



COMIBAM

COOPERACIÓN MISIONERA IBEROAMERICANA
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But I have always tried to preach where people have never heard about Christ. I am like a builder who doesn't build on someone else's foundation. It is just as the Scriptures say, "All who haven't been told about him will see him, and those who haven't heard about him will understand."

Romans 15:20-21



We are



COMIBAM is the Iberoamerican Missionary Cooperative, a missionary movement that gathers the National Missionary Cooperatives (CMN) of twenty-four countries. These movements include the following; Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, the Southern Cone and Andean regions of South America, Brazil, and Hispanics in the U.S and Canada.



COMIBAM'S MAIN

purpose is:



To mobilize the Iberoamerican church in God's Mission through the cooperation and unity of the Iberoamerican missionary community involving the following: serving in local churches, international agencies and missionaries; and generating strategies for the fulfillment of the Great Commission to all ethnicities.



- Promoting a significant increase of Iberoamerican workers serving among UPGs.
- Expanding missionary intercession movements for Unreached People Groups (UPGs).
- Encouraging missiological reflection and research in the Church and missionary organizations.
- Connecting with members, partners and global missionary movements.
- Responding constantly to the needs of the missionary movement and missionaries through the specific departments of COMIBAM.
- Being intentional to involve new generations in the Iberoamerican Missionary Movement.
- Promoting cooperation between the missionary organizations, evangelical churches and denominations in Iberoamerica.



Vision

Iberoamerica taking the Gospel truth to all ethnicities.



Mission

To serve the body of Christ in Iberoamerica by collaborating in the creation of missiological reflection, services, and opportunities for the Gospel to reach the ends of the earth.



Our Values

- Community
- Cooperation
- Friendship
- Inclusion
- Unity



COMIBAM

results



24 National Missionary Cooperatives serving Iberoamerica

In 8 regions: Iberia, North American Hispanics, Mexico, Central America, Caribbean, Andean, Southern Cone and Brazil.

455 Churches Mobilized in Global Mission

In all of Iberoamerica.



+2500 Missionary Intercessors were mobilized and gathered virtually and in person to pray for COMIBAM, the workers and the unreached ethnicities.

6 regional forums and training events were organized for the **Iberoamerican missionary movement** in the areas of training, mobilization, new generations, sending and integral care of missionaries.

209 trained mobilizers from **22** countries were Gathered virtually and in person from all Iberoamerica.

328

mobilized women to the Global Mission of God Were Gathered virtually and in person from all Iberoamerica.

98

Young Emerging Leaders that are challenged in God's Mission Were Gathered virtually and in person from 16 countries.

+16K

followers in our social media Receive news, event information, and prayer requests for missionaries and unreached ethnicities.



2022 has been a time of changes, adjustments and challenges in COMIBAM. These include leadership transitions and ministry development in a post-pandemic, Covid-19 era, that affected us all globally and regionally. It also affected the Church. We have experienced wars during these years, displacement of millions of people, and fragile economies, among other challenges. But the call remains the same: “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations”.

This has been our call as an Iberoamerican missionary movement, and nonetheless, we have so much gratitude to our Lord for His guidance, hope, strength and generosity. We are likewise grateful to God for each brother, pastor and church who prayed, sent workers to the field, gave generously, and actively participated in the Global Mission of God.

Despite all that we have experienced in recent years, our commitment to the Lord and His word is still present in our hearts as a missionary movement.

We are grateful to the Board of Directors of COMIBAM for their work, dedication, and caring for the vision and mission of the movement.

We are grateful to each member of the COMIBAM team for their service: for each trip, event, call, email, and meeting. All done with the purpose of blessing and serving the church and the missionary movement.

We are grateful to each organization and ministry that prayed and generously supported financially COMIBAM’s projects and initiatives.

Thank you so much!

Cristian Castro
Executive Director COMIBAM



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Nobilizing

THE LORD'S CHURCH
IN IBEROAMERICA

#COMIBAMMoving



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One of the strategic objectives of COMIBAM is “to strengthen our relationship and services to the church of Christ in Iberoamerica”. We firmly believe in the calling and leadership of the church in the Global Mission of God.

It has been an honor to walk with pastors across Iberoamerica, whether in a missionary conference, a missions workshop, a pastoral conversation, or simply in a face-to-face meeting over coffee with leaders to share what the Lord is doing in the world. What fills us with joy is seeing many churches respond to the Word of the Lord to take the gospel “to the ends of the earth”. This year COMIBAM, through its services, programs and the National Missionary Cooperatives directly served **455 churches in Iberoamerica.**



Nobilizing



One of our biggest challenges now is to invite and accompany the New Generations (NNGG) to participate in God's Mission to create a generational change in the Missionary Movement. For this reason, in 2022 **we convened 98 young emerging leaders from Iberoamerica to encourage, challenge and invite them to participate in the "Emerging Missions Leaders Mentoring" program that is anticipated to be launched in 2023. Pray that many will respond and get involved!**

In COMIBAM, the purpose of mobilization is to accompany the churches and pastors in their missionary work. For this reason, the Mobilizer Forum was developed in Quito, Ecuador in 2022. The Forum's purpose was to update tools, approaches and action plans in missionary mobilization. **135 mobilizers from 22 Iberoamerican countries participated.** In addition, **74 mobilizers** participated in the meeting of global mobilizers that took place virtually. A total of **209 mobilizers were trained at this event.**

The AEL estimates that in Latin America there are approximately 500,000 churches and 120,000,000 evangelicals. The closest data is that only between 6 and 10% of the churches actively participate in the Global Mission of God, that is, approximately **30.000 churches.**

IMPACT

- **455** Churches mobilized
- **209** Mobilizers trained
- **98** Emerging youth leaders challenged





LIFTING UP MISSIONARY *intercession*

During 2022, we mobilized prayer through the prayer leaders of the Missionary Cooperatives through different platforms and activities. More than 2,500 people, connected via Zoom, constantly prayed for COMIBAM, the workers and the mission fields. We cannot even begin to measure the reach of the prayer calendars posted on different websites and social media networks! We also had in-person prayer meetings in 9 countries during our 10 days of prayer. These events speak to the involvement and importance of prayer to COMIBAM.

Prayer for Unreached Peoples was also promoted within the entire Movement with resources and calls in 2022:



18/01 - 01/02

Day Prayer Guide for
the Buddhist World



28/02

Prayer for Ukraine, in
collaboration with
Oriental Connection



02/04 - 01/05

30 Days of Prayer
for Muslim World





328 women
mobilized
throughout
Ibero-America
for the Global
Mission of God

Women

IN MISSIONS

Also this year, another principal task has been to empower Christian women in their participation in the Great Commission. Specifically, to support and to make known the work of women on the mission field working to extend the Kingdom. The Women's Mission Department contacted and mobilized 328 women in Iberoamerica in missions through events, activities and social media.

Next Strategic Event: Women's Mission Meeting, October 2023



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POST PANDEMIC TRAINING

The Training Department of COMIBAM also hosted the Iberoamerican Training Forum in March, 2022, in Guadalajara, Mexico. Eighteen ministries focused and participated in missionary training. Some of the subjects discussed were:



- Leaders that end well
- Updated Trainings (updated curricula) with comprehensive formats and relevant content
- Training and sending from the Philippines (Case Study)
- The Post-Pandemic Church
- Integrating Innovation

ACCELERATE THE SENDING OF WORKERS FROM IBEROAMERICA TO

all nations

The Sending Department of COMIBAM invested time with leadership groups in Latin America to reflect on the missionary vocation and how to better develop more missionaries in the local church and missionary agencies. They also visited the National Missionary Cooperatives in Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico, where meetings and training took place to reflect on the progress of the Iberoamerican missionary movement and to evaluate missionary sending from this continent.

Next Strategic Event: Organizations and Sending Churches Forum in God's Global Mission, August 2023.





MISSIOLOGICAL REFLECTION

From the Missiology Department, Iberoamerican missiological articles have been produced with very relevant topics to today's missionary reality in Iberoamerica. It seeks to create an awareness of the need to continue deepening the theology and practice of the Iberoamerican mission. These articles are on the COMIBAM page www.comibam.org.

A series of missiological issues have been defined that are understood as priorities needed in the study and missionary work in and from Iberoamerica. These themes will serve as a platform for the development of a reflection roadmap for the Iberoamerican missionary movement in the coming years.

Next Strategic Event:
The Missiological Reflection Meeting is being organized to take place in May 2023, in Bogota, Colombia.

The meeting is being organized by an alliance of organizations that will convene and endorse issues emerging from the meeting. We anticipate the participation of more than 80 theologians, missiologists, directors of mission organizations, pastors, and experienced missionaries.





REGIONAL AND GLOBAL

collaboration

During 2022, new strategic relationships were promoted for the Iberoamerican missionary movement that allow us to give the church and the National Missionary Cooperatives of each country opportunities for service.

We developed collaborative connections with the CRU, Vision 5.9 (Grid to Islamic World), Evangelical Latin Alliance (AEL), Global Mission Mobilization Initiative (GMMI), Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) and Oriental Connection. In February 2023, we will participate in missionary meetings of Evangelical Global Alliance (WEA) in Thailand.

Agreement Collaborative with AEL: One of our main tasks as COMIBAM is to strengthen our relationship and service to the Iberoamerican church. To achieve this important assignment, we participated in the AEL where we connected with the 22 Evangelical Alliances of Iberoamerica and also created relationships and connections for COMIBAM and the movement. We visited the following countries: Costa Rica, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, Uruguay, Dominican Republic and Colombia.



In July, members of the COMIBAM team participated in the “Consultation of Christian Indigenous Leaders of the Colombian Amazon,” organized by the Trans Amazonian Indigenous Network and the 3 Waves Movement. Indigenous leaders from Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia, and Venezuela, among others, participated in the event. Our desire is to serve together so that all the indigenous ethnic groups of Latin America receive the gospel in their own language.

IMPACT IN THE MISSIONARY

fields



**Iberoamerica
taking the
Gospel to the
25% of unreached
ethnic groups**

COMIBAM's Field Department participated in the Mobilization Forum that took place in Quito, Ecuador. We had the opportunity to spend an entire day talking about the Remaining Task and the Unreached Ethnic Groups.

A Workers' Retreat in Asia is being planned which will take place in October 2023. This is being done in cooperation with the missionary movement of South Korea, where we expect the participation of 150 Latin workers who live and serve in Asia.

Unreached ethnic groups were promoted in all possible spaces according to worldwide organizations that investigate the advancement of the gospel in the world.

The Joshua Project and the IMB report that currently approximately 7,400 unreached ethnic groups have been identified. As a missionary movement, we are committed to take the gospel from the church to 25% of these ethnic groups, or 1,850 unreached ethnic groups!

We supported the Oriental Connection in the promotion and launching of the "Week for the Displaced and Refugees", in June 2022.

Next Strategic Event:

1. Iberoamerican Consultation of Unreached Ethnic Groups is anticipated to take place in March 2023, in Panama City, Panamá.
2. The Latin Workers Retreat in Asia, South Korea, October 2023.

National

MISSIONARY COOPERATIONS IN MOVEMENT



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COMIBAM has 24 National Missionary Cooperatives throughout Latin America, many Hispanics from North America, and others from Spain and Portugal. These are made up of churches, agencies, organizations and leaders from each country. All were actively working during 2022, serving the churches and organizations in their countries.

Here are some highlights from their work:



Meeting of the 5 Central American Missionary Cooperatives in Guatemala City.



Consultation of Missions of RIO GLOBAL (COMIBAM Peru) that gathered 90 leaders of agencies and denominations of Peru.



MISSION 2022 Missionary Congress-Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the World Missions Network (COMIBAM Argentina), with 600 participants in attendance.



Missionary Congress 2022 in Cochabamba in Bolivia, with 200 participants in attendance.



Missionary Congress of AMTB (COMIBAM Brazil) in São Paulo, 1,500 leaders, pastors and organizations in attendance.



Missionary Meeting in Belize in November, with 18 churches in attendance. (CONEM Guatemala)



Conference “The Global Latin Diaspora and God’s Mission” (COMIBAM Canada).



Missionary Conference “Connected to the Mission of God”, Vancouver. (COMIBAM Canada)



Leaders and directors meeting of COMIMEX (COMIBAM Mexico).



Assembly of leaders and organizations of CONAMI (COMIBAM Paraguay).



Assembly of COMEC, organizations, churches and mission leaders. (COMIBAM Ecuador).



Integral

CARE OF THE MISSIONARIES



The CIM Department proposed in 2022 to highlight the importance of comprehensive care for the missionary. We observed the urgent need to support and to accompany the missionary in a responsible, prepared, professional, culturally contextualized and timely manner. But above all else, to support the missionary in a deeply biblical and spiritual way. Care needs to be adapted to the current world scenario, which is difficult, complex, and changing. Responses should also be thorough, thoughtful, and enriched with theoretical and practical knowledge. Above all, responses should be guided by the Holy Spirit.

CIM organized the following trainings for the caregivers in 2022:

- ✓ Virtual Training- Comprehensive Care of the Missionary, August 25 to 27, 2022
- ✓ 5th Training and mutual edification meeting “At the table with Jesus”, September 3, 2022
- ✓ Virtual Meeting on DIALOGUE AND MUTUAL TRAINING, October 22, 2022

TRAINING FOR CMN'S

In collaboration with Pioneers and Simply Mobilizing ministries, the “Training to Raise Finances for Personal, Family and Ministry Budgets” was offered to the leaders of the National Missionary Cooperatives from October 3 to December 11.





Catálogo de Etnias No Alcanzadas
para la Iglesia Iberoamericana:
"Juntos en la Gran Comisión".

FOCUSED ON THE *unreached*

The One Ethnic Outreach Department developed the "Ethnic Research Course" for our national movement in Mexico. This course is functional for any national missionary movement that wishes to investigate the ethnic groups in their country.

The list of 3,000 ethnic groups that COMIBAM uses as a reference was updated with the new information, as well as the catalogs maintained by countries.

NEW IMAGE

After several years, COMIBAM has renovated the COMIBAM logo, website and social media outlets. The changes were made in a spirit of prayer, humility and understanding of the current times. Our logo continues to express our heart. The flame represents the fire of the Holy Spirit in the missionary movement. The torch that was passed to us in 1987 at the first COMIBAM 87 missionary congress shows that we are responsible for obeying the Lord to take the gospel to all nations.

Likewise, that torch must be passed on to the new generation. The circle in the logo represents the world to which we are called to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

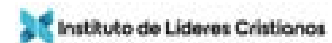
We also updated our website and social media outlets with the purpose of serving and mobilizing the new generation to the Global Mission of God.



SPONSORS OF COMIBAM

for the missionary mobilization of the Church in Iberoamerica.

In 2022 we launched our COMIBAM sponsorship program. We are very grateful to the organizations that responded and came together to accompany us with their prayers, resources and offerings. **Thank you so much!**

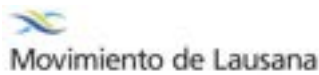




COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

We also thank our collaborative partners for walking alongside the Iberoamerican Missionary Movement, providing resources and opportunities for training, mobilization and service on the mission field.

Thank you so much!





- Thank you to the churches, pastors and missionary organizations

Surely, there are thousands throughout Iberoamerica who have joined the Global Mission of God and the work of COMIBAM. Thank you very much for your prayers, offerings, and accompanying us in this journey.

- Thank you to the missionary force in the mission fields

We know that there are thousands of workers all over the world from Iberoamerica! Thank you for your obedience, for being where you are, and for doing what the Lord has sent you to do. Our prayers are with you, your families, your children, and your ministries every day.

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57



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