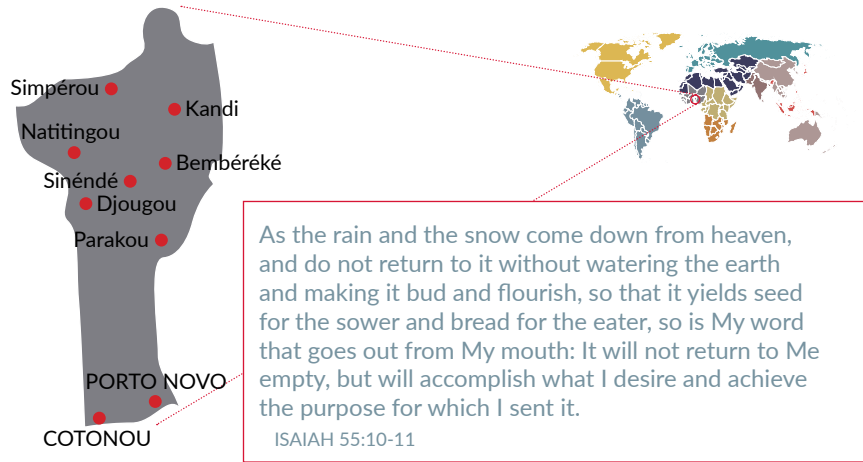
The capital, Dhaka, is home to more than 18 million people. Floods and cyclones frequently bring suffering to this country where many already live in poverty.



### Pray for

- local partners in outreach work.
- the formation of communities who love their Creator and each other.
- our workers to adapt well to the new realities of life in Bangladesh during the COVID-19 pandemic, including increased risk and decreased face-to-face communication.
- victims of human trafficking, mostly women and children, who face terrible circumstances and often lose hope that they will obtain freedom.
- a favourable relationship with the Bangladeshi government.





## Vision

In a spirit of collaboration, we see Benin churches becoming mature, missional, dynamic, filled with disciples obedient to the Word of God, imitators of Christ, dependent on the Holy Spirit, and full of compassion. In unity, we see these disciples of all ages serving according to their gifts for the glory of God.

## Ministry

- Bible translation and literacy
- Radio outreach across 19 different languages
- Evangelism through training and discipleship in Muslim communities
- Medical work
- Theological education
- Leadership development

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Monkolé

The Monkolé people live near Kandi in the north of Benin and number approximately 40,000. The Monkolé are mainly subsistence farmers. They produce corn, millet, peanuts and beans for personal use and cotton for export. Many young Monkolés have at least attended primary school.



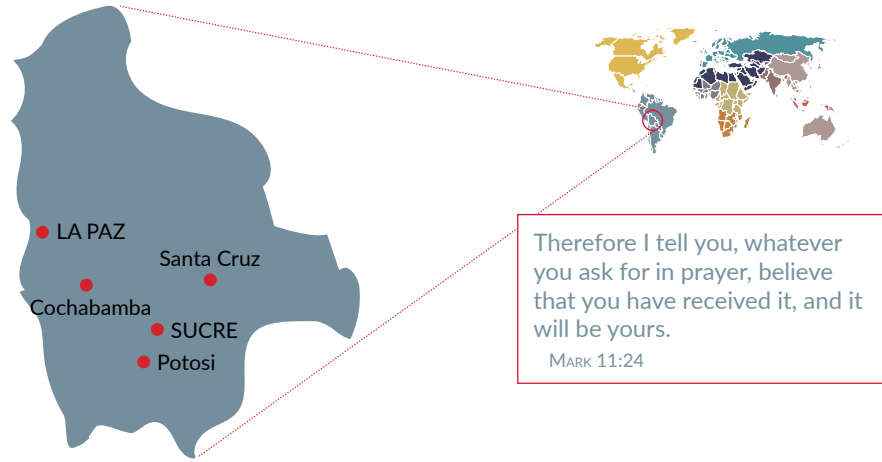
Most Monkolés follow the majority religion of the north of Benin, but many combine this with traditional beliefs and practices. In the 1970s, a handful of Monkolé men became Christians, and today there are

two Monkolé churches, with several hundred members. The New Testament in the Monkolé language was published in 2007, and the complete Bible is projected to be ready for distribution in early 2022. The New Testament was recorded in 2018, and Christian messages in Monkolé are broadcast three times a week from a community radio station in Kandi.

There are tensions in the churches between the older and the younger generations, but there are also some believers who have persevered through extremely difficult circumstances. For many years, there has only been one trained Monkolé pastor, but a young Monkolé Christian is now in his second year of theological training in Benin.

### Pray for

- the younger generation of Monkolé believers, that they will have a firm personal faith and a desire to share the Good News of Jesus with those around them.
- the Monkolé Bible to be read, studied, and understood by Monkolé believers and those who do not yet believe.
- listeners, who will be ready and willing to accept the truth of the gospel as it is broadcast via community radio stations.
- more personnel and resources to strengthen the administrative capacity of local Bible schools and church partners.
- labourers willing to work among the Monkolé, Weno and Sola people groups.



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.  
MARK 11:24

## Vision

To see Bolivians incarnating the gospel in their community, country, and world.

## Ministry

- Evangelising and discipling professionals
- Outreach to shoe shiners
- Outreach to Quechuas in urban and rural areas
- Developing current and future Church leaders
- Ministering to special needs children
- Collaborating with the Bolivian Church to raise up missionaries

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Special needs children

Bolivian society often overlooks the challenges faced by children with special needs and their families. SIM Bolivia is targeting this least reached sector of Bolivian society, to help provide education and serve the needs of these children and their families.

SIM missionaries who will spearhead this ministry are currently getting further education and planning how to reach these children.



### Quechuas in urban areas

Quechua people have moved to urban areas in great numbers over the last three decades due to drought and other challenges in the rural highlands of Bolivia. They have moved to cities in search of work, educational opportunities for their children, and a better lifestyle.

SIM workers partner with small congregations of Quechua migrants who live on the expanding urban fringe. Our workers are helping build capacity in these churches, so that the congregations will be better able to reach their own people with the gospel.



## Pray for

- SIM workers who are pursuing further education and planning how to reach special needs children.
- perspectives courses, Equipping Servants International, and theological training to prepare gospel workers to reach their own people and beyond.
- God to use SIM's medical ministry, English classes and other creative outreaches to bring people closer to Him.
- partner ministries, including COPROME (which produces Sunday school material), Mosoj Chaski radio (which reaches Quechuas), and Camp Kewiña.
- teachers and staff for Carachipampa Christian School, as they educate, reach, and disciple students, and reach their students' parents.
- grace, unity, and cultural understanding, as we live and work in multi-ethnic and multi-generational teams.



And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"  
ROMANS 10:15

## Vision

By faith, we see:

- Every person in Botswana having the opportunity to respond to the Good News, growing in obedience to God, and becoming part of a local church fellowship.
- A renewed and strong partnership with African Evangelical Church (AEC) and other denominations, as SIM Botswana walks alongside them to fulfil the Great Commission.

## Ministry

- Children and youth ministry
- Disciple making

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Remote area 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. The San are expert hunters, using bows and poison-tipped arrows. Hunting is a collaborative exercise, and the meat is always shared among the group.

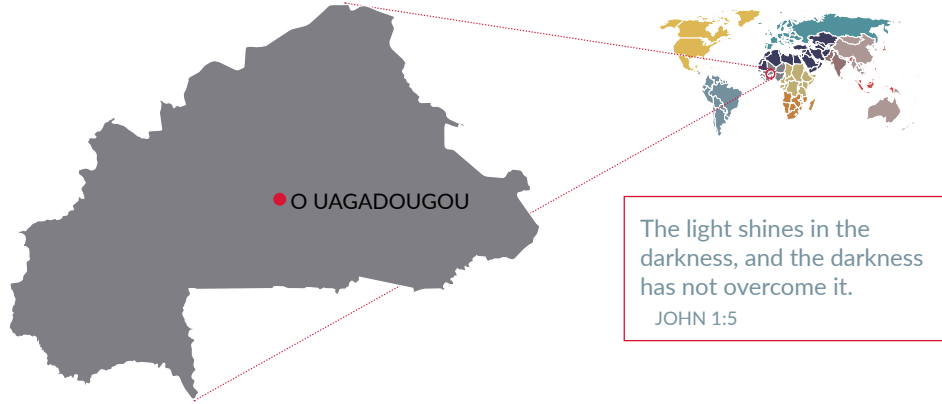
Over the past 2,000 years, the San have slowly been pushed to live in the arid sands of the Kalahari Desert by Bantu tribes and white farmers, who have taken the more fertile land for their crops and livestock. Today, the San find it very difficult to maintain their traditional culture and lifestyle. Land that the San used to hunt on is increasingly being used for grazing cattle.

In partnership with the Africa Evangelical Church, SIM has engaged with the !Xoon San of the Kalahari for over 30 years. For the first 16 years, the ministry was carried out by full-time missionaries living in the desert. These missionaries 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 – as well as local translators who now carry on this work.



## Pray for

- God to reveal his vision for SIM Botswana.
- 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.
- local translators amongst the remote desert dwellers of the Kalahari, that they would persevere in their ministry without the support of expatriate missionaries.
- the Africa Evangelical Church to catch the vision for reaching out to and discipling the remote desert dwellers of the Kalahari.
- 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.



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
JOHN 1:5

## Vision

We strive to glorify God by making disciples of the people in Burkina Faso, by proclaiming Jesus Christ as we minister to human needs and teach sound doctrine, in order to equip the local Church in her growth and partner with her as she ministers to those unreached by the Good News of Jesus.

## Ministry

- Scripture translation and audio production
- English classes as a base for evangelism
- Evangelism and discipleship Medical centres
- Theological education
- Ministry to at-risk young women
- Ministry among street boys
- Community development and well drilling
- Ministries to people with disabilities

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Internally displaced people

While Burkina Faso had previously been known for its stability, recent terrorist activity has led to an epidemic of internally displaced people. Since 2019, an estimated 600,000 people have been displaced from their homes by violence.

Many of these people are living in makeshift refugee camps, where water and food supplies can be scarce. Several camps have themselves become targets of violence, causing a second displacement for those who have taken refuge there. Other displaced people are seeking shelter with extended family, which can put already fragile financial situations under extreme stress. Almost 90 per cent of displaced people cannot afford food, according to an analysis done in December 2019.

Most people in Burkina Faso depend on their farms for their food and their livelihood. With the current unrest, large portions of farming land are not accessible due to security risks and fear, leading to a threat of artificial famine.

As a result of the violence, schools, churches, and village markets continue to close. By mid-March 2020, 2,500 schools had closed due to attacks or insecurity, denying nearly 350,000 students access to education.



## Pray for

- an end to violence. Praise God for the many people who have developed an openness to the gospel as a result of these challenging circumstances.
- the Church to reach out to non-Christian neighbours to show Christ's love. Pray that they would stand firm and shine as a light in the darkness.
- wisdom for our leaders, as they decide how SIM can safely and effectively respond to this humanitarian crisis with love and the Good News.
- the Church of Burkina Faso to continue to grow in maturity and numbers.
- our many ministries to demonstrate and share God's love in ways that transform lives for Christ during these difficult times.



To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.  
1 CORINTHIANS 9:22

## Vision

The vision of SIM Canada 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, especially among new Canadians and marginalised communities.

## Ministry

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

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### New Canadians

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

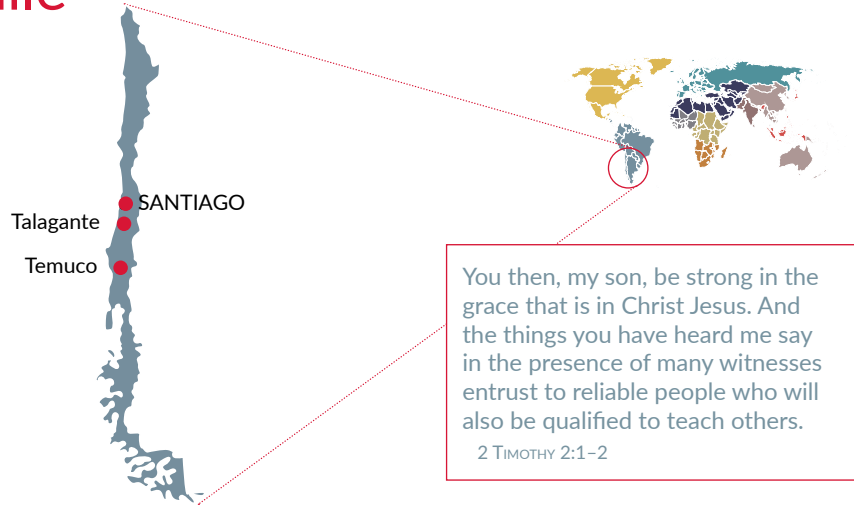
Pray for our Canada field workers, who work in many of these communities. Pray that they would have many opportunities to share the gospel and make newcomers feel welcome in Canada.



### Pray for

- missionaries working in difficult contexts.
- our largely secular society to hear and understand the Good News.
- our Canada field workers serving in different communities across Canada.
- SIM to serve the local Canadian Church well.
- wisdom for the SIM Canada national office staff to help facilitate and prepare people for overseas or local ministry.





## Vision

Compelled by God's great love, we want to see churches with trained leaders, engaged in making disciples, and expressing the love and compassion of Christ in communities where He is least known. Our motivation is to see the Church in Chile increasingly sharing the Good News, mobilising, and sending servants to those living and dying without Christ inside and outside of Chile.

## Ministry

- Missions mobilisation
- Partnership with ProVisión, a Chilean mission agency
- Church leadership development
- Disciple making
- Seminary by Extension to All Nations (SEAN)
- Education and evangelism with kids at risk
- Koyamentu Training and Retreat Centre
- Marriage and family ministries in church contexts

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## Communities where Christ is least known

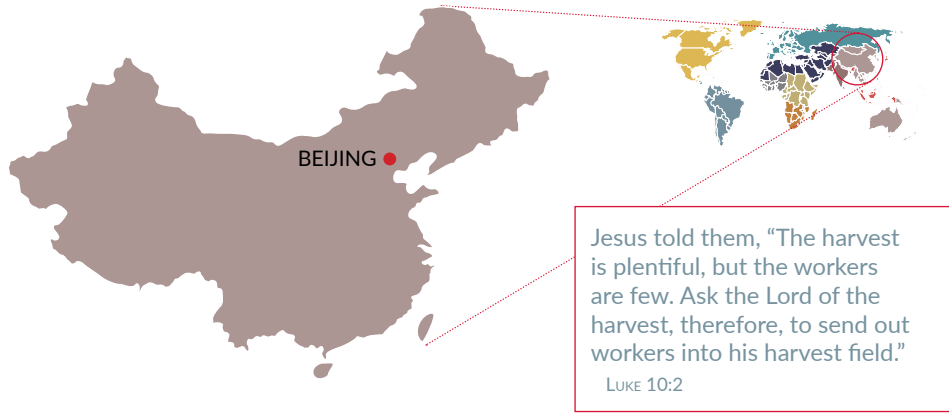
### Helping empower the Chilean church

The Chilean evangelical church is part of a growing worldwide missions movement. Our focus is to come alongside and support the Church in making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known. In partnership with ProVisión, a Chilean sending agency, we work to empower the Chilean church to grow in its ability and commitment to send workers to serve where Christ is least known. SIM Chile hopes to develop new partnerships and ministries to support church leaders and their efforts both to make disciples in their congregations and to reach out to the communities of university students and migrants who are living and dying without Christ.



## Pray for

- the development of new ministries focused on helping Chilean churches become more intentional about making disciples.
- Chilean pastors and church leaders as they lead their congregations through times of social unrest and economic downturn.
- Chilean missionaries to flourish spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially.
- the Seminary by Extension to All Nations (SEAN) to extend its impact to the entire country.
- protection for at-risk children. Pray that their contact with Christians will be a testimony of Christ's love.
- the Koyamentu Training and Retreat Centre to facilitate renewal, transformation, and training for Chilean churches and missionaries.
- marriage courses and men's and women's groups to reach non-Christians with the hope found in Jesus.



## Vision

The vision of SIM China is to see people from all ethnic groups and languages in the less-reached regions of China worshiping around the throne of God. There are millions of people in this country who live and die without meeting even one follower of Jesus.

## Ministry

- Demonstrating Christ's love and compassion to the least-reached and the marginalised
- Friendship evangelism and discipleship
- Encouraging and strengthening emerging ministry and church leaders

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## Communities where Christ is least known

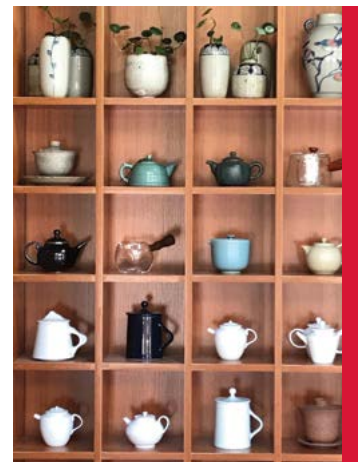
- Majorities:
  - Han Chinese
  - Urban billions
  - Universities
- Minorities:
  - Animists
  - Buddhists
  - Muslims
- Marginalised:
  - Orphans
  - Urban poor

## Opportunities

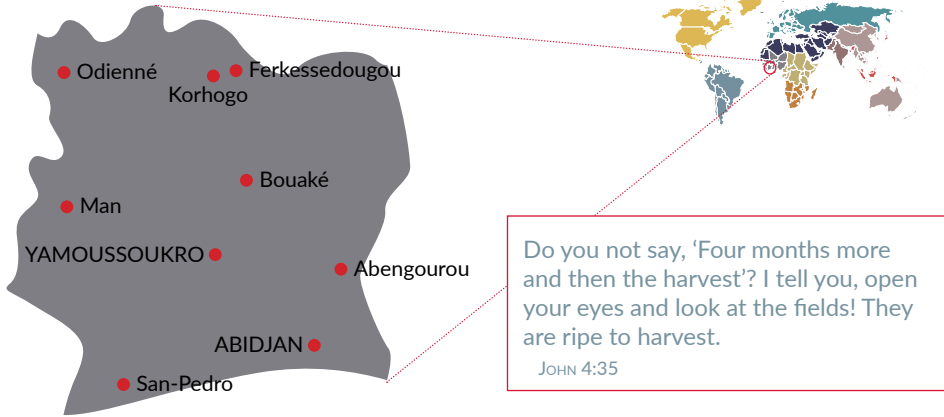
- Culture and language learning
- Teaching English
- Doing business

## Pray for

- the growth and strengthening of the Church across ethnic and linguistic boundaries.
- the Church to emerge among ethnic groups and communities where people live and die without Jesus.
- God to raise up a new generation of workers from China for God's global harvest field.
- wisdom for the government and local authorities, as they lead the world's most populous nation.
- stable, long-term visa options for language learning, teaching, and doing business.
- new workers for the global harvest field.







## Vision

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

## Ministry

- Theological education
- Leadership development
- Radio outreach
- Church planting
- Community development
- Disciple making
- Street children ministry
- Ministry to women

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### The Jula (Dioula) and the Maninka (Malinké)

The Jula and Maninka people groups have been Muslim since the 1400s. They had good relations with animist neighbours and tried to convert them to Islam by setting a good example rather than by force.

A church has recently been planted in the heart of Jula country, focused on reaching the Jula. Pray for our team members as they seek to establish a school to train more evangelists for this people group.

### The Fulani

Living alongside the Jula, but keeping themselves very distinct, are the proud Fulani people. Their history is deeply Islamic, but they were rulers and warriors who converted with force. We are exploring the possibility of a new ministry amongst these precious people who live in the north of Côte d'Ivoire.

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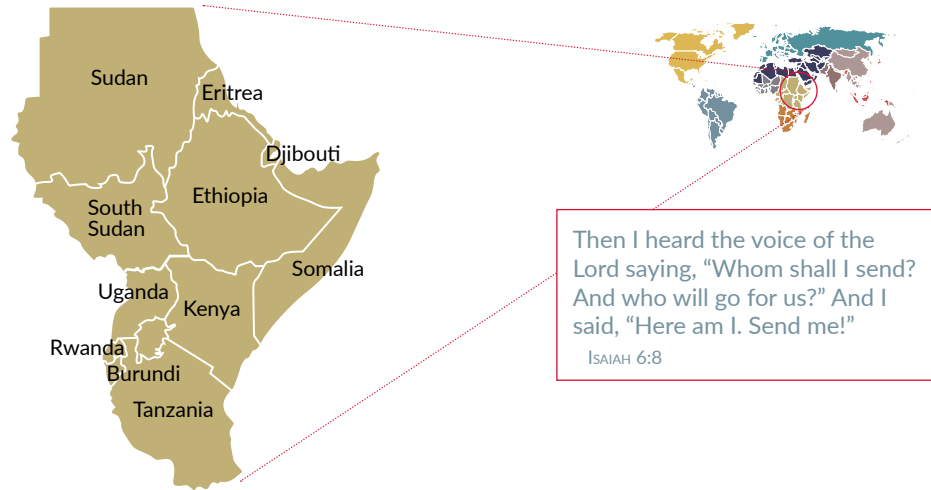
- God to anoint the gospel as it goes forth via radio in the north and southwest of Côte d'Ivoire.
- wisdom and equipment to establish a new radio station in San Pedro.
- strong local churches to be raised up among the Ivorian Maninka and Jula.
- a disciple-making movement to emerge in Maninka and Jula ministry homes, villages, and even mosques.
- God to direct plans for a Jula evangelist training school.
- the development of projects for ministry to street children and women.
- God's guidance as we explore a potential ministry amongst the Fulani.
- God to raise up prayer support for each of our ministries.



THREE FULANI WOMEN



DILOUA WEAVING. PHOTO: AUDREY MICHEL



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"  
 ISAIAH 6:8

## Vision

By faith, we see mission-minded churches in East Africa fully engaged in global outreach, sending their missionaries to join communities around the world. Our purpose is to serve East African churches as they participate in the global mission.

## Ministry

The East African Office helps African churches mobilise, equip, train, and send East African missionaries around the world to serve with SIM and its partner mission agencies in gospel ministry. Our global workers serve in:

- Evangelism and disciple making
- Church planting
- Radio ministry
- Leadership training and theological education
- Youth ministry
- Culture and language learning

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Fulani people groups

The Fulani population is made up of 40 million people in 20 West African countries. The East African Office has already sent out five missionary families to serve amongst the Fulani.

We thank God that the call to reach this people group is growing tremendously. As a result of your continuous prayer, we have been able to send another five missionaries to the West Africa region, focusing on Fulani people groups. We thank God for the response of local churches in the East Africa region to the call to serve Fulani people groups.



## Pray for

- increased capacity for the East African Office to send and train missionaries.
- protection and guidance for all who are involved in making decisions to place missionaries in the global mission field, as we deal with COVID-19's effects and aftermath.
- God to call Christian professionals from East African countries to serve Him globally.
- young men and women to take decisive action in response to God's leading for them to serve in missions.



As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.  
 MATTHEW 10:7-8

## Vision

We envision churches in East Asia glorifying God by partnering with the global Church, SIM, and our supporting constituencies in sending missionaries to the least reached, while also receiving missionaries in certain countries of East Asia. Together, as God's people, we commit ourselves willingly and joyfully to be involved in furthering the cause of the Great Commission, through praying, giving, mobilising, going, and receiving missionaries.

## Ministry

The staff of the East Asia Office coordinates and supervises the efforts of constituent sending and receiving entities, and provides services in the areas of:

- Promotion
- Mobilisation of churches and individuals
- Candidate screening and selection
- Mentoring and orientation
- Information coordination
- Church-mission partnerships
- Administration, supervision, and development of receiving contexts
- Crisis management and contingency planning
- Care for children of cross-cultural workers
- Pastoral care and prayer

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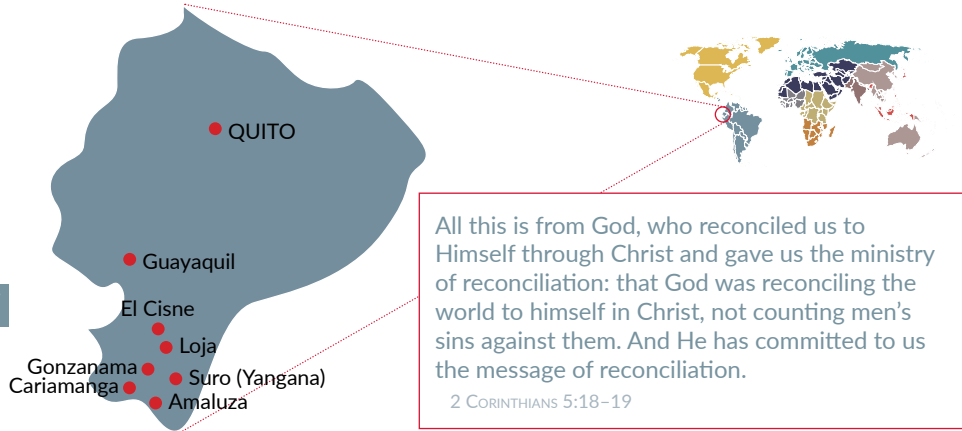
## Communities where Christ is least known

### The Hakka

The Hakka people (one of the Han Chinese groups) comprise about 18 per cent of the population of Taiwan and form the second-largest ethnic group on the island. While Christians form about 5 per cent of Taiwan's population, the Christian population among the Hakkas is less than 0.5 per cent. The goddess of the sea, Ma-zhu, is widely worshipped among the Hakka people, especially among the fishermen. Our initial ministry strategy is to mobilise Hakka Christians in existing churches to reach out to the Hakkas, and to partner with churches to plant new churches in areas where there are communities that are made up predominately of Hakka people and have little or no Christian witness.

### Pray for

- efforts to reach the least-reached communities in Taiwan, which is now a SIM exploratory field, through missionaries from around the world and within Taiwan.
- God to supply the needed funds for SIM East Asia's projected growth, operation, ministries, and projects.
- wisdom and resources in developing the capacity in the region to receive missionaries.
- our newly appointed regional director, Watson Rajaratnam, and his wife, Viji, to quickly adapt to their new environment and ministries as key leaders in SIM East Asia. Pray for wisdom, creativity, and resourcefulness for the Rajaratnams.



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## Vision

As a team of Christ's ambassadors, SIM Ecuador exists in love to proclaim and to live out Christ's message of reconciliation. We do so in the power and for the glory of God. In partnership with the Church, we want to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known.

## Ministry

- Waves of Hope radio station
- Equipping church leaders (Equipping Servants theological education programme, Growing Pastors bookshop, and training conferences)
- Compassion ministries (medical aid, finance management, business as mission, family gardens, counselling, and trauma healing)
- Planting and strengthening rural churches (evangelism, discipleship, and training)
- Youth ministry (sports, university outreach, Bible studies and discipleship)
- Mission mobilisation
- Missionary kids (academic and spiritual growth)
- Administration

## Prayer Notes

## Communities where Christ is least known

### Rural population of the southern province of Loja

Facing traditionalism, other belief systems and family and community persecution of those seeking truth, SIM works alongside the few Christians in the southern rural province of Loja. We use Bible storytelling to teach and disciple believers in small home churches. We hope to train a leader for every small town in the province, so the Good News can be spread to even more remote areas.



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### Youth

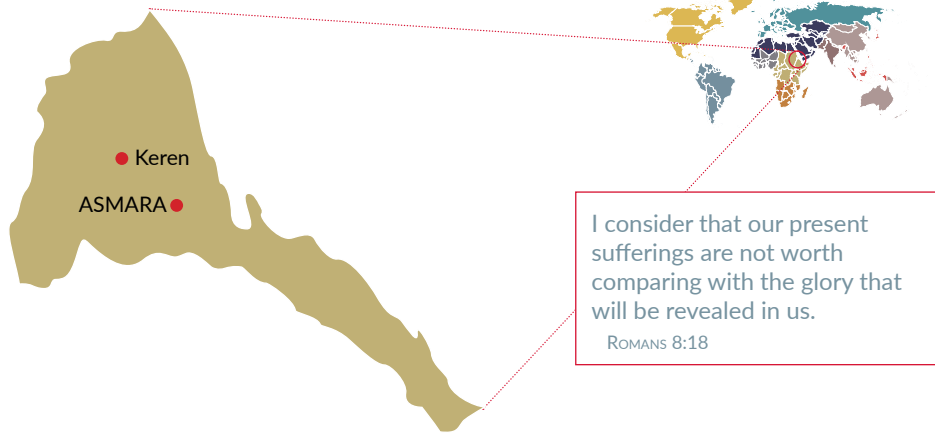
Ecuador's mean age is 27, with 69 per cent of its people under age 49. Many youths – disillusioned by their parents' traditional, works-oriented religion – are desperate for the truth, but atheism and other religions are growing. SIM reaches out with biblical truth to youths and university students through social media, English ministries and evangelical groups on campuses. We plan to expand to more campuses this year and to begin a Sports Friends ministry in the rural areas, but more workers are needed.

### Economically vulnerable

The strict and lengthy quarantines during the pandemic caused great disruption to wage earners trying to provide for their families, especially those who had no savings and depended on daily income. SIM's compassion ministry provides medical and counseling services, as well as teaching financial management and family gardens to help people make the most of their resources. Each lesson is combined with biblical principles, in order to meet spiritual needs and share about Jesus.

### Pray for

- Radio Hope to receive government approval for its AM and FM frequencies, and to broadcast gospel messages that would have an impact throughout the rural areas.
- open doors to new communities through tangible expressions of Christ's love.
- the equipping leadership ministries to develop stable, maturing leaders, especially in rural communities, through training programmes and ongoing discipleship.
- creativity to use available resources to meet the needs of our missionary kids.
- wise expansion of the ministry to youth in universities and in the rural areas.
- wisdom for the administrative team in guiding each ministry and making decisions.
- preparation and support for Ecuadorian missionaries serving in other countries.
- workers to join the growing ministries, especially in the rural areas.



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## Vision

SIM first entered Eritrea in the early 1950s but was expelled in July 2004. All SIM ministries have been closed, and evangelical Christians in Eritrea are undergoing severe persecution.

Today, SIM supports a radio ministry, broadcasting to Eritrea and Eritreans in the diaspora in the Tigrinya language. The vision of this ministry is to see the current generation of Tigrinya-speaking youth in Eritrea, Ethiopia and beyond reached through radio and other media. Our vision is to set them on a discipleship journey where they enjoy personal fellowship with God, express an increased commitment to Him and his church, actively participate in making disciples and become leaders with integrity.

## Ministry

- Radio Outreach

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Tigre

Most of the Tigre, descendants of the ancient Egyptians, converted to Islam during the 1800s. Although they profess to be Sunni Muslims, most practice Folk Islam, which is a blend of Islam and animistic beliefs. For example, they offer sacrifices of livestock or corn when they think their sins are numerous, believing that the sacrifice becomes the scapegoat for their sins. The Tigre also believe in Zar, an evil spirit that possesses people and causes illnesses and sometimes death. They depend on shamans to communicate with spirits, cure sickness and control events.

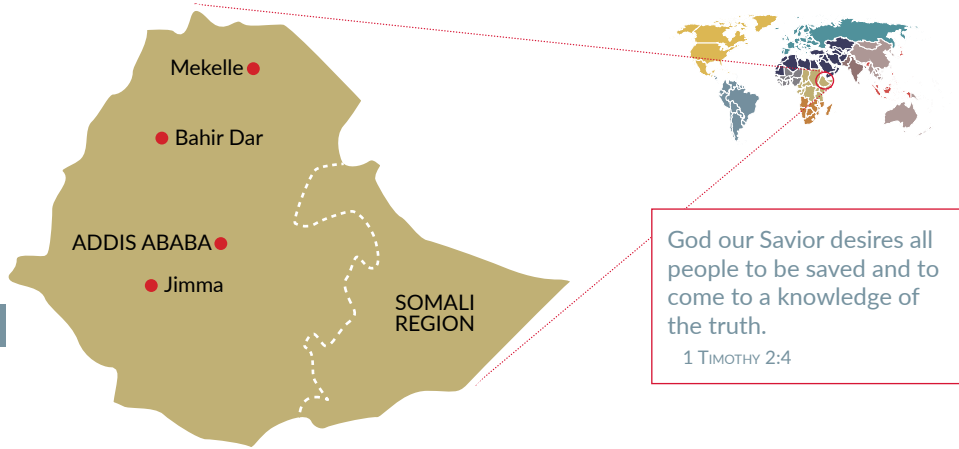
The Tigre are traditionally nomadic shepherds, and although many are still nomads, most are semi-nomadic. Others have become settled farmers. The Tigre in Eritrea have suffered from recent droughts, famine and civil war.



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### Pray for

- peace and stability in Eritrea.
- more Tigrinya-speaking workers to help produce effective audio broadcasts to Eritrea and beyond.
- the listeners of the broadcasts, especially the youth, to fully commit to life in Christ and journey with Him faithfully.
- believers, especially church leaders, who are imprisoned for their faith, and also for their families.
- God's provision for the families of those imprisoned, and that they will continue to see God as almighty and loving.
- the few known Tigre Christians in Eritrea, that God would strengthen, encourage and protect them, and that they would be bold to speak of their faith in Jesus to those who do not yet know Him.



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## Vision

Compelled by God's love and by the reality that millions of people live and die without knowing Christ, we strive to expand the Church's capacity to make disciples and multiply churches in communities where Christ is least known, so that the triune God alone may be genuinely worshipped by every person.

## Ministry

We strive to expand the Church's capacity in:

- Reaching children and youth
- Caring for the vulnerable
- Engaging with community influencers
- Mentoring and training in Orthodox communities
- Outreach to Muslims
- Medical ministry
- Discipling and equipping church leaders

We strive to resource ministry efforts through:

- Effectively communicating SIM's vision and mandate to provide a clear, shared focus for all who are part of SIM Ethiopia
- Missionary Kid education
- Print and radio media

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Children and youth

Well over half of Ethiopia (approximately 102 million people) are under the age of 20. As a result of rapid population growth, migration to urban areas and the availability of technology and the Internet, most of these young people have limited opportunities to come to know Christ and become his followers.

### Vulnerable

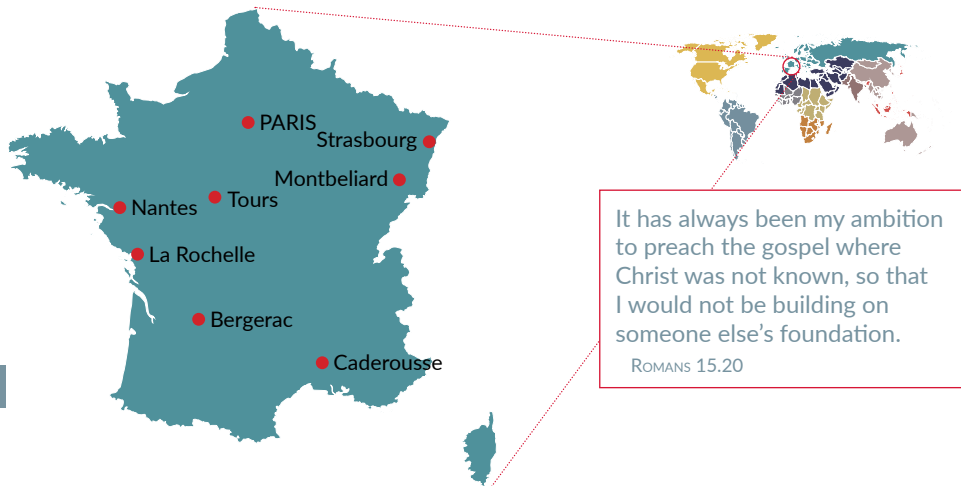
The urban population has increased to around 20 per cent in this primarily rural country and the rate of change is increasing. Poverty and abuse remain major issues, especially among newcomers to urban areas. Girls and homeless street boys are at risk of being trafficked.



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### Pray for

- business leaders, community leaders and church leaders who have significant roles in their contexts and are strategically placed to have an impact where Christ is least known.
- children and youth ministries in Ethiopian churches, communities and projects, that they will have sufficient people and resources to serve families needing biblical discipleship.
- recruitment of excellent teachers who can serve at Bingham Academy with a passion for making disciples among students and advancing missions outreach.
- greater interdependent teamwork and healthy ministry relationships.
- churches and their leaders to become more willing to care about and show Christ's love to neighbours in their communities.
- teaching, disciple making and mentoring initiatives in Orthodox communities.
- healthier church partnerships and ongoing effective disciple-making initiatives.
- churches empowered for missional outreach.



It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.  
ROMANS 15:20

## Vision

By faith, we see God mobilising his children to share the Good News of salvation with those whose hearts have been prepared by the Holy Spirit.

SIM France is called by God to mobilise Christians and inform the Church of opportunities in missions, train those called to serve, facilitate their tasks, and support them through prayer and care.

We rejoice in the Lord each time God entrusts someone to us. We desire to be facilitators and encourage men and women to serve Christ when He calls them.

## Ministry

- Mobilising for God's service
- Equipping for ongoing ministry
- Sending missionaries to communities who live and die without Christ
- Maintaining contact with missionaries in all corners of the globe
- Planting churches
- Ministering to international students

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Foreign students

There are about 358,000 foreign students in France. Moroccan students have become the largest group (more than 42,000), but there are also many Algerians (31,000), Chinese (28,000) and Tunisians (13,000). Almost 51 per cent of France's foreign students come from Africa, including the Maghreb region.

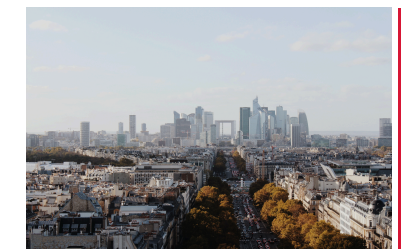
Foreign students are often open to the gospel, but more workers are needed. Currently, only one SIM worker ministers among them.



### Muslim community

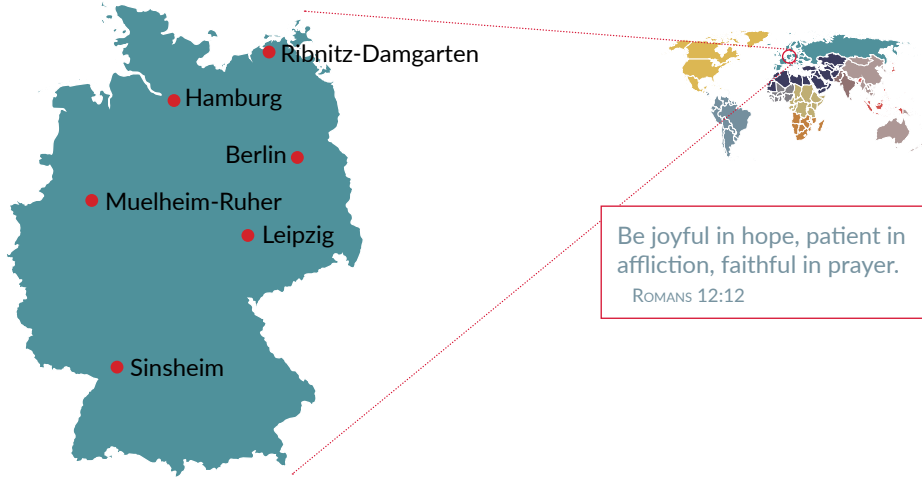
The Muslim community in France is approximately nine per cent of the total population. This figure includes all the immigrants coming from predominantly Muslim countries. Studies give an estimate of 70,000 to 110,000 Christians among this group. A large part of the community is second, third, or even fourth generation immigrants.

The 2016 influx of refugees is challenging European Christians to find ways to show Christ's love. Following terrorist violence in 2016, the Muslim community has begun to question Islam. Muslim background believers are often persecuted by their families and relatives, but the terrorist incidents have led to more opportunities to discuss our Christian beliefs with Muslims.



## Pray for

- revival of the missionary vision in French churches.
- partnerships with church denominations, Bible institutes and other mission organisations.
- sincere and ongoing commitment to missions amongst French Christians.
- the development and autonomy of SIM Belgium ministries, which SIM France supports.
- an effective training programme for spiritual growth.
- strength in prayer, good relationships with churches and potential missionaries and fruitful ministry for those whom God sends.



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.  
ROMANS 12:12

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## Vision “So people meet God!”

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

## Ministry

- Praying and fellowshiping in community
- Mobilising the church for mission
- Mobilising missionaries in German-speaking Europe
- Running a short-term volunteer program
- Providing member care and lifelong learning for all staff
- Supporting international workers serving in Germany
- Promoting partnerships between ourselves and like-minded organisation for the cause of world missions

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Diaspora

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

### The Ruhr region

The Ruhr region, in Northrhine-Westfalia, is the largest metropolitan area in Germany, with a population of 5.1 million inhabitants and annual growth of 43,000 people, spread over 53 cities. This region has the highest migration density in Germany, from every nation (e.g. 26 per cent Turkish and 18 per cent Polish). It also has the highest number of students and foreign students in Germany.



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### International (multicultural) community and students

Our organisation is reaching out the multicultural community in cities. Presently, there are 395,000 overseas students studying at universities in Germany. The largest group is from China (42,600), with significant groups from India (20,800), Syria (13,600), Iran (9,500), and Vietnam (3,200).

### Secular Germans

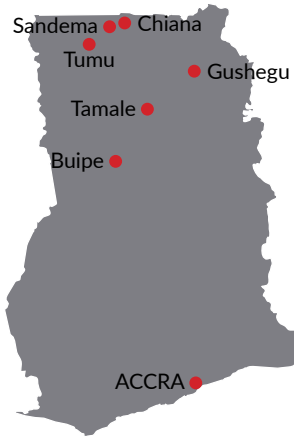
Germany is rapidly becoming a secularised community. Regions in eastern and northern Germany have little or no local/personal Christian witness. Opportunities exist for workers from all over the world.



### Pray for

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





Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
PSALM 96:3

## Vision

The vision of SIM Ghana is 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 ministries – working in authentic partnership with churches and organisations to witness to Christ's love amongst the Sisaala, Dagomba, and Fulani communities.
- Serving and equipping the church for mission – Sports Friends, discipleship and leadership training, and discipling marketplace leaders.
- Mobilisation for mission and collaboration in mobilisation with likeminded organisations.
- Leadership and services – serving and equipping the SIM Ghana team through the provision of efficient services and courageous leadership.

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Muslim peoples of northern Ghana

The Dagomba and Sisaala people of northern Ghana are predominantly Muslim. SIM Ghana partners with churches as they nurture sharing and discipling relationships amongst these people in order that many might hear the gospel and grow in their understanding of God's Word. Discipleship resources are being developed to engage people responding to the The Way of Righteousness broadcasts on local radio in Sisaali and Dabani.



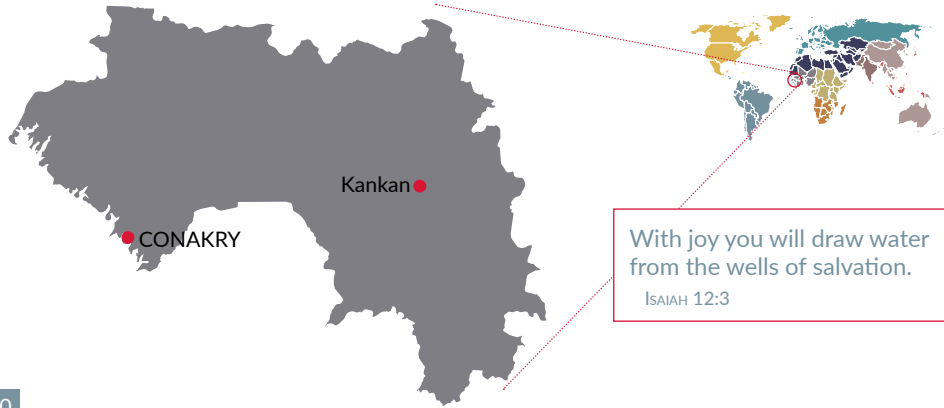
The training and development of children and youth ministry leaders means that many more will hear the gospel from an early age.

### The Fulani

The Fulani people in Ghana are another predominantly Muslim group. As migrants from other parts of West Africa, they have never had a recognised homeland in Ghana. They live in scattered settlements on the outskirts of villages, and they are often treated as outsiders. SIM Ghana currently has three missionary families serving amongst the Fulani. Through language and culture learning, they are building relationships of trust and friendship.

### Pray for

- the workers God has recently sent to Ghana, as they adjust and transition to life here.
- our workers amongst the Fulani, that relationships with their friends will lead to good conversations and opportunities to share God's Good News.
- the training of youth and children's workers amongst the Sisaala and Dagomba.
- our partnership with Good News Bible Church, Challenge Enterprises Ghana, and local churches, as we seek to reach communities where Christ is least known in Ghana.
- our Sports Friends ministry team, as they train and disciple coaches to reach children and young people through sport.
- Christian businesspeople to understand the truth that they can worship God in and through their business.



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## Vision

By faith, we see:

- Every man, woman and child of Upper Guinea having the opportunity to hear and understand the good news of Jesus.
- A vibrant Church working in harmony, bringing Jesus' transformation to Upper Guinea and beyond.
- A flourishing, Spirit-led SIM team, equipped to serve their communities with love and discernment.

## Ministry

- Evangelism and discipleship
- Children and families
- Youth
- Leadership and Services
- Audio media production and distribution

## Prayer Notes

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Gold miners

Artisanal gold mining is a significant part of the economy in Upper Guinea and authorities say there may be as many as 20,000 miners in the region. Workers come from all parts of Guinea and neighboring countries to find their fortunes. The transient nature of the work brings with it disease, drug addiction, etc. It is a dangerous work and landslides cause many deaths. Guinean Christians have moved to this area as gold miners, schoolteachers and nurses. God is at work amongst the challenges.



### Fulani

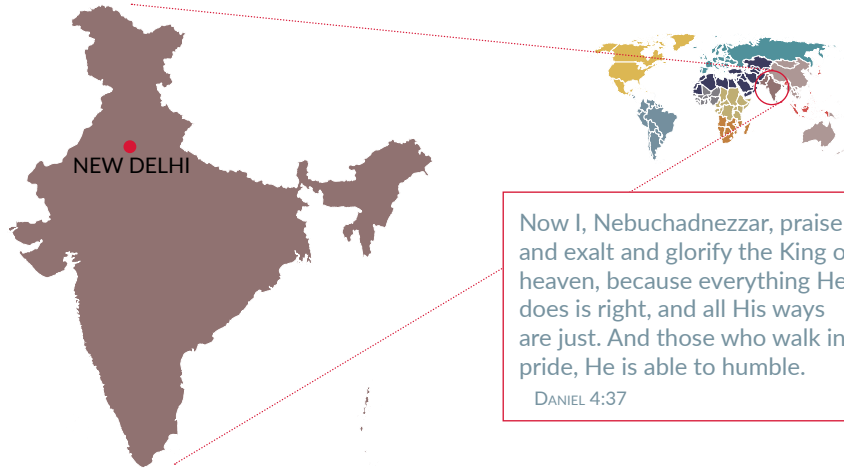
The Fulani are Muslim. Guinea is the only country in Africa where the Fulani are the largest ethnic group (41 per cent of the population). Rather than being nomadic cattle owners, many Guinean Fulani are settled farmers, businessmen and merchants. Others in Guinea view the Fulani as very religious. Tensions and distrust often stem from political differences. Praise God for the two missionary families now learning language in Guinea in order to work with the Fulani.



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## Pray for

- the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts amongst the Maninka and Fulani peoples for the gospel.
- the Maninka New Testament, which by God's grace will be completed by December 2020.
- our new audio resources, which are being well-received and shared with friends and family. Pray that God would send workers who can record the New Testament in the Maninka language.
- our missionaries: for continual abiding in Christ, growth in language ability, and wisdom and courage in the face of political unrest.
- our growing children's ministry, which now has after-school programs available in multiple neighborhoods.
- local church leaders leading in multicultural churches. Pray for God's unity to override divisions in the churches.
- Christians working in mining villages to be an attractive witness to Christ.



Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything He does is right, and all His ways are just. And those who walk in pride, He is able to humble.  
DANIEL 4:37

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## Vision

SIM India sees the kingdom of God extending beyond all barriers, as we partner with Indian ministries to fulfil our global mandate.

We focus on loving our friends from other faiths as they come into the kingdom and on engaging with specific populations (children, youth, leaders, the marginalised) as they are discipled into kingdom lifestyle, community, and service.

## Ministry

- Learning Indian languages and culture
- Discipling Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist friends as they follow Jesus within their communities
- Helping transgendered people & trafficking survivors
- Loving people affected by HIV
- Discipling university students and teachers
- Shaping businesses that can transform people and society
- Developing young leaders for India's future
- Training local church leaders
- Mobilizing North Indian churches to send workers globally
- Supporting village health & education
- Increasing access to trauma counseling
- Developing income generation initiatives
- Working with special needs learners and their families

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### In the abode of the gods

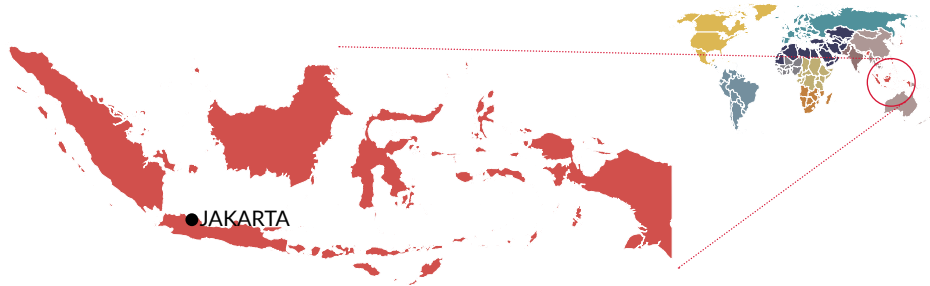
Located in the Himalayan hill state of Uttarakhand, India's Garhwali people are a historically eclectic people, gathered over time from different parts of South Asia into the people group they are today. Living in Dev Bhoomi – the abode of the gods – they are an incredibly religious people, fiercely devoted to their traditional religious practices. Life is difficult in these mountains, jobs are hard to find, and these days almost 100 per cent of young people leave the mountains for study and work opportunities. Scattered in the mountains are small but growing groups of Jesus' followers – and long-term discipleship is the need of the hour. Pray the Lord of the harvest would send workers into this field.



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### Pray for

- fresh vision for members and Council leaders – and grace for all personnel – during the leadership transition as a new country director is sought and begins a new term in 2021.
- favor with government authorities for members in obtaining / renewing visas and residential permits.
- wisdom, protection, and boldness for Christian leaders as they face increasing scrutiny & hostility.
- local churches and believers to “keep in step with the Spirit” (Gal. 5:25) in a time of economic desperation, health & environmental concerns, identity politics, and threat of India-China war.
- changes in mindsets toward women & children in light of reports of increase in domestic violence and pornography consumption.
- progress in mobilizing a new committee/structure that can facilitate local churches sending Indians overseas as SIM members in collaboration with the NE India Office (which is distinct from SIM India).
- development of teams working with Rajasthani peoples, Urdu-speaking Muslims, Tibetans, and Garhwalis.



The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere Your glory.  
PSALM 102:15

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## Vision

We envision Indonesian Christ followers reaching out with the gospel in word and lifestyle to communities without Christ, presenting opportunities to receive Jesus, and then discipling them to go and do likewise.

## Ministry

- Enhancing and equipping churches, seminaries and schools
- Equipping and training pastors and church members for cross-cultural ministry
- Ministry to children, youth, and young adults
- Church planting in partnership with local workers
- Community development
- TESL\*
- Missional business and tentmaking\*

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Cities

Approximately 57 per cent of Indonesia's 274 million people live in cities. Though average population density is 147 persons per km<sup>2</sup>, urban population density is near 10,000 per km<sup>2</sup>.

Over the last 30 years many cities have swelled to overflowing with newcomers seeking to establish themselves but finding it very difficult to eke out a living. Resulting overcrowding and lack of employment lead to ever increasing poverty among many.

With half or more of the urban population living in slums, there are a plethora of opportunities for ministry. Community development work, and teaching English could be key ways of reaching into these communities.



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### Pray for

- a burden for the urban lost. Indonesian believers and foreign missionaries are needed to reach into the lives of people who are desperate to find a more meaningful life.
- more workers willing to accept the challenge of Indonesia's cities.
- God's love to be evident in the lives of Christ followers living in the cities.
- SIM Indonesia to find like-minded groups who are already serving in cities, in order to learn more about how to minister there.
- like-minded seminaries or charitable groups that might be able to legally sponsor SIM workers for visas.
- financial resources to develop our team of SIM workers
- a growing sense of unity and harmony for SIM Indonesia, as workers are situated on several islands far apart from each other.



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.  
GALATIANS 6:9 NIV

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## Vision

Our vision is to see a vibrant community of servant leaders with vision, character and competence leading the church in Japan. We aim to identify, develop and release emerging kingdom leaders who will unite the Church, multiply leaders and congregations, and extend the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. SIM missionaries are pursuing these goals in partnership with local churches and Asian Access Japan (A2J).

## Ministry

- We partner with A2J, a Japanese-led movement of churches working throughout the majority of regions and denominations within Japan. A2J is focused on training pastors, encouraging young leaders, supporting regional church multiplication, and uniting the church in Japan to pursue reaching two per cent of the population with the gospel
- We partner with local churches and networks to multiply disciples and churches in Tohoku, Kanto, and Kyushu
- We encourage our missionaries to use their gifting and talents to promote church multiplication on a regional and national level

## Prayer Notes

## Communities where Christ is least known

### Rural or non-urban Japan (“inaka”)

Over 30 million people live in rural Japan (ie. municipalities under 50,000 people). The Christian population of these areas is estimated to be 0.1 per cent, and roughly two-thirds of these towns do not have a church. Following earthquakes in Tohoku (2011) and Kumamoto (2016), there has been reason for optimism. Churches have been started, and people who have been historically resistant to Christianity, such as farmers and fishermen, have become Christ followers.



### Fukushima

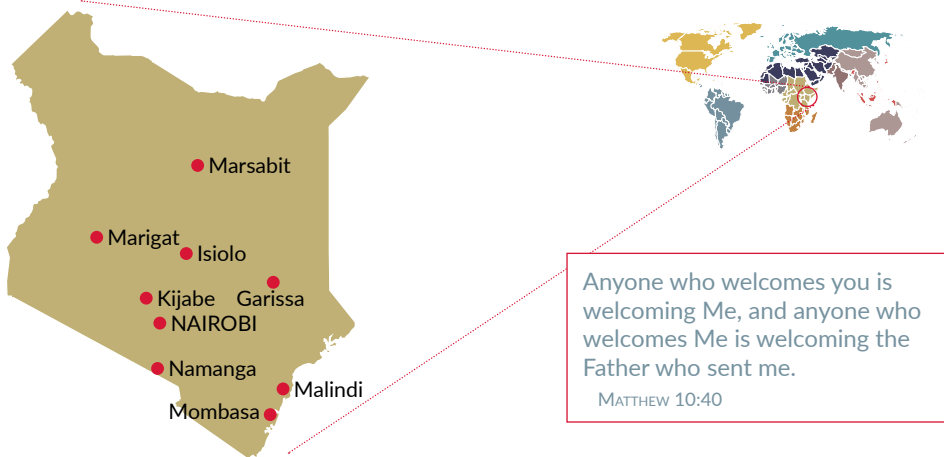
Fukushima is a prefecture located north of Tokyo that was impacted by the 2011 Tohoku earthquake. In addition to the damage from the earthquake, and the tsunami that followed, there is still concern about the effects of radiation from the nuclear accident. Local pastors simultaneously desire help and are reluctant to ask people to risk their long-term health by working in the area. There is conflicting information about the safety of living in Fukushima. As a result, stigmas remain against the people and the manufactured products of the prefecture. The church and the missionary community in Japan desire to help, but they need wisdom in determining how to do so.



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## Pray for

- the church in Japan to effectively reach the over 99 per cent of Japanese people who do not know God.
- unity within the Church in Japan.
- missionaries to be able to effectively partner with what God is already doing in Japan.
- the development of young leaders within the rapidly aging Japanese Church.
- the acceleration of church multiplication movements – independent of natural disaster – throughout Japan.
- disciples and churches to multiply in rural Japan and Fukushima.
- short-term teams to partner with Japanese churches in 2021, before the Tokyo Summer Olympics (set for July and August).
- insight into how to apply lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic to future ministry.
- wisdom to identify new regional networks, leaders, and churches with which to partner.



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## Vision

As we passionately pursue our divine calling, we see... through our ministries:

- Mature disciples making disciples of Jesus Christ among least-reached communities.
- Christian leaders influencing Kenya with integrity and biblical truth.
- Missional churches partnering with us to proclaim Christ and express his love and compassion.
- Kenyan missionaries engaging in cross-cultural ministry locally and globally.

within SIM Kenya:

- Flourishing, prayerful missionaries practicing disciple making and accountability.
- Multi-ethnic, multi-skilled teams serving in unity.
- Flexible, effective structures empowering missionaries for ministry.

## Ministry

- Discipleship of believers of all ages
- Theological training for the next generation of Christian leaders
- Medical and psychosocial outreach
- Missionary kids education and services

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Somalis in Kenya

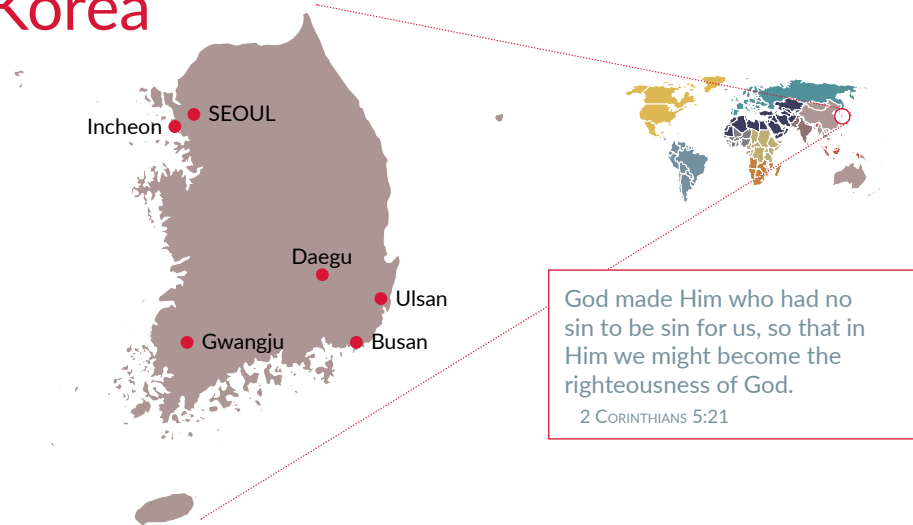
Somalis are one of the most homogenous people groups on the continent of Africa. They share a common language, faith, and cultural heritage that is an integral part of their nomadic lifestyle. There are approximately three million Somali now living in Kenya, in both rural areas and urban centres. In the urban centres, they are an entrepreneurial community and have established themselves in business. In the rural areas, they are mainly herdsmen, keeping sheep or goats and camels. They are 99.89 per cent Muslim. While Somalis do have a translation of the Bible in their own language, the efforts of many missionaries amongst them have met with resistance or suspicion. However, the Holy Spirit is working, and more and more Somalis are coming to the Lord than in years past. (Source: partly from Joshua Project).



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### Pray for

- wisdom to find ways to work among communities where Christ is least known, and for people equipped to fill the various needs.
- Kenyan believers to become passionate to reach communities for Christ in Kenya and beyond.
- strength and resilience for our medical workers, as they engage with families, patients, colleagues, and students, meeting needs both physical and spiritual.
- disciple makers who faithfully share God's Word and ways in often hostile areas.
- the transitions that our team members go through in their ministry terms (new locations, language learning, kids in/out of school, home assignment, and helping with aging parents from a distance).
- Perseverance, patience, and grace for all our workers, as they strive to be God's hands and feet in communities throughout Kenya.



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## Vision

By faith, we see:

- Spiritual revival and awakening in Korean churches and Korean believers passionately obedient to the Great Commission.
- Migrants and international students in Korea to experience the love and compassion of God as shown in the gospel, becoming established as disciples of Christ, and crossing barriers to make disciples and build churches wherever they are called.
- The gospel to flow into the strategic state of North Korea and believers in North Korea freely worshipping God.
- The lives and work of the missionaries we send to flourish.

## Ministry

- Developing new ministry opportunities and equipping people to serve in North Korea as peace develops between South Korea, North Korea and other countries
- Creating and developing Chinese ministries in Korea and beyond
- Training candidates through programmes based at home and in the field
- Providing member care and administrative services

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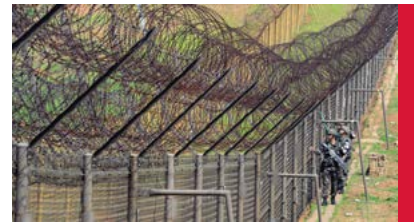


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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Migrants and international students

Currently, there are more than three million immigrants living in Korea, and the number of international students studying in Korea reaches 60,000 per year. Many of the students are from communities where the gospel is known least. When we evangelize to those who suffer from cultural shock and language difficulties, and reach out to them with God's love and compassion, they easily open their hearts and accept the gospel. Students studying in Korea become a valuable resource for their country. If they become disciples of Christ and return to their homelands with a calling, churches may be established in their countries.



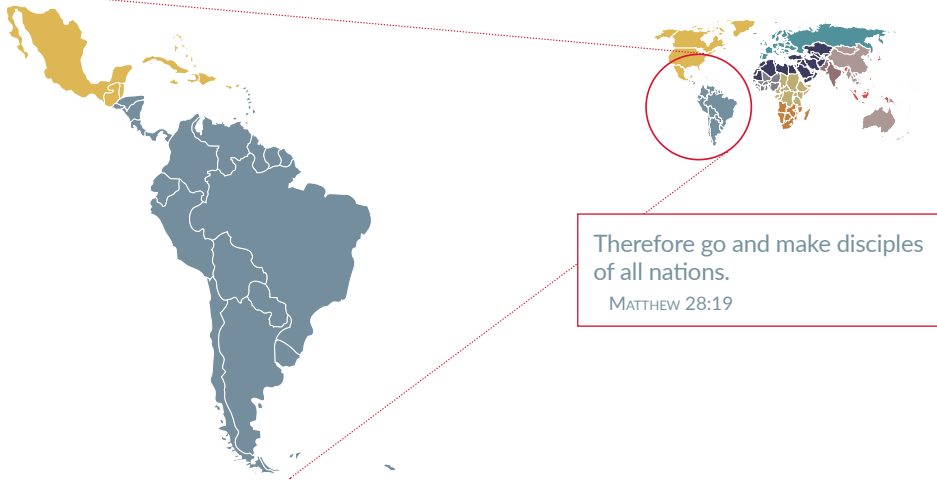
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### KN

The state of KN remains one of the least evangelised and most persecuted. Few ministries can be done overtly. For now, our priority is to pray with God's zeal for KN. The love and compassion of Christ shall be shown to the people of KN, and in cooperation with other organisations, we shall prepare for ministries in this state. We shall remember the saints suffering due to the gospel and pray together for their patience and victory.

### Pray for

- those migrants who come to work in Korea, and for the international students, that they would encounter Jesus and his gospel, become disciples of Jesus, and commit their lives to sharing the gospel with their neighbors. Pray that God would bring more workers and anoint them with the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit for the migrant ministry.
- God to raise up workers for KN from various places and people groups, and enable them to develop and lead healthy collaborations with partner organisations.
- God to encourage more Korean young people to take part in the global harvest, both inside and outside Korea, so they may be equipped and committed to sharing the gospel with those who live and die without Jesus where Christ is least known.



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## Vision

By faith, we see:

- Fully trained and supported missionaries from Latin America serving in various countries throughout the world.
- Latin American churches prayerfully and financially
- Supporting those they send.
- The Latin American Church and its missionaries fulfilling their role in the Great Commission.

## Ministry

- Mobilisation: In order to effectively serve such a large continent, SIM Latinoamérica needs to discover and train mobilisers in each country
- Partnerships: SIM Latinoamérica desires to build
- Strong partnerships with local sending entities and churches to facilitate the sending of Latin Americans to the mission field

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## Communities where Christ is least known

As a continent, Latin America has been more accustomed to receiving missionaries than to sending them, but this is changing. In the last three years, we have received more than 800 enquiries, as Latinos explore their call to serve in missions. Most of our Latino candidates have a passion to go to places where Christ is least known, as their countries were once considered to be amongst the least-reached.

SIM Latinoamérica is proud to support Latin Americans who serve in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Kenya, Niger, the Middle East, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, South Africa, and Uruguay. We are also working with people in Cuba, Venezuela, El Salvador, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Colombia, and Costa Rica who are exploring their call to missions.

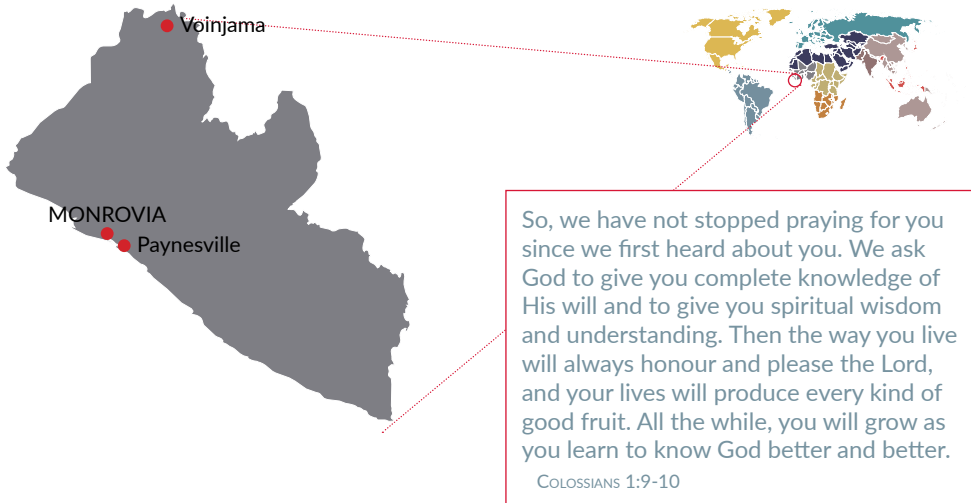


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## Pray for

- the 100 Latin Americans, including children, who currently serve the Lord with SIM.
- the Latin American Church, as it comes to understand the vital role it has in sending people into missions.
- trust-filled partnerships between SIM, churches, and missionaries.
- the development of new partnerships with non-SIM sending agencies across the region.
- the provision of prayer and financial support for Latino missionaries. Financial difficulties, combined with the ongoing impact of COVID-19, have caused many churches and individuals to reassess their ability to give.
- creativity in how the SIM Latinoamérica team shares God's call to missions amongst young people.
- creativity as SIM teams around the world work to receive Latin Americans.
- an increase in the number of people hearing God calling them into missions.
- *Vamos* (Let's Go) and *Movilizemos* (Let's Mobilise His Church), which are key programmes and resources that aim to challenge and support the Latin American church in missions.
- the streamlining and flexibility of well-established systems within SIM to best serve those coming from new communities and regions.
- the SIM Latinoamérica team, as we seek to work seamlessly across more than 35 countries.





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## Vision

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

## Ministry

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

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Remote rural peoples of Liberia

Among the many ethnic groups in Liberia, there are people who live in remote areas of the deep forest or coastal swamp and have never had someone tell them about Jesus Christ. Some primarily speak a dialect of an indigenous language that is not spoken outside their region. They maintain their own forms of spirit and ancestor worship, and they educate their children in traditional ways. Liberia's road system is poor and skeletal, so remote rural people never travel beyond the closest market town. Some places have never had a visitor to their home village.

The Evangelical Church of Liberia (ECOL) carried out a medical outreach in one such village. The team and supplies had to be flown in by a helicopter because the area is surrounded by rivers that have no bridges. People walked for hours to reach the clinic, and the locals heard that these people came in the name of Jesus. Elders from one town asked ECOL to please send missionaries to tell them more.



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## Pray for

- God to call Liberians as missionaries to people in remote areas, sent out by Liberian churches who feel burdened for their neighbours' salvation.
- Liberian church leaders to be equipped to discern and dispute false teachings. Pray for the Evangelical Seminary of West Africa (ESWA), the first graduate level theological school in Liberia.
- renewed vision and energy in the ELWA ministries, that they may continue to represent Jesus in the community through doing good works and faithfully teaching the Word and ways of God.
- the success of a partnership with Dakar Academy to provide elementary school education for missionary children, which has not been available for two decades.
- peace, prosperity, and stability in Liberia, one of the poorest nations in the world.



## Vision

By faith, we see:

- SIM missionaries 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.
- 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 ministry
- Community development (not sure why I can't get a bullet point here)
- Theological training
- Supportive ministries, including administration and teaching missionary children
- Outreach and church planting

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Comoros

The Comorians live on a chain of islands in the Indian Ocean between Madagascar and Mozambique. Each of the Comorian groups takes its name from the particular island on which the people live, but the official name of the islands is the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros.

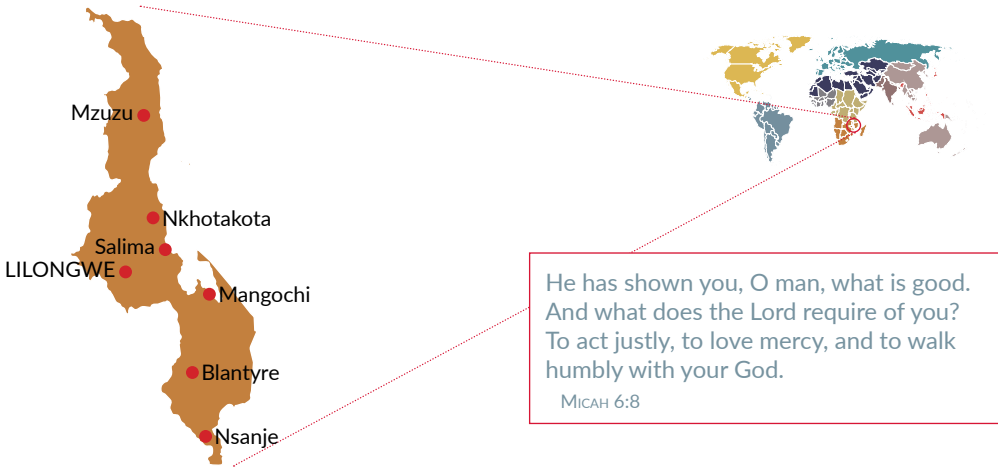
Major challenges on the Comoros Islands include poverty, disease, and hunger. Educational levels are low, and less than half the population is literate. Although French and Arabic are the official languages, the Comorians speak their own Swahili dialect. Children are expected to help with the farming, fishing, and animal care. Polygamy is an acceptable practice among the Comorians.

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

### Pray for

- unity and reconciled relationships between the evangelical denominations, that they would work together to reach those living and dying without Christ in Madagascar and beyond.
- more missionary doctors for the Good News Hospital.
- the Lord to call out missionaries to establish a local SIM administration that serves our missionaries with financial, administrative, and personnel services and leadership.
- local co-workers at the Timothy Centre to continue the activities (theological education, community development, outreach, and discipleship) after the departure of the missionary currently leading the centre.
- a clear and courageous vision for SIM Madagascar as mission strategies are developed.

# Malawi



He has shown you, O man, what is good.  
 And what does the Lord require of you?  
 To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk  
 humbly with your God.  
 MICAH 6:8

## Vision and Ministry

By faith, we see:

- The unreached of Malawi authentically responding to the gospel and established into vibrant, God-fearing, biblically-based churches
- A mature, dynamic, relevant Church focused outside of herself, dependent on God, and intentionally reaching others with the gospel even to the ends of the earth
- Children and youth receiving Christ's forgiveness on the cross, growing in their faith, reflecting Jesus' character, and becoming committed disciples of Christ who are active in the Church and society
- People living with HIV/AIDS understanding the love of Christ as they receive holistic care and are given hope
- Lower HIV/AIDS infection rates, as Malawians practise, preach, and teach purity and faithfulness in marriage
- The mission of God advanced through a team of Spirit-led, fruitful missionaries, united in purpose, and, through the church in Malawi, actively involved in the Great Commission

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Vulnerable women, youth and children

All too often, women, youth, and children in Malawi remain vulnerable, as they are denied dignity and value in their communities. SIM is working with these groups in different ways.

Youth and children make up 70 per cent of Malawian society, so we invest in them for the future of Malawi, particularly so that young women and men will be disciplined in their faith and mentored into leadership.

Hope for Life has been implementing a children's life skills and discipleship ministry in the context of HIV and AIDS. Many schools use the "Today for Tomorrow" material developed by SIM Zimbabwe to teach biblical values to primary school-aged children.

The Tiyamike Women's Empowerment ministry gives dignity and value to vulnerable widows, single mothers, and other women, by giving them a skill and a livelihood through training in sewing and other handicrafts.

Mtengo Youth is helping the unemployed.

Our partner, KINDLE Orphan Outreach, has a wide-ranging development program in a lakeshore community, helping to lift families out of poverty and spiritual darkness.

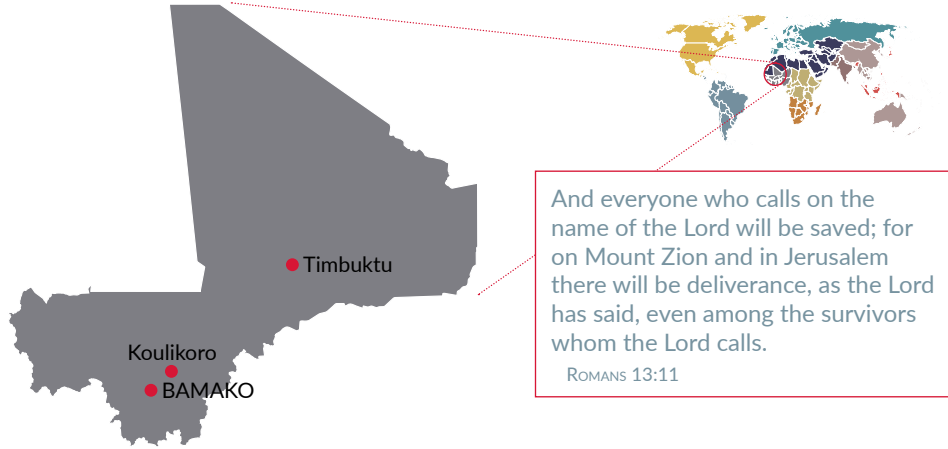
Our Sports Friends ministry includes not only football, but also netball, coaching and discipleship for teenage girls, many of whom are at a vulnerable stage in life in the context of poverty and HIV and AIDS.

In all these programs, disciple making is a key element, leading to strengthened, renewed, or even new first-time faith in the participants.



### Pray for

- women, youth, and children to know that their identity and value comes through Christ.
- vulnerable women to be able to provide for their families through the new skills they have been given, and to nurture their families in the Christian faith.
- salvation to come to whole families through these various ministries.
- new leaders to be raised up for the Church.
- young men, women and children to choose to live godly lives and turn away from immorality, alcohol, and drug abuse.



And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.  
ROMANS 13:11

## Vision

We desire to see relational transformation of our community by intentionally pursuing the lost and increasing the number of growing, reproducible Christ followers.

## Ministry

- Evangelism and disciple making
- Church planting
- Bible and literature distribution
- French and culture learning
- Leadership development
- Trauma healing
- Feeding street boys and other children, as well as the homeless, in both the urban and rural community settings

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### The Deaf community

In 1956, Andrew Foster founded the Christian Mission for the Deaf. His goal was to break the many barriers Deaf people face in hearing the Word of God, including illiteracy, isolation, stigma (or stigmata as the plural – ‘stigmatism’ is an eye disorder!), stereotypes, communication barriers, and people who are cruel and mean. In Mali, deafness is considered a divine curse. All these factors hinder the integration of Deaf people into communities. Foster knew education could help him achieve his vision, so he introduced American Sign Language and established Deaf schools across Africa. He understood that this would open up access to the gospel for Deaf people in Mali.



However, government authorities wanted Foster’s vision reduced to a simple association for the Deaf called AMASOURD. In order to fulfil his dream, Foster looked at other countries of the sub-region, including Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria. Unfortunately, Foster died in a plane crash in 1986. Today, AMASOURD exists in Mali, but it has nothing to do with Christ’s redemption story.

The Deaf population in Mali is little known at the national level, despite the presence of AMASOURD. Sources estimate the population at 40,000 to 70,000. Among them, the percentage of Christians is minimal. No church denomination in Mali has a sign language translator who can share the elements of the message, worship or any other activity, with the Deaf in the pews. Also, no known mission agency is prioritising the Deaf in Mali.

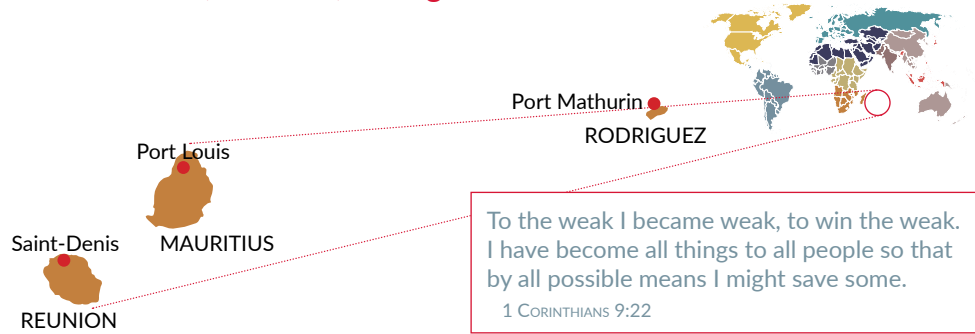
SIM has been raising awareness within the Body of Christ about the need for a ministry among this least-reached group. The first workshop on bringing the gospel of Christ to the deaf took place in August 2015 in Bamako, and all the denominations were invited. In December 2017, a team of six young people, under the direction of Moody Bible College, travelled from the United States to Mali for a one-week teaching programme at Jigiya Kalanso, a school for the Deaf in Bamako.

### Pray for

- pioneer workers in the city reaching the Muslim community.
- workers among the Deaf.
- workers for a unique ministry among Deaf students.
- church denominations in Mali to see the need to reach the Deaf community.
- a manager and a team for the development of a combined café and student centre.
- workers who engage students through sports ministries.
- a coordinator/coach for our African French and culture learning program in Bamako.

# Mascarene Islands

Mauritius, Reunion, Rodriguez



## 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 in Mauritius and beyond.
- Evangelical denominations united as they fulfil the Great Commission of Christ.

## 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

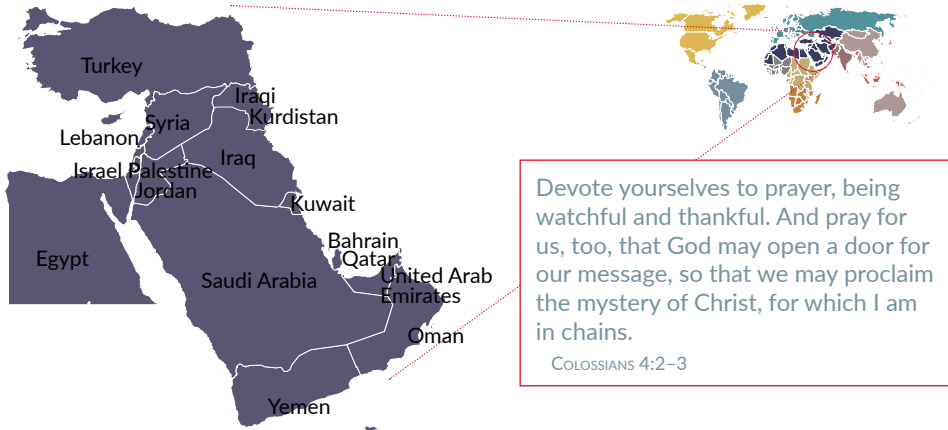
The least-reached people groups of Mauritius are Muslims and Hindus. Hindus in Mauritius originate from India. Many hierarchical and economic sub-groups exist among them, with the best known being the Brahmins, the priestly community. The Brahmins form the religious backbone of Hinduism. The Bhojpuris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



Some scholars say that the number of Hindu gods exceeds 35 million. Most of the deities are believed to be both good and evil in nature. Hindus believe in reincarnation. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to break through the religious barriers that have kept the Hindus in Mauritius bound in both spiritual and physical poverty.

### Pray for

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



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.  
COLOSSIANS 4:2-3

## Vision

To see the Middle East transformed, as lives are changed by the love of Christ and the message of the gospel.

## Ministry

Obedying God's call and trusting Him, we:

- Encourage Middle Eastern Christians to minister to neighbours with the love and truth of Christ
- Support local church-planting and discipleship initiatives
- Model vibrant Christian faith
- Mobilise the worldwide Church to pray for the region

Serving in various contexts, our multi-cultural teams:

- Invest in relationships, learn languages, and acquire cultural sensitivity
- Engage in church life, serving alongside local believers
- Reach out with compassion to the marginalised, including refugees and the displaced
- Provide education at all levels, including theological training
- Serve through healthcare provision
- Operate businesses as a means of Christian witness
- Participate in Bible translation and distribution
- Support initiatives to mobilise local believers for regional and international witness

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Majorities

Islam is the majority faith, and many Middle Easterners only know caricatures of Christian faith. Spiritual conversations come readily for those with the time and the willingness to invest in relationships. People are asking questions as never before, and they need to connect with Scripture and with Christians who can explain it. Our teams serve in Arabic and Kurdish-speaking contexts, serving with local churches, and in education, compassionate ministries, business, and other roles. As we and our local partners invest in relationships, we pray that many from majority communities will understand the gospel through the witness of our lives, friendships, testimonies and gospel presentations.



### Marginalised people

Regional conflicts and economic challenges have prompted huge movements of refugees and have compounded the plight of those already disadvantaged or marginalised. Care for the vulnerable is therefore a focus of many of our ministries. As churches adjust programmes, train their people, and reach out with compassion, many who are marginalised are prompted to ask questions – and in recent years, unprecedented numbers of these people have found hope and peace in Christ. The provision of care and education for children presents a key opportunity to bring the gospel to families, sowing seeds for eternity.

### Pray for

- stamina and grace, as our multicultural teams build language skills 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 through love and through commitment to integrity, justice, and truth.
- those exploring opportunities to expand our service to additional countries in the Middle East.
- many to pray, give and consider serving in the Middle East.
- all who are inquiring, exploring, and raising support to join our teams.



## Vision

The vision of SIM Mongolia is to glorify God by reaching the people of Mongolia with the gospel and making disciples in the Mongolian churches, so they become mature, evangelistic and engaged in missions work.

In response to God's love, SIM Mongolia desires to serve the Mongolian Church through loving and compassionate relationships.

## Ministry

- Church planting and disciple making
- Training next generation leaders in counselling, pastoral leadership and mentoring
- English teaching
- Youth
- Medical outreach
- NGO training and administration
- Nomadic community outreach
- Urban outreach
- Shadow pastoring

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## Communities where Christ is least known

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

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

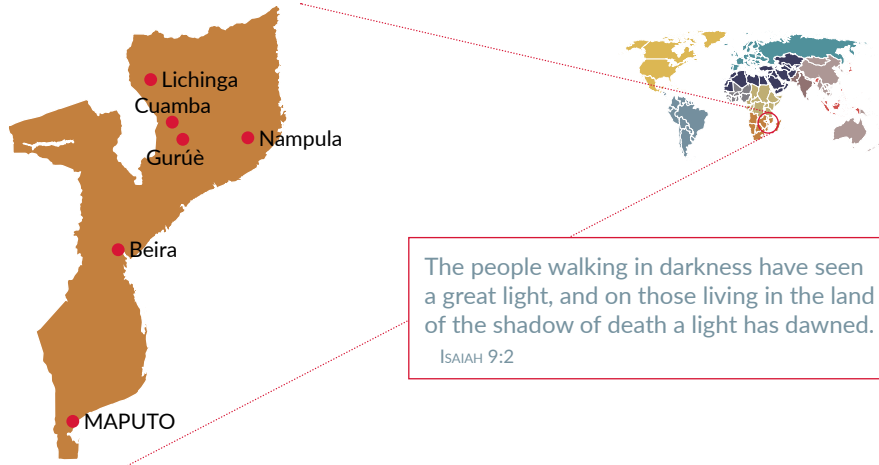
In the mid-1990s, Mongolia opened, allowing missionaries to enter the country to share the gospel. The Lord opened the hearts of many people, and the Mongolian Church experienced rapid growth and wide church planting. The Mongolian Church is still very much in its first generation and faces challenges. Its members continue to seek to grow and develop a God-honouring identity. The nation faces the challenges of balancing the rapid growth of secularisation with the traditional underpinning views of Buddhism and shamanistic faith.

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



## Pray for

- the leaders of the Mongolian Church. Ask the Lord for leaders who will grasp the responsibility they have been called to. The Mongolian Church needs servant leaders who proclaim the Word in and out of season and who serve with a heart for the Kingdom, seeking to grow the Lord's Church, not just their congregations.
- our acting country director, newly appointed to serve for two years. Pray for the team as they seek to listen to the Lord, set strategic goals and establish key partnerships over the coming years.
- the Mongolian churches to grab hold of the vision to disciple and train the youth of the nation and help the youth understand what it means to live as true followers of Jesus Christ.



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

## Vision

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

## Ministry

SIM works in northwest Mozambique, among many who still live and die without Christ. Our ministries include:

- Church planting in the Lichinga area
- Bible translation
- Theological training at Instituto Teológico de Lichinga (INTEL)
- Children's work in Lichinga and Cuamba
- Literature distribution
- Agriculture in Lichinga
- Youth work in both Lichinga and Cuamba
- Disciple making
- Ministry to the marginalised of Lichinga
- Sports ministry in Cuamba
- A business startup initiative in Cuamba
- Church networking for Lichinga
- Teaching English in Lichinga

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Yao

It's said that to be a Yao is to be a Muslim, and for centuries, the Yao people have been mixing traditional African beliefs with Islam to form a syncretic belief system. The Yao people were once the fierce slave hunters of the north. Today, most of the 500,000 Yao in northwest Mozambique are subsistence farmers, and many are illiterate, with a low life expectancy.

Recently, the Yao have begun to respond to the gospel. In the past five years, the number of Yao Christians in Mozambique has grown from around 300 to 1,000. So, there is no better time than the present for evangelism and discipleship ministries.

### Makuwa-Metto and Makuwa-Chirima

There are about one million people in each of these groups. The Makuwa peoples are matrilineal, tracing their family lines through their mothers. Most people are subsistence farmers, working their fields with only handheld implements, but there is a trend toward Makuwas moving to the 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 translation of the Bible into the Chirima language is almost complete, which will facilitate evangelism and discipleship.

### Pray for

- wisdom as we evaluate and strategize on how to go forward with ministry after COVID-19.
- a fruitful harvest of new believers, and for ongoing discipleship among the Yao.
- revival among the churches in Cuamba.
- new church plants in the villages of Massogo and Bandeze.
- the new church plant (IMIIP) and youth outreach in the city of Lichinga.
- Transformed lives among the students at the Instituto Teológico de Lichinga (INTEL).
- protection for the people and an end to the insurgencies that have occurred the last two years in northeastern Mozambique.
- the children and sports ministries in Cuamba, as the missionaries teach and plant seeds of God's truth and love.
- the health and safety of our missionaries.
- new missionaries to work on the administrative team, as treasurer and personnel coordinator.
- the Lord to send more labourers into northern Mozambique.







The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.  
 ISAIAH 9:2

## Vision

By faith, we see vibrant, healthy and reproducing churches growing in communities where Christ is least known and crossing ethnic, language and hierarchical barriers to worship Jesus together in Myanmar communities.

## Ministry

- Reaching communities amongst the Bamar where Christ is least known
- Community outreach
- Missional businesses that benefit least-reached communities

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Buddhist majority communities

The main ethnic group in Myanmar lives primarily in the Irrawaddy River Basin and speaks Burmese, the official language of Myanmar. The majority are Theravada Buddhists. They practice Buddhism along with a form of spirit worship called “nat worship,” which predated Buddhism. They try to appease the “nats” in order to gain protection from other evil spirits.



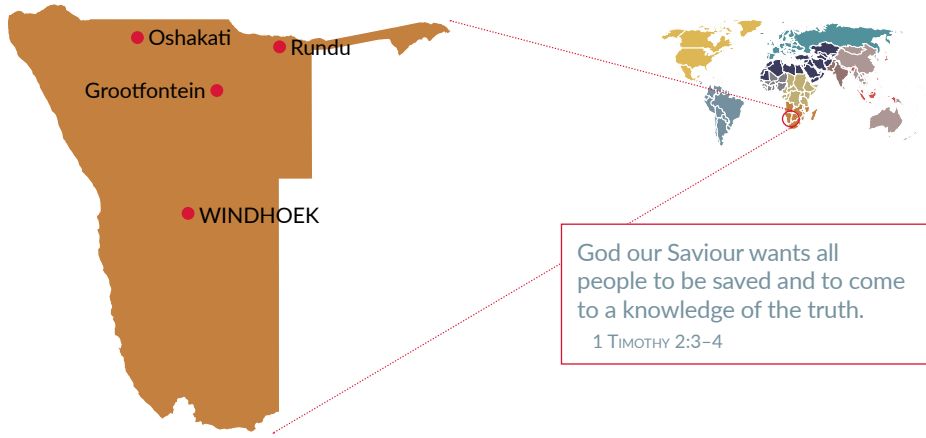
### Urban young adults

An estimated 2.1 million young adults live in the commercial capital, comprising 30 per cent of the population. This city is ethnically diverse, with residents from various religious backgrounds: Muslim, Hindu, Christian and Buddhist. The majority are Buddhist. Young people migrate to the city from all over the country, looking for jobs and higher education to improve their family’s way of life. They are open to new ideas and technology and eager to learn English. Unfortunately, many are unable to obtain jobs after furthering their education.



## Pray for

- Myanmar’s people to embrace the truth of Christ.
- more local and global kingdom workers to come and make disciples in Myanmar’s least-reached communities.
- creativity and wisdom in establishing missional businesses.
- the development of effective leadership, teams and ministries in Myanmar, which is a newer entity of SIM’s.



## 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 youth with the gospel. By faith, we see people being discipled both inside and outside of churches. By faith, we see Namibians called to be missionaries.

## Ministry

- Children
- Youth
- Evangelism in Muslim communities
- Making disciples amongst the 90 per cent of Namibians who call themselves Christians
- Networking and encouraging co-operation between churches and other partners
- Mission mobilisation

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Children and youth

Young people are increasingly drifting into a secular lifestyle. SIM works in community development with disadvantaged children.

Through the Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary (NETS), SIM is equipping church leaders to reach children and youth with the gospel.



### Muslims

Namibia's Muslim population is currently small, but it is growing. At this stage, the Muslims are primarily embassy personnel and businessmen.

Many Christians do not know what to say and how to witness towards people of another faith. SIM Namibia would like to train local believers about Muslim-Christian interactions, so that church members can confidently engage with their Muslim neighbours.



### Pray for

- God to send more workers to Namibia.
- our team, as we look into new areas of outreach, especially amongst Muslims.
- the churches in Namibia to hear God's calling to send out workers and support missions both inside and outside of the country.
- African Strategic Discipleship Movement (ASDM), a discipleship programme run in the northeastern part of Namibia.





He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

## Vision

SIM Nepal exists to glorify God by partnering with and empowering local churches, organisations and communities through diverse ministries. As Jesus followers and as life-long students of language and culture, we:

- Commit to partner with one another, local churches and organisations in order to promote the goal of Nepalis experiencing fullness of life through positive transformation.
- Seek to humbly represent Christ in character, word and action as a multi-ethnic and multi-skilled team, prayerfully serving as He leads, in order to glorify Him through health, education, development, disciplinmaking, training, equipping and other ministries.
- Cross barriers to demonstrate Christ's love in communities where He is least known.

## Ministry

- Health
- Education
- Rehabilitation
- Disaster response
- Community development
- Mentoring and disciple making
- Training and equipping

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## Communities where Christ is least known

In Nepal, approximately 80 per cent of the people are Hindu, 10 per cent are Buddhist, 5 per cent are Muslim, and 1.4 per cent are Christian.

### People living in the Terai

The southern plains of Terai are home to more than half of the country's population, with a variety of languages, castes and ethnic backgrounds. Agriculture is the main occupation. Challenges include poverty, inequalities between the genders and castes, disasters (especially earthquakes, floods and fires) and health and hygiene issues.

Of the nearly one million Muslims in Nepal, 97 per cent live in the Terai. SIM is reaching out to Nepalis from a variety of backgrounds in the Terai, demonstrating God's love through various transformative and empowering ministries.



### People living with disabilities

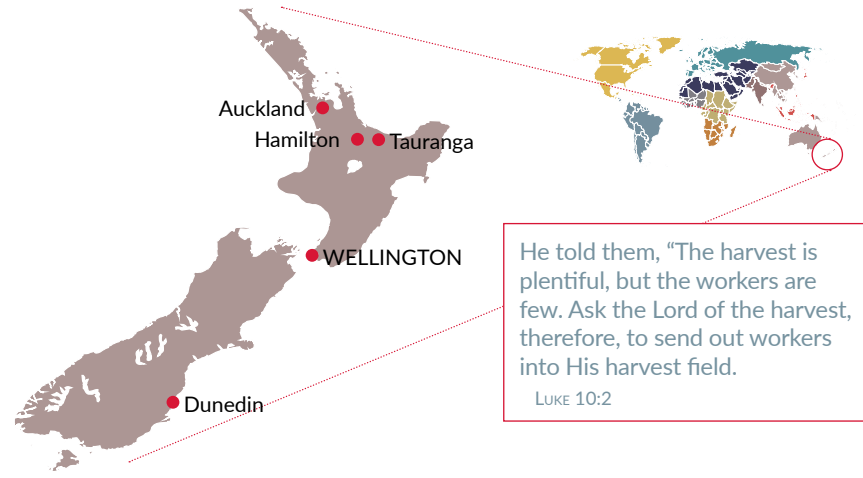
More than half a million people are known to be living with disabilities in Nepal. The actual number is higher, because many are segregated from society due to stigma and shame. The spiritual beliefs of Nepalis have traditionally regarded disability as a punishment for bad deeds in a previous life. People with disabilities are often treated as objects of pity; some are neglected and abandoned.

People with disabilities have more health problems, lower education levels and higher unemployment than the rest of the population. They also experience higher rates of abuse, discrimination and social exclusion.

Through partnerships, SIM is reaching out to those affected by disabilities, by providing treatment, rehabilitation, vocational training, advocacy for inclusion and social participation.

## Pray for

- work permits and visas; it is increasingly difficult to get these documents.
- courageous Christians sharing their faith, as persecution is increasing.
- our team working alongside local churches to disciple, train, and encourage.
- Muslim people living in the Terai to experience fullness of life in Christ.
- God's mercy and grace on this nation, as Nepalis struggle with the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- more skilled, tenacious, sacrificial long-term workers.
- our various ministries, with the goal that Nepalis will be empowered and experience positive lifelong transformation.



He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."  
LUKE 10:2

## Vision

Our vision is to equip and encourage New Zealand churches to be the expression of Christ not only in their own communities but around the world, reaching out cross-culturally to make disciples of Jesus where He is least known.

## Ministry

- Working alongside the church in New Zealand to facilitate involvement in cross-cultural mission work, as we strengthen our current church partnerships and build new ones
- Providing "next step" opportunities for Christians to explore their calls into mission work
- Ensuring that our mission partners are well-equipped to thrive in their ministries for as long as God desires them to serve
- Partnering with like-minded organisations in promoting mission work and supporting our priority projects

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### A determinedly secular nation

Since the first Christian missionaries came to New Zealand about 200 years ago, this country has rarely had more than 20 per cent of its people regularly attending church. By the latest census (2018), even though a third of people claimed some connection with Christianity, less than 10 per cent went to church regularly. More than half the population said they had no religious or spiritual beliefs at all.

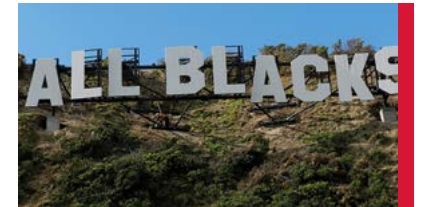
However, surveys show that many New Zealanders acknowledge that the social assistance charities run by churches are a vital part of the fabric of the nation. More significantly, many people have positive perceptions towards Jesus and are often open to exploring faith in the context of friendship.

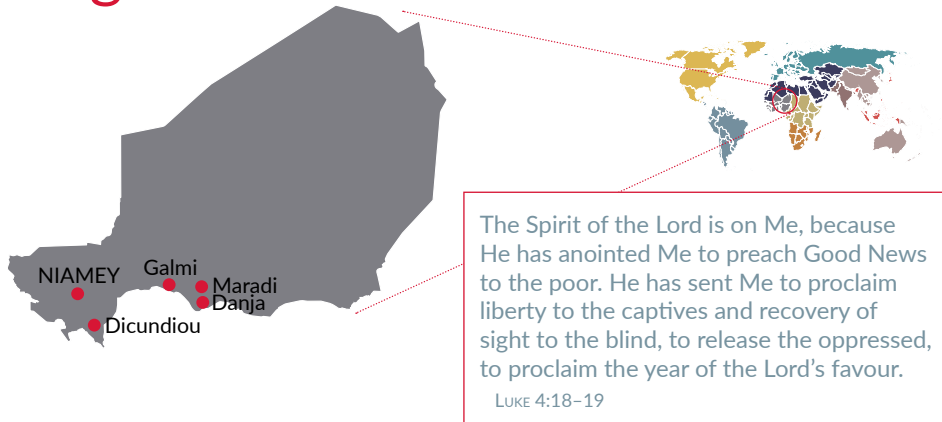
At times of existential crisis, whether in the aftermath of world wars or earthquakes or in the midst of COVID-19 disruptions, more people seek out a church connection.

SIM New Zealand's main relationship with local churches, both presently and historically, has been through the mission partners they send to serve with us, and through the supporters of SIM mission partners. Through these mutually supportive connections, we are able to encourage and serve these churches as they grow in their understanding of God's global mission in a culturally diverse world. We constantly seek to connect with other churches, though we often find that their missional commitment is just to their own locations. Where there is a commitment to global mission, it is often tied to their denominational channels, or is focused on existing partnerships with other agencies or churches overseas.

### Pray for

- the well-being of our mission partners in areas with fragile health systems, as they work within the circumstances of the communities they were called to, which have been changed by COVID-19.
- the lingering effects of COVID-19 not to stop New Zealanders wanting to serve God overseas. We ask for an abundance of new partners stepping up to go throughout 2021 and beyond.
- our 14 existing prayer groups to grow and to attract younger generations.
- mission partners to come to New Zealand from other regions to help our churches experience a fresh vision for (or view of) missions.
- more God-given opportunities to serve and encourage the New Zealand Church in global missions.





## Vision

Our vision is to make disciples where Christ is least known.

- We live in a world permeated by an evil that has invaded and corrupted every aspect of life, leaving humankind separated from the Creator and trapped in sin. We are convinced that the gospel changes everything and sets us free. God has called SIM to help bring this life-changing message to Niger.
- We are convinced no one should live and die without hearing the good news. Yet, more than 17 million people are living and dying without Christ in Niger.
- We believe we are called to mobilise Christ's servants to bring the message of salvation to Niger. We are called by God from all corners of the earth to serve as a diverse ministry team.

## Ministry

- Outreach: university outreach centre (Foyer Evangelique Universitaire), literacy, sports, people group focus, translation, media
- Community services: Galmi Hospital, Centre de Sante de Leprologie et de Fistule, Sowing Seeds of Change in the Sahel
- Education: training Christian teachers, ESPriT Seminary, Sahel Academy, Maza Tsaye Conference Centre
- Leadership and services: administrative services, SIMAIR, guest houses, leadership, church-missions relations

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Tamajaq

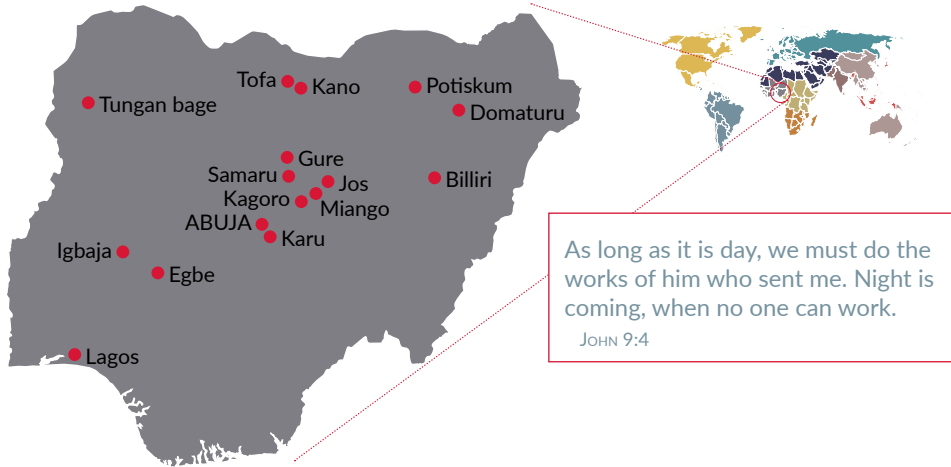
The Tamajaq (often called Tuareg) live throughout Niger and Mali but are mainly settled in the desert towns. This people group is divided into several main units, who speak various dialects of the Tamjaq language. The Tamajaq's distinguishing characteristics include the unity of their language, their alphabet (which uses tiffinagh characters), and their complex social organization.

The New Testament has recently been translated into one of the Tamajaq dialects. Ministry involvement among the Tamajaq includes evangelism, discipleship, Bible teaching, and an annual camp. While the number of Tamajaq believers is small, it is growing.



### Pray for

- the Tamajaq who have responded to the gospel, that God will give them courage to remain faithful to Him, despite much opposition from their families and society. Pray that many more will respond to the gospel.
- God to raise up Tamajaq people to be evangelists to their own people.
- God's protection for those already involved in evangelism and discipleship. administrative and management personnel for our institutions. The need includes directors for the Danja Health Center, the Danja Fistula Centre, Galmi Hospital, and Sahel Academy; a high school principal for Sahel Academy; a finance manager for Galmi Hospital; a facilities manager for Galmi Hospital; and a second treasurer for SIM Niger.
- more teachers for Sahel Academy. The excellent education children receive at Sahel allows their parents to carry out their ministries in Niger.
- the association of churches associated with SIM in Niger. Pray for the pastors to be united in purpose and vision, and for increased cooperation between the mission and the churches.
- SIM Niger, as we navigate the security tensions of the Sahel region. Pray that doors will continue to be open so that Nigeriens can respond to the gospel.



## Vision

By faith, we see:

- A response in faith to the gospel message from the over 75 million Muslims and others living and dying without Christ in Nigeria.
- Missionary teams in each of the 12 northern Sharia states expressing Christ's love and compassion in word and deed.
- Strengthened churches with equipped Christians carrying out Christ's mandate to make disciples in one of Africa's most influential and populous countries, making a major impact in global missions this century.

## Ministry

- Proclaiming the gospel, particularly to Muslims in the north
- Supporting and strengthening persecuted Christians and others affected by oppression and hostility
- Bringing holistic healing to marginalised and vulnerable communities and mentoring others to do the same
- Empowering and making disciples amongst the vast numbers of youth in Nigeria
- Equipping an enthusiastic Church through theological education and other disciple-making endeavours

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Fulani

There are 16 million Fulani in Nigeria. More missionary workers are needed in this Muslim community, which shows openness to friendship evangelism and Christian media. We collaborate in meeting needs for animal husbandry, primary schools and medical outreach to Fulani encampments. Recent attacks by some Fulani herdsmen against Christian farmers have affected attitudes toward this people group. We pray for effective outreach, for Christians to reach out to this community in love instead of retaliation, and for opportunities to support and disciple Fulani believers.



### Marginalised and vulnerable communities

Disadvantaged and vulnerable groups need to experience Christ's love through efforts that provide support and care. SIM Nigeria ministers to youth, orphans, widows and those with disabilities. We look to expand these ministries into the north where limited resources and few trained workers reside. Missionaries work to model the biblical value of caring for human life, to train in caring for people with special needs, to facilitate income generation, to minister to prisoners, and to engage in anti-trafficking.



### Pray for

- the national Church to intensify its efforts to reach Muslims in the north while the door is open (John 9:4), and for more missionaries to join this task.
- millions of Muslims to be receptive to the gospel and for the discipleship of new Christians with a Muslim background.
- the formation of new missionary teams with suitable team leaders to begin ministry in northern cities.
- our internship programme to yield lasting fruit for world missions.
- community rebuilding efforts in the northeast, a region impacted by violence.
- peace and stability in troubled regions.
- persecuted believers to endure hardship and practice love and forgiveness.
- effective and expanded ministries to widows, orphans, people with disabilities, the abused, and other vulnerable communities.
- the Nigerian church to experience a powerful, Spirit-led revival.



## Vision

As those stripped down, weak and humble, we follow Christ to where his name is not known, so that He may be glorified. We depend on Him through prayer, proclaim the Good News, walk alongside those who follow Him, and build bonds of fellowship.

By developing partnerships with like-minded organisations, we aim to accelerate the placements of personnel where they are most needed. We envision expansion through missional businesses, professionals in mission, and transformational development in the most vulnerable segments of society. We prayerfully establish ministries in coastal cities and look for opportunities to bring the gospel south to the peoples of the Sahara Desert.

## Ministry

Disciple making and church planting through:

- Food processing
- Professionals in mission
- Teaching English
- Campus discipleship
- Manufacturing
- Importing and distribution of goods
- Wedding rentals
- Transformational development among vulnerable people
- Discipling persecuted believers
- Interns
- Third culture kid (TCK) education

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Interior Towns and Cities

In many interior towns and cities, there is notable resistance to foreigners. There is no resident witness in most of these places. Pray for our first team, located on the edge of the desert. May they quickly find favor and develop relationships with people of peace.



### University Students

University campuses are crowded with Muslim young adults who are eager to explore ideas. Many of these young people are searching for truth among the world's philosophies and religions. On every campus, there are thousands of foreign students from Sub-Saharan Africa. Many of these are evangelicals. Pray for the new Faithful Witness project that is bringing campus disciplers from Francophone Africa to mobilize hundreds of these students to minister to their North African colleagues.



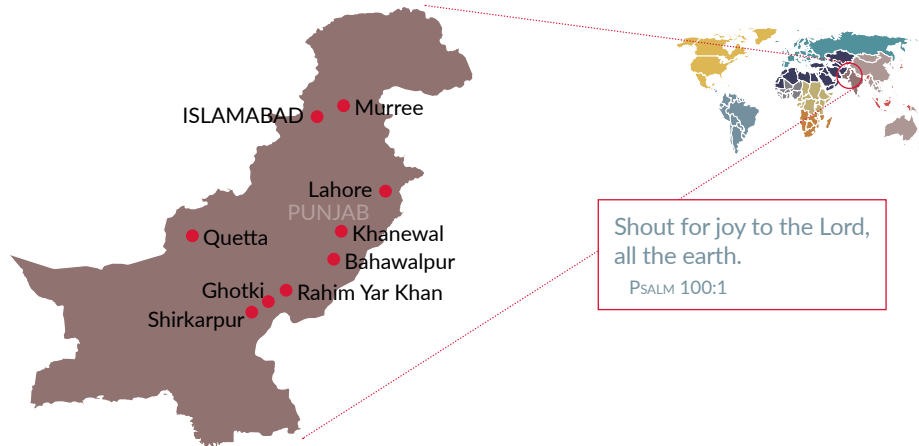
### Nomads

Among the 92 ethnic groups in North Africa, 22 are nomadic peoples. Very few workers bring the gospel to the nomads. Working with nomads is challenging, requiring creative strategies and adapted methods. Pray for the Bedouins, Tauregs, and Moors.

In 2019, God doubled the number of workers in North Africa. God answered our prayer for workers in three North African countries. The work is difficult, but we are seeing fruit wherever God has placed us. Through businesses and employment, we are building meaningful relationships with employees, community leaders, neighbors, parents of children's playmates, language teachers, and brand-new believers.

### Pray for

- God to bless relationships within local communities
- more businesspeople, professionals, interns, and skilled labourers, and for those who will send them from all over the world.
- unity of the small Church across North Africa.
- strong development of our teams, as the number of families in each country grows.
- ministries to launch in one more country this year.
- God's leading in new initiatives, discovery of ministry opportunities, and grace in our partnerships.



## Vision

- By faith, and looking to Jesus, we strive to see:
- Strong churches actively and sacrificially involved in missions within Pakistan and beyond.
  - Disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in word and deed in communities where Christ is least known.
  - Poor and marginalised families better integrated into society, through education and medical assistance.
  - New workers becoming established in effective ministry in Pakistan.

## Ministry

- Church planting
- Leadership training
- Rural education
- Rural medical assistance
- Disciple making training
- Missional business
- Missionary children education
- Language and cultural learning
- People care and development
- Welcoming new workers
- Christian schools
- Vocational training for young people
- Ministry with women and children

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## 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.

### Marwari Bhil and Mengwal

These people groups are mainly Hindu subsistence farmers, with limited access to education, health facilities, and water. There are now several groups of believers, by God's grace, but vast areas are still unreached.



### Saraikis

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

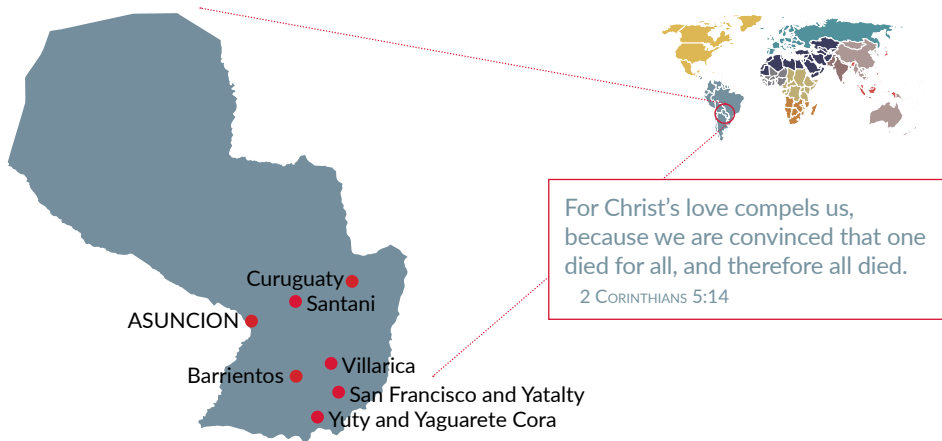
### Punjabis

The Punjab region is estimated to be 97 per cent Muslim. Christians make up around 2.6 per cent of the population. Pray for positive relationships amongst Christians and their neighbours.

## Pray for

- visas for new personnel, visa renewals for existing personnel, and good relationships with officials.
- SIM leadership and personnel development.
- the ongoing training of Christian leaders.
- people from all ethnic backgrounds to come to know Jesus Christ. Ask God to provide support for church ministries and outreach.
- safety for our teams, and power and wisdom from the Holy Spirit. Pray for integrity and wisdom for government officials.
- those suffering through poverty, unemployment, lack of education, and poor healthcare.
- police and security guards, who are in difficult and sometimes dangerous jobs.
- SIM children's friendships, education, health, safety, and spiritual growth. Pray for more missionaries with a heart for discipleship, outreach, missionary kid education, Bible teaching, leadership, and/or administration.





## 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, and oral evangelistic Bible studies
- Equipping interior churches and leaders: youth ministries and camping, leadership training, and mobilization for mission
- Walking with First Nations leaders: optometry partnership and discipleship, discipleship and community empowerment, and heart language multimedia production
- Mobilizing partnerships: to the Deaf, HIV-positive, and other marginalized communities from the city to the rural areas, and from the Church to the world
- Leadership and services: team leadership and formation of our governance board, financial and personnel coordination, short-term ministry volunteer coordination, TCK flourishing

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Rural families who are subsistence

Forty percent of Paraguay's population live in scattered, rural, subsistence communities. Oral learning in the Guarani language is strongly preferred. Using oral methods, church planting teams are evangelizing, discipling, and training church leaders, regardless of the leaders' literacy levels, so that these leaders may know and teach God's Word.



### Indigenous communities

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. A SIM team of missionary families has answered a partnership invitation from the indigenous church leaders to unite in evangelism and discipleship efforts. The recording studio GGG continues to record Scripture and Bible materials into local languages and to partner with those burdened for indigenous peoples and unreached rural farming communities.



### The Deaf

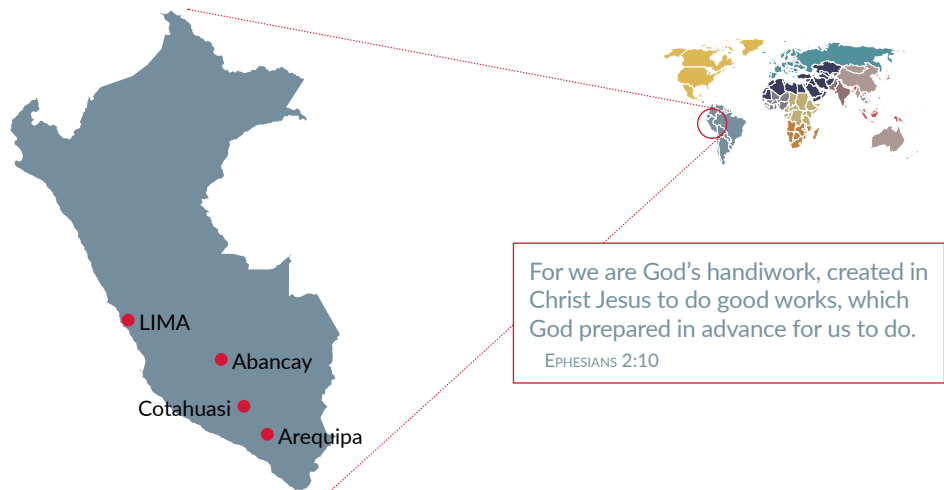
A new SIM missionary has joined with a local ministry producing the Deaf Bible in Paraguayan sign language. She invites others who know ASL and Spanish to join this exciting evangelistic project reaching a uniquely isolated, unreached community.

### The HIV-positive

Another partner ministry is reaching out to HIV-positive patients and their families, and is willing to work with short- or long-term SIM missionaries called to serve these marginalized unreached people in Paraguay's capital

## Pray for

- pioneer church planting efforts happening through Bible studies and education in communities where Bible-teaching churches do not yet exist.
- expansion of the camping ministries through trained youth leaders and a camp ministries coordinator, to further strengthen local church discipleship and outreach to the next generation.
- more leadership training, so that Paraguayan believers in new churches will be equipped to lead their churches and organise local ministries.
- continued growth for the SIM missionary family engaged in learning local culture and both Spanish and Guarani, that they may effectively demonstrate God's love and collaborate successfully with local partners.
- effective partnerships to further mobilise Paraguayan churches to send out workers.



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.  
EPHESIANS 2:10

## Vision

The purpose of SIM Peru is to glorify God by partnering with the Peruvian church to fulfil Christ's Great Commission.

## Ministry

- Theological education in Bible institutes and through correspondence courses
- Oral Bible teaching
- Church ministries tailored to men, women, children, youth, and leaders
- Missions capacity building, training and mobilisation
- Community service ministries: a breakfast programme, homework clubs, and water projects
- Dental work in a mission hospital and in villages
- University student ministry and English ministry for students
- Sunday school training and Vacation Bible School preparation
- Sports Friends ministry
- Prison ministry
- Administration

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Venezuelan refugees in Arequipa

The United Nations estimates that there are at least 12,000 Venezuelan refugees living in Arequipa, due to economic problems in Venezuela. The refugees' living conditions are difficult. Before COVID-19, many sold sweets or plastic bags on the street in order to earn enough for their daily accommodations and food.

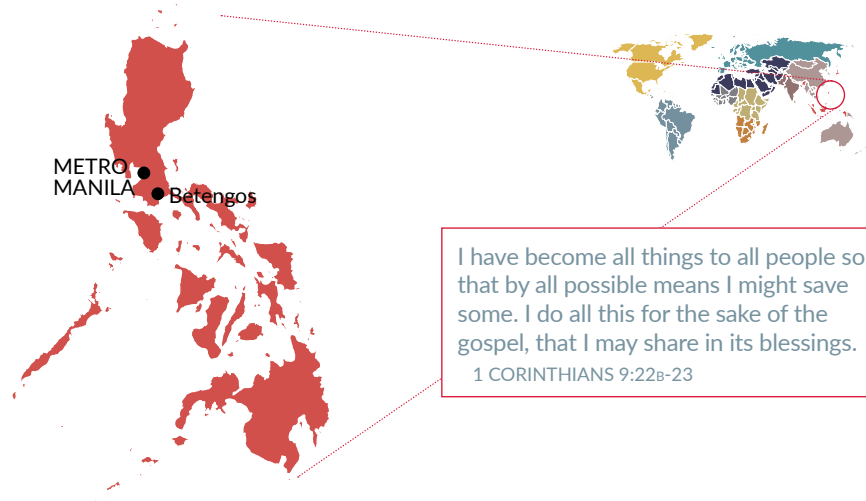
On 16 March 2020, Peru declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19 and put in place a strict quarantine. People were only allowed out of their residences if they were buying food, getting medicine, or seeking medical attention. Overnight, the income of those who live day-to-day selling goods was slashed.

Our team has been partnering with a local church and a group of Venezuelan Christians to provide emergency food relief to those now without income due to the quarantine. In the first week of this relief project, we created 150 packages. By summer, we were making over 800 packages each week. The packages contained a few weeks worth of food for a family and the message of God's love for them. Through these packages, many have become open to hearing about the gospel. Our team is finding ways to continue ministry among refugees on a longer term basis.



## Pray for

- wisdom for those leading the refugee food aid project, and for God to continue to provide the funds and workers for the program to continue as long as it is needed.
- for the Holy Spirit to work in those receiving packages, that the recipients might be open to hearing of God's love for them.
- guidance on how this ministry can grow beyond the COVID-19 crisis.
- the raising up of godly and faithful leaders in the Peruvian church, and for the ministry of theological education in training and equipping these leaders.
- the many Peruvians who are getting to know Christ through our ministries, that they will grow in their faith and become steadfast and responsible leaders whose lives will be testimonies in their communities.



I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.  
1 CORINTHIANS 9:22b-23

## Vision

In partnership with churches and organisations, we make disciples of Jesus Christ by engaging Muslim faith communities and communities of migrants, among whom He is least known. We also mobilise and equip Filipinos for cross-cultural ministry.

## Ministry

- Children’s ministry, through feeding and education
- Women’s ministry, through livelihood and missional business
- Youth ministry, through scholarships, sports, and youth camps
- Disciple-making, mentoring, counselling, and member care
- Oral Bible storying
- Bible and literature translation
- Ethnomusicology
- Hospital visitation ministry
- International student ministry
- Video production

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Muslim peoples in the Philippines

The Philippines is home to 14 Muslim groups, all originating from Mindanao. Each group has a unique culture, but all share the same faith, which is mixed with animistic practices.

The establishment of the Islamic Centre in Manila in 1964 led to the building of several mosques and the formation of surrounding Muslim communities. Armed conflict in Mindanao led many Muslims to flee for Manila and beyond. Since then, many more have moved to study and find better work opportunities.

Pray for SIM’s workers and the work they are doing in six communities in Luzon and two communities in Mindanao, through ministries primarily related to children, youth, women, and livelihood.



### Indonesian diaspora

According to the 2000 Philippines census, 43,871 Indonesians were living in the Philippines. Migrations started as early as the 17th century, due to the proximity of Mindanao’s coastline to North Sulawesi. Those of the Indonesian diaspora belong to the Sangir or Sangil people group, who are considered to be traders or fishermen. Most of them live in Southern Mindanao, although there are some in metro Manila as well. Pray for the Indonesian couple has been reaching out to them. Pray for another Indonesian couple who will also soon be serving these groups, too.

### Pray for

- our team’s disciple making efforts and the maturing of a fellowship of Muslim background believers. Pray that these believers will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.
- the livelihood initiatives and crisis responses to bring about holistic Christian transformation.
- creative ways to reach and disciple international students and other migrants.
- more male workers and younger workers to join our team
- deeper intimacy with God, unity, and fruitfulness of SIM Philippines.
- more Filipino churches and individuals to engage in Muslim ministries and in sending and caring for missionaries.
- ongoing efforts to mobilise, network, and develop good partnerships.



Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are the one I praise.  
 JEREMIAH 17:14

## Vision

Compelled by God's great love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the vision of the SIM Senegal team is to glorify God by:

- Crossing barriers to proclaim Christ.
- Living out the gospel among those who live and die without Him.
- Expressing Christ's love and compassion through holistic ministry.
- Discipling people into biblically healthy churches and through diverse ministries.
- Working together with churches to fulfil God's mission across cultures, locally and globally.

## Ministry

- Teaching English
- Medical ministries
- Sports Friends
- Leadership and administration
- Training centre offering employment skills and Christian literature
- Teaching and dorm parenting missionary kids
- Prison ministry
- Evangelism, disciple making and church planting
- Producing and distributing Wolofal Scriptures
- Agriculture and development

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### The Wolof

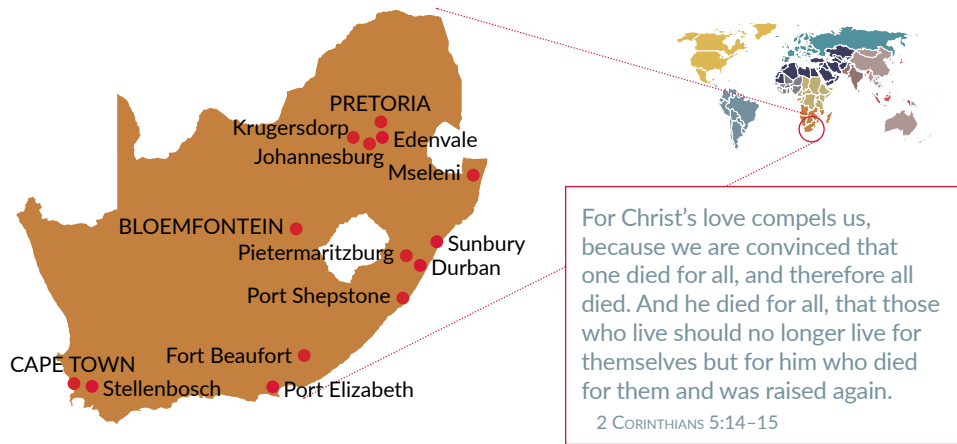
There are about five million Wolof in Senegal, and their influence is felt nationwide. However, only about 200 follow Jesus among the Senegalese Wolof population, while the rest follow Islam, most commonly a form of folk Islam.



**Wolof believers** – There is a saying in Senegal that to be Wolof is to be Muslim. So, those who have decided to follow Christ face persecution. At times this is physical, but it is regularly social when they are excluded from their communities.

### Pray for

- SIM's efforts to bring the gospel to the Wolof and to disciple those who show interest in Christianity. We attempt to help them understand sin and how Jesus brings hope and healing to this problem.
- many Wolof adults and children to come to believe in Jesus and for strong Wolof churches to grow. Many are attracted to the gospel but find the idea of leaving their religion to be overwhelming. Pray for the Spirit's work in their lives.
- Wolof Christians to persevere and witness, so that their faithfulness to Christ may point many others to Him.
- the Lord to give the SIM Senegal team wisdom and to bless and use each ministry of our team.
- God to answer prayers for both physical and spiritual healing among the Wolof.



For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

## Vision

By faith, we see...

- Christ's love made known through his people to communities where He is least known
- The people of Christ's Church in South Africa proclaiming the Word and actively promoting reconciliation as they embrace diversity and cross barriers to obey God's call to reach the lost
- Many people trained and equipped to serve both locally and abroad

## Ministry

- Mobilisation and training for cross-cultural service
- Reaching children, youth, and young adults
- Evangelism in Muslim communities
- Church planting in areas where Christ is least known
- Theological and leadership development
- Ambassador development
- Equipping workers
- Intentional discipleship

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Muslims

The Muslim population in South Africa is growing. Some are new converts, often because of marriage, while others come from places such as Somalia, Pakistan and North Africa. We are hoping to develop programmes to help the church reach out to its Muslim neighbours and show Christ's love.

### Hindus

South Africa is home to the largest number of Indians residing outside of India. Hinduism is their main religion, and very few Christian workers serve among them.

### Prophetic movement

Many new churches are springing up in South Africa, but there is a trend in these churches toward false teaching. A blend of Christian and African religious practices is leading many people astray.

### Pray for

- true reconciliation and transformation in South Africa.
- training for leaders to more deeply understand the Scriptures.
- an awakening among many South African churches, especially those without a history of sending missionaries.
- effective training for service in cross-cultural missions.
- workers to take the gospel to and minister among the least reached, including children, youth, young adults and Muslims.
- the development of an SIM ambassador programme in South African churches.
- a spirit of oneness in purpose and heart among all those who serve with SIM South Africa.



# South Sudan and Sudan



## Vision

By faith, we see:

- The church in South Sudan committing to send missionaries
- The 130,000 people in Mabaan's refugee camp reached with the gospel of salvation
- Refugee believers returning to their homes and taking the gospel with them
- The people of Sudan coming to a saving faith in Jesus Christ

## Ministry

- Replicating missional churches
- Leadership and administrative services
- Discipleship and strengthening the Church

## Communities where Christ is least known

### Refugee community

The county of Mabaan in South Sudan hosts 18 different tribes, who are all originally from Sudan.

Many of these tribes do not have any Christian witness around their home area. The refugees are being exposed to Christ and his Word in the refugee camps. Communities of faith are popping up in different places within the refugee camp.



### Beyond borders

A Sudanese refugee who was in the camps in South Sudan was called by God to serve among his people in a refugee area in Ethiopia. In response, his host community in Mabaan, South Sudan, has now sent out their first two missionaries. This is a testimony that the church is looking beyond its borders and sending out workers into the Lord's harvest field.



### Pray for

- Sudanese and South Sudanese churches to send out more missionaries across cultures.
- each of the refugees hosted in South Sudan to come to faith in Jesus.
- God's shalom to overtake hearts wounded by decades of conflict.
- strength for our team and that we would not grow weary.
- our team to know that we are loved by God, not because of what we do but because we are his children.
- the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers into his harvest field.

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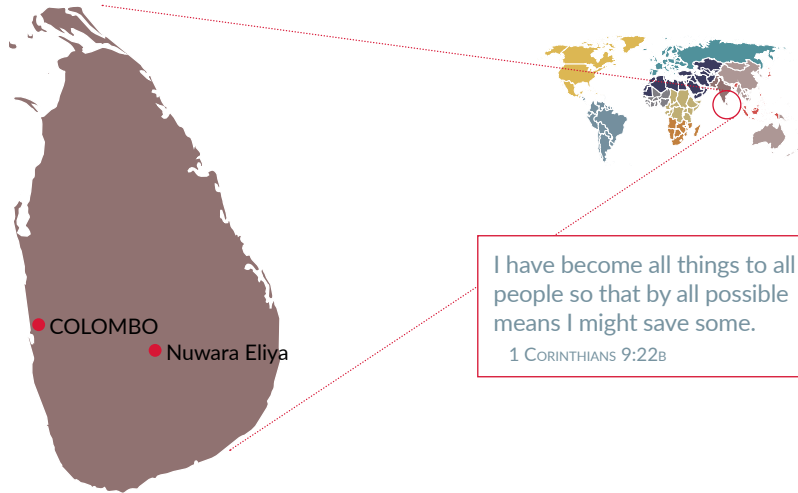
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I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.  
1 CORINTHIANS 9:22B

## Vision

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

## Ministry

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

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Muslims

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

The Moors, who make up a significant portion of the Muslim community, are mainly ancestors of the Arabs who came as traders. Muslim tradesmen who arrived from India are also counted in this group. The Malays, a smaller Muslim group found in Sri Lanka, are of Malaysian and Indonesian descent.



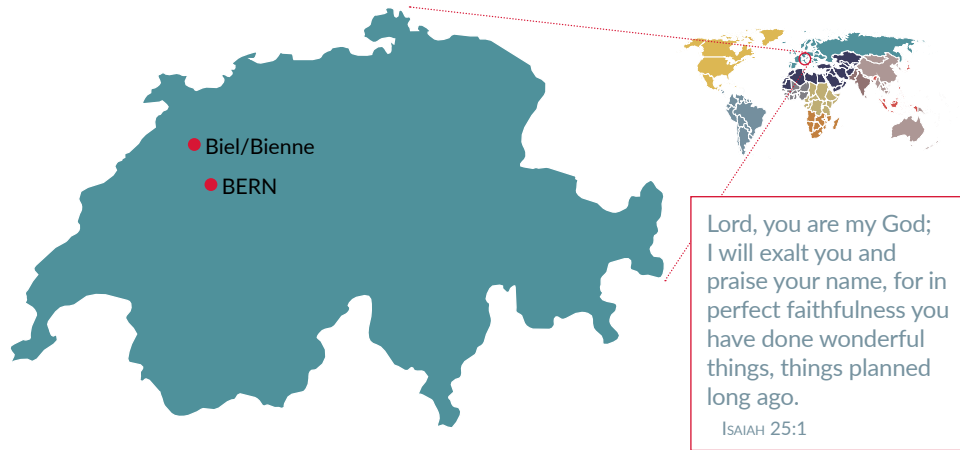
Muslim influence has grown due to intermarrying between these people groups and Sri Lankans, political leadership and economic sway. The influence of Muslims far exceeds their numbers. Even though a few hundred people among them have come to follow Christ, there are no churches with congregants or pastors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

### Pray for

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



## Vision

Our vision is that people of all cultures may know God. By faith, we:

- Live and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Serve the churches.
- Mobilize, orient, empower, and accompany workers in
- Cross-cultural ministry.

## Ministry

The SIM Switzerland office is dedicated to:

- Connecting with churches in the French- and German-speaking parts of Switzerland
- Sending Christians into cross-cultural ministries providing administrative support and member care
- Raising spiritual and financial support
- Maintaining modern and relevant communication tools in German and French
- Facilitating the sending of missionaries from Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy, and Romania, as well as occasionally from other countries in central, eastern, and southern Europe

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Switzerland's changing demographics

Fifty years ago, nearly 100 per cent of all Swiss were either Catholic or Reformed. Since then, the national churches have been losing members continuously, although the Reformed churches have been more affected than the Catholic ones. Today almost a quarter inhabitants of Switzerland are Reformed, and one in three are Catholic.



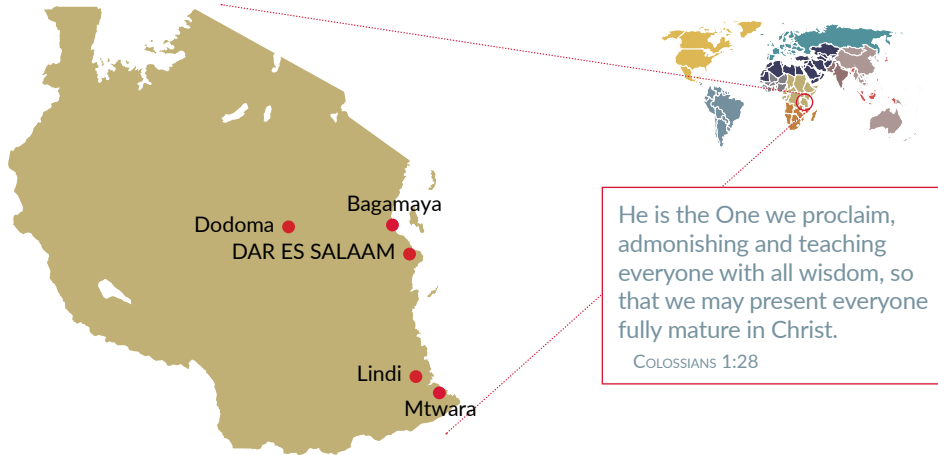
Almost a third of Swiss no longer belong to any religion. This is the fastest growing group. Twenty-eight per cent of all people over 15 years of age do not belong to any religious community.

About five per cent of the people in Switzerland are Muslims. The number of evangelical churches is growing but remains at around two to three per cent. Recent studies have found that these evangelical churches reach only "institutionally-minded people" and these churches make little impact on the population, particularly the younger generation. Faith is not seen as relevant in modern Swiss society – a significant challenge for missions workers. Church leaders must imagine new and creative ways to connect with individuals and demonstrate the importance of the gospel. The same studies also revealed a lack of churches in rural and suburban zones.

## Pray for

- good networking and partnerships with churches.
- a vision for cross-cultural work, especially among the younger generation. creative ways to mobilise people for mission work.
- an increase in the number of missionaries. Some long-term workers have returned home to stay, and we have not been able to send out new ones.
- the flourishing of our workers.
- God's provision of financial support.
- wisdom in facilitating the sending of workers from Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy and Romania, and from other countries in Europe which do not yet have an established sending structure.
- guidance for the renewal of the personnel in the Swiss office, as almost 50 per cent of the team will retire in the next couple of years.
- fruitful collaboration with our partner organisations.





He is the One we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.  
COLOSSIANS 1:28

## Vision

By faith, we see the Church mobilized to disciple coastal people. SIM Tanzania's motto is, "The Coast, for Christ, by the Church."

## Ministry

- Outreach and church planting in villages
- Disciple making and training
- Women's ministries
- Bible teaching at government schools
- Church-run Christian primary school
- "Jesus" film outreaches
- Literature distribution

## Communities where Christ is least known

### People on the Coast...

One of the areas where Christ is least known is along the southeast coast of Tanzania, hence our motto: "The Coast, for Christ, by the Church".

Most of the people in the communities where we serve are living day-to-day. Fishermen daily take out their dhows or dugouts, hoping they catch enough to sell so that their needs are met.

They are strongly influenced by Islam and traditional healers. Many live in constant fear of being cursed. Only Jesus can set them free.



Our prayer is that local churches, though small, will take up this challenge of reaching out to their neighbours who do not know Christ. Pray for us as we join hands with them in this adventure.

A typical outreach would consist of door-to-door evangelism during the week, with an invitation to the "Jesus" film that will be shown on Friday and Saturday evenings. In the past, this led to the planting of small churches, which are still operating to this day. Pray for more churches to catch this vision, so they can play a role in seeing the church multiply in nearby villages where there are no churches yet.

### Pray for

- local churches to join in the outreaches to those communities who are living and dying without Christ, especially along the coast.
- firm-standing leaders for the newly planted churches, as they daily struggle to overcome challenges while they continue to serve the Body of Christ.
- new believers to stand firm as they face many discouragements and hardships.
- God's blessing on the church-run Christian primary school, as we trust Him for provisions needed to finish this building.
- short-term volunteers who can assist in building into and encouraging the teachers at the school.
- the women who are being trained in the income-generating projects of baking and handcrafts, as they venture out to support their families.
- the disciple making efforts among the youth.

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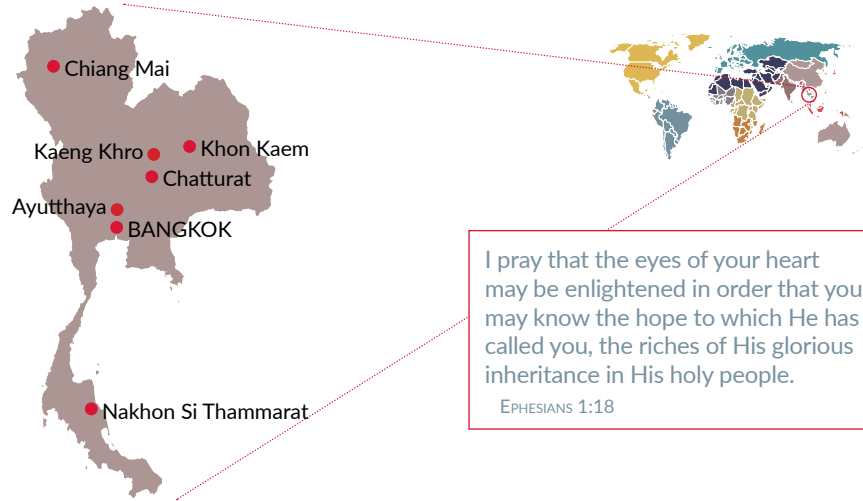
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I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.  
EPHESIANS 1:18

## Vision

By faith, we see the least-reached communities of Thailand authentically responding to the gospel and being discipled into biblically-based, community-transforming churches that engage in mission.

Motivated by Christ's love, we strive to make disciples where He is not yet known.

## Ministry

- Evangelism and church planting
- University ministry
- Sports Friends
- Hope for Life, an HIV outreach ministry
- Missionary children education
- Leadership and administration
- English teaching
- Counselling

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### The central Thai

There are very few Christians (0.25 per cent) among the Thai who live in the central plain region, which includes the capital city of Bangkok. Many districts and sub-districts in this region have no known Christians and no Christian workers. SIM is building multi-skilled, multi-ethnic church planting teams to serve this significant group of people in Thailand.



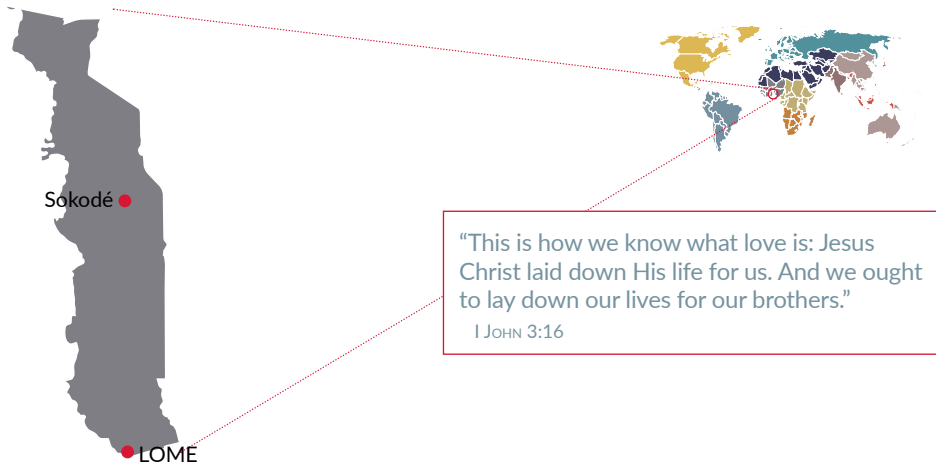
### University students

There are 2.5 million students at universities in Thailand. Many of these students come from areas where Christ is not known. University is often a time of self-exploration and consideration of new ideas, which creates great opportunities to introduce students to Christ. Most of Thailand's universities have no Christian work happening among students. Teaching English is a large and strategic opportunity, because the new Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) community has chosen English as its medium for communication. Students know that their career success will depend on their ability to speak English. Our desire is to have workers who are committed to building relationships with Thai university students, evangelising and making disciples of new believers.



### Pray for

- God to bring more workers to join multi-skilled church planting teams who are reaching areas of Thailand where Christ is not known.
- God to provide workers with a passion to work among university students.
- the people who are preparing and beginning new ministry work in Thailand.



## Vision

We see dynamic, interdependent partnerships and mutually nurturing relationships with Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA-Togo), other mission organisations, and churches, as we respond together to the spiritual challenges in Togo and focus on proclaiming the gospel among people groups with little Christian witness.

## Ministry

- Leadership and theological training
- Church partnerships
- Partnering with believers to reach and disciple their own people
- Friendship evangelism and discipleship among a majority people group, including use of media ministries
- Women's ministry

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Nomadic herders

Nomadic herders have migrated into Togo from countries to the north and the east.

Well over 100,000 of these herders have now spread throughout the country, with a larger concentration in the north. Some still herd cattle and goats over great distances, in search of pasture and water. Others now live in villages around those who practice the same religion. They may herd cattle closer to home or earn a

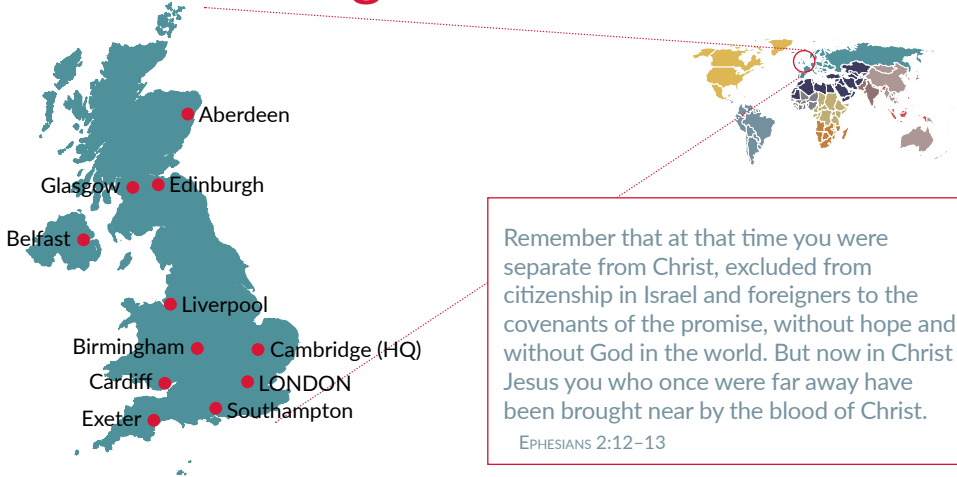


living through farming, selling milk and cheese or running shops. The majority hold on to their language and distinct culture even while living among others. Togolese tend to marginalise this ethnic group, and there are frequent conflicts.

This group has been resistant to Christianity and usually rejects gospel presentations from outsiders. We were excited to learn of a Christian herder who is sharing Jesus' love and truth with his own people. He and his wife became Christians in another country. Now they live in Togo and open their home to other nomadic herders, whether for a night or for several months. Some of their visitors are fleeing extremists or poverty, while others were befriended at a local prison. Still others are just passing through. Each one hears the gospel. New believers are disciplined. Ask God to call other nomadic herders to be witnesses to their own people.

### Pray for

- local Christians, that they will be burdened for and willing to reach their neighbours.
- growth among the ECWA-Togo churches, especially in relation to their vision and capacity for church planting, discipleship and mission outreach.
- Christian communities to be established among the Met, Tchamba, Bago, Koussountou, Fulani and Lokpa.
- the successful development of a farming and discipleship project to assist new Met believers.
- the training of capable, godly and visionary pastors, elders, and missionaries.



Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
EPHESIANS 2:12-13

## Vision

We work hand in hand with evangelical churches to send and receive gospel workers who are equipped for cross-cultural mission wherever people live and die without hearing God's Good News.

### We do this by:

- Mobilising prayer and workers from churches in the UK, Republic of Ireland and northern Europe for cross-cultural evangelism and discipleship worldwide,
- Strengthening churches and helping with mission vision and action, and
- Receiving mission workers from overseas with appropriate support, mentoring, and training.

## Ministry

- Church-centred mission mobilisation, including support for church leaders
- Supporting UK churches in cross-cultural ministry
- Receiving missionaries into UK churches
- Missionary development, support, and care

## Communities where Christ is least known

### Migrant and refugee communities

Fourteen per cent of the UK's population were born abroad, and this number rises to 36 per cent in Greater London. Many refugees and migrants have no knowledge of Jesus, or know only caricatures of the Christian faith.

Our Engage programme brings mission workers into UK churches, helping them to bridge cultural gaps with their communities, respond to needs and share the gospel. We would like to see multiethnic mission teams and healthy church life developing across barriers in UK society.

### Pray for

- the workers sent and received by UK churches to be faithful witnesses of the gospel. We're thankful for each church that partners with us. Pray for deepened relationships, leading to new people and communities hearing the gospel. Please pray for new connections and increased sending into mission during these changing times.
- the good partnerships developing with other evangelical mission agencies and churches across the UK and Europe. Pray for Christ to be trusted in new communities as a result of our research into how UK churches are engaging in inter-cultural mission.
- the continued progress of the #HowWillTheyHear campaign, as a multiagency collaboration to mobilise prayer, workers, and tools (including Bibles) for ministries amongst refugee and migrant peoples in Europe.



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As you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.  
2 CORINTHIANS 1:11

## Vision

SIM USA desires to be well-positioned to proclaim Jesus and empower people in their worship of Him through praying, giving, and going. Longing to see the Body of Christ in all places and amongst all peoples, we support SIM's efforts to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known.

## Ministry

SIM USA serves as a conduit for global missions. We strive to be exceptionally relational as we:

- Seek people with whom God would have us partner,
- Shepherd those we partner with, as we all grow, and
- Steward everything our partners entrust to us.

With prayer and care, we respond to need (to help and be helped), proclaim the gospel (to others and one another), and equip the church (US and global). We are passionate about assisting the US church as, with humility and courage, we partner with the global church.

## Communities where Christ is least known

Utah, Rhode Island and Massachusetts are considered the top three least-evangelical states in the United States (two to three per cent). The northeastern region includes the most states that do not identify as Christian. Some US counties have no known believers, such as Keweenaw County, Michigan. Counties with few known believers range geographically from Utah to Alaska. In some of these communities, believers in Jesus are shunned or harassed, and churches struggle to stay open.

The US also continues to see the movement of great numbers of evangelically least-reached people into many of its urban centres. It is third behind India and China with the most unreached peoples within their borders (Unreached Peoples, Least-Reached Places; JD Payne).



## Pray for

- courage, wisdom and sensitivity for believers and for people who don't know Jesus or his Word to engage in Spirit-prepared conversations with open hearts and minds.
- God's help to strategically engage with new realities and opportunities.
- discernment, creativity and God's provision of resources to help us enhance partnerships with the US church and expand its capacity to make Jesus known.
- growth in the multicultural, multi-talented community of people we partner with and send.
- 100 long-term workers per year going active with SIM USA by 2024.
- wisdom and grace to steward well all that has been entrusted to us, and the acquisition and application of new tools to provide all ministry partners with objectively measured results.

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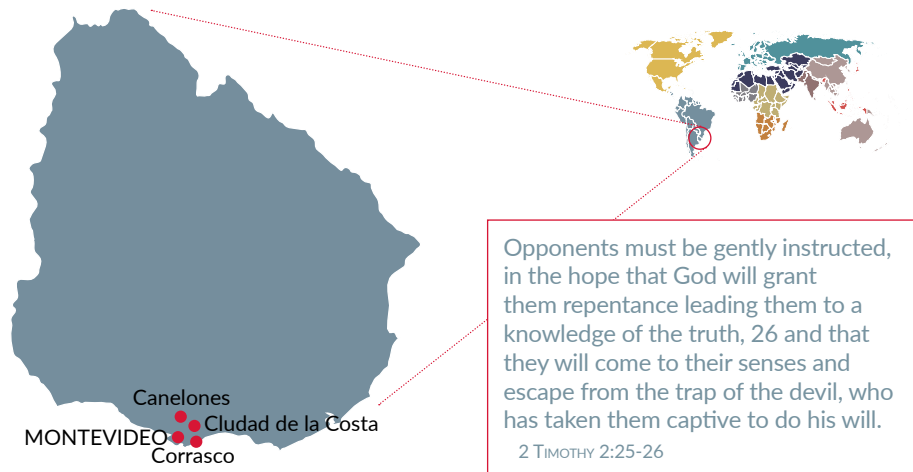
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## Vision

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 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 international population for local impact
- Youth Specialties leadership training and disciple making
- Mentoring and cross-cultural skill-building
- Todos Oirán missions and theological training
- Catalyst leadership training programme

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### The unreached coastal strip of Montevideo

In Montevideo, Uruguay's capital, where the majority of the population resides, there are entire neighbourhoods that have virtually no church presence at all. Even among professing Catholics, only 2 per cent attend mass. A one-mile wide and eight-mile long strip that runs along the city's southern coast is home to more than 400,000 people. The vast majority of them are living and dying without knowing Christ.

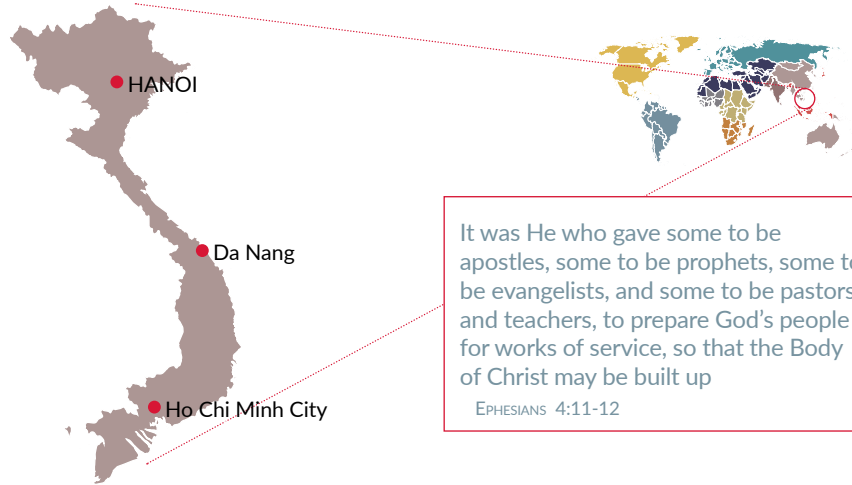
The economic contrast between this strip and what you find when immediately crossing its northern border is stark. Typically, people in this unreached area are upper or upper-middle class. Individuals in this population often will claim to not need God, and yet it is the demographical epicentre for the country's depression and suicide crisis. Uruguay consistently ranks as the country with the highest annual suicide rate in Latin America, and in 2019, the rate was double the world average.

SIM Uruguay has closely partnered with one of the few established Protestant churches ministering in this region. Christ Church Montevideo is an interdenominational, bilingual church located in the richest neighbourhood. In addition to its unique, consistent and relational ministry amongst upper class Uruguayans, this Christian community also attracts many who find themselves displaced from their homeland, as it is the only active church in the city that also offers an English worship service.



## Pray for

- increased impact for the disciple-making efforts in the least-reached regions.
- displaced internationals, who would never step foot in a church in their own countries, to have a new openness and curiosity while in Uruguay.
- SIM Uruguay to reach and equip the next generation of Uruguayan disciple makers.
- the increase and strengthening of partnerships with organisations, local churches, and other ministries, so that we can expand to new areas and people groups.



It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up  
 EPHESIANS 4:11-12

## Vision

By faith in our loving Heavenly Father and empowered by his Holy Spirit, we trust God for:

- Vietnamese communities where Christ is least known being engaged by a multi-ethnic team with the gospel, reflecting Christ through character, word, and action.
- God's people belonging to growing, maturing, Indigenous, and mission-minded churches, being and making disciples of Jesus within Vietnam and beyond.

## Ministry

- Equipping: leadership development, theological and missiological education, training for biblically-guided relationships in home, church and community, training in missional business, and sports
- Helping Vietnamese who face surgeries, injuries, and other traumatic events, by providing them with God's love, comfort, and caring through chaplaincy and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ businesses and campus ministries

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Minority communities

There are about 67 least reached people groups in Vietnam. Thirty of these groups have fewer than one per cent professing Christians, and 15 have no Christ followers at all.

In these communities, when a person receives Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, he or she is eager to follow the biblical mandate to lead others to Christ by making, baptising and teaching disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). The new believer's response is often to plant and shepherd a church in his or her community. These pastors have low education and Bible knowledge levels. As Christ followers, their risk of persecution is high. Their journey can be lonely, with no one available locally to encourage, guide, and help them grow in their new faith.



### Majority community

The Kinh people are the majority community in Vietnam and make up 86 per cent of the population. They have Christian resources available to them, but only 1.2 per cent of the over 78 million Viet-Kinh are followers of Christ. This makes the Kinh people the largest unreached people group in Southeast Asia.

### Pray for

- minority pastors around few Christ followers. Pray that they can receive help to understand God's Word and teach others about Him accurately.
- the Lord to provide workers who will live in Vietnam and make disciples in culturally appropriate ways.
- the nation. Pray for opportunities to establish missional businesses, engage universities, and introduce educational initiatives, through which Vietnam's people will find their true purpose in Christ.
- believers in local churches to have a growing vision to boldly reach out to those who have not yet heard of Jesus.
- approaches to train Vietnamese to equip their own people and develop leaders, enabling kingdom growth and transformation.
- communities in the north, centre, and south that have no church or have a church lacking a pastor with adequate Bible knowledge.
- minority communities who are minimally reached, to hear the good news of Jesus.
- the Kinh majority community to be awakened to the good news about Jesus and boldly share it with others.
- courage and perseverance for those facing opposition and persecution for their faith.
- church leaders to effectively teach biblical principles for godly living.
- Communist Party members, government officials, and military personnel. These people are influential pillars in Vietnamese society.



**Vision**

Convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God’s good news, the West Africa Missions Office:

- Partners with the West African Church for the success of global missions
- Mobilises and sends qualified, equipped workers from and through the West African Church all over the world, to cross cultural barriers with love to those living and dying without Christ
- Through workers sent from West Africa, enables the making of disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known

**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 missions
- Training and sending missionaries from West Africa mobilising for more prayer and financial support for workers

**Prayer Notes**

**Communities where Christ is least known**

**Faithful Witness Locations in West Africa**

**KAYES IN MALI** – The Moors of Mali are located in Kayes, where Christ is least known. They are nomadic Berbers and inhabit a small kingdom in the upper reaches of the Niger River. The term “Moor” is generally applied to any person who speaks one of the Hassaniya dialects. Hassaniya draws heavily from the original spoken Arabic. The door is opening for workers to go and live among the Moors, who are 100 per cent Muslim.



**NORTHERN NIGERIA** – Northern Nigeria houses the what is believed to be the largest semi-nomadic group in the world, the Fulani, who are found across West and Central Africa. In Nigeria, some continue to live as semi-nomadic herders, while others have moved to cities. They herd their animals across vast areas, frequently clashing with farming communities. They are often linked with another group, the Hausas. As the two groups have lived together for a very long time, some refer to the Hausa-Fulani, though they are different groups. The Fulani played a key role in the 19th century revival of Islam in Nigeria.



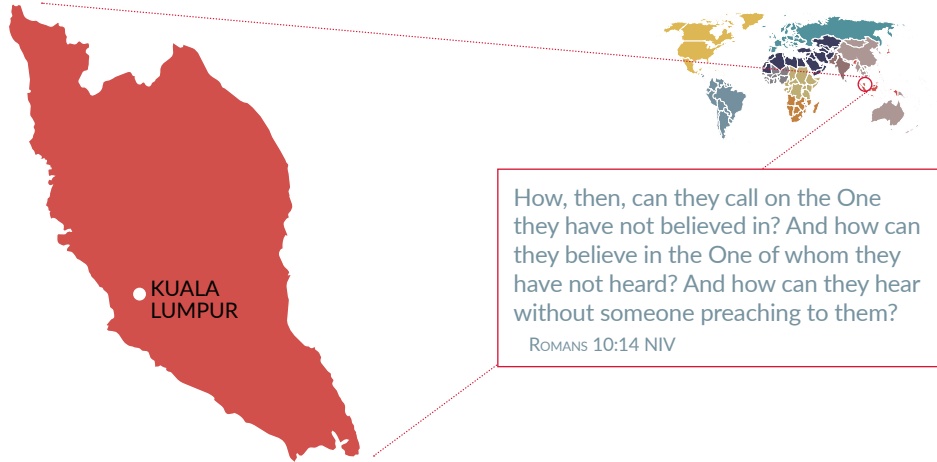
The West Africa Missions Office continues to mobilise workers who are willing and passionate to take advantage of the opportunities that exist to be faithful witnesses to those living and dying in these communities.



**Pray for**

- more faithful witnesses to be mobilised for these communities, from West Africa and beyond.
- an increase in the gospel’s reception in these communities.
- believers in northern Nigeria to express extraordinary love, so that those living and dying without hearing about the love of Jesus will experience the practical love of Jesus Christ.
- long-term workers to live and be faithful witnesses in Kayes and northern Nigeria.





How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?  
ROMANS 10:14 NIV

## Vision

Our vision is to see every people group in this country reached with Christ's love. So, our aims are for all the believers in West Malaysia to be discipled and equipped with the vision, skills, and resources to proclaim the message of reconciliation with God in word and deed, among communities where Christ is not known.

We strive to share God's love among the least-reached peoples, including migrants, refugees and international students in West Malaysia. We are also working to establish a collaboration of churches, mission groups, and Christian leaders that aims to make disciples of our Lord Jesus in communities where He is least known, ministering at home and abroad.

## Ministry

- Humanitarian work among the migrants and refugees
- Friendship evangelism among the international students
- Partnership in theological education and leadership training
- Community-building projects among the diaspora in the cities

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Orang Asli

The Orang Asli or "original peoples" were estimated to account for about 0.7 per cent of the population of West Malaysia, numbering about 198,000 as of 2017. Officially, there are 18 tribes of Orang Asli in Malaysia, each with its own culture, religion and language. They are the oldest people groups of Malaysia, but are also the poorest and most oppressed in the country. Although some have decided to follow Islam or Christianity, they are traditionally animists. In recent years, they have retreated farther back into the forest to avoid the demands to assimilate to the majority culture or convert to another religion.

### Migrants and refugees

Many people have come to Malaysia in search of a better future for their families. There are an estimated six million migrants in Malaysia, but less than half of them are documented. Almost all of them live and work in the country without proper permits and wages. As of the end of March 2020, there are nearly 180,000 refugees and asylum seekers registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Malaysia. Like undocumented migrants, refugees don't have legal rights to live a normal life here. Their human rights are often violated. God is calling us to reach out to them with Christ's love.

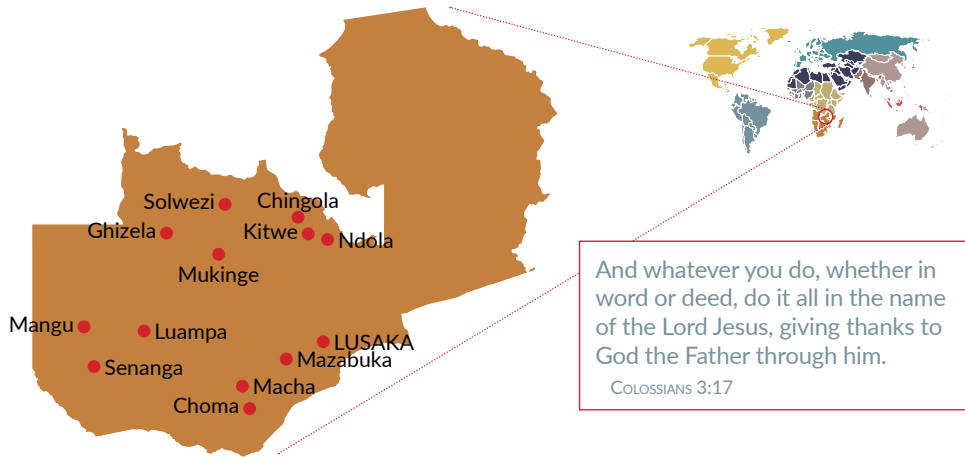
### International students

International students continue to choose Malaysia as a preferred higher education destination due to the quality education available. At present, around 130,000 international students from 136 countries are pursuing their education here. Most of the international students come from Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Middle Asia, and African countries, with some also from Europe. Our international student ministry connects students with the gospel through friendship evangelism, making disciples who can engage with their own cultures when they return home.



### Pray for

- the removal of barriers, so that God's love can be shared freely across the country to all.
- more trained workers to serve amongst the migrants, refugees and international students.
- increased participation and partnership with local churches to do God's mission at doorsteps.
- resources and staff to mobilise local churches and support incoming workers.



## Vision

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

## Ministry

- Youth ministry
- Health ministry
- Community development
- Disciple-making and leadership training
- Primary and secondary education
- University campus ministry
- Prison ministry
- Library resourcing for Bible colleges, youth centres and churches
- Theological education
- Leadership and administration

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### Asian diaspora

Chinese diaspora communities in Zambia are fast growing. SIM supports the outreach work of a small Chinese church. The Indian diaspora is in the business sector and are Muslim or Hindu.

### Men and women in prison

Some have gone to prison due to unwise choices, often compounded by poverty and unemployment. But these men and women are generally open to the Good News of freedom in Christ.

### University students

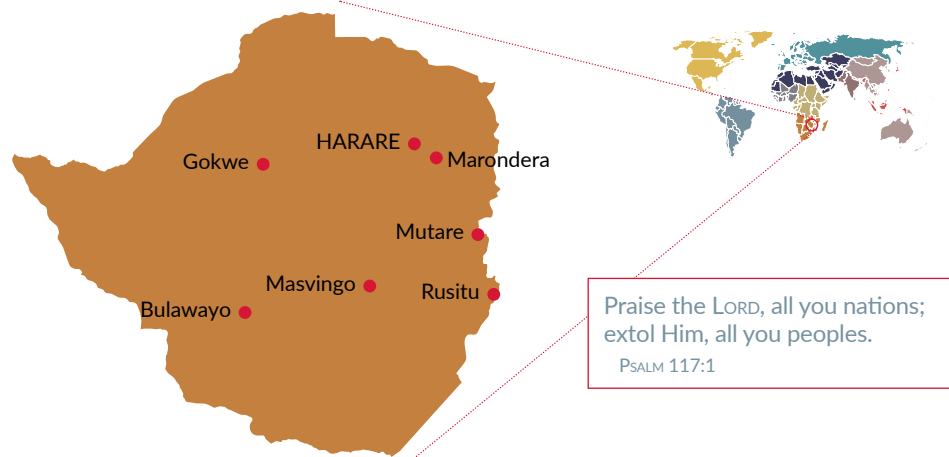
Most Zambian university students have been exposed to Christian beliefs but are heavily influenced by secular education and educators. They often struggle during this formative season of life with understanding their faith biblically and making it genuinely their own.

### Pray for

- our new director as he leads the team in reviewing and refining the field ministry's vision and strategic plan.
- God to send the right people to fill key personnel needs within Zambia.
- the youth centres as they develop programmes to disciple and encourage youth to grow in their faith.
- our health workers, as they minister to the physical and spiritual needs of their patients.
- our community development ministries (such as Foundations for Farming) that help teach rural farmers better ways to grow food for their families. Pray that our workers will also have opportunities to make a spiritual impact in their trainees' lives.
- our disciple-making and leadership training ministries, that they would impact individuals who will then be able to share their faith with others.
- more chaplains to serve in Zambia's prisons, schools and hospitals.
- the many Chinese people who need to hear the gospel. Pray that evangelism training will equip the members of the Chinese Church to share the gospel with others.



Photo: Saviour Roberts



## 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 disciplined into a fuller understanding of their faith; and Christ's compassionate love expressed and shared with the poor, hurting, and suffering.

## Ministry

- Outreach ministries: children, youth, HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 prevention, famine relief, disaster relief, vulnerable girl children
- Theology and resources: theological education, Leaders Equipping and Resourcing Network (LEARN), research, witness to cults
- Leadership and services
- Evangelism

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### The Ba Tonga people group of northern Zimbabwe

Numbering about 300,000 (2.3 per cent of the Zimbabwean population), and found along the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia, this people group is often neglected by development agencies. The Ba Tonga were displaced during the construction of the Kariba Dam and relegated to a district called Binga, which has become their homeland. However, their culture has not died. They believe in a supreme god called Mwari, the same word used for God in the rest of the country. However, they believe this god can only be reached and appeased through ancestors, so ancestral worship is very strong. The elephant, the baobab tree, and certain fish are also used as worship symbols. Smoking marijuana is also traditional and cultural.

SIM has always prayed to start gospel outreach ministries among the Ba Tonga. One strategy being explored is for the theological colleges in a nearby city, Bulawayo, to intentionally recruit students from Binga, who would then return to evangelise their people. The long-term vision is to establish a mission station with a theological college in Binga township.

## Pray for

- the recruitment of suitable students to study theology and return to Binga to evangelise their communities.
- scholarships to support the students.
- missionaries to be sent for the Ba Tonga people of Binga.
- a mission station to be established for the Ba Tonga people.



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:10



## Vision

Our vision is to see a global movement of local church-centred sports ministries transforming lives and strengthening communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We strive to:

- Stimulate a vision for local churches and church planters to use sports as a powerful ministry tool. Train Christian leaders to develop fruitful, church – centred sports ministries that make disciples of Jesus through sports.
- Equip coaches for effective service by providing ongoing support and encouragement to help them live, lead, minister and coach for the glory of God.
- Develop the leadership capacity of sports ministry coordinators, who will provide vision, guidance and management for the local sports ministry movement and develop coaches at the local church level.

## Ministry

In 19 countries, Sports Friends is passionately training and equipping local church leaders and church planters to extend the love of God into their communities through strategic sports ministries. Weekly sports programmes and ongoing disciple – making are complemented by the Sports Friends camping ministry.

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## The power of a coach

“A good coach can change a game. A great coach can change a life.” – John Wooden

A once-dead parking lot near an urban church in the US has become a Saturday-night spectacle. Nets and goals are set up to beckon 30-50 young refugees from the community to come together and play soccer. The unlikely “pitch” has been provided by the church for this express purpose.

These young people, created in the image of God, have walked roads marked with incredible loss, trauma, PTSD, grief and pain. They have lost their sense of value, of belonging, of purpose. In the high energy and competition of the game, the mess inside is revealed. One day, as three teenagers opened up and shared about their inability to maintain peace and self-control, the Holy Spirit reminded their Coach: You used to be just like them. Suddenly one young man asked, “Coach, did you ever fight? Why don’t you fight now?”

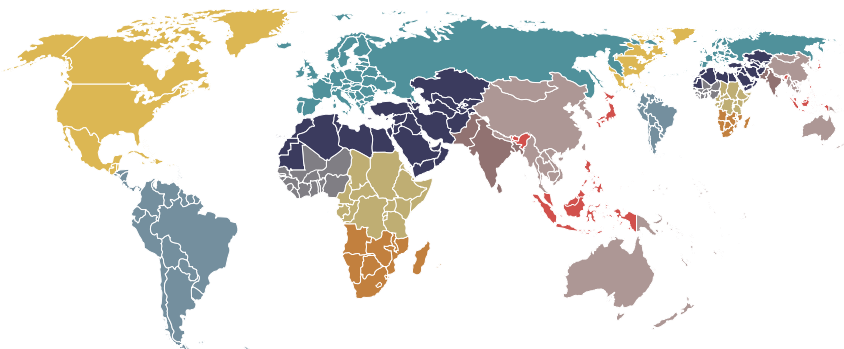


The Coach shared how he used to get into fights, had no self-control, and used his words to tear people apart. “Now,” whispered the Lord to the Coach’s heart. “Tell them of the Prince of Peace.” So he did. He told of his own coach who’d loved Jesus and loved him in the middle of his own mess. How he was introduced to this Jesus who brings not the sword, but unshakeable peace. He told them how Jesus is the only one who can give the power to turn the other cheek. Jesus has changed everything for this Coach, and that night the effect rippled a little further.

It is a wonderful thing to build such relationships of trust. It is a wonderful thing that hurting young men can be vulnerable and seek answers to the questions of their hearts. It is a wonderful thing to be a coach.

## Pray for

- the refugee youth and their parents who are part of our sports ministry initiatives in the US. Praise God for how sport is building bridges and deepening relationships.
- more than 13,000 coaches who have been trained by Sports Friends. Pray they would be effective in making disciples of Jesus as they live, lead, minister and coach for the glory of God.
- more than 290,000 young people who are currently involved in ministries with a Sports Friends-trained coach. Pray that they would grow as mature disciples of Jesus Christ.



For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14

## Vision

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

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

## Ministry

The ministries of SIM International Leadership and Services clear barriers for those whom God is calling to serve cross-culturally. We achieve this by providing:

- Global leadership and training
- Cross-cultural people and ministry development in more than 70 countries
- Worldwide personnel, financial and technical support to remote mission locations
- Direction and planning for the expansion and long-term sustainability of SIM priority ministries and projects
- Communications and multilingual resources

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### The Blind and visually impaired

Blindness is a significant factor in access to education, employment, and social integration. Not being able to see to read or to watch is a major barrier to being introduced to the gospel.

At least 2.2 billion people globally have vision impairment or blindness, and at least one billion of those impairments could have been prevented or have yet to be addressed, according to the World Health Organisation. Without people having timely access to screening, preventable or treatable conditions can cause permanent damage. Despite global improvements in vision health over the last 30 years, population growth and aging mean more people than ever are facing vision loss.

The WHO says, "The burden of eye conditions and vision impairment is not borne equally. The burden tends to be greater in low- and middle-income countries and under-served populations, such as women, migrants, indigenous peoples, persons with certain kinds of disability, and in rural communities."\*

SIM is concerned for both the spiritual sight and the physical sight of those living and dying without Christ. Pray for the Lord to call more medical workers to serve those with blindness and visual impairments globally. In addition to medical outreach, approaches that nurture more inclusive, loving, and equitable environments in our partner schools, churches, and ministry settings will go a long way to removing barriers to the gospel.

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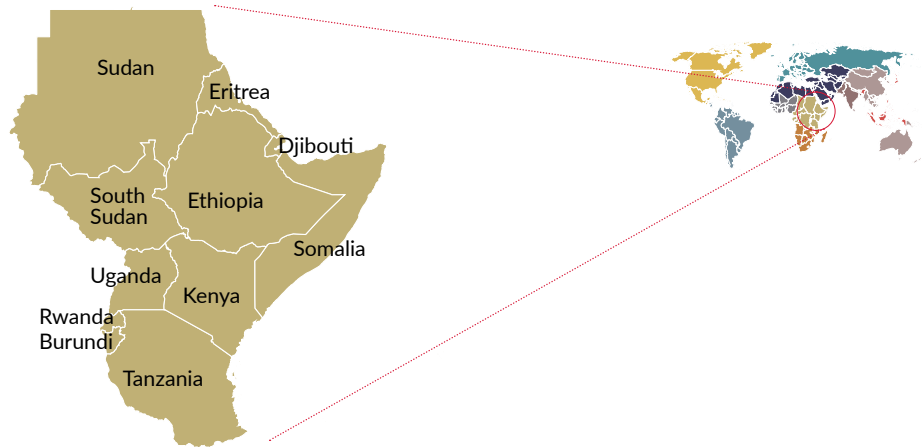
### Pray for

- unity, courage, wisdom, and discernment for the International Director and his leadership team members.
- those suffering long-term impacts of COVID-19, especially those whose livelihoods and have vanished.
- those experiencing forms of injustice globally, whether based on race, ethnic origin, gender or other reasons. effective people development, as we seek to be disciples who make disciples.
- effective mentoring and disciple making at all levels of leadership, and especially for wisdom in encouraging SIM's developing leaders.
- good leadership and care for our teams, who do vital coordinating and support work in the areas of personnel, finance, projects, communications, archives, operations, administrative support, and information systems.

# Regional Service Centres

Each of SIM's regional service centres offers vital support to SIM workers serving in a particular region. These strategic centres provide services in accounting and finance, health systems, human resources, project development, logistics, information technology and media. Specialised staff facilitate good practices and accountability for the countries they serve. With the service centres providing this critical assistance, existing ministries and new initiatives are able to thrive in their mission of proclaiming Christ to those who live and die without hearing God's good news.

## EARS – East Africa Regional Services



Serving: East African Sending Office, Eritrea, Kenya, South Sudan and Sudan, and Tanzania

### Pray for

- continued wisdom and discernment as we work to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our services so that our workers can reach those areas where He is least known.
- our team to continue to grow in their discipleship and spiritual maturity.

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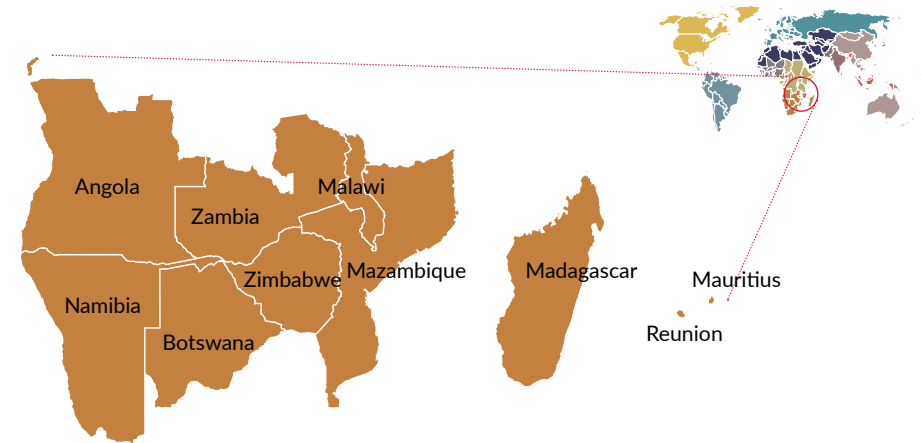
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## SASC – Southern Africa Service Centre



Serving: Angola, Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Reunion, Zambia, Zimbabwe

### Pray for

- the services to be a testimony in the quality of their work, as they support the countries in the region in reaching those living and dying without Christ.
- those working in the service centre to serve Him faithfully and grow in Him daily.

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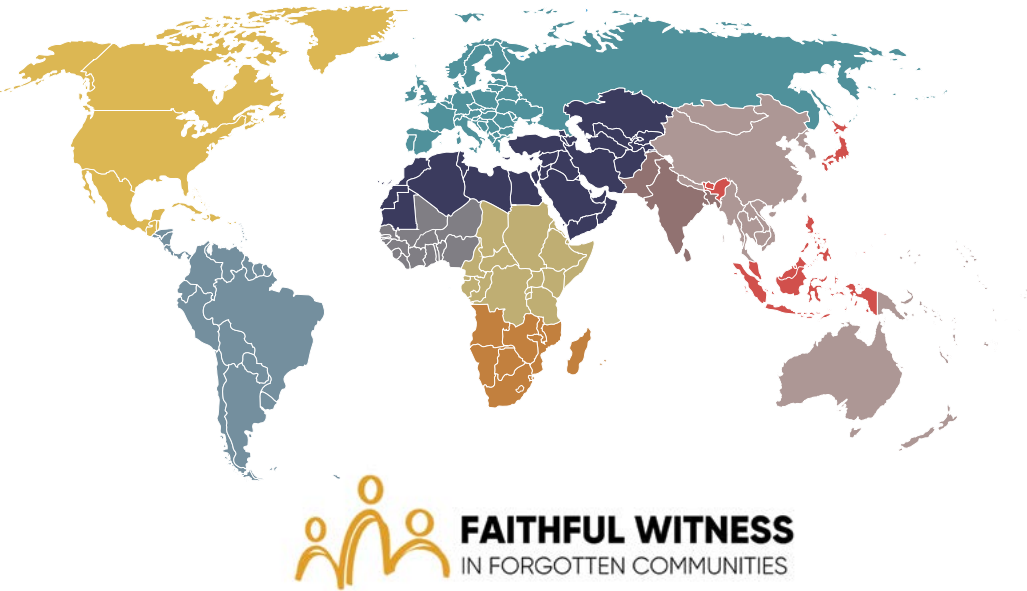
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## Vision

Faithful Witness in Forgotten Communities is an SIM initiative designed to facilitate ministry in places where there is no gospel witness or where the witness needs strengthening. Faithful Witness is helping fund workers from diverse contexts, so that they can go to new locations. The programme also provides training and mobilises a broad prayer network. Our vision is to build multi-cultural, multi-skilled teams who will, by prayer, help the gospel message take root in these communities. We have launched teams in eastern Chad, western Mali, northern Nigeria, Thailand, North Africa, and South Asia.

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## Communities where Christ is least known

### The Maba of Eastern Chad

The Maba people inhabit the Ouaddaï region of eastern Chad. At present, there is little to no Christian witness in Ouaddaï, where 95 per cent of Maba and other Chadian peoples are Sunni Muslims. This area, which corresponds to the sultanate known as Wadai, once served as a crucial intersection of Muslim trade routes. Centuries later, Ouaddaï bears the scars of colonialism. Deep-seated political conflicts stem from three cultural groups (indigenous, French and Islamic) competing for authority; this tension is compounded by severe food insecurity, limited rainfall, lack of clean water and overpopulation due to refugees fleeing neighbouring Darfur.



For the Maba people, and especially their women, the impact of socioeconomic instability is far-reaching. The women must work alongside men in the fields while simultaneously maintaining their households. There is an urgent need to liberate women and young girls from sexual and gender-based violence. Women are often subject to abuse by their own husbands, but violence against women often peaks during periods of heightened militant activity. Many Ouaddaïen women elect not to fight for justice, in case their children are rendered fatherless and subjected to greater poverty. The Maba have profound physical and emotional needs – needs that the Body of Christ is uniquely designed to meet.

## Pray for

- the Lord to raise up workers for his harvest who are needed for this initiative.
- the Lord to raise the resources needed.
- us to stay in step with Jesus all the way, led by the Holy Spirit and guided by God's Word.
- communities around the world that do not have access to the gospel.

## Equippers for the Harvest

Lord, we pray that:

- Bible training campuses and programmes will nurture students in lifelong commitment to being and making disciples and will maintain a biblical, missions-integrated worldview.
- Pastors will cultivate a passion for the gospel, locally and globally, in their congregations. Bless these shepherds with spiritual refreshment and empowerment in ministry.
- SIM workers will offer godly encouragement and counsel as people consider and prepare for cross-cultural gospel ministry.

## Workers for the Harvest

Lord of the Harvest, we pray:

- That You will call and send workers from the global Church to form flourishing, multi-ethnic and multi-skilled SIM teams who will proclaim Your good news to those who live and die without it.
- That these workers' children will wholeheartedly follow Jesus. Develop in them resilience in the face of multiple farewells, cultural adaptations, physical and spiritual stresses and re-entry to their passport countries.
- For all our SIM teams to thrive in their relationships with You and with each other and to grow in ministry competency and effectiveness, well-being and resilience.

## Partners for the Harvest

Lord, we thank you for:

- The many who sacrificially release their children and grandchildren to You for kingdom service, their finances to support those who go and their time to faithfully pray for SIM workers and ministries. Prosper them. Fill them with the joy of the harvest!
- Christ-centred churches with a vision to fulfil your mission across cultures, locally and globally, extending your Church to the ends of the earth.

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- **Lord, we offer ourselves to you.**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

ROMANS 12:1

Forgive us when we hold back parts of ourselves.  
Help us to consecrate every part of our beings to You.

- **Renew our minds.**

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

ROMANS 12:2A

Forgive us for polluting our minds with the world's values.  
Help us to saturate our minds with your Word and your wisdom.

- **Align our wills with your will.**

*Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.*

ROMANS 12:2B

Forgive us for asserting our own will and our own rights.  
Help us to understand, affirm, and joyfully carry out your will.

- **Give us hearts that overflow with thanksgiving.**

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

EPHESIANS 5:19B-20.

Forgive us when our hearts are choked with bitterness and pride.  
Help us to praise You with heartfelt songs and thanksgiving.

- **Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.**

*And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

HEBREWS 12:1B-2A.

Forgive us for fixing our eyes on ourselves, and on the "giants in the land".  
Help us to focus on the wonderful person and saving work of Jesus.

- **Teach our tongues to strengthen others.**

*The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,  
To know the word that sustains the weary.*

ISAIAH 50:4A

Forgive us when our words tear down and discourage others.  
Help us to speak words that refresh, encourage, and build up one another.

- **Waken our ears to receive your instructions.**

*He wakens me morning by morning,  
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.  
The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears.*

ISAIAH 50:4B, 5A

Forgive us when our ears are attuned to Satan's whispers and our own voices of self-pity. Help us to daily discern and follow the voice of your Spirit.

- **Establish the work of our hands.**

*May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us —  
yes, establish the work of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17

Forgive us when our hands are negligent.  
Help us to do careful, quality work for your kingdom.

- **Direct our feet on the gospel path.**

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring Good News,  
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

ISAIAH 52:7

Forgive us when we sit at home and keep the gospel to ourselves.  
Help us to go out and proclaim the Good News as You lead us.

- **Lord, may we honor you with our bodies!**

*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you,  
whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price.  
Therefore, honour God with your bodies.*

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

Forgive us when our actions and attitudes bring dishonor to your Name.  
Help us to honor You with every member of our bodies and every aspect of our beings!

In the powerful name of Jesus, amen.

## Partnerships

### Additional countries where SIM workers serve

#### Burundi

Working with Serge Medical Team, we are in positions of training medical professionals and students. We ask for prayer that our teaching would be blessed – that they would gain not only medical knowledge but also how to love and care for patients with the love of Christ.

#### Colombia

Pray that those who are hearing God's call to serve in mission will be bold to respond and that their churches will be also.

#### Cameroon

Please pray for wisdom for the board and general directorate in all the decision they have to make. Please also pray that churches and communities embrace the vision of CABTAL and get fully involved in the in the translation and development projects.

#### Eurasia

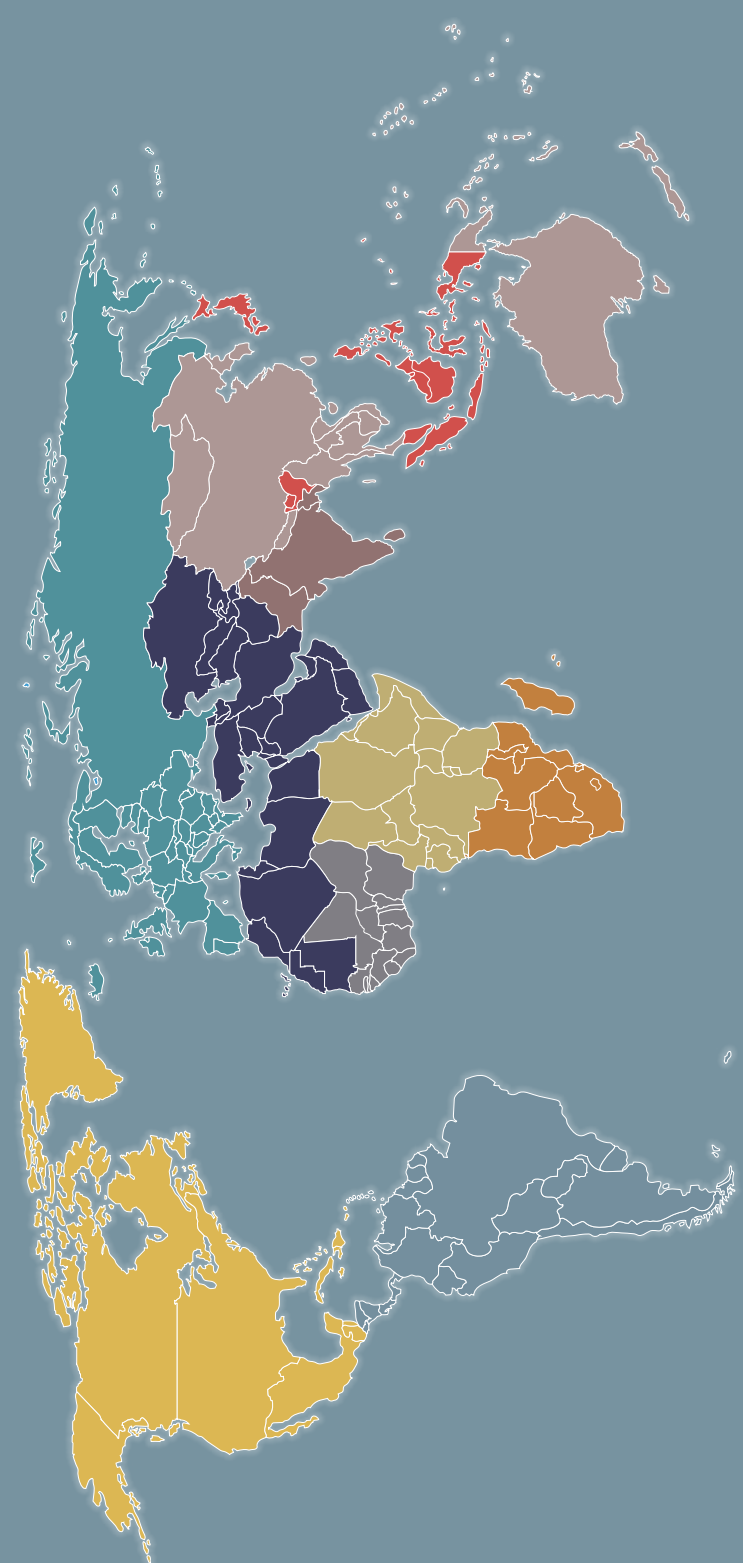
Please pray for our health, we are living in a place with a very harsh climate. May the Lord keep us both in a good health to serve him. Please pray for a good work and a good communion in the Bible's translation team.

#### Papua New Guinea

PNG is poorly developed with many health issues. People have turned to Christ and churches are widespread, but they struggle with false teaching and tribalism. Pray for more training of church leaders who bring unity and holistic growth to communities.

#### Uganda

We work at Kampala Evangelical School of Theology (KEST) and Emmanuel Children's Outreach (ECO) in Uganda. Our main prayer request is that we will be able to return to those ministries. Fridah can't leave the US until her Green Card is approved. The pandemic has closed the Uganda borders as well as KEST and ECO. // Pray for safety for AIM AIR, partners in Uganda, as they fly throughout Uganda and East Africa serving various ministries.



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