

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

A FORCE IN MOTION

IBERO-AMERICA, A MISSIONARY FORCE IN MOTION

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What is COMIBAM?

The **Ibero-American Missionary Cooperation (COMIBAM)** is a missionary movement that represents and brings together the National Missionary Cooperations (NMCs) of **twenty-five countries**, including Spain, Portugal, Hispanics in the United States and Canada, as well as the Latin diaspora in other regions of the world.

PURPOSE

To serve the Ibero-American Church in God's global mission by fostering cooperation and unity within the missionary community of Ibero-America; mobilizing and accompanying local churches, missionary organizations and agencies, pastors, and missionaries; and generating missiological reflection, initiatives, and strategies for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

VISION

"Ibero-America bringing the whole gospel to people from every people, tribe, language, and nation."

Revelation 5:9

MISSION

"To serve the Body of Christ in Ibero-America and beyond by facilitating missiological reflection, mobilization and sending initiatives, services, and opportunities, so that the whole gospel may reach people from every people, tribe, language, and nation."

COMIBAM'S AIMS

- 01** To serve the Body of Christ in its missionary calling and processes, so that it may be fully equipped to proclaim and embody the whole gospel of Jesus Christ among every people, tribe, language, and nation.
- 02** To interact with missionary entities, evangelical churches, and denominations through cooperative relationships and through the services and resources offered by COMIBAM.
- 03** To encourage and support collaborative ties and the development of COMIBAM's National Missionary Cooperations.
- 04** To connect with the global missionary movement.

GREETINGS

Greetings from the Executive Director

I extend warm greetings to the evangelical and missionary community throughout Ibero-America, with deep gratitude for the ongoing support and prayers for the entire COMIBAM team across our 25 member countries and beyond.

With gratitude and humility before God, I share with you the annual work report developed throughout 2025. This report covers the most relevant events and aspects of our work during this period.

The report is based on COMIBAM's **eight strategic pillars** and reflects the combined work of the executive team and the National Missionary Cooperations: dozens upon dozens of men and women who love the Lord and long for Him to be known among people from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

With gratitude,

Cristian Castro

Executive Director · COMIBAM International



"A missionary force in motion, sustained by prayer and cooperation."

COMIBAM brand concept

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STRATEGIC PILLAR 01

The National Missionary Cooperations (NMCs) in Motion

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During the period under review, COMIBAM's work focused on strengthening the National Missionary Cooperations and their coordinators through a close, relational, and sustained presence. The emphasis was on:

- accompanying processes.
- listening to local realities.
- walking alongside national leadership.
- promoting greater alignment with the vision, mission, and values of the Ibero-American missionary movement.

General Assembly in Panama City

In April, COMIBAM held its General Assembly in Panama City, marking a significant milestone by bringing together more than **100 delegates** representing the 25 National Missionary Cooperations. This space made it possible to:

- review the progress of the NMCs (National Missionary Cooperations) and of the missionary movement as a whole.
- update COMIBAM's bylaws.
- reaffirm the shared vision that unites us as a movement.
- strengthen the bonds of fellowship that sustain our networked work.



Visits and national coordination

Visits to 10 NMCs (National Missionary Cooperations) during the period

Throughout the year, this spirit of coordination was expressed through visits to NMCs in various countries, accompaniment during processes of transition and institutional consolidation, and support for national initiatives aimed at strengthening missionary mobilization. Through the Executive Directorate, 10 NMCs were visited during this period:

- Argentina
- Uruguay
- Colombia
- Panama
- Bolivia
- El Salvador
- Spain
- Guatemala
- Peru
- Costa Rica

COMCA · Missionary Cooperation of Central America

The 7 Central American National Missionary Cooperations (Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Belize), under the name COMCA (Missionary Cooperation of Central America), gathered in San Salvador for a time of fellowship, reports, changes, and adjustments within the missionary movement of Central America. The Executive Director, together with the Directors of Mobilization and Research, participated in the gathering. For COMIBAM, it was very important to be present and to connect with the leaders of the region.

Impact numbers for the NMCs in 2025



Altogether, the activities carried out by the NMCs reached more than **1,400 leaders, pastors, and missionary teams**, showing a significant impact on the consolidation of the NMCs, the strengthening of collaborative work, and the future projection of the Ibero-American missionary movement.

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STRATEGIC PILLAR 02

**Strengthening
Missionary
Cooperation among
Organizations,
Churches, and
Denominations in
Ibero-America**

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During 2025, COMIBAM significantly strengthened cooperation among missionary organizations, evangelical churches, and denominations throughout Ibero-America through an active presence in strategic spaces for gathering, training, and coordination.

5th COMIBAM Missionary Congress 2025

Without a doubt, the 5th COMIBAM Missionary Congress 2025, held in Panama City in April, was a central achievement, bringing together more than 1,700 participants from 30 countries, including more than 400 young people, 400 pastors, and 300 field missionaries. This consolidated COMIBAM's relevance within the missionary movement and the Latin American church.

+1,700

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Spaces of collaboration fostered

COMIBAM fostered collaboration between the church and missionary organizations in several noteworthy spaces:

COALA Gathering

Held in Panama City in April, it facilitated the participation of leaders from Latin America and missionary organizations who connected with one another and, at the same time, with church leaders and leaders of the global missionary movement from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East.

Missio Dei Gathering

At the Missio Dei Gathering, held in August in Bogotá, Colombia, we enabled national mission leaders and organizations to take part in this space and connect with other organizations and mission movements in integral mission.

Missiological Forum

Held in October in Lima, Peru, spaces for conversation and dialogue were facilitated among participating churches and organizations.

COMCA · Central American Missionary Cooperation

The 7 National Missionary Cooperations of Central America met in El Salvador for a time of fellowship and joint collaboration on several mobilization projects directed toward the local church.

Testimonials of cooperation and ministry relationships

"I really enjoyed being able to get to know other ministries, see what the Lord is doing through other brothers and sisters, and connect with new avenues of cooperation."

PARTICIPANT · LIMA FORUM

"I was able to connect with people from Chile who are interested in collaborating in missions with the organization I represent."

PARTICIPANT · LIMA FORUM

"There was not enough time to make more connections, but without a doubt all of them were a great blessing, such as SETECA and Mesa Global."

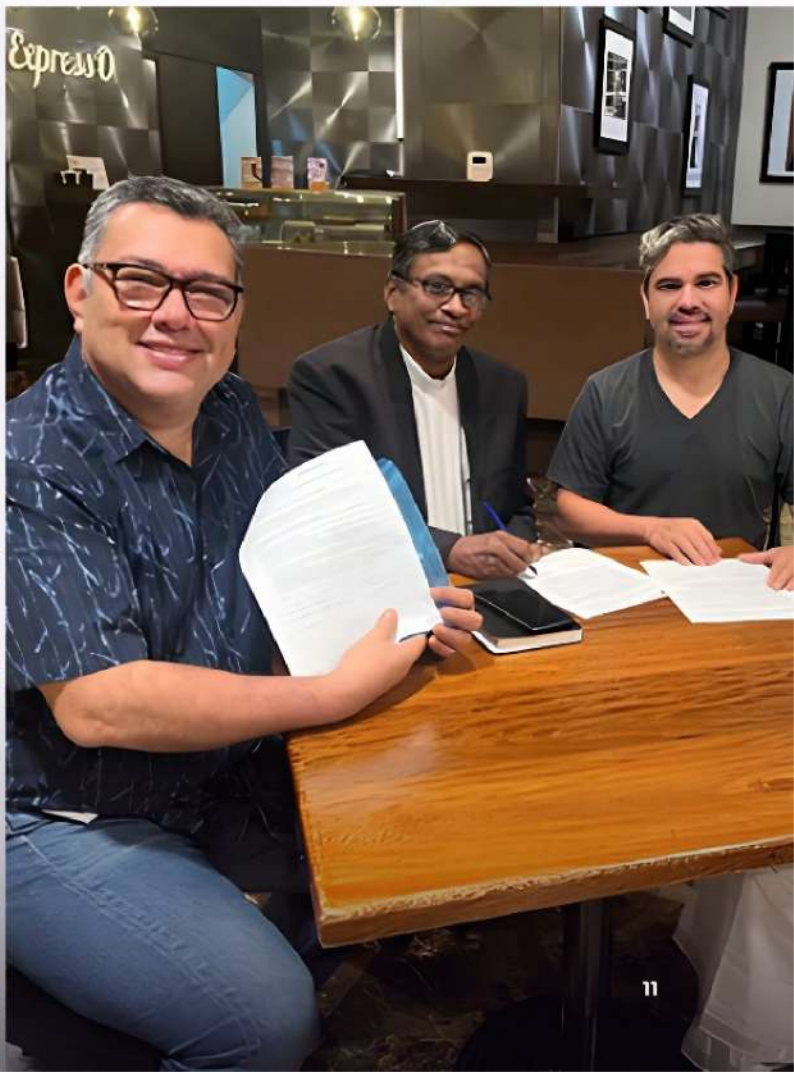
PARTICIPANT · LIMA FORUM

"The COMIBAM 2025 Congress was an opportunity to refocus ministry and connect with opportunities to keep moving forward in mission."

PARTICIPANT · 5TH COMIBAM CONGRESS 2025

"I am leaving the congress with connections to ministries with which I want to collaborate."

PARTICIPANT · 5TH COMIBAM CONGRESS 2025



03



STRATEGIC PILLAR 03

**Missionary
Intercession
Movements on
Behalf of
Unreached People
Groups and the
World**

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Within the framework of the 5th COMIBAM Congress 2025, the WhatsApp Intercession Community was launched, which facilitated greater connection among intercessors from different countries and promoted constant, coordinated participation in prayer for missions at the continental level.

Intensive weeks of prayer were developed, and 24-hour prayer chains were activated at critical moments in the world and on the mission field, generating a united and timely response to field challenges.

+25%

increase in participation in intercession meetings

6

new Latin American countries with national prayer groups

5

countries produced prayer materials and cards for people groups



Prayer campaigns throughout the year

Specific prayer campaigns were carried out throughout the year, using missionary intercession guides to pray for Unreached People Groups:

- 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World (Ramadan).
- 15 Days of Prayer for the Hindu World.
- The 31 Border People Groups.
- The Month of Prayer for Bible Translation.

Results of the year

As a result of these actions, participation in intercession meetings increased by **25%**, and new national prayer groups were formed in **six additional** Latin American countries.

Prayer materials and cards

Another noteworthy point is that prayer materials and cards for unreached people groups were developed in **Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Panama**. This material is designed to encourage prayer for the people groups prioritized by the Ibero-American missionary movement.

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STRATEGIC PILLAR 04

Research and Missiological Reflection with Purpose

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At the 5th COMIBAM Congress 2025, the Research Department presented the results and the book *General State of the Ibero-American Missionary Movement*, which includes three studies conducted during the preceding months:

- The participation of the church in God's global mission.
- The ecosystem of participating organizations and ministries.
- The life of the cross-cultural worker in the field.

~2,000

pastors

800

missionary organizations

+700

field workers

19

years since the previous study



Updated data after 19 years

It is worth noting that this research represents the responses of nearly **2,000 pastors, 800 missionary organizations, and more than 700 field workers**. In this sense, it constitutes a very broad and representative sample of the Ibero-American missionary movement. In this way, the previous research was updated, and current data was delivered to the church and to the missionary movement after 19 years.

As part of the strengthening of the research area, in September 2025, **100 copies** of the book *General State of the Ibero-American Missionary Movement* were published. The publication was presented during the Missiological Forum in Lima, Peru.

3rd Missio Dei Gathering · Bogotá

COMIBAM co-organized and participated in the 3rd Missio Dei Gathering, held in August in Bogotá, Colombia. The gathering was a space for missionary reflection on the "shared table in God's Mission." COMIBAM contributed reflections on the cross-cultural tables of mission. More than 100 pastors and leaders from different Latin American countries and ministries focused on diverse approaches to mission participated in the gathering, thereby strengthening collaborative missiological reflection.

Ibero-American Missiological Forum · Lima

A relevant milestone in 2025 was the Ibero-American Missiological Forum in Lima, Peru, which brought together more than 100 leaders, pastors, and missionaries sent by the National Missionary Cooperations, churches, and agencies, with the purpose of reflecting together on the missiological foundations and practices of the missionary movement. The dynamic brought participants together around four specific work axes to reflect on and identify missiological statements that represent our missiology and practice.

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“Mutuality in the Majority World”

Las G. Newman, PhD

Minority World / Majority World

STRATEGIC PILLAR 05

**Connections
with the Global
Missionary
Movement**



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During 2025, COMIBAM intentionally strengthened its relationships with strategic partners, missionary movements, and church networks at the global level, with a particular emphasis on dialogue, collaboration, and fellowship among Global South initiatives and historic missionary networks.

This effort sought to position the Ibero-American missionary movement as a relevant actor within global mission and, at the same time, to generate partnerships that directly benefit churches and workers sent from Ibero-America.

COALA3 Gathering

One of the most significant gatherings was the organization of COALA3 (Christ over Asia, Africa and Latin) in Panama City, which brought together more than 50 leaders from six Global South missionary movements. This space made it possible to deepen dialogue around the Global Mission of God, strengthen relationships of trust, and explore new forms of cooperation among emerging movements.

+50

leaders from 6 Global South movements at COALA3

+1,000

participants at the Coworkers Conference, Germany

~600

Korean missionaries serving in Latin America today



Partnerships and presence in global networks

Agreement with the IMA · India

A collaborative agreement was signed with the IMA (India Missions Association) to pursue joint service in bringing the gospel to the unreached people groups of India.

WEA Assembly · South Korea

Our participation in the WEA Assembly in South Korea allowed COMIBAM to take part in strategic spaces for reflection and dialogue alongside evangelical leaders from around the world, strengthening ties with the WEA Mission Commission and with the Latin Evangelical Alliance (AEL). These spaces provided learning, updated understanding of the reality of the global church, and new opportunities for missionary coordination.

Advisory Board of Conexión Training · Accra, Ghana

We participated in the "Advisory Board of Conexión Training" meeting, held in Accra, Ghana. This meeting brought together leaders mostly from African movements and included leaders from India, the Philippines, and Brazil. Participating in this gathering expanded COMIBAM's presence in global mission networks, reaffirming the collaborative spirit of the Ibero-American missionary movement.

COUNTRIES WHERE COMIBAM WAS PRESENT IN 2025



United States



India



South Korea



Ghana



Germany



Thailand

Coworkers Conference · Germany

In Europe, relationships with strategic partners were consolidated through participation in the Annual Conference of the missionary organization Coworkers in Germany, which brought together more than 1,000 participants from churches and ministries across the country. This space made it possible to give visibility to the Ibero-American missionary movement and to generate concrete support for processes of youth mobilization. Our Coordinator for the Hispanic Diaspora in Europe represented us at the Spiritual Guidance Conference (COE), held in Stuttgart, Germany, in October, which brought together around 30 pastors and leaders from Hispanic churches in various cities across the country. Participation in this gathering helped to strengthen ministerial ties and expand missionary cooperation among the diaspora communities.

Korean missionaries in Latin America · Los Angeles, USA

COMIBAM participated in the gathering with the Association of Korean Missionaries in Latin America, held in Los Angeles, USA, a space for fellowship and for exploring possibilities of collaboration on the continent, such as mobilizing pastors in the countries where they serve, connecting with each country's missionary movement, and supporting specific pastoral mobilization projects. It is worth mentioning that approximately 600 missionaries from South Korea are serving in Latin America.

ARISE Asia · Thailand

Our Mobilization Coordinator for Asia represented us at the ARISE Asia leadership gathering, held in Thailand, where other Latin leaders also participated, including two leaders from VOCARE, a ministry from Brazil. Challenging young people from the Global South to God's mission represents a significant challenge in the context of a global generation.

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STRATEGIC PILLAR 06

**More Ibero-
American Workers
among Unreached
Ethnic Groups
and Peoples**

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Based on the research carried out, COMIBAM's Research Department reported that there are more than 34,000 full-time missionaries from across Ibero-America serving around the world. We celebrate with gratitude before God this great missionary force that has gone out to preach Christ!

34,000

Ibero-American missionaries serving full-time around the world, according to the 2025 research.

Latin American Table for Bible Translation

COMIBAM participated in the Latin American Table for Bible Translation, held in Oaxaca, Mexico, where participants explored in depth the need for intentional work to mobilize and recruit workers who will serve among peoples without access to the Bible or without a Bible translation. It was agreed that the Latin American Congress for Bible Translation (CLATUB), scheduled for April 2026 in Guatemala City, would be developed as a strategic event to promote the recruitment of workers to serve as Bible translators or support personnel for access to Scripture among ethnic groups without the Bible.

Adopt a People Group (AUE)

Our Adopt a People Group Department (AUE) continued its task of promoting the 1,850 prioritized people groups among churches across the continent. In addition, the National Missionary Cooperations of Ecuador, Bolivia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Panama printed prayer cards for their prioritized people groups to encourage the church to pray for them and send missionaries.



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STRATEGIC PILLAR 07

**COMIBAM's
Ongoing Action to
Strengthen the
Missionary
Movement and the
Work of
Missionaries in the
Field**

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One priority emphasis was the care of Third Culture Kids (TCKs), through the consolidation and expansion of national care tables.

There are currently active tables in eight countries, as well as several advanced training processes in other contexts. Throughout the year, ongoing accompaniment was provided to TCKs and their families, addressing specific cases, facilitating specialized support, and strengthening communication with parents and missionary teams. The actions developed in countries such as Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, and Peru reflect a sustained commitment to the holistic care of missionaries, training, the raising of awareness among churches and agencies on this topic, and the building of support communities adapted to each context.

In a complementary way, initiatives focused on the care and rest of missionary workers were strengthened. A highlight was the inauguration of the **"La Siesta"** house in Asia in November 2025, a space intended for the rest and restoration of Latin and Global South workers, as well as accompaniment of emerging processes such as Brazil's **OASIS** project, focused on holistic ministry to missionary families. These initiatives demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of care that includes emotional, spiritual, family, and relational dimensions.



Coordination of the strategic areas

Training, Sending, and Field

Work was carried out to coordinate COMIBAM's strategic areas of Training, Sending, and Field, with participation in interagency gatherings, congresses, and training spaces, in order to respond in a more integrated way to the needs of the movement. In total, the activities developed within this pillar reached **170 people**.

Mobilization and pastoral work

The Strategic Area of Mobilization strengthened the vision for work with pastors. Follow-up was provided to the Pastoral Community in Missions, where several webinars focused on mobilizing pastors were held. As a result of this work, five strategic regions for pastoral dialogue around the Great Commission were defined, reinforcing a shared vision of mission as an integral part of the life of the local church.

Field · COMIBAM Spain

The Field Area maintained spaces for dialogue and coordination with the leaders of COMIBAM Spain for the purpose of accompanying and assisting as needed. As a result of these exchanges, the need was identified to strengthen COMIBAM's image and positioning among the Spanish church, with the goal of consolidating its identity, visibility, and coordination within the European context.

Latin diaspora in Europe

The initiative to mobilize the Latin diaspora in Europe carried out visits to pastors and churches in Germany, England, and Austria, where approximately 20 Latin churches were contacted. During this period, the initiative participated in the Spiritual Orientation Conference held in Stuttgart, which brought together more than 20 Latin churches from across Germany.

Latin diaspora in Asia

The initiative to mobilize the Latin diaspora in Asia made connections with communities of Latin Christians living in the Asian diaspora (Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Southeast Asia). The purpose of this work was to connect these communities with the Ibero-American missionary movement, promoting their participation and strengthening ties of transregional cooperation.

Publications and communications

Publications · online store

The Publications Department launched COMIBAM's online store with its own digital resources and those of partner authors. To date, the store has **15 books** available in digital format.

Communications

Our Communications Team was renewed during 2025; many of its members were volunteers at COMIBAM 2025 and later joined the team. During this period, they worked to improve our image and social media presence. As a result of this work:

- A systematized format was developed for requesting support with designs, logos, and publications for the entire movement.
- The logos and brand book were updated.
- COMIBAM's social media channels were renewed.
- The design process began for COMIBAM's new website, which will be launched in April 2026.

3,845

people directly reached. All these actions, carried out both in person and virtually, made it possible to serve pastors, leaders, churches, seminaries, denominational networks, and missionary organizations.

08



STRATEGIC PILLAR 08

Mobilizing New Generations for God's Global Mission

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During 2025, COMIBAM developed intentional and sustained work to involve new generations—children, young people, and emerging leaders—in the Ibero-American missionary movement, recognizing that long-term missionary mobilization requires early, creative, and contextualized sowing.

This effort was expressed both in youth spaces with regional reach and in consolidated initiatives for children’s missionary formation. Approximately **400 young people under the age of 40** participated in the 5th COMIBAM Missionary Congress 2025, held in April in Panama City, most of them as participants and a smaller group as volunteers. COMIBAM continues to be a reference point in missions for young people in Latin America.

~400

young people under 40 participated in the 5th Congress

+2,000

young people challenged toward global mission at gatherings

25

years of the Children’s Missionary Adventure ministry



Generational transition and early sowing

Young leadership in the NMCs (National Missionary Cooperations)

Another relevant development is that some of the National Missionary Cooperations—such as Bolivia, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Paraguay—have appointed young national leaders under the age of 40, in keeping with the goal of promoting a generational transition process in leadership.

Young Leaders in Missions (LJM) Program

The Young Leaders in Missions (LJM) Program was designed as a hybrid project of training, mentoring, and accompaniment for young leaders from Ibero-America between the ages of 20 and 35. The program will begin in March 2026.

Young people challenged at gatherings and congresses

COMIBAM members and leaders, as well as leaders from the missionary movement, participated in multiple youth gatherings and congresses in Latin America, where more than 2,000 young people were challenged toward God's global mission, became familiar with the missionary movement, and connected with it. Of these, more than 400 young people were directly impacted through workshops, plenary sessions, and strategic gatherings with a clear vision of cross-cultural mission.

25 years of Children's Missionary Adventure

In a complementary way, 2025 marked the 25th anniversary of the Children's Missionary Adventure ministry, a key initiative for sowing missionary vision among children in Latin America in a pedagogical, experiential, and deeply formative way. Throughout the year, multiple editions of Children's Missionary Adventure were held in different Ibero-American countries, including Mexico, Puerto Rico, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, and Colombia. These activities involved thousands of children and hundreds of young and adult volunteers, who not only collaborated in logistics and teaching, but were also sensitized and mobilized in their own understanding of mission.

Likewise, with our greatest joy, work, and available resources, we have made our greatest and best effort to fulfill COMIBAM's 8 strategic pillars of work.

GRATITUDE

Acknowledgments

Everything achieved in 2025 is the fruit of the shared effort of a great missionary family. We give thanks to God, the source of all grace, and to every person, church, and community that made this journey possible.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY COOPERATIONS

To the NMCs (National Missionary Cooperations) of the twenty-five countries that make up COMIBAM, for their dedication, hospitality, and constant work in every nation of Ibero-America.

INTERCESSORS

To the intercession network that upholds in prayer every pillar, every missionary, and every nation, reminding us that mission is born and sustained on our knees.

VOLUNTEERS AND NEW GENERATIONS

To the volunteers, young people, and children who, with freshness and passion, renew the missionary vision and ensure the generational transition of the movement.

CHURCHES AND MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

To the local churches, agencies, and organizations that cooperate, send, and sustain those who serve among Unreached Ethnic Groups and Peoples.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS AND DONORS

To the partners of the global missionary movement and to every donor whose generosity makes service, research, and the care of missionaries possible.

COMIBAM TEAM

To the Executive Directorate and to every department and collaborator who, with dedication, shaped the work of this year and this report.

To Him be all the glory. We press on: **Ibero-America, a missionary force in motion.**



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