



Will you partner with us to reach Chicagoland?



We have a big mission in a big place. We're called to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with 10 million people. We need ministry partners who will make a big commitment.



# part-ner-ship

“a joint venture by people with a common purpose; noted by friendship, fellowship, and achievement”

## Getting Started: How can we begin a partnership?

### Schedule Week of Prayer.

Use the “7 Days of Prayer” Guide, watch the daily videos at the CMBA website [www.ChicagoBaptist.com](http://www.ChicagoBaptist.com), and collect a special missions offering for CMBA.

### Give for hunger ministry.

CMBA churches feed many thousands each month. We need funds to replace cuts and to meet the growing hunger problem in the city.

### Give to summer outreach.

CMBA churches hold 100+ evangelistic block parties, VBS's, Bible clubs. Churches need grant money for hot dogs, balloons, and Bibles.

### Plan a mission trip.

Ignite your church's passion for missions. Meet unreached peoples, ethnic cultures, and religions in Chicago. Bring your team for homeless outreach, building projects, street witnessing, neighborhood surveys, and more.

### Partner with local church.

Our churches need strong partners who will team with them. Begin a three-year partnership that will grow both churches.

### Plant a new church here.

Be a mother congregation to a new church in Chicago. We have unreached people groups just waiting.

### Give Missions Support Directly to CMBA

Like all subsidized SBC associations, we lost NAMB funding beginning in 2012. We lost staff, missionaries, and support for ministries. We asked local churches to give more, but the need—and the gap—is great.

Please consider putting CMBA in your missions budget, so our kingdom work in Chicago continues uninterrupted.

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200+ churches together sharing Jesus Christ with Chicagoland.

- A city of global impact with more than 2,000 people groups and 200 languages.
- A metro area of 10 million people, and 8 million do not know Christ.
- More than 400 city neighborhoods and suburban communities.

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## Go North: A New Era of Partnerships



**Keith Draper**  
Executive Director  
CMBA

When I left Little Rock 25 years ago and moved to Chicago as a volunteer college ministry leader, I hardly dreamed how deeply I would come to **love this city**. I love its energy and excitement, its rich history and its **potential for global impact**. And I love the people—10 million people. And I feel deeply for the **8 million who are without Christ**.

I love our CMBA churches who share our thrilling and challenging mission field. As a church planting strategist, I led efforts to reach a vast city of immigrants with the gospel of Christ. Now I also equip and encourage pastors who till hard soil in the inner cities, and in suburbs where Christ followers are a minority.

**Great opportunity.** Chicago is a key mission city for Southern Baptists. Founded in 1956, CMBA has grown from a dozen churches on the edges of the city to **more than 200 churches** and missions speaking 31 languages. Our association is one of the most ethnically diverse in the U.S.

CMBA has churches on the Northside, Southside, Westside, suburbs:

- storefronts in needy neighborhoods where crime and hunger are a way of life. (**I was moved to tears** visiting one church where the men's room doubles as the pastor's office),
- contemporary congregations in classical church buildings, reaching out to hip, young urbanites,
- and churches struggling to reach suburban families without Christ.

**Partners needed:** We have partnered gratefully with Illinois Baptists and North American Mission Board across six decades. Now, with major funding changes in our denomination, **local associations** like ours, in major cities on the perimeter of SBC work, **must find new partners**

with hearts for winning the cities. As the missions experts say, if we win the cities, we win the world.

If we win Chicagoland, we will win people groups who carry the gospel back to their homelands.

But **we need many more boots on the ground and financial partners** to get the kingdom work done.

Our local team has the know-how and experience to make our partnership productive and effective for kingdom growth. **Will you join us?**



*My family and I remain committed to our calling in Chicagoland. Will you partner with us and CMBA to reach the cities for Jesus Christ?*

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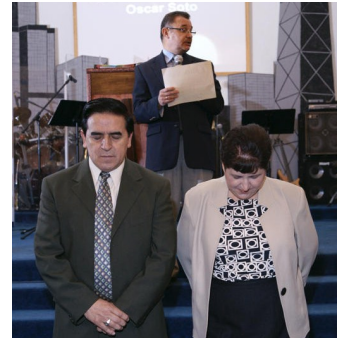
### Come to the City, Share Christ

CMBA has started 50 new churches in the past five years. **God raises up local pastors** to reach the communities they call home. One example: Pastor and Mrs. Oscar Soto (left) of Iglesia Misionera North Avenue.

And God **calls people from far away** to Chicago. Scott and Ashley Venable from Texas (below) are planting a church in the artsy Wicker Park community.



*Southern Baptists in Chicagoland need strong, caring partners for ministry that makes impact on the streets and around the world. We need workers, prayer, and financial support to reach this city.*



### Bring Work Teams & Mission Teams

When you bring a mission team to Chicago, you touch the world. Every year CMBA churches host dozens of **teams of youth and adults**, many from churches outside the region who want a **cross-cultural ministry** experience. They begin here. And we welcome hundreds of teen WorldChangers (right), who **share their faith** as they help needy residents fix their houses.

Mission teams share the gospel on the streets, lead Bible clubs, and help church planters survey ethnic communities where the name of Jesus is hardly spoken.

**Bring a team** from your church or association. Contact CMBA to **make plans and arrange housing**. Chicago is waiting. The world is waiting.



### Make Long-term Church Partnerships

Southern Baptist **churches in the north** are a minority. We are far outnumbered by mainline denominations and independents, not to mention a world of non-Christian religions. Many CMBA churches **are small**. They struggle to grow indigenous leadership.

Many would **welcome SBC churches as partners**. We have seen multi-year relationships bless both churches and their communities. Year 1: you bring a team to Chicago. Year 2: the CMBA church brings a team to your city. Year 3: you work together on a joint project.

Let CMBA bring you and a potential partner church together **to reach the city**.

