



NEW BELIEVERS TEAM REPORT

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Our convention saw **836** baptisms in 2011. This is an **8.6%** increase from 2010. Thank God!

It's encouraging to see the turnaround of 2011 baptisms, as seen in the table below. God has remembered us and blessed us with new believers.

Baptizing 10% or more of average worship attendance:

- 2007: 51 of our seeds/congregations
- 2008: 44 of our seeds/congregations
- 2009: 42 of our seeds/congregations
- 2010: 49 of our seeds/congregations
- 2011: 46 of our seeds/congregations

No baptisms during the year:

- 2010: 50% of our seeds/congregations
- 2011: 45% of our seeds/congregations

Commentary:

Seven of our provinces showed an increase in baptisms. This is very encouraging. PEI has increased four years in a row. Manitoba went from 0 baptisms in 2010 to 22 in 2011. Ontario also saw a significant turnaround, the first in a number of years. British Columbia and Nova Scotia have declined for the last two years. This should be a concern to us all, how we can help.

- Last year we fasted and prayed, asking God to again bless us – he did.
- When leaders emphasize evangelism training, as Francisco Aular is doing in SOBA, it shows
- The more we disciple new Believers, the more they'll evangelize
- God has placed evangelists among us – let's discover and develop them so they can train others
- Associational moderators, please take note of this information, to inform and motivate your churches to share the Good News



| Baptisms | 2011 | +/- | 2010 | +/- | 2009 | +/- | 2008 | +/- | 2007 |
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| British Columbia | 328 | -08 | 336 | -43 | 379 | +150 | 229 | -69 | 298 |
| Alberta | 206 | +46 | 160 | -27 | 187 | -07 | 194 | +17 | 177 |
| Saskatchewan | 34 | +10 | 22 | -04 | 26 | -01 | 27 | -05 | 32 |
| Manitoba | 22 | +22 | 0 | -09 | 9 | +02 | 7 | +01 | 6 |
| Ontario | 117 | +32 | 85 | -06 | 91 | -17 | 108 | -11 | 119 |
| Quebec | 72 | -27 | 99 | +32 | 67 | -11 | 78 | +03 | 75 |
| New Brunswick | 32 | +15 | 17 | -11 | 28 | -97 | 125 | +96 | 29 |
| Nova Scotia | 9 | -06 | 15 | -16 | 31 | -18 | 39 | +05 | 34 |
| Prince Edward Island | 27 | +03 | 24 | +06 | 18 | +11 | 7 | -01 | 8 |
| Newfoundland/Labrador | 0 | -- | 0 | -04 | 4 | +04 | 0 | -01 | 1 |
| Northwest Territories/Nunavet | 4 | +04 | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 | -- | 0 |
| Totals | 836 | +66 | 770 | -66 | 836 | +23 | 813 | +39 | 774 |