



## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

### Global Mission

#### What is Global Mission?

Global Mission is a special initiative, voted at the 1990 General Conference Session of the World Church, to reach unentered areas of the world with the Gospel—to reach the unreached with hope. God’s love compels Global Mission’s holistic, compassion-driven outreach to people who haven’t heard the gospel story.

Although it’s important to maintain and support existing missions and institutions, this isn’t Global Mission’s role. Global Mission supports *local* initiatives for frontline ministry in unentered areas—and helps involve all church departments in this task.

#### A Holistic Ministry

Global Mission cares for the whole person. Like Jesus sent out the first disciples to preach, teach, and heal the sick, Global Mission’s frontline workers reach out to the needs of people.

Global Mission pioneers share the good news through a holistic ministry including: caring for the sick, teaching agricultural skills, running literacy programs, holding evangelistic meetings, and giving Bible studies.

#### What are “Unentered Areas”?

Unentered areas are those parts of the world where there are no Adventists. This can range from an unentered suburb in a North American city through to a country in the Middle East. According to the United Nations, there are 228 countries in the world. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has established work in all but 26 of these countries.

#### What are Global Mission Pioneers?

Pioneers are laypeople who volunteer at least a year to establish a congregation in an unentered area within their own culture. They have the advantage of knowing the culture, speaking the language, blending with the local people—and being far less expensive than overseas missionaries. More than 20,000 Global Mission pioneers are now working around the world. Since 1990 pioneers have established more than 14,000 new Seventh-day Adventist congregations.

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### **More Facts**

- Nearly 90 percent of Seventh-day Adventists live in countries that contain only 34 percent of the world's population.
- The number of unreached people groups of 1 million or more has declined from 2,300 in 1990 to less than 450 today. (It's important to note that since 1990 about 1,000 new people groups have been added. Global Mission is gaining ground.)
- An average of 4.5 churches have been established every day since Global Mission began.
- Global Mission is audited annually, and the reports are available for anyone to see. The operations of Global Mission are funded by an endowment from the sale of Loma Linda foods, so 100 percent of donations go to the project designated.
- Global Mission is rigorous in demanding accountability for money given to support projects throughout the world.
- More information can be found at [www.global-mission.org](http://www.global-mission.org)