

# This Week in History

27 December – 2 January

► 28 December 1984, International Christian Fellowship entered Senegal to evangelize the Wolof.

► 31 December 1982, John Freeman, Field Director of Africa Evangelical Fellowship's Southern Field (South Africa plus Swaziland), presented amended Certificates of Occupation and Title Deeds (now in the name of the Church) to President Lloyd Magewu of the African Evangelical Church. This action gave “legal authority for ownership and possession of Church property and buildings” to the AEC, signifying its independence from AEF and maturation as a completely autonomous denomination.

► 31 December 2009, Shilluk soldiers attacked SIM’s base at Atar in South Sudan that SIM missionaries was used to teach English, plant churches and do discipleship. God miraculously protected Ethiopian missionaries Getachew Abo, Kelemwa Tilahun, Yacob Aga, and Tibarek Wondimu and their children, and Nigerian missionaries Ruth and Ubandoma Nadab who were caught up in the attack.

► 1 January 1894, Cape General Mission (f. 1889) and South East Africa Evangelistic Mission (f. 1891) merged to form South Africa General Mission (SAGM). SAGM’s name changed to Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF) in 1965. AEF merged with SIM in 1998.

► 1 January 1933, Newton Kapp and other missionaries opened SIM’s first station in Kano, Nigeria. The missionaries initially “lived above a canteen” until they built this station that was given to them because, according to one report, “The location was a den of thieves.”

► 1 January 1982, Andes Evangelical Mission (AEM) merged with SIM. AEM, originally known as the Bolivian Indian Mission, was established in 1907 to work in Bolivia, but changed its name after it expanded to other countries in South America. (Pictured are Ron Wiebe and Ian Hay shaking hands at the time of the merger.)



Correction: SIM missionaries baptized it first believers on 25 December 1932, not 10 December 1933.

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# SIM HISTORY

**Cape General Mission**  
 March 12, 1889  
 Martha Osborn, Andrew Murray,  
 Spencer Walton, George Howe  
 United Kingdom &  
 South Africa\*

**Bolivian Indian Mission**  
 November 1907  
 George & Mary Allan  
 United Kingdom &  
 New Zealand\*

**Sudan Interior Mission**  
 December 4, 1893  
 Walter Gowans, Thomas Kent,  
 Rowland Bingham  
 Canada, USA &  
 United Kingdom\*

**Ceylon & Indian  
 General Mission**  
 December 15, 1892  
 Benjamin Davidson  
 United Kingdom\*

**Poona & Indian  
 Village Mission**  
 February, 1893  
 Charles Reeve &  
 E.W. McGavin  
 Australia\*

**South East Africa  
 Evangelistic  
 Mission**  
 September 1891  
 Martha Osborn-Howe  
 & George Howe

**Abyssinia  
 Frontiers Mission**  
 April 4, 1927  
 Thomas Lambie  
 George Rhode  
 Alfred Buxton

**Bangalore-Tegula  
 Mission**  
 April 1, 1902  
 Mr & Mrs G.W. Gillings,  
 'a Tekugu Christian'

**South Africa  
 General Mission**  
 January 3, 1894

**S.A. Compounds  
 Mission**  
 1900

**Andes  
 Evangelical  
 Mission**  
 January 4, 1966

**SIM  
 INTERNATIONAL**  
 September 22, 1980

**West African  
 Broadcasting  
 Association**  
 April 20, 1950  
 Bill Watkins,  
 Merle Steady,  
 Ernest Howard

**Roodepoort Mission  
 Press**  
 1952

**Life Challenge  
 (Africa)**  
 1976  
 Gerhard Nebels

**SIM  
 Society for  
 International  
 Ministries**  
 October 1, 1992

**International  
 Christian  
 Fellowship**  
 July 1, 1968

**Africa  
 Evangelical  
 Fellowship**  
 June 16, 1965

**Nyasa Mission**  
 July 11, 1894

**SIM**  
 2002

AUG 28, 1958

JAN 1, 1982  
 88 MEMBERS

JAN 1, 1986

JAN 1, 1989  
 115 MEMBERS

JAN 1, 1972

OCT 1, 1998  
 300 MEMBERS

For more information about the history of SIM, see: <http://archives.sim.org>  
[www.sim.org/index.php/content/sim-history](http://www.sim.org/index.php/content/sim-history) (Updated: Jul 23, 2014)  
 \* These are the nations where the events that led to the founding of these  
 missions took place.  
 \*\* The official name of the mission is SIM. "Serving In Mission" is a trade name or  
 slogan in some English-speaking countries.