

SIM Ghana



The first SIM missionaries came to Accra in 1956. With a vision to grow mature disciples of Jesus, they focussed on literature distribution and Bible studies. The literature distribution ministry developed into Challenge Bookshops which operated under the auspices of SIM until 1975. Today Challenge has expanded its scope of ministries and is known as Challenge Enterprises of Ghana.

Then, in the mid 1970s, a survey by the Ghana Evangelism Committee highlighted the need to reach the predominantly Muslim peoples of the north with the good news in the mother tongue of the people rather than in English or Twi. About that time, SIM missionaries serving in Ethiopia, fled the conflict there and came to Ghana settling in the Northern Region and the Upper East and Upper West Regions. The Kasena people around Chiana and the neighbouring Builsa and Nankani peoples in the UER followed traditional beliefs rather than Islam and when the missionaries came, many became Christians, and the church grew quickly. Churches were also planted amongst the Muslim Dagbon people in the Northern Region and the Sisaala people in the Upper West Region, but church growth has been slower and the task much more difficult. The churches planted are now known as the Fellowship of Good News Bible Churches or the Good News Bible Church (GNBC) for short. GNBC celebrates close to 200 churches led by pastors and leaders who speak the language of the people. They are a strongly missional church and SIM and the GNBC continue in partnership to-

gether to seek to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and disciple believers to maturity.

Today, SIM Ghana comprises just under 30 missionaries from 8 different countries. We are committed to developing and equipping multi-cultural, multi-skilled teams who serve together in harmony to accomplish the command of Jesus to make disciples of all nations. We are convinced that no-one should live and die without hearing the good news of God and we believe God has called us to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known. Our focus remains on the Muslim communities of northern Ghana. Our commitment to learn the culture and language of the people so that they hear the Gospel in their heart language remains undaunted despite the challenges of learning language. We continue to work with churches and like-minded organisations so that together we can accomplish the task that God has called His Church to.

In 2018, the SIM West Africa Missions Office (WAMO) moved its office to Ghana. SIM WAMO seeks to facilitate the participation in cross cultural ministry of those whom God is calling from across West Africa. WAMO comes alongside the missionary, their church and supporters and together they work to prepare and send missionaries from West Africa across the world to those who have yet to hear the good news of God.