

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of man and the final Authority for all Christian faith, life, and conduct.

OUR VALUES

INSERV is an interdenominational organisation in that our workers are Christians from different denominations and churches, recognizing that the points on which they differ are less important than those that unite them. In serving churches and mission organisations from different denominations we value

- Partnerships / Networking
- Relationships
- Excellence and Integrity
- Servanthood
- Empowerment

OUR CHALLENGE

The evangelisation of over two billion people who are cut off from hearing the Gospel due to historical and other considerations. You can play a significant role in reaching these billions by supporting **Inserv** through prayer and financial contributions.

INSERV seeks to fulfill its vision and mission through the following programmes:

MISSIONS RESEARCH

Research is done through the gathering and interpretation of research information for strategic planning, and the formation of partnerships and networks.

Amongst other projects we work closely with the continental Movement for African National Initiatives (MANI) and serve them as a regional data hub for Southern Africa.

INSERV's main tasks in the MANI partnership include:

- Maintaining the regional MANI (EIS or Ethne Information system) data base;
- Updating the existing data in the Joshua Project database for Southern Africa;
- The EIS database has two components which are regularly updated and verified viz;
 - a. **Harvest Field:** Ethno-linguistic peoples groups data, for 10 countries in Southern Africa;
 - b. **Harvest Force:** Church and organizational information.

RESEARCH TRAINING

We offer **specific research training** to persons with no or little experience that will empower them to apply the acquired principles to their target group. One learns how to conduct research by doing research.

MAPPING

INSERV offers a **MAPPING SERVICE** for Churches, organisations and individuals to evaluate and strategise. Information on physical features, infrastructure and location of people and languages has an impact on how to reach the least reached.

Mapping is done in support of **INSERV's** research projects.

Together with Global Mapping International (GMI), we offer training workshops at various locations in Southern Africa.

REACH OUT

To assist Churches and Christians in South Africa to become **AWARE** of the needs, opportunities and resources available for short-term evangelistic outreaches.

To **MOBILISE** Christians to pray, go themselves or fund others to go on evangelistic outreaches, thus encouraging long-term involvement and support.

To **ASSIST** Churches and mission agencies with the publication of their information to create awareness and mobilisation.

SOME EXAMPLES OF INSERV's WORK:

- Assisting an organisation interested with Literature Research in Angola in order to plan its work there;
- Compilation of comprehensive reports on the Yao, Makwe/Maraba, and other coastal groups in Mozambique;
- Field research report on a group from North Africa;
- Demographic and community surveys for strategic and effective ministry;
- We were part of a facilitation team in one of the South African National Research Network projects. Its purpose was to study missions in the new South Africa. The outcome was the publication of the book "No quick fixes", edited by Prof. Dons Kritzinger;
- Designing of Custom-made World and Ministry maps for organizations, churches and individuals, as well as training them in the use of mapping software;
- Published 12 editions of the Reach Out guide advertising short-term outreaches world wide.

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Vision:

"Strategically serving and mobilizing the church through missions research."

MISSION STATEMENT

"Mission empowerment through strategic missions research and services to the church in advancing the kingdom of Christ amongst the least reached."

BACKGROUND

INSERV was founded in 1988 by a group of young professionals who felt the call to missions firstly through prayer and financial involvement and eventually through personal involvement. It was registered in 1999 as 'Missionserv Trust', aiming at providing churches, mission agencies and individuals with information, research training and consultation in strategic planning. This would enable them to do effective mission and church planting programs (both short- and long-term), as well as cross-cultural outreaches among the least reached people groups, both locally and internationally.