



## OUR PURPOSE

SIM is a dispersed community of God's people who delight to worship him and are passionate about the Gospel, seeking to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ in the world.

The mission of SIM is to **glorify God** by **planting**, **strengthening**, and **partnering** with churches around the world as we:

- evangelize the unreached,
- minister to human need,
- disciple believers into churches,
- equip churches to fulfill Christ's Commission.



Above: Excited graduates receive their diplomas from Maranatha Bible College, Ghana, West Africa. This college has been training Christian leaders for more than 30 years and graduates like Vascoe Pwakecheiga are making a positive impact in the nation for God's glory. <http://www.sim.org/index.php/project/86900> (photo by Joni Byker)

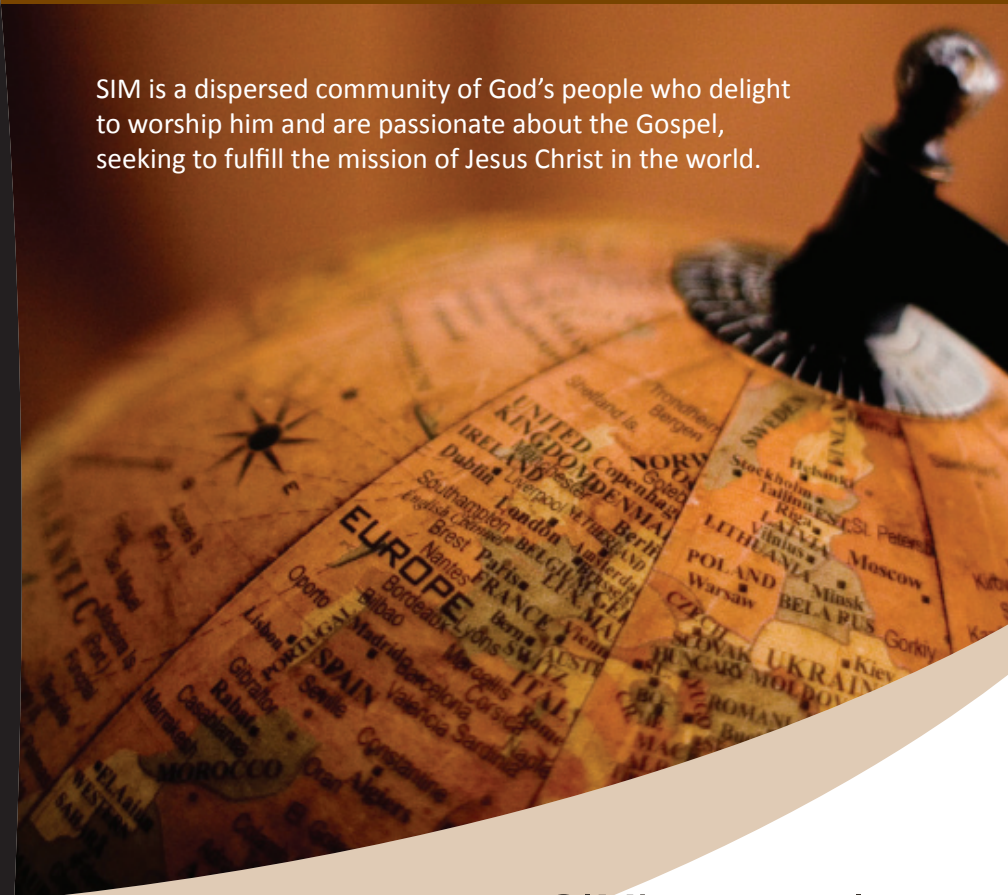


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## OUR HEARTBEAT

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SIM's core values,  
purpose statement,  
& statement of faith



## INTRODUCTION

**SIM** is an international mission organization with more than 1,600 active mission partners serving in over 40 countries. SIM members serve God among many diverse people groups in Africa, Asia, and South America. SIM members are "international" themselves, representing over 30 nationalities—including nations that in the past only received missionaries.

Using their spiritual gifts and talents, SIM missionaries are engaged in a variety of ministry services around the world. When HIV & AIDS came on the scene, our missionaries were among the first people on the front lines, responding compassionately in cooperation with our national church partners through medical care, education, etc. Today SIM remains committed to integral ministry.



# OUR CORE VALUES

SIM is a “Gospel community” that is:

## 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.

**Dependent on God:** “By Prayer” and in faith we depend on God for the provision of all our needs. We will demonstrate diligence, integrity, sharing, and accountability in cultivating and using the resources God provides.

**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.

**Mission-Focused:** We are committed to the urgent and unfinished task of making disciples of Jesus Christ in all nations. As we work, we desire to develop loving, trusting, and interdependent relationships with churches or other partners who share our vision.

**Church-Centred:** We are committed to being a Mission that begins, nurtures, and equips churches to be the expression of Christ in their communities and to reach out with crosscultural missionary vision and action.

**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 compassionate, holistic service in this broken world by alleviating suffering, fostering development, and effecting change in society.

## A Christlike Community:

We desire to be a transforming community dedicated to becoming like Christ in love, servanthood, holiness, and obedience to the Father. We believe that following Christ’s example means sacrifice, sometimes hardship, and perhaps even death.

**A Learning, Growing Community:** We believe in the worth and giftedness of each person in SIM and of those we seek to serve. We practice the giving and receiving of discipleship, life-long learning, consultative leadership, mutual development, and training as enduring disciplines.

**Strengthened Through Diversity:** We are intentionally international and interdenominational because we believe this perspective expresses the unity of the body of Christ in the world. We believe we will be more effective in ministry as we incorporate the richness of cultural diversity in SIM and celebrate our oneness in Christ.

**Responsive to Our Times:** We will respond with creativity and courage to evolving needs and opportunities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To be effective and relevant, our ministries, priorities, and structures are subject to ongoing evaluation and adaptation.



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Those who serve with SIM affirm the following beliefs:

**God:** There is one God who exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is the almighty Creator, Savior, and Judge who governs all things according to His sovereign will and is accomplishing His purposes in creation and in the Church to His glory.

**The Father:** God the Father is the source of all that is good. He initiates creation and redemption which He accomplishes through His Son and the Holy Spirit.

**God’s Written Word:** The Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is God’s written Word, revealing for all peoples His character and purposes. It is the final authority in all matters relating to belief and behavior. The Holy Spirit moved the human authors of the Bible so that what they wrote is inspired, fully reliable, and without error in all it affirms.

**The Human Race:** Humanity is the climax of God’s earthly creation,

bearing His image, designed for relationship with Him, and being the object of His redeeming love. All people have sinned. This results in guilt, death, and alienation from God as well as the defacing of every aspect of human nature. People are unable to save themselves from sin’s penalty and power and from Satan’s dominion.

**Jesus Christ:** Jesus Christ, both fully God and fully man, entered history as Savior of the world. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived an exemplary, sinless life in perfect submission to the Father and in loving relationships with others. He died on a cross, rose bodily, and ascended to heaven where He is advocate for His people and is exalted as Lord of all.

**Salvation:** Christ’s sacrificial death, in which He bore the punishment due to sinners, is the only and all-sufficient basis of God’s provision of salvation for all people of every culture and age, expressing His love and satisfying His justice. By God’s grace the repentant sinner, through trusting alone in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, is put right with God, adopted by the Father into His family and receives eternal life.

**The Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit makes the work of Christ effective to

sinners, giving spiritual life and placing them into the Church. He indwells all believers, empowers them to love, serve, witness, and obey God, equips them with gifts, and transforms them to be increasingly like Christ.

**The Church:** The universal Church is made up of all who have been born of the Spirit. It finds local expression in communities of believers called by God to worship, fellowship, proclaim the Gospel, and make disciples among all peoples. The church reflects God’s character, engages in works of compassion, contends for truth as well as justice, and celebrates baptism and communion.

**The Spirit World:** The holy angels are personal spirit beings who glorify God, serve Him, and minister to His people. Satan is a spiritual being who was created by God but fell through sin. He, along with other evil spirits, is the enemy of God and humanity, has been defeated by the work of Christ, is subject to God’s authority and faces eternal condemnation.

**The Future:** The Lord Jesus Christ will visibly return to the earth in glory and accomplish the final triumph over evil. God will make everything new. The dead will be raised and judged. Unbelievers will suffer eternal punishment in separation from God; believers will enter into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God, glorifying Him forever.