

Reaching the Unreached in Southeast Asia



Overview

South Carolina Baptists believe in the training, equipping, and sending of believers to the ends of the Earth.

Jacob Simms is just one example in a legacy of missions. A South Carolina native, Simms attended Coastal Carolina, where their Baptist Collegiate Ministry was heavily instrumental in his faith and his call to missions. In addition, Simms is also a Palmetto Collective graduate. He is now a Project 3000 Explorer with the International Mission Board, putting the experience and knowledge he gained in South Carolina to practice in Southeast Asia.

Project 3000 Explorers are tasked with the challenge of doing extensive research on over 3,000 unreached people groups. Once research has been done, IMB teams, along with their national partners on the ground, will continue to move these people groups from unengaged to Gospel engagement and, prayerfully, from unreached to reached.

Faith in Difficulty

For Simms, the journey has been one of perseverance and faith. He recounts the hurdles he faced, from navigating visa renewals to the painstaking learning of the language. "This task can seem daunting and intimidating at times, but I am fully confident in the fact that God is already working in these people now and preparing the harvest as we speak," Simms said.

Language learning is an important part of Jacob's preparation. "I am so thankful for the grace God has shown me in language learning and that he has allowed me to have more ways to communicate with my brothers and sisters here," Simms said.

Beyond his linguistic endeavors, Jacob has immersed himself in the local community, building relationships through shared interests. "I have been spending most of my free time continuing to build relationships at the gym and through playing basketball," Simms said. These seemingly ordinary activities serve as avenues for ministry, where friendships can blossom.

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