



SIM

**2016 PRESIDENT'S
MINISTRY REPORT**



**BRUCE
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President
SIM USA

Dear Friend,

For over a century, our calling has been to bring good news to hard places because there are people living and dying without the gospel. With your generous support, we are doing just that. Together we are bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to those on the margins of life around the world. Often the forgotten people. The disregarded.

How the world has changed since SIM was founded more than 120 years ago. China alone now has more than 1.3 billion people—more than the entire population of the world in 1893! In China most of the people are clustered in the population centers of the east, but in a rural part of the country there's a little known people group ethnically distinct from other Chinese, with a long history of being oppressed and marginalized. But now they are hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The good news. It's about salvation and forgiveness for sin. But it has implications for our physical lives too. Jesus "went about doing good" as He preached the gospel. We are doing the same thing. Thanks to your partnership, we're rescuing the vulnerable, bringing clean water to thirsty people, offering medical treatment to the sick, and showing God's compassion to everyone.

Recently I've had the opportunity to visit our SIM workers in Latin American, Asia, and Africa. They are training local people to go as missionaries—and that's exciting. I'm so thankful for their dedication and sacrifice, and for your committed prayer and giving.

This report will give you an overview of some of our ministry in 2016. As you read, remember—it's all possible because you cared enough to give. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Your partner in mission,

RESPONDING TO NEED

Clean, Life-Giving Water for the World

In Africa and Asia, thousands of people are without a reliable water source. Many others have water—but it's tainted with deadly poison. Thanks to your generous giving, SIM workers are attacking both problems, and their efforts are opening doors for the gospel.

BANGLADESH

Much of the water in this Muslim-majority country contains dangerous levels of arsenic. SIM's Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Project provides testing and water filters for families whose water is contaminated. It also helps provide medical treatment for those who are already sick. While it offers villagers health education, it also presents opportunities to share the good news.

BURKINA FASO

In the past, villagers in Luadigou would have to walk miles for water. Their only sources were holes that contained polluted surface water, if any.

SIM workers tried twice to drill wells in Luadigou, only to come up empty. It was on the third try that they struck water—and the villagers rejoiced. The chief and elders of this village had long resisted the gospel. But after seeing God answer prayers for water they've begun listening. God is still opening hearts in Africa!



Mr. Punno was diagnosed with cancer after ingesting arsenic tainted water. Your gifts are helping to provide the treatment he needs.



PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

Good News for the Ingessana People

When war came to their homeland, the Ingessana people were forced to flee to a refugee camp in South Sudan. That's where they heard about a man named Getachew, the SIM missionary from Ethiopia who was telling people about Jesus. They wanted to learn more, so they sent a team to find him.

“Are you the man who talks the truth about Jesus?” they asked him. Getachew shared the gospel with them and their tribe decided as one to follow Jesus. Now there are more than 150 Ingessana attending three churches in the camps. And the good news continues to spread . . .



When the Ingessana people heard the gospel, they decided as one to follow Jesus.

EQUIPPING THE CHURCH

Training Tomorrow's Missionaries



The Bible in pictures with audio recordings allows people in remote areas to receive the gospel.

High in the Andes mountains of Ecuador, in the regional town of Loja, an SIM worker is speaking to a group of young adults. She's not sharing the gospel—they're already committed Christians. She's training them to be missionaries. Soon they will be venturing into the world, telling people everywhere about Jesus.

Similar scenes are happening all across the globe. God is raising up men and women passionate about evangelism from the *global south*—and these regions (Latin America, Africa, and Asia) are sending out a large number of missionaries and mission teams to share the gospel in many places around the world, thanks to your faithful giving.

Sharing the “Unwritten Bible”

As these missionaries reach into remote areas, they encounter many groups that do not use written language. They can share the gospel with them using the *wordless book*, which includes Bible stories in pictorial form, accompanied by audio recordings in their native language.

Through *Oral Scripture Use Training*, local leaders learn how to use these tools to reach their own people with God's Word. This approach is working well among the Quechua people of Peru. Your giving has made it possible to share the gospel with them, and the evangelists' efforts are yielding wonderful results.

PROVIDING THE BROAD SUPPORT MISSIONARIES NEED

Brendan Connally is director of SIM's *Oral Scripture Use Training* project in Peru. Like most missionaries, the Connally family is supported by churches and individuals in their missionary ministry. But missionaries need support beyond their daily living and ministry expenses.

That's where SIM comes in. Along with funding and training, SIM helps missionaries with the many practical tasks they face: managing transitions, obtaining visas, providing documentation, and resettling their families. As Brendan says, "SIM provides excellent member care and support so a missionary can focus on the ministry."

Your gifts to SIM are used to support missionaries in these ways in all corners of the world. **Thank you** for trusting us to apply those funds where they're most needed. It is a sacred stewardship that we treat with utmost care.



SIM USA 2016 FINANCIALS

Year ending September 30, 2016

See your donations at work

INCOME

Support and revenue	\$52,464,930
Net investment gains (losses)	1,408,558
Interest & dividend income	513,884
Change in value of annuities, trusts	(49,732)

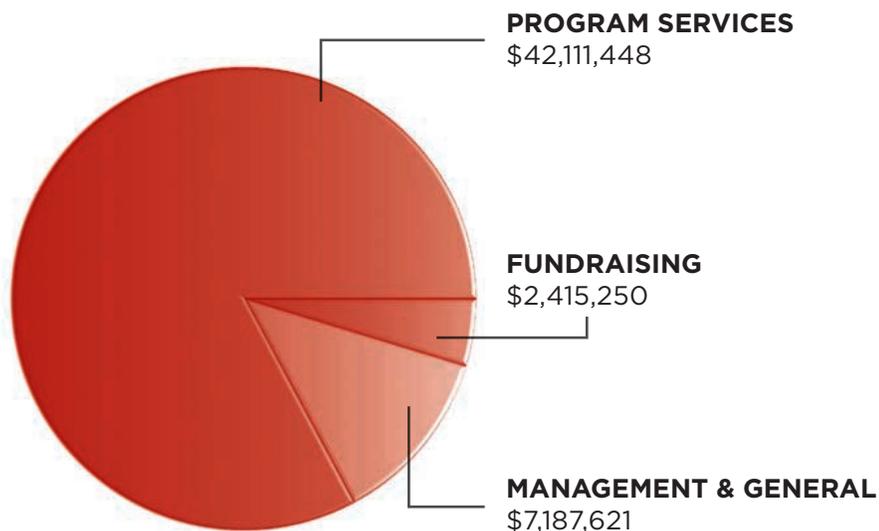
TOTAL INCOME **\$54,337,640**

EXPENSES

Program services	\$42,111,448
Management & general	7,187,621
Fundraising	2,415,250

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$51,714,319**

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$2,623,321**



Note: SIM USA's financial statements and financial systems are independently audited by Capin Crouse, LLP, Columbia, SC. SIM is also a long-standing member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

SIM for over a century has been a catalyst in global missions bringing good news where people are living and dying without the gospel.



50
MISSIONARIES
TRAINED



38
MISSIONARIES
DEPLOYED



745
MISSIONARIES
SERVING
WORLDWIDE
IN 2016