



## International Church Partnership Report

Mission to the World Committee

South Texas Presbytery

Wednesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Study:** This study began at the January 2025 meeting of the Mission to the World (MTW) Committee of the South Texas Presbytery (STP). Our goal was to discern the collective support of international missions by our member churches. MTW Committee members requested churches provide their international ministry partners' (IMPs) names, ministry locations, and sending agencies, and by July 2025, we had received information from 23 of the 24 churches.

The first draft of this report was created by TE Jon Herr (Redeemer, Austin) and submitted to the MTW Committee ahead of their August meeting. The final draft was approved via email on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> for distribution at the October 2025 meeting of the South Texas Presbytery.

**Partnership Observations:** For this study, a partner includes a single ministry household (family or individual) or agency. The churches of the South Texas Presbytery collectively reported supporting 122 total IMPs, 87 of which were unique. On average, our churches individually support 5 IMPs with a median support of 4 IMPs. 16 IMPs (18%) receive support from multiple churches, with seventy-one partners (82%) receiving support from a single church in our presbytery.

**Ministry Approach:** The collective approach of our churches to international missions support appears balanced and global, reflecting the strongest partner support in *Central and South America* (23 partners in 9 countries), *North America* (23 partners in 5 countries), *Asia* (21 Partners in 8 countries or regions), and *Europe* (20 partners in 10 countries), with lesser support in the *Middle East* (two partners) and *Australia/ the Pacific Islands* (1 partner). The location of two partners was not specified. Collectively we support partners in 34 different countries or regions. Partners in limited access countries, and those who serve multiple locations were reported by region not country.

**Missions Organizations:** The churches in the STP support partners representing 45 different international missions' organizations. 35 of our 87 IMPs are sent by MTW (40%). *Peru Mission* (9), *Isaiah 55/ Go Ye Fellowship* (5), and *Africa Bible Institute* (3), form a second tier of support priority. Four different agencies send two partners supported by STP churches, and the remaining thirty-six (36) agencies represent individual partners.

## Research Summary

**Data collection period:** April to July 2025

### Churches:

1. Number of churches reporting: 23/24 (95%).
2. Number of churches supporting a single IMP: 20/23 (86%)
3. Average number of IMPs by church: 5.3
4. Median number of IMPs by church: 4

**Partners:** a single partner includes an individual, family or agency.

1. Number of partners reported: 122
2. Number of individual partners: 87
3. Number of shared partners: 16



- a. Supported by 5+ STP churches: Baker (8), Olivares (5)
- b. Supported by 3-4 STP churches: Clow (4), Hoke (3), Holiday (3), Rudd (3), Xoca (3), Young (4), Ziehr (3)
- c. Supported by 2 STP churches: Beale, Davidson, Gregorie, Malone, Pekarek, Pires, Spence

**Partners by Country & Region:**

1. North America: 23 partners in 5 countries
2. Central & South America: 23 partners in 9 countries
3. Europe: 20 partners in 9 countries
4. Asia: 21 partners in 9 countries or regions
5. Africa: 16 partners in 9 countries or regions
6. Middle East: 2 organizations reported
7. Australia: 1 organization reported

**Sending Agencies**

1. 45 different agencies reported
2. Multiple Agencies:
  1. MTW (35)
  2. Peru Mission (9)
  3. Go Ye Fellowship (5)
  4. Isaiah 55 (5)
  5. African Bible University [3]
  6. Commission to Every Nation (2)
  7. CRU (formerly Campus Crusade) (2)
  8. PMI- Presbyterian Mission International: PMI (2)
3. Remaining Agencies: 36

**Committee Recommendations**

1. We commend the collective work of our churches in supporting 122 partners at an average of 5 partners per congregation.
2. We commend the global distribution of our church's partners and praise God for a global dispersion of ministry.
3. We encourage our churches to support the cause of world missions.
4. We particularly commend International Ministry Partners supported by multiple churches in the STP (page 3).
5. We encourage our church's mission's committees to consider supporting partners already engaged with churches from our presbytery. We are happy to provide recommendations to mission's committees seeking partners.
6. We encourage our churches to note a lower collective level of ministry support in the Middle East and Southeast Pacific including Australia and consider supporting partners in these regions in the future.



7. We thank you for your receptivity to the study and hope it is fruitful in future ministry. We hope to update this study every three years (next in 2028).

#### **Shared Partners 2025**

1. Baker, Wes and Jami (Peru Mission) Peru [8]
2. Beale, Nono and Kate (Isaiah 55, Go Ye Fellowship) Reynosa, MX [2]
3. Clow, John and Kathy (MTW) Honduras [4]
4. Davidson, Charles (MTW) Northern Mexico [2]
5. Gregoire, Dan (MNA) Slovakia [2]
6. Hoke, Tim and Cheri (African Bible University) Kampala, Uganda [3]
7. Holliday, Tim and Kristy (MTW) Mexico [3]
8. Malone, Hannah (EPC) Nampula, Mozambique [2]
9. Olivares, Oscar and Nancy (MTW) Japan [5]
10. Ryan & Katie (MTW) East Asia [2]
11. Pires, Luciano & Luciene, (PMI- Presbyterian Mission International) Porto, Portugal [2]
12. Rudd, Marcus and Heather (Isaiah 55 Ministries) Reynosa, Mexico [3]
13. Spence, Joel (MTW) Poland [2]
14. Xoca, Mario and Keila (Isaiah 55, Go Ye Fellowship) Reynosa, MX [3]
15. Young, Dan and Becky (MTW) US/Mexico Border [4]
16. Ziehr, Matt and Jaime<sup>1</sup> (MTW) Munich, Germany [3]

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<sup>1</sup> Note: have returned to US indefinitely.