

Report to California Baptists



California Southern Baptist Convention 2009

Reaching the World in California

Custom demographics available

CSBC recently launched a new community demographic service, MissionInsite, which provides a powerful collection of demographic resources to the local church or new church starter.

This free service is made possible through Cooperative Program gifts and is Web-based, making it accessible to any CSBC church with Internet access. Every church can have its own password, with unlimited use of the resource. A church is able to customize the target area to be studied, look for unique opportunities for ministry or capture a summary of the entire area.



To learn more about how MissionInsite works and how it can help your church, please visit www.missioninsite.com. To obtain a password for full use of MissionInsite at no cost, please call Kathy Foxen at California Southern Baptist Convention, 559-229-9533, ext. 259.

CP at work throughout California

The CSBC migrant ministry "Feeding Those Who Feed Us" joined forces with more than 100 churches in 52 locations to minister to almost 13,000 people while recording almost 1,300 professions of faith. Together we distributed 2,060 bags of groceries, 1,400 sets of new children's clothes and 925 backpacks filled with school supplies. Almost 500 patients were served in the medical and dental units.

Resort and ministry evangelism missionaries report 22,461 professions of faith through their ministries, including 5,373 baptisms. These missionaries also were involved in starting 2,116 new ministries.

California Baptists have started 107 new congregations, including 25 African-American, 35 Anglo/multiethnic and 47 language/ethnic churches. Nearly 130 pastors and team members participated in Basic Training for new church starters; 25 churches from 12 other states are partnering to start these new congregations.

In seeking to assist churches and their members with financial issues, Rod Wiltrout is hosting two live Webinars monthly which provide stewardship training and resources.

California Disaster Relief ministries trained 317 people in disaster relief skills, including meal preparation and fire cleanup. Volunteers have cleaned more than 150 burned homesites in the past year, and prepared more than 500,000 meals during Hurricane Ike recovery.

Second-generation pastors spoke to nearly 500 at the 2009 On Target Evangelism Conference, which emphasized the theme, "Reaching the Next Generation."

Youth ministry highlights for the past year include 2,400 students from 135 churches participating in Tsunami, the state youth conference, and 80 students from 11 churches participating in Youth Bible Drill.

Leaders from five churches met with CSBC and SBC agency representatives during the California Collegiate Summit. As a result, new ministries will begin on three college campuses this year.

More than 600 women are participating in FasTrak, three levels of training designed to equip women to be leaders in missions, church leadership and in their personal lives. The training, sponsored by California Women's Ministries, is offered in English, Spanish and Korean.

Thank You!



"I want to thank every church for their faithfulness in giving through the Cooperative Program, to associational missions and to the California Mission Offering during difficult economic times.

California Baptist churches have been hurt. Some have cut ministries or reduced salaries for church staff. Others have reduced their gifts to world mission causes. The CSBC staff continues to pray for the churches as they boldly seek to fulfill their mission of taking Christ to their communities.

I ask that you remember the need to share Christ with the 33 million people in California and the billions in our world who have not heard the Good News of Jesus. As you build your church budget for 2010 please prayerfully remember the need to fund world mission causes, including the Cooperative Program and associational missions.

This report shares how God is working in California. Everything you read is made possible because of the extraordinary giving through the Cooperative Program by churches like yours. Thank you for giving and thank you for praying for God to continue to use California Baptists to reach the world in California.

CSBC e-newsletter

If this report is helpful in sharing what Southern Baptists are doing in California, you have a weekly opportunity to know the latest news by signing up for the "CSBC Weekly e-Newsletter." It gives missionary profiles, tells the latest news of California Southern Baptists and gives updates on training opportunities and resources available to your church. Please take advantage of the e-Newsletter by signing up at www.csbc.com. In the left column of the homepage, click the second button labeled "Sign Up for Newsletters."

Yours for Souls,
Fermín A. Whittaker, executive director



God at Work in California

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Hispanic women have held 10 Koinonia regional training events for missions education, involving more than 600.

Some 500 California Southern Baptists have been trained in Peacemaker Ministries, which provides skills for ministering in the midst of personal and church conflict. Sixteen were trained as conflict coaches and mediators. CSBC Church and Pastoral Care helped 25 churches with conflict and provided counseling for more than 30 ministers and their families.

Church music workshops assisted 603 church musicians from 106 churches and 23 associations with music and worship training, enhancing the worship experiences of the congregations.

Jeness Park Christian Camp has hosted more than 14,000 campers during 2009; nearly 300 have made professions of faith. Three hundred attended Home School Family Camps.

Twelve conferences aimed at strengthening

churches have drawn 7,600 church leaders, including evangelism conferences in English, Spanish and Chinese. More than 200 churches received consultations on church health issues.

State Recreational Mountain and Marine (STRAM) Camps involved 400 campers, resulting in 46 salvations and 23 vocational ministry commitments.

The New America Singers (state youth choir) toured Hong Kong and mainland China for 26 days providing 61 musical presentations to more than 20,000 people. More than 400 professions of faith were recorded in Hong Kong alone.

Some 175 women attended the Ministers' Wives Retreat at Jeness Park, including 50 Spanish-speaking wives.

Literacy missions has trained 775 people in various workshops, resulting in numerous English as a Second Language, adult reading and writing and tutoring classes in local churches. At least 30 students in these classes have made professions of faith.

Jeness Park Christian Camp. Steve replaces Dennis Schmierer who retired after serving the Convention for 24 years.

All CSBC staff members are available to serve congregations with their ministry needs. Please call the CSBC Ministry Resource Center at (559) 229-9533 if we can help your church fulfill its mission.

Two new staff have joined the CSBC team



Sherann Kim is now serving as the US-C2 student evangelism specialist for CSBC. Her assignment is to assist churches with student evangelism ministries, including starting Christian clubs in schools and teaching students

how to share their faith.

Steve Pearson was elected as the Business Services Group leader. Pearson's duties include serving as the Convention's financial officer, supervision of information technology and



Did You Know?

Jeness Park provides free housing for pastors who want to retreat for study, spiritual renewal or family time. During the past year Jeness Park served 115 pastors. To reserve a spot, please call 1-800-258-7554.

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By The Numbers

Total Churches &
Missions:
2,084, with
approximately
500,000 members

Baptisms in 2008:
12,874 (10th in SBC)

Cooperative Program
gifts in 2008:
\$7,998,231

Percent of CP gifts for world
missions in 2008:
30%

Total church gifts through the
Cooperative Program in the past
10 years:
\$75.1 million

Total CSBC staff and
missionaries: **99**
MRC Staff - 46
Jeness Park - 21
Field Missionaries - 32

Local Baptist associations: **31**

Total agencies: **3**
CSBC,
California Baptist
Foundation, and
California Baptist
University

CSBC churches now preach the
Gospel in
72 different languages,
reaching more than
100 ethnic groups

Of the **38+ million** people
now living in California, some
estimate that **33 million** still
need Jesus!

To learn about the services and
ministries of your California
Southern Baptist Convention
please look through the
CSBC Website. Begin
your search for help
and resources at:
www.csbc.com