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What do the letters SIM stand for?

SIM was begun in 1893 as the Soudan Interior Mission. As other groups working outside Africa merged with SIM, the decision was made to keep the acronym (SIM) as our official name, and we adopted the trade name Society for International Ministries. (This trade name is still used in some countries for legal reasons.) Since 2000, we have used the trade name 'Serving In Mission', but the official name of the organisation remains simply SIM.

What has God accomplished through SIM in more than 100 years?

God's main work is invisible, within human hearts. SIM has, however, been involved in:

- planting thousands of churches serving millions of believers and seekers
- over 60 hospitals and community health ministries around 90 institutions for training Christian leaders
- Bible translations distributing millions of books for Christian workers around the world
- providing sources of safe water for more than a quarter of a million people
- innovative HIV and AIDS ministries in Africa and Asia
- dozens of Christian radio ministries (20 in Benin alone)
- encouraging and facilitating new mission agencies in former mission fields

Read more about [SIM's history here](#).

What kinds of work do SIM missionaries do?

SIM is a general mission. We appreciate and work closely with specialised missions in Bible translation, radio outreach, community development, medicine, HIV and AIDS ministry, and aviation, but our distinctive is our church-focused vision. Many of our missionaries work as church planters in pioneer areas or in partnership with local churches in discipleship, evangelism, or theological education. For more on the work we do see the ['What we do'](#) page

How are SIM's missionaries supported?

SIM is a faith mission. This means missionaries receive prayer and financial support from churches, friends, and others who believe in their ministry.

What does SIM believe?

Those who serve with SIM are committed to the essential truths of biblical Christianity. See our [statement of faith](#).

Have I got what it takes to be a missionary?

Being a missionary requires physical and emotional stamina and a resilient character. [Click here](#) for a list of questions we'll ask as you consider missionary service.

How do I apply to SIM?

Start by contacting your local SIM office. Have a look at the ['Ways to serve'](#) page to learn more about the [steps involved in applying](#) to serve with SIM.

Urgent prayer need

Pray for the country of Nigeria - for peace to be restored, and for the Lord's comfort for all those affected by the recent violence.