



## The CP 'One Percent Challenge'

The Cooperative Program is the primary funding source for cooperative ministries among Southern Baptists, and this consistency ensures the fulltime deployment of 5,500 missionaries overseas and 5,300 missionaries in the U.S. and Canada – nearly 100 in Illinois. CP also underwrites the education of more than 16,500 men and women enrolled in the SBC's six seminaries.

Recently, SBC Executive Committee president Frank Page challenged churches to raise their Cooperative Program support by 1 percent during the next year. If SBC churches would increase their CP giving by 1 percent next year, an additional \$100 million would be available for accomplishing the Great Commission, Page said during the Executive Committee report at the SBC annual meeting.

This would allow hundreds of churches to be planted across the United States, he said. Internationally, 380 missionaries could be commissioned to begin reaching the 3,800 unengaged people groups worldwide. A 1 percent increase could boost seminary student enrollment by 16,000 students.



IBSA Executive Director Nate Adams supports Page's challenge because, "First, it meets every church right where they are, and gives them a simple step of faith that can move them slowly but surely toward stronger Great Commission obedience. Second, it is a challenge that's not so much about dollars as it is about shared, proportional sacrifice. That's the kind of giving we want our church members to understand in the biblical practice of tithing, and I believe it's the kind of giving that God commends and really blesses."

For more information about CP and the One Percent Challenge, visit [IBSA.org](http://IBSA.org) or e-mail [MartyKing@IBSA.org](mailto:MartyKing@IBSA.org).

### Featured Illinois missionary



**Hilary Renaldi** is the Communications and Promotion Specialist at Chicago Metro Baptist Association. She asks Illinois Baptists to pray:

- the large population of Muslims in Chicagoland would know the love of Jesus through the actions and words of community-conscious Christians;
- chaplains would be the hands and feet of Christ to those hurting in the hospitals, rehabs, nursing homes and hospices of Chicago; and
- women in Illinois Baptist churches will grow deeper in their walks with Christ.

## CP provides ministry training in Illinois

Last year, 24,236 Illinois Baptists received ministry training from IBSA, which was made possible through your gifts to the Cooperative Program. This includes:

- **1,105** at VBS Clinics
- **5,435** at evangelism and discipleship events
- **2,000** at Churches of Strength events
- **2,830** at Church Health and Staff Development events



### Every number has a story

Because you gave to CP:

- **5,300** missionaries shared the Gospel across the U.S. and Canada.
- **1,250** new churches were started in the U.S. and Canada.
- **5,296** international missionaries engaged 964 people groups with the Gospel in 153 countries.
- **24,650** new churches with indigenous leadership were started outside the U.S. and Canada.

Numbers taken from 2010 SBC Annual.



### How it works

1. Members of Illinois Baptist State Association give their tithes and offerings to the local Southern Baptist church.
2. Each local church decides what percentage of undesignated tithes offerings will be invested in missions through CP, and how much will remain in the local church to pay salaries, buy literature, pay utilities and fund local missions.
3. IBSA sends **43.25 percent** (the fourth largest percentage of all state conventions) of CP gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention and retains **56.75 percent** to help IBSA churches and association reach Illinois' estimated **8.2 million lost people** with the gospel.
4. The SBC forwards CP gifts to the International Mission Board (50 percent), the North American Mission Board (23 percent), six SBC seminaries (22 percent), and Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission and facilitating ministries (5 percent).



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Evangelism,  
Church Planting  
Collegiate Ministry,  
Church Strengthening,  
Missions and more



IMB 50%  
NAMB 23%  
Six SBC Seminaries 22%  
Ethics and Religious  
Liberty Commission 1.65%  
Other 3%

SBC 43.25%



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