



## TWELVE CHURCH PROGRAM

*"And when he had called unto him his twelve ..." Matthew 10:1*

### **Purpose Statement:**

The goal of this program is to locate twelve churches where God, using *FirstBible* International, could build into their mission's ministry philosophy a dominating burden for the unreached.

### **Explanation of Purpose Statement:**

- We know God is a global Deity (John 3:16).
- We know one-half of the globe is unevangelized (3.2 billion souls).
- We believe God has brought *FirstBible* International to the "kingdom for such a time as this." Knowing the over-balance of our mission effort, dollars and personnel toward the reached areas of the world, we believe we need to play catch-up. Hence, some churches must let the uttermost become dominate in their missions effort.

### **Some Facts:**

1. We spend .2 of 1% of our mission dollar on the unreached and 99.8% on the reached.
2. Out of the approximately 4,000 missionary families among independent Baptists:
  - a. 10% of them are in one country – Brazil
  - b. 30% of our missionaries live in five countries – Brazil, Mexico, United Kingdom, Philippines, and Canada.
3. Eighty-five countries recognized by the United Nations do not have an independent Baptist Missionary.
4. There are 6,000 of the 24,000 people groups without a functioning protestant church (much less a Baptist one).
5. There are over 6,000 languages without a Bible.
6. There is a great absence of prayer effort toward the unreached.

*Would you agree that someone needs to get over-burdened, shift into an emergency mode and let the number and the condition of the unreached dominate our mission's program?*

*It is not a matter of fairness or value but one of obedience. He said, '...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to EVERY creature.'"*

#### **Considerations for becoming a participant in the twelve church program:**

1. Be a church of like faith (Baptist).
2. Set a goal to be a 10% church within three years.\*
3. Adopt a nation or a language.\*
4. Support a *FirstBible* missionary.\*
5. Have an annual *FirstBible* Regional Conference.\*
6. Be a regional church.
7. Have a mailing ministry to those in your region. \*
8. Pray for a missionary and/or messenger to work out of your church.\*
9. Bear the expenses of your region.\*
10. Attend the annual *FirstBible* Conference on Reaching the Unreached.
11. Develop a prayer ministry.\*

\*Part of a Regional Church Involvement

#### **Goal of Twelve Church Program:**

- To become a world headquarters for *FirstBible* International.
- To realize *FirstBible's* only hope of perpetuity lies in and under the authority of the local church. Jesus trained twelve to carry on in his absence. *FirstBible* should not be built upon a man but should become part of the ministry fabric of the church.