

The Acts 1:8 Challenge

Our Church

A Worldwide Mission Center

Jesus commanded the church to take the gospel to the ends of the earth and gave us a powerful model in Acts 1:8 that is local, regional, continental, and global. With this model, any local church can be a worldwide mission center.

● OUR Jerusalem . . .

There are people in our community who may never choose to come to our church. Still we must go to them with servants' hearts and the gospel message. They must have the freedom to become disciples of Jesus in their own context.

● OUR Judea . . .

Throughout our state and region are people who drive the same roads, cheer for the same teams, and appear moral or even religious. But many are relying on false beliefs or their own efforts rather than a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We must build bridges to them, and carry the gospel across those bridges.

● OUR Samaria . . .

In North America it is estimated that 7 out of 10 people—about 235 million—do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our past religious heritage has given way to a predominantly secular or even idolatrous culture. We must cross whatever barriers separate people from the gospel message.

● OUR Ends of the Earth . . .

Of the 6.2 billion people now on earth, 3.4 billion live in about 6,500 unreached people groups. Southern Baptist missionaries are now reaching into almost 200 new people groups each year. We must, pray, give, and go with them to the ends of the earth.

We're not alone . . .

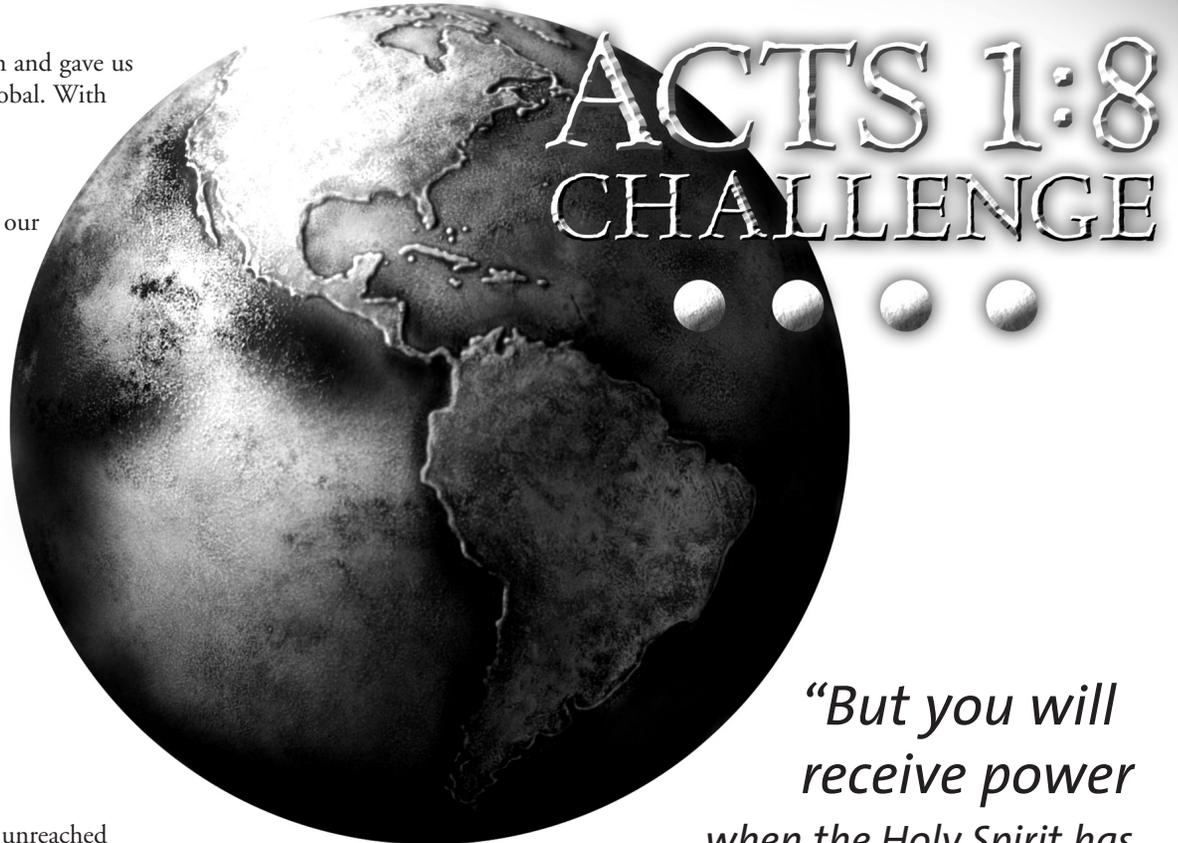
More and more churches are accepting the Acts 1:8 Challenge of Jesus and embracing a comprehensive missions strategy, assisted by their Southern Baptist partners.

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*“But you will
receive power
when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you, and you will
be My witnesses
in Jerusalem, in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the
ends of the earth”*

Acts 1:8 (HCSB).



The Acts 1:8 Challenge is a cooperative missions challenge to the local church from partner entities of the Southern Baptist Convention. Together, our desire is *Empowering Kingdom Growth* through the local church.