

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT (ASR) DEFINITIONS

ENTITY INFORMATION

SOWING	
Gospel Witness	A gospel witness is an opportunity to share the gospel through verbal witness. The witness engages individuals in conversation about the claims of Christ, shares their testimony, or explains biblical truth so that the hearer has a better or more complete understanding of God.
Opportunity to respond	This occurs during or following a gospel witness where individuals are asked to respond to the claims of Christ, a personal testimony, or an explanation of biblical truth. This means asking people to accept Christ and leaving the door open to return to share more about Christ.
Seekers	These are individuals who, after hearing a presentation of the gospel and having an opportunity to respond, return to ask more and deeper questions regarding the claims of Christ and spiritual matters.
REAPING	
New believers	Individuals who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and continue to seek after Christ.
Baptisms	Individuals who have come to faith in Christ and were baptized by immersion as an act of obedience and testimony to the Lord.
GATHERING	
Groups	Gatherings of people led by someone who intends them to become a church according to the Baptist Faith & Message definition of church. These groups represent a group of believers and non-believers meeting together in the early formation stage of church.
New groups begun this month	Gatherings of people led by someone who intends them to become a church according to the Baptist Faith & Message definition of church. These groups represent a group of believers and non-believers meeting together in the early formation stage of church.
New 1st gen churches	Indicate the number of new 1st Generation Baptist churches begun in this entity according to the Baptist Faith & Message definition of church. 1st Generation churches reflect initial church planting in an entity. If the church generation is unknown, enter

	new churches here.
1st gen churches Lost	Indicate the number of 1st Generation Baptist churches that ceased to exist, stopped meeting, or merged with another Baptist church. If the church generation is unknown, enter lost churches here.
Total 1st gen churches	The total number of 1st Generation Baptist churches within this entity.
New 2nd gen churches	Indicate the number of new 2nd Generation Baptist churches begun in this entity. 2nd Generation churches are churches planted by a 1st Generation church. When church "A" plants church "B," church "B" is a 2nd generation church of church "A."
2nd gen churches lost	Indicate the number of 2nd Generation Baptist churches that ceased to exist, stopped meeting, or merged with another Baptist church.
New 3rd gen churches	Indicate the number of new 3rd Generation Baptist churches begun in this entity. 3rd Generation churches are churches planted by a 2nd Generation church. When 2nd Generation church "B" plants church "C," church "C" is a 3rd generation church from church "A."
Lost 3rd gen churches	Indicate the number of 3rd Generation Baptist that ceased to exist, stopped meeting or merged with another Baptist church.
New Churches Formed	The total number of new churches in this entity.
Churches No Longer Meeting	The total number of churches that ceased to exist, stopped meeting, or merged with another Baptist church.
Total Churches	The total number of churches meeting now.
Baptized believers meeting in groups or churches	The total number of individuals who have come to faith in Christ, were baptized by immersion as an act of obedience and testimony to the Lord, and are now meeting together in groups, new churches, or churches.
	DISCIPLING
On-going Bible Study	This is Bible study focusing on God's word and leads believers through basic, essential Christian beliefs, doctrines, and personal application. On-going Bible study meets with regularity with believers and unbelievers for the purpose of winning the lost and discipling believers. These Bible studies may be conducted in groups, home Bible studies, churches, cell groups, and Bible storying groups.
Personal mentoring	Personal mentoring includes activities, Bible studies, or discipleship events where you or your team mentors new or growing leaders.
	TRAINING
Practical Pastoral Training	Training designed to equip local church or group leaders to carry out the functions of a church in a local setting. It is local ministry centric and provides practical pastoral

	teaching and equipping.
Training to Start New Churches	Training designed to equip individuals with necessary skills to facilitate church starting. This training takes various forms depending on the local situation and could include T4T or TRT.
Advanced Theological Studies	Seminary programs of theological education designed to equip individuals to serve outside and beyond the local church ministry. It is more abstract and conceptual in design and typically more formalized curriculum than practical pastoral training.
Other Training	Localized training to develop church or group leadership and believers to be more effective in their Christian life. It includes building new skill sets such as witnessing, Bible teaching, training others, mentoring, or service.