



SIM || 2013 President's
Ministry Report

Dear Friend,

I'd venture to say that most year-end president's reports don't start the updates with the year 1893.

But recently, as I spent time traveling through some of SIM's oldest mission fields, I reflected on just how intertwined the ministry we do today is with the ministries of the past.

For generations, SIM has been investing in the kingdom of God. Many of our donors' parents were SIM donors. We are incredibly proud of this legacy of trust and this rich history of co-stewardship with SIM supporters.

While I'm excited to update you on the progress of the ministry this year, I believe it's important to remember that all we do today is built on the foundations of our fathers. And what comes tomorrow will be built on what God accomplishes through us today.

Responding to Need

120 years ago SIM was working to open new fields to the gospel—looking for ways to serve the needs of people of different cultures and thus be introduced to them. Our early pioneer missionaries began meeting a universal need—they began providing medical care for the sick, the hurting, and the helpless.

Back in the early 1900s, medical mission work offered SIM a way to respond to a pressing need, and also introduced our pioneers to a new mission field.

Today, SIM is one of the largest medical missions in the world. We are on the cutting edge of this important and growing area of ministry. We are working to modernize and expand three hospitals: Egbe in Nigeria, ELWA in Liberia, and Galmi in Niger. We are opening up-to-date new facilities to address long-ignored needs. And we are continuing to lead in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

But don't think that *Responding to Need* is limited to medical ministry.

Other work in this area includes projects like the Nigeria Relief Fund, which helped Nigerians and SIM missionaries recover from devastating floods. It also includes work through the Gobi Student Textbooks project, which is meeting the needs of disadvantaged students in Mongolia, as well as the Hausa literacy project in Niger, meeting the need for literacy and education in ill-equipped communities.

Highlights from *Responding to Need* this year:

- **The Danja Center for Health, Leprosy, and Fistula in Niger** served **27,191** patients, healing bodies and restoring hope through the love of Jesus Christ.
- **Help the Handicapped in Burkina Faso** changed the lives of **1,500** individuals with disabilities, helping them overcome adversity and live more productively.
- **Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Zimbabwe** gave protection and care to **912** of the world's most vulnerable, enabling them to thrive and pursue their education.
- **Gobi Student Textbooks in Mongolia** was able to provide **100** needy students with necessary study materials.

In 2013 it is estimated that SIM directly impacted over **1,000,000** individuals through *Responding to Need* initiatives.



Proclaiming the Gospel

The global ministry that is now known simply as “SIM” began in 1893 with the single goal of bringing the gospel to more than 60 million unreached people in remotest Africa.

After tragedy and trials, the “Soudan Interior Mission” eventually did establish a mission base in the large unreached area of the African continent. In faith they began to long and prepare for the day when the peoples they were ministering to would establish their own mission movements and go out into the world to proclaim the gospel.

This year SIM’s East Africa Office trained and placed six missionaries from Ethiopia in nations around the world including China, Pakistan, and Zambia. And these missionaries represent just a fraction of kingdom workers coming from what many would call non-traditional sending nations. SIM sending offices around the world also sent missionaries from Brazil, the Solomon Islands, Germany, Argentina, Nigeria, India, Malaysia, Cameroon, Ecuador, and many other countries.

More than a hundred years after our founding, the face of the mission has changed, but our emphasis on *Proclaiming the Gospel* has not. All of our work—whether it is focused around medical ministry or Bible teaching, whether carried out by African, Asian, European, or North or South American missionaries—is centered on making the gospel known.

Projects such as Audio Bibles for Paraguay, Marwari Church Planting, and Latin America to the World are working to reach some of the many millions who have yet to hear the good news.

Highlights from *Proclaiming the Gospel* this year:

- **Audio Bibles for Paraguay** was able to provide **24,636** Paraguayans with media players loaded with the Word of God, giving these oral people access to the gospel in their heart language.
- **Marwari Church Planting** efforts modeled the hands and heart of Jesus to more than **500** of these relatively unreached people.
- **SIM NEI Missionary Assistance** helped send out **27** Northeast Indian missionaries out to proclaim the gospel locally and abroad.

In 2013 it is estimated that SIM directly impacted more than **3,000,000** individuals through *Proclaiming the Gospel* initiatives around the world.



Equipping the Church

From the earliest days of ministry SIM leaders invested in equipping local believers to lead churches, seminaries, and mission movements. Mission pioneers encouraged the Nigerian Church to begin such efforts, and partnered with its leaders to begin making this vision reality. In 1931 the ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) Theological Seminary was founded, where missionaries from many countries have served over the years, and which has trained thousands of pastors from across Africa.

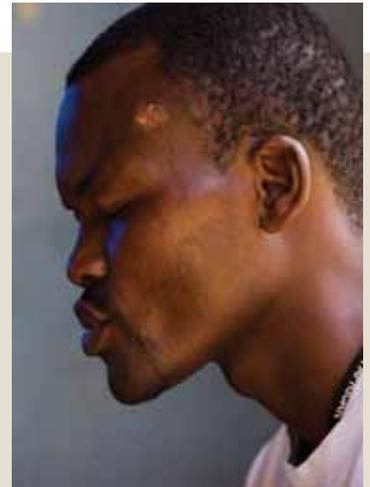
And in 1949 the Evangelical Missionary Society of ECWA was established to raise, send, and support missionaries from West Africa. Now, this agency has more than 2,600 missionaries serving cross-culturally.

What began with SIM's efforts to *Equip the Church* in Nigeria are today self-sufficient entities run by ECWA. And our efforts to equip believers the world over continue with your support.

Highlights from *Equipping the Church* this year:

- **EKHC Discipling Emerging Leaders** directly equipped **9,692** promising local leaders in Ethiopia by investing in purposeful life-on-life discipleship and training.
- **Preparing Outstanding Youth Leaders for Uruguay** trained more than **1,488** youth leaders for dynamic ministry in churches and youth groups across Uruguay.
- **Life Challenge Africa** trained and equipped **5,000** local believers to reach out to Muslims with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 2013 it is estimated that SIM directly impacted **250,000** individuals through *Equipping the Church* initiatives around the world.



Our Vision for This Next Year

Just as the SIM missionaries of yesterday could never have predicted the kingdom impact of their work today, we cannot predict what tomorrow holds.

What encourages me greatly is knowing that the numbers in this report only reflect the number of people SIM influenced *directly*. In addition are the thousands of lives that have been touched *through* the pastors who have been trained, the patients who have been helped, and the individuals who trusted Jesus as their Savior. Our ministry approach is to foster multiplication. Only the Lord knows how many friends, families, villages, and even nations have benefitted from your investments this year in the work of SIM.

But, I do know what dreams our SIM leaders and I have for the coming years. We'd like to see a renewed interest in reaching the many *still* unreached peoples around the world. We'd like to see our medical ministry doing more than caring and curing—we'd like to see many more local people trained and equipped to serve their own people. We'd like to see growing mission movements out of SIM's newest offices in East and West Africa. And more, we desire to see new mission movements rising out of seemingly unlikely places like China and the Middle East.

I can't say what the future of SIM looks like, but I know that God is going to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine. He's going to do it through our brothers and sisters all around the world. He's going to do it through you and through me.

Thank you so much for being such an integral part of the ministry of SIM. You make today's work possible through your gifts and prayers, and you are laying an incredible foundation on which the ministry of tomorrow will be built.

Your partner for the kingdom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Johnson".

Bruce Johnson
President SIM USA