

At NAMB, it's all about the gospel, and we are here to serve and support pastors and churches as they minister on the front lines of pushing back lostness. Our more than 6,600 missionaries and chaplains were disciplined, raised up and called out from local Southern Baptist churches, and we are grateful for each one of them. Thank you for giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® and the Cooperative Program.

Here are some highlights of how God is working through our partnership with Southern Baptists:

Our Evangelism Team is seeing great engagement from churches. In 2023 more than 10,000 copies of NAMB's new [Evangelism Kit](#) were distributed to churches. The kit is designed to help pastors create a culture of evangelism in their church that will endure even as programs and emphases come and go. We had the opportunity to train more than 1,300 pastors and ministry leaders who plan to implement the training in their churches. Our [Refresh Retreats](#) give ministry leaders a chance to be equipped, encouraged and re-energized, and in 2023 we were able to provide this experience for more than 1,200 pastors and their wives. Since launching our [Youth Leader Coaching Network](#) in 2021, more than 800 youth leaders have attended the in-person gatherings, and more than 1,500 youth leaders have participated in the online sessions. Our [Collegiate Coaching Network](#) launched in the spring of 2022, and since then has had more than 260 collegiate leaders participate in the in-person gatherings and more than 400 engaged through the online sessions. Both networks equip leaders to engage students in evangelism, discipleship and missions.

Send Network, our church planting arm, is helping Southern Baptists start new churches everywhere for everyone. In 2023, we celebrated as Southern Baptists surpassed more than 10,000 new churches started since 2010, an incredible testimony to God's faithfulness and the Great Commission commitment our churches have. Under Vance Pitman's leadership, more than 400 church planters attended Send Network orientation at NAMB in 2023. In addition, we hosted five [Send Network Gatherings](#) throughout North America where church planters and their wives received training, coaching and encouragement as they met with fellow planting couples and Send Network leaders. Also in 2023, we launched the new [Mobilization Pathway](#) which helps churches take their next step in church planting.

Send Relief, the compassion ministry we lead in collaboration with the International Mission Board, is meeting immediate needs for thousands of people while also pointing them to salvation in Christ. In North America, Send Relief engaged more than 33,000 volunteers from more than 3,300 churches in 2023. We also added new resources designed to help churches start and sustain gospel-centered compassion ministries in their local communities. Send Relief has launched seven new video courses as part of its [Church Guide to Ministry](#), with expert practitioners in each of their respective fields. We have also cultivated a network of [Affiliate](#)

[Ministry Centers](#) over the last year, allowing Send Relief to walk alongside other like-minded ministries in the hope of elevating their presence and sharing their best practices as they seek to serve their communities and resource SBC churches.

NAMB-endorsed Southern Baptist Chaplains number more than 3,300 as they serve and minister all over the globe, reaching people that churches often cannot access. This includes more than 1,100 military chaplains who serve men and women in the United States Armed Services stationed on military bases throughout the world. In addition to endorsing chaplains on behalf of Southern Baptists, NAMB [provides training, resources and encouragement](#) to chaplains serving in hospitals, prisons, in disaster settings, law enforcement and as first responders. In 2023, Southern Baptist chaplains presented the gospel 95,627 times, resulting in 18,408 professions of faith and more than 1,600 baptisms.

Thank you, Southern Baptists, for the privilege to serve you and to partner with you in taking the gospel to North America.