



ACMS

ADVENTIST CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Throughout the Seventh-day Adventist denomination membership records have been managed using a variety of methods:

- Paper records
- Spreadsheets
- Other computer programs



And reporting to higher levels within the church is also being done using multiple methods:



This has resulted in...

- Multiple membership systems worldwide and likely even within our own territory
- Inefficiencies within territories and extra expenditures

A few years ago, divisions began asking the General Conference to provide a single solution for managing membership records to reduce costs and eliminate the need for divisions to each develop their own system.

The General Conference responded and adopted the Adventist Church Management System (ACMS) being developed in the South American Division. It is now over 10 years old.



ACMS is an Internet-based program that is allowing us to standardize recordkeeping and streamline the reporting process...from the local church all the way to the General Conference.



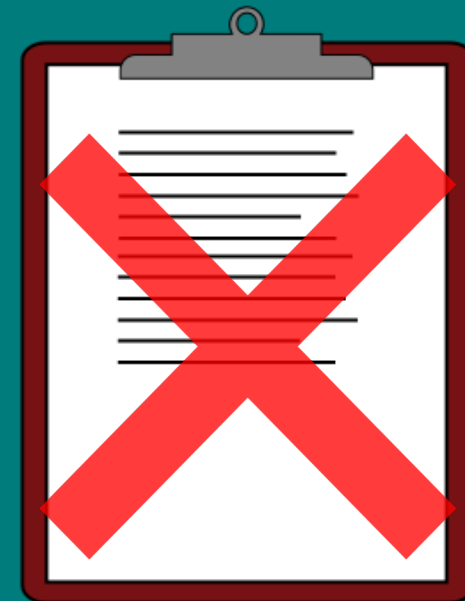
And the General Conference is providing the ACMS Membership module at no cost.



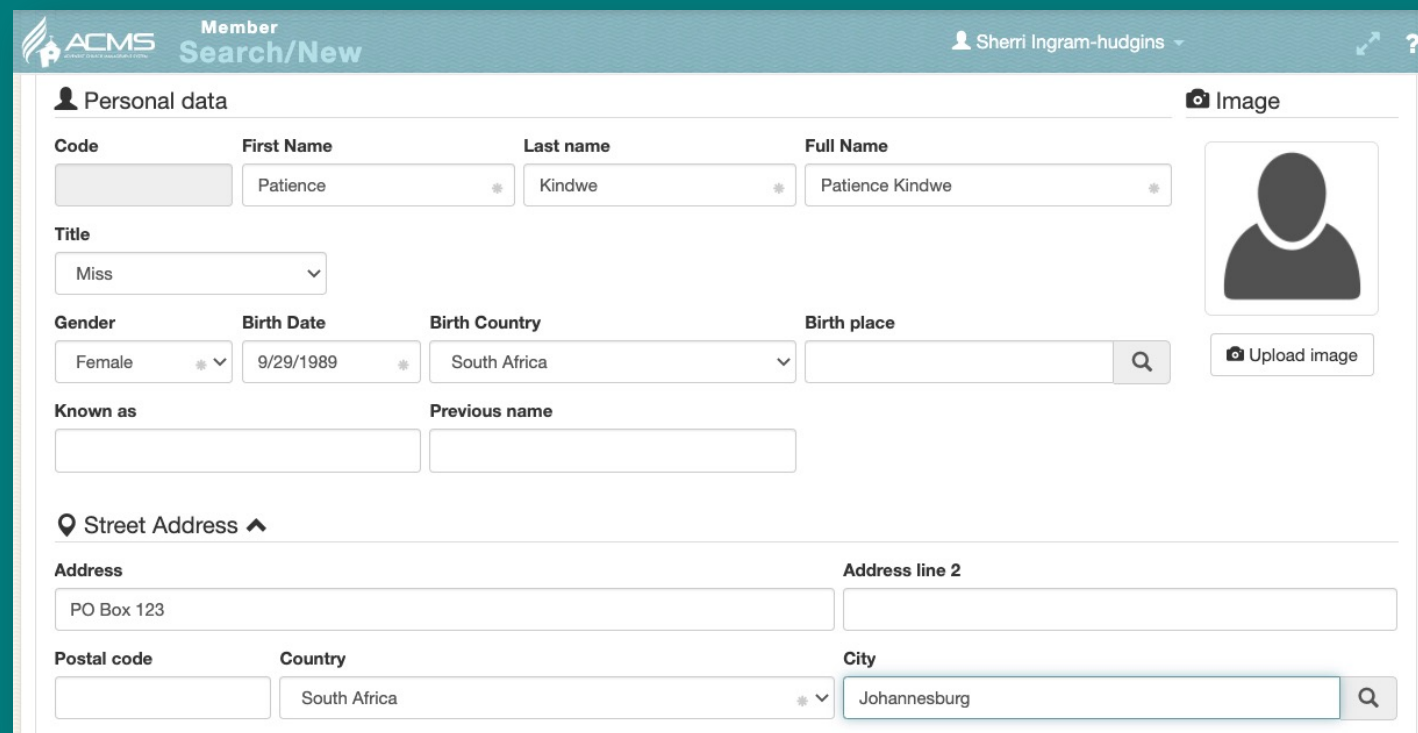
While the program itself is new, the membership processes themselves are not changing. The processes as outlined in the Church Manual are still the same. The program just utilizes newer technology to record the information.



Decades ago, when the church was much smaller, a paper-based system was adequate, but that is not sufficient for a church with a membership over twenty-one million.



Member and church information form the core of any membership program. Sample fields that can be entered for members include:



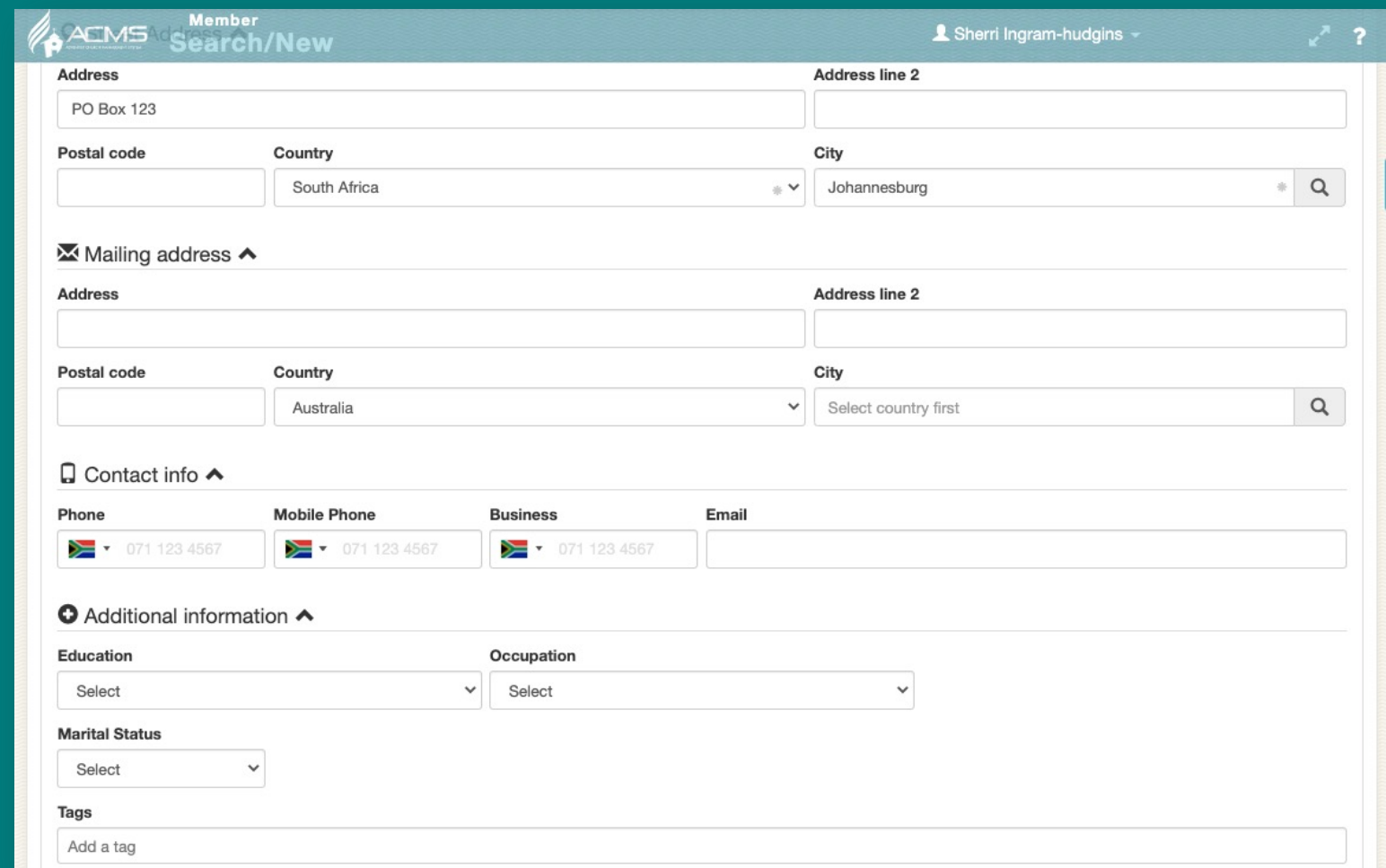
The screenshot shows a web form titled "Member Search/New" with the ACMS logo. The user "Sherri Ingram-hudgins" is logged in. The form is divided into sections: "Personal data" and "Image". The "Personal data" section includes fields for Code, First Name (Patience), Last name (Kindwe), Full Name (Patience Kindwe), Title (Miss), Gender (Female), Birth Date (9/29/1989), Birth Country (South Africa), Birth place, Known as, and Previous name. The "Image" section has a placeholder for a profile picture and an "Upload image" button. Below these is the "Street Address" section with fields for Address (PO Box 123), Address line 2, Postal code, Country (South Africa), and City (Johannesburg).

Personal data			
Code	First Name	Last name	Full Name
	Patience	Kindwe	Patience Kindwe
Title			
Miss			
Gender	Birth Date	Birth Country	Birth place
Female	9/29/1989	South Africa	
Known as		Previous name	
Street Address			
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PO Box 123			
Postal code	Country	City	
	South Africa	Johannesburg	

- Name
- Gender
- Birthdate
- Baptism date
- Transfer date/church
- Removed/Missing date
- Deceased date

Many of these fields are optional, but when entered, provide richer data and allow for more analysis by pastors and administrators.

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The screenshot displays the 'Member Search/New' form in the ACMS system. The form is organized into several sections: 'Address' (with fields for Address, Address line 2, Postal code, Country, and City), 'Mailing address' (a collapsed section with similar fields), 'Contact info' (with fields for Phone, Mobile Phone, Business, and Email, each with a country dropdown), 'Additional information' (with dropdowns for Education, Occupation, and Marital Status), and 'Tags' (with an 'Add a tag' input). The top of the form shows the ACMS logo, the title 'Member Search/New', and a user profile for 'Sherri Ingram-hudgins'.

ACMS Member Search/New

Sherri Ingram-hudgins

Address

Address: PO Box 123

Address line 2:

Postal code:

Country: South Africa

City: Johannesburg

Mailing address

Address

Address:

Address line 2:

Postal code:

Country: Australia

City: Select country first

Contact info

Phone: 071 123 4567

Mobile Phone: 071 123 4567

Business: 071 123 4567

Email:

Additional information

Education: Select

Occupation: Select

Marital Status: Select

Tags

Add a tag

However, even with just a little information we can ask questions like...

What percentage of our membership is men?
Women?



*What is the average age
of our new baptisms?*

*What is the average age
of those being dropped?*

In addition to recording the statistics, capturing even the most basic information allows pastors and administrators to ask questions that will help in their ministry.



It is important to note that the statistical information is generated automatically based on updates to member records.



When a baptism date is entered for a new member, for example, the statistical report will automatically have that baptism.


Date	Type
02/20/2016	Baptism



Baptisms
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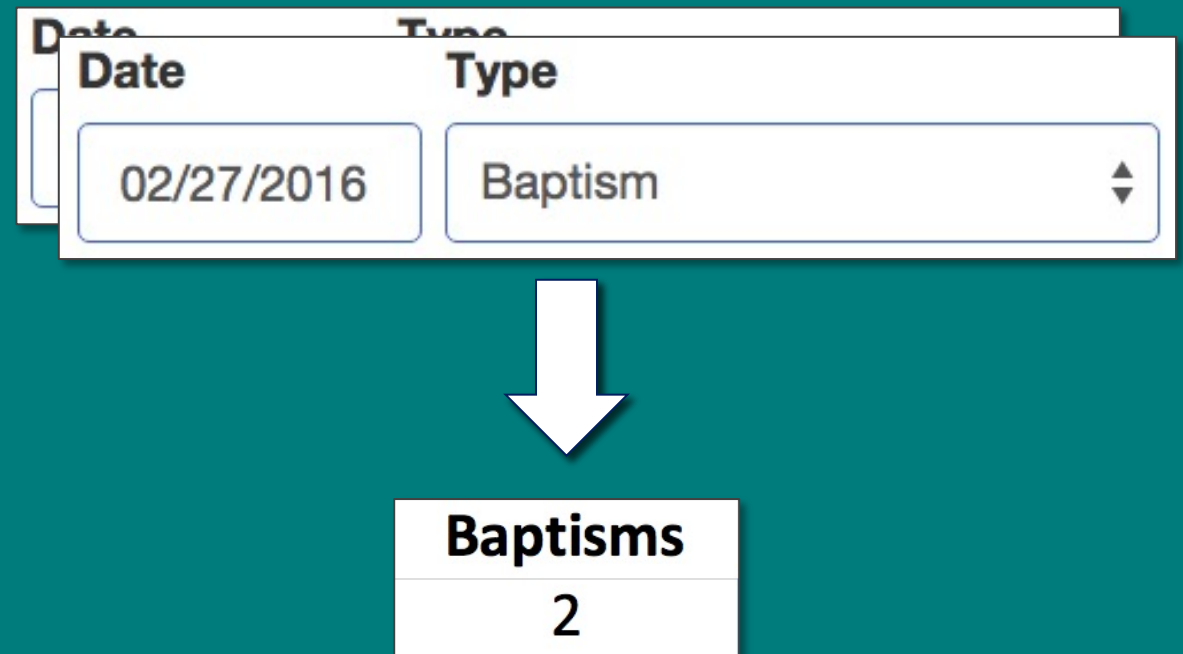
When another baptism is entered,
the statistical report will
automatically increase by one.

Date	Type
02/27/2016	Baptism




Baptisms
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The statistical reports will be based on actual updates to member records.



The statistical reports are up-to-date as soon as the baptism information is entered. Similarly, as soon as any other statistical information is entered—such as a death or a transfer—the reports are automatically updated.

Date	Type
02/27/2016	Baptism



Baptisms
2

Because reports are automatically updated, church clerks using ACMS will **no longer need to turn in quarterly statistical reports to their local Conference.** The statistics will already be in ACMS and the local field will have access.



This will significantly streamline the reporting process, saving time and money at all levels of the church.



A few sample reports from the South American Division that are also available at the union, local conference and local church level are on the following slides



Member count, by gender

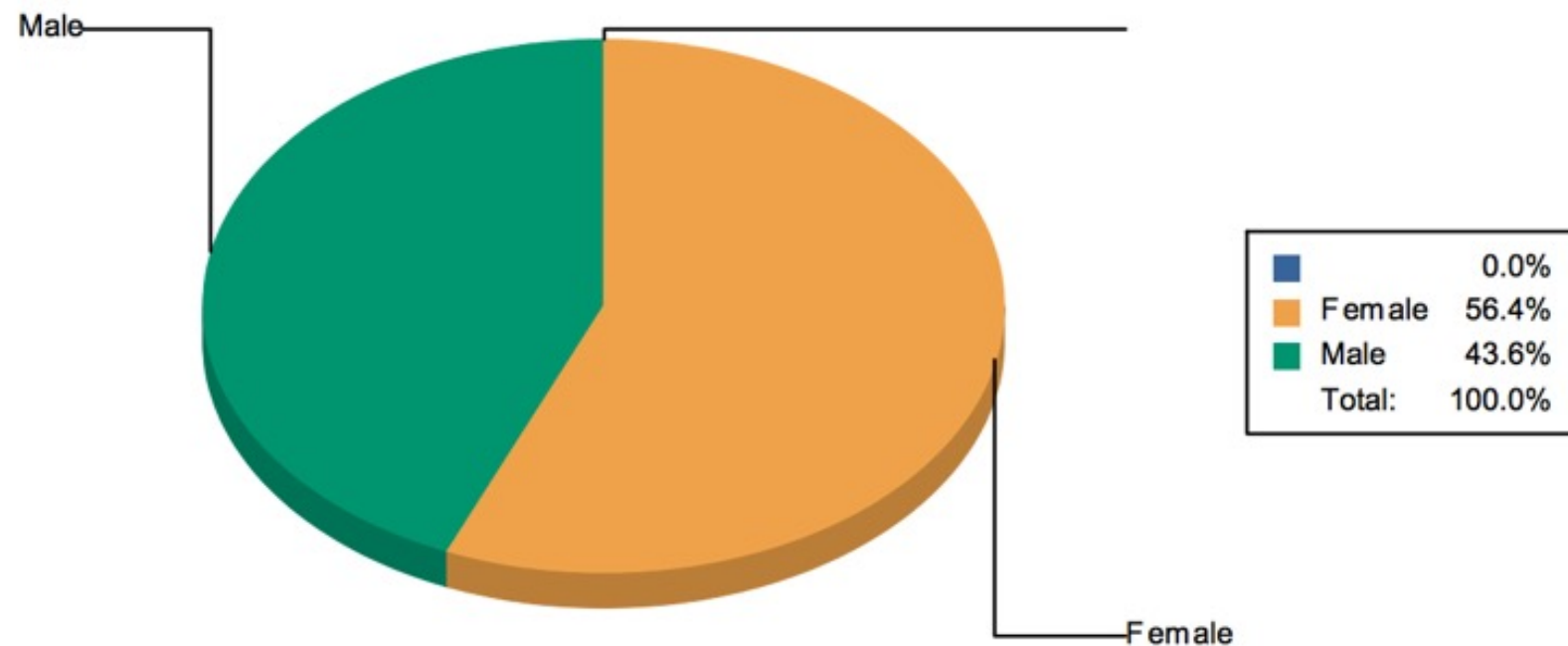


Member Statistics

Divisão Sul Americana

Total, by gender

Description	Value
Female	1,364,584
Male	1,054,263
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Member count, by marital status

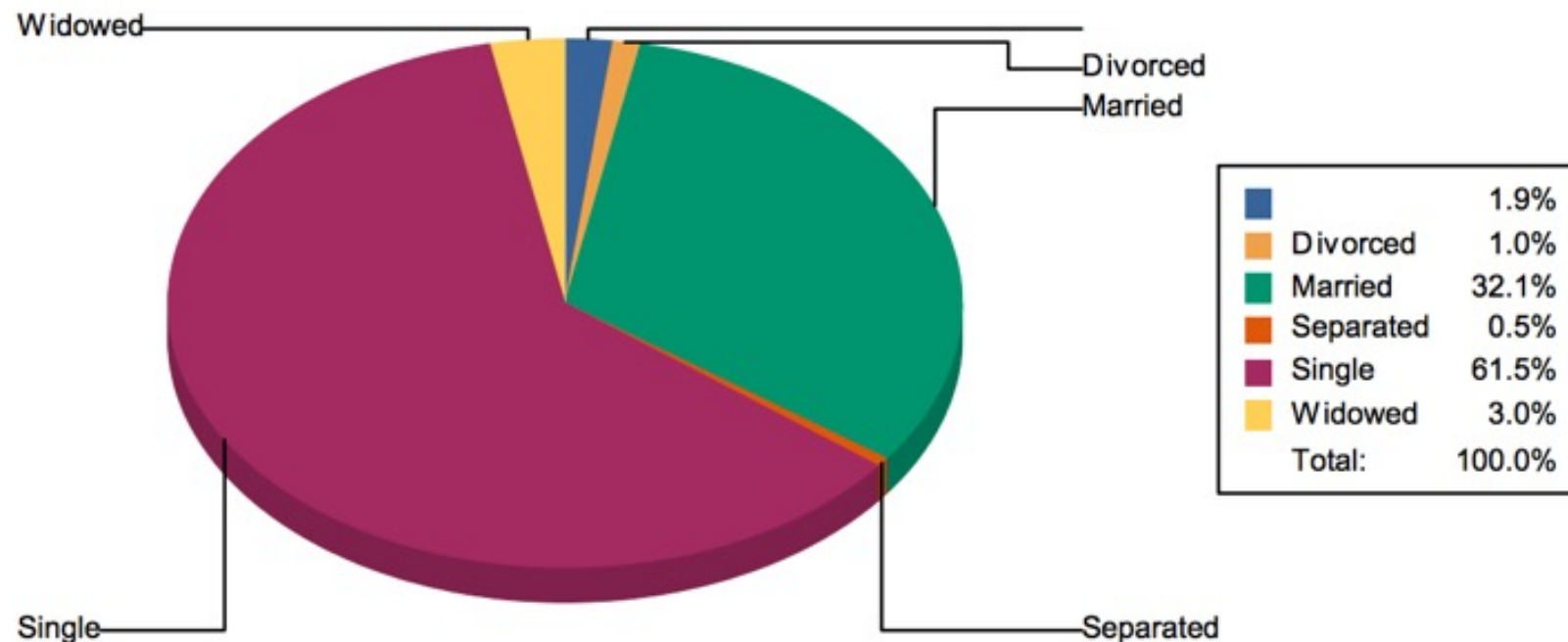


Member Statistics

Divisão Sul Americana

Total, by marital status

Description	Value
Single	1,486,598
Married	777,400
Widowed	72,351
	46,327
Divorced	24,817
Separated	11,364
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Member count, by age range and gender

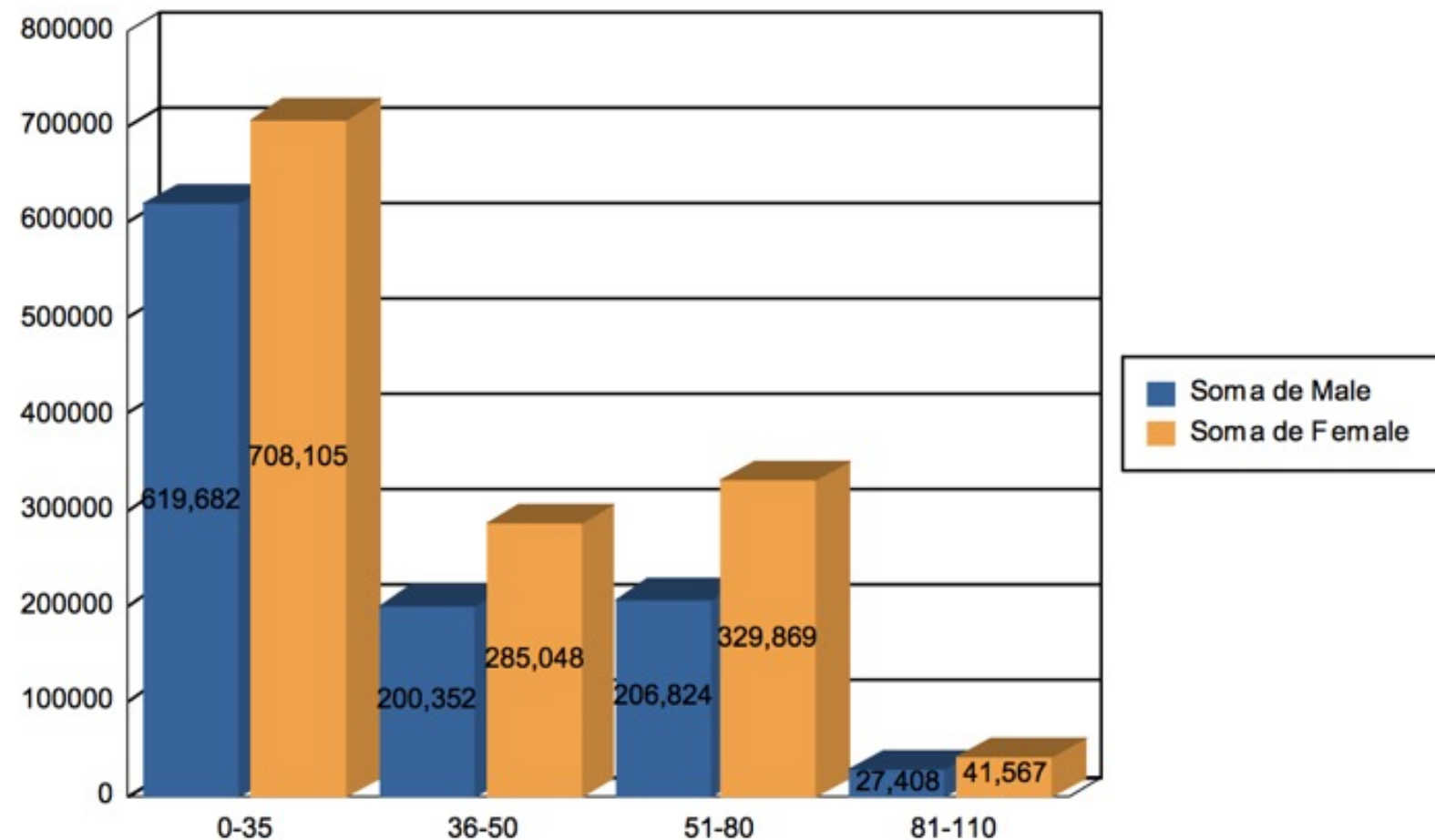


Member Statistics

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Total, by age range

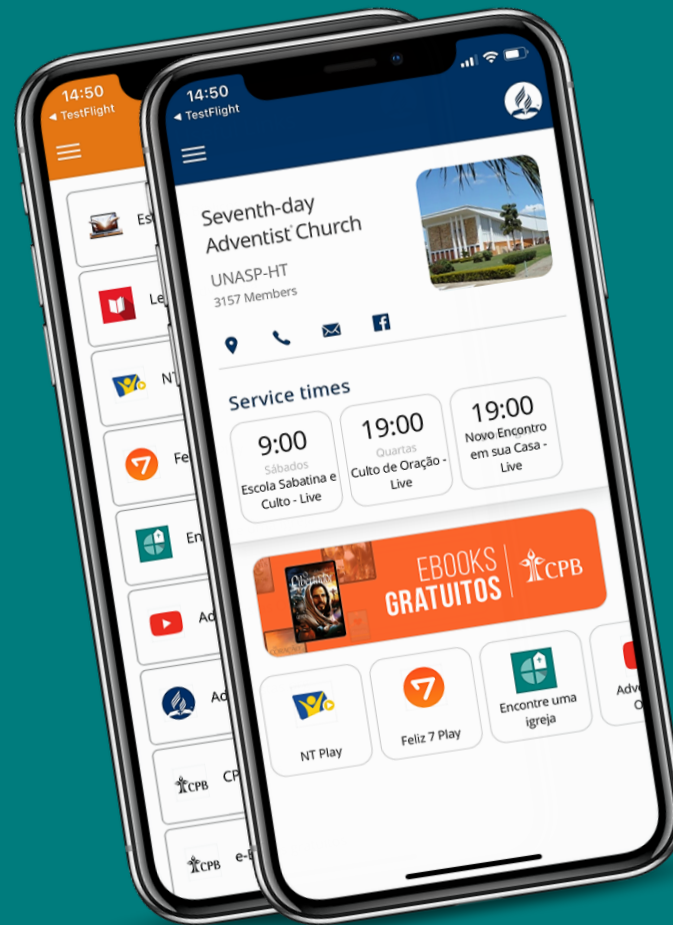
Age	Male	Female	Total
0-35	619,682	708,105	1.327.787
36-50	200,352	285,048	485.400
51-80	206,824	329,869	536.693
81-110	27,408	41,567	68.975
	1.054.266	1.364.589	2.418.855



If your church is involved with nurture and retention, reclamation, or outreach, ACMS can help: use email addresses to communicate and invite interests to events; use tags to group people into outreach groups or similar interest categories; keep track of the two-year timetable for searching for members, and more!

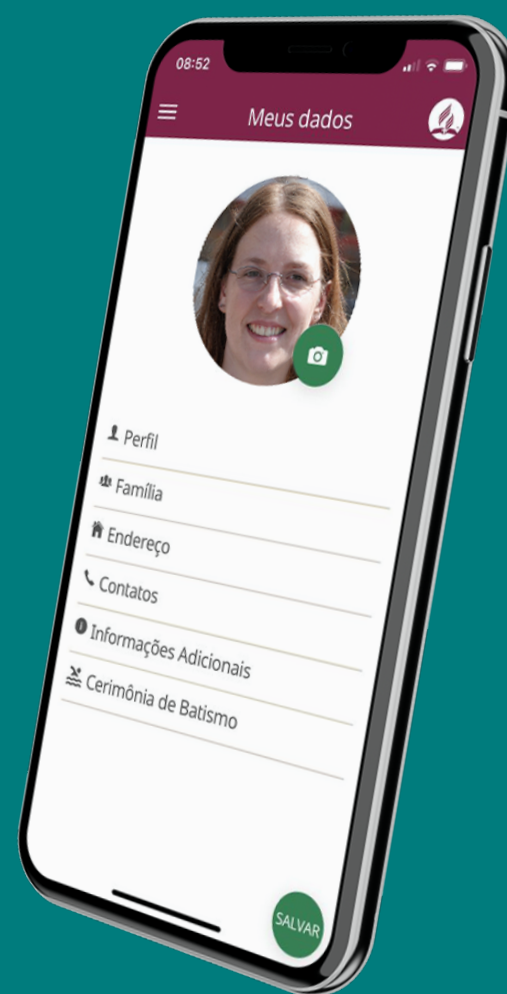


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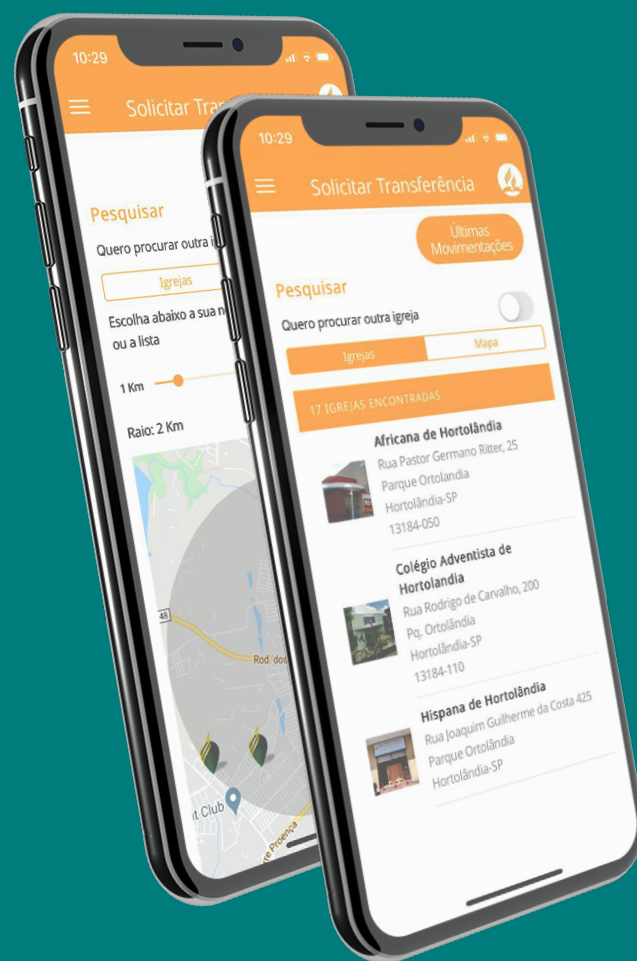
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...their own information

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...requesting a transfer

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...Sabbath School groups...and more!

It is the goal of the ACMS project to provide a tool that supports pastors and church clerks in their local ministry as well as providing administrators with tools to gain valuable insights regarding their territories

The SID is now also implementing the ACMS Treasury Module the helps with the management of local church finances



If you are interested in learning more
about ACMS contact your conference
membership clerk or ACMS coordinator



