

## 2008 Annual Statistical Report

### Report period: January-December 2007

Church Growth Indicators	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007-2008	Net Change 2007- 2008
Churches	95,383	111,082	135,091	157,731	181,967	15.4%	24,236
New Churches	15,795	18,064	23,486	25,497	26,970	5.8%	1,473
Total Outreach Groups	49,774	50,666	55,716	55,694	61,377	10.2%	5,683
New Outreach Groups	8,792	8,824	10,645	12,845	10,447	-18.7%	-2,398
Baptisms	475,392	477,140	476,075	596,115	565,967	-5.1%	-30,148
Church Membership	7,284,433	7,404,292	8,810,296	9,861,424	10,302,993	4.5%	441,569
Participants in Church Bible Teaching	3,851,456	3,941,755	4,372,791	4,640,083	4,739,330	2.1%	99,247
New Believers in Discipleship	399,401	472,914	510,605	567,027	562,091	-0.9%	-4,936
Church Members in Discipleship	877,235	911,494	1,119,178	1,264,384	1,414,140	11.8%	149,756
Non-Residential Leadership Training	109,818	127,317	158,766	202,068	206,731	2.3%	4,663
Residential Leadership Training	22,768	21,817	20,495	20,537	21,866	6.5%	1,329
Baptist Partners Home Missionaries	3,919	3,645	3,385	2,992	2,863	-4.3%	-129
Baptist Partners International Missionaries	1,900	1,706	1,766	1,917	2,105	9.8%	188

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