

How the Cooperative Program Works



California Southern Baptist Convention churches designate a portion of their church budgets for Cooperative Program ministries.



Gifts are forwarded to California Southern Baptist Convention in Fresno where a portion is used for missions and ministries in California. In 2008, 71% will be used to help reach California's 33+ million unchurched people.



A portion of the gifts is forwarded to the SBC for missions and ministries in our nation and around the world. 29% will leave California in 2008 for World Mission causes.

How the Cooperative Program Began

Prior to 1924, each Southern Baptist mission agency and institution made direct appeals to each church. Fund raising was expensive and churches were inundated with constant appeals. In 1924, Southern Baptists adopted a unified budget and in 1925 it was named the Co-Operative Program. In 1927, for the first time, all SBC churches joined together to finance their missions and ministries together.

See how mission giving has grown over the last 80 years.

1927

\$3.89 million

2007

\$205.7 million