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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.

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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.

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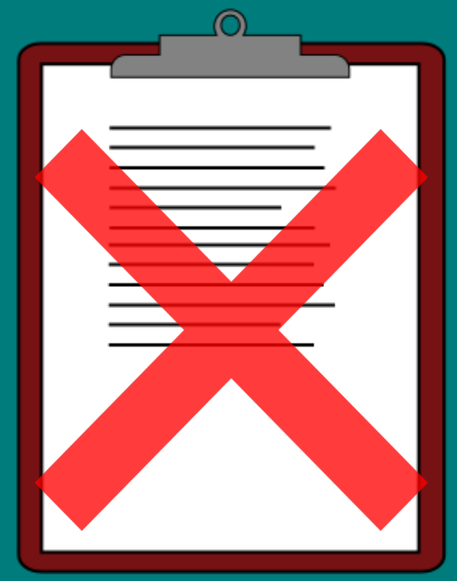
Decades ago, when the church was much smaller, a paper-based system was adequate, but that is not sufficient for a church with a membership over twenty-one million.



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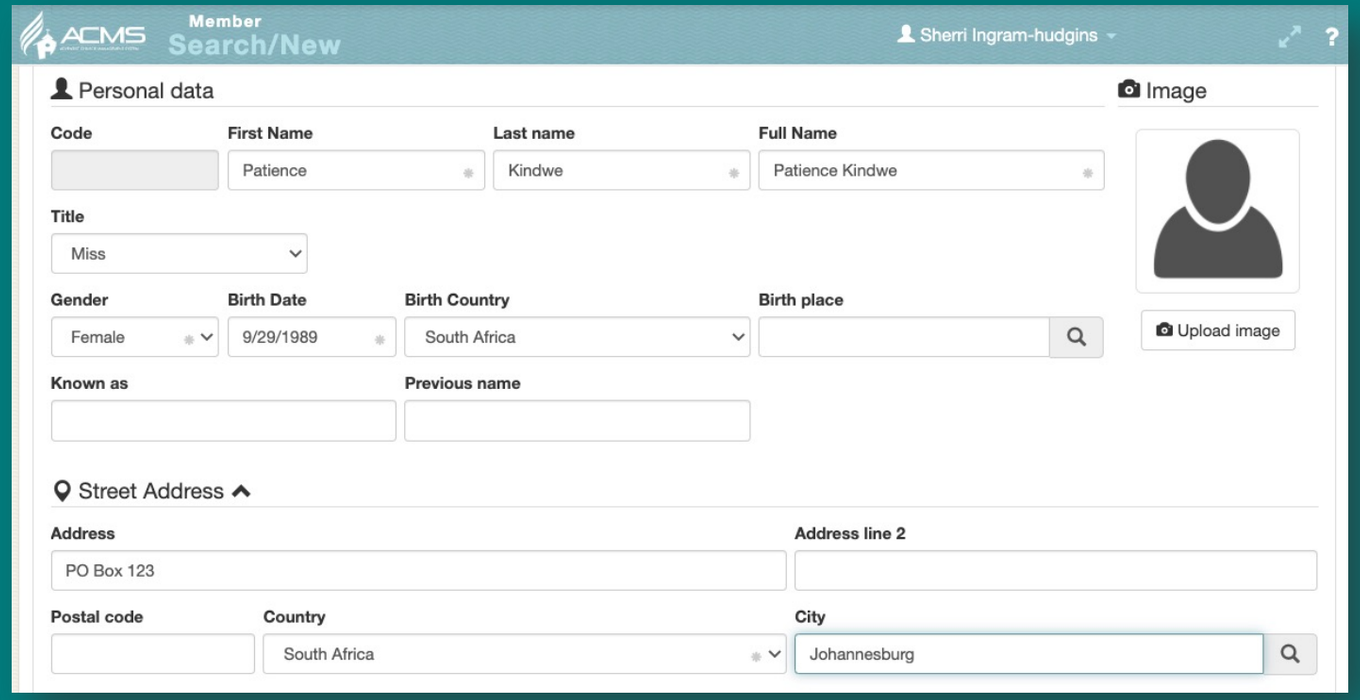
Member and church information form the core of any membership program. Sample fields that can be entered for members include:



- 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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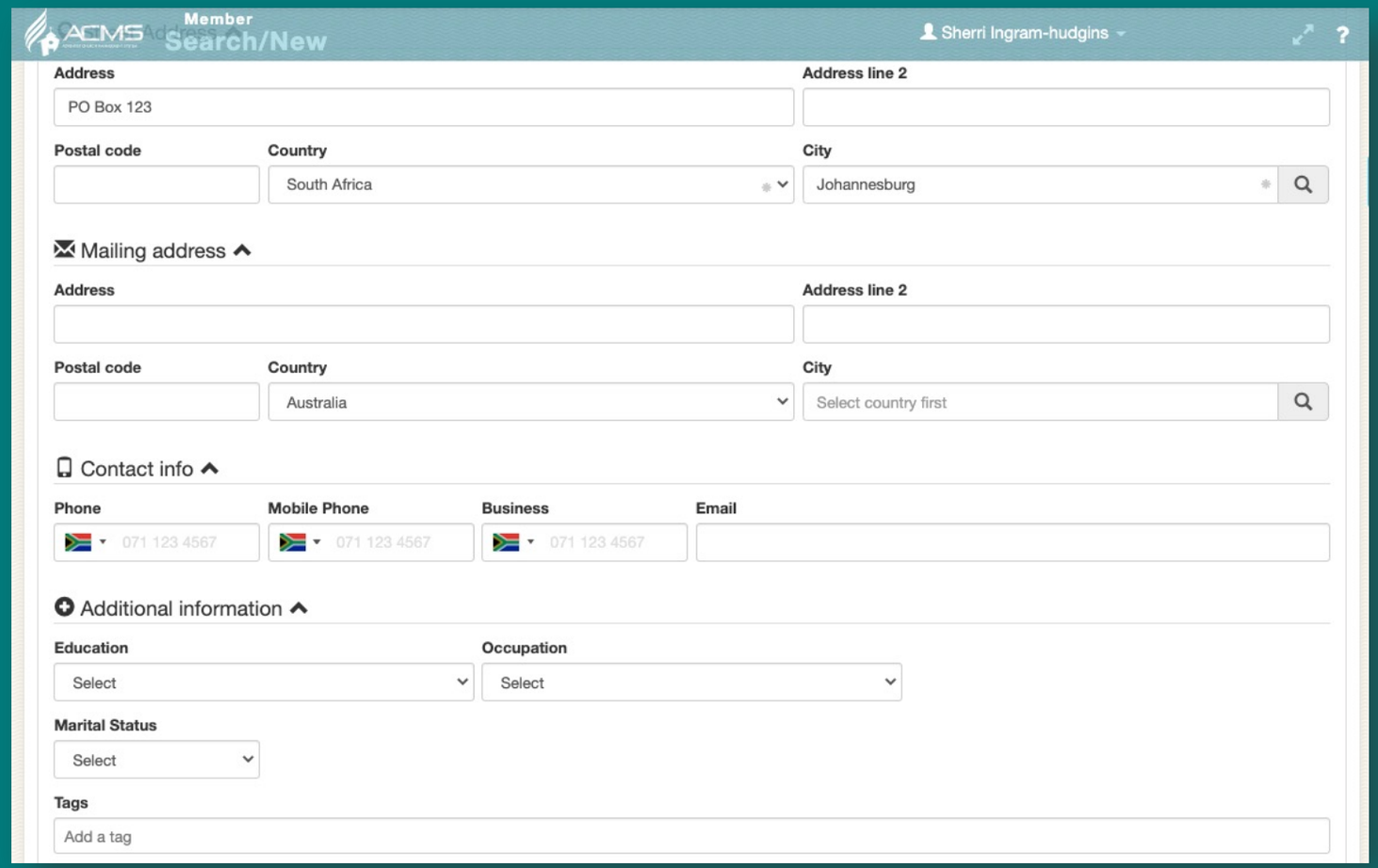

However, even with just a little information we can ask questions like…

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.

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

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

When another baptism is entered,
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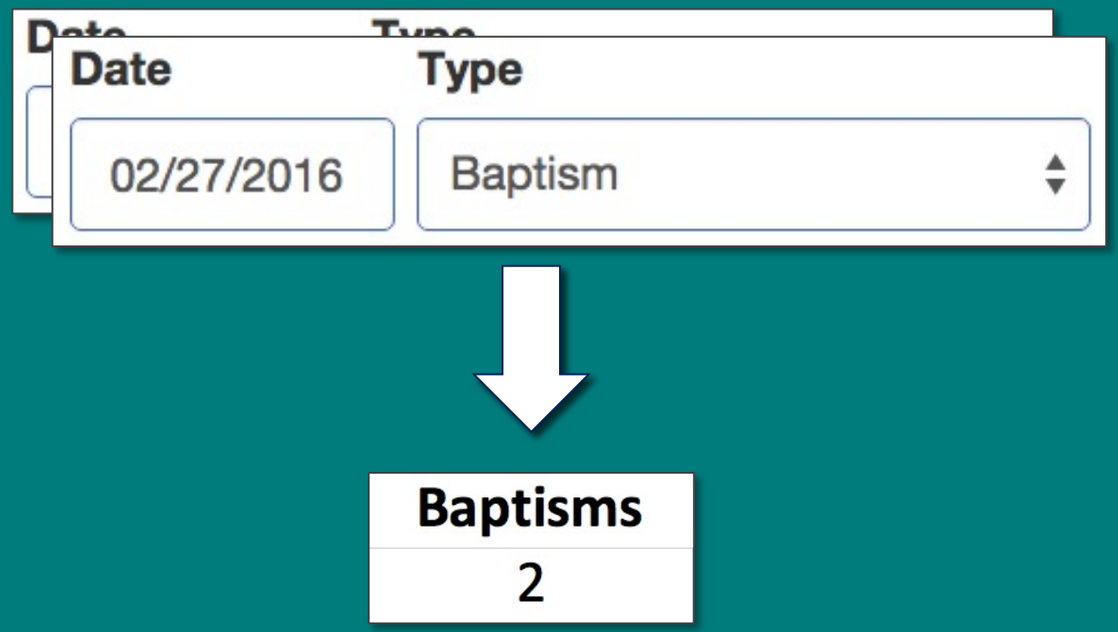
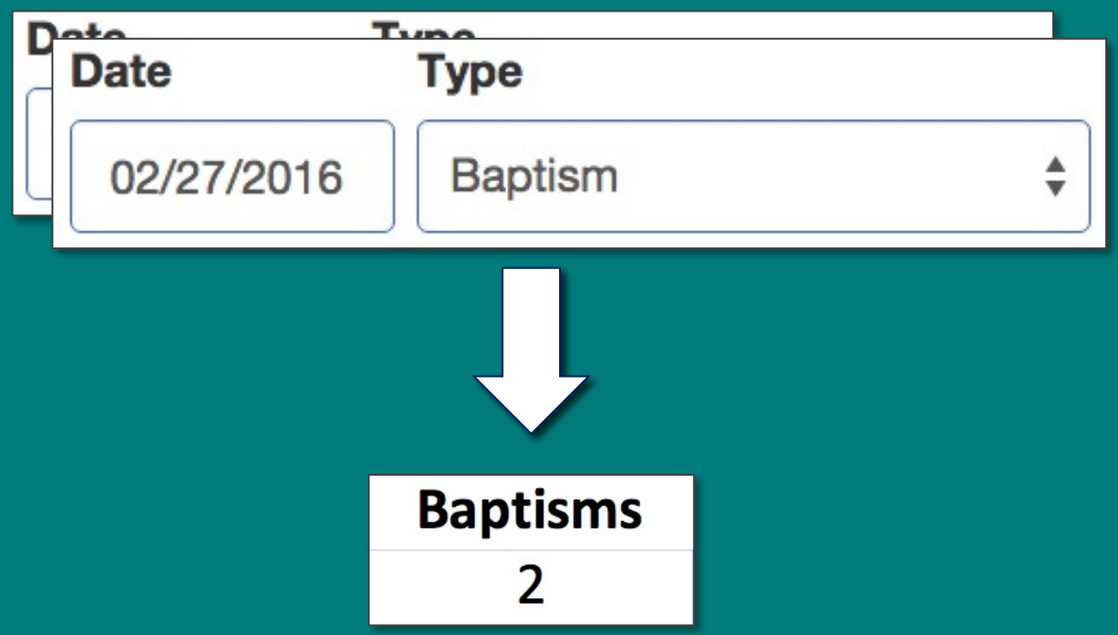
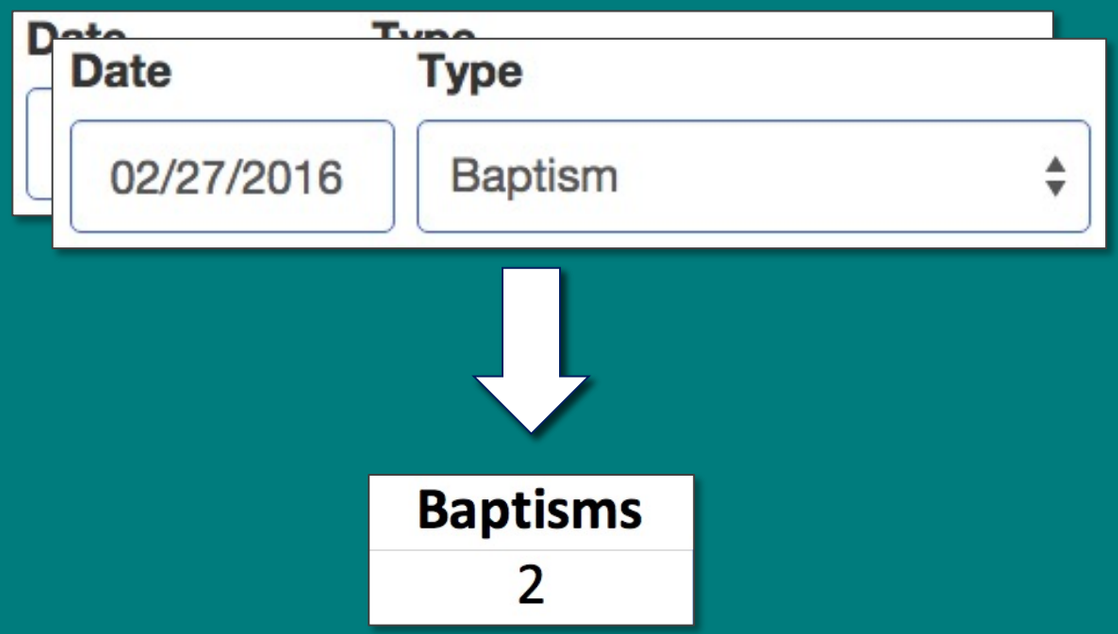
automatically increase by one.



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.



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.

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

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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

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Member count, by gender

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Member Statistics

Divisão Sul Americana

Total, by gender

Description	Value
Female	1,364,584
Male	1,054,263
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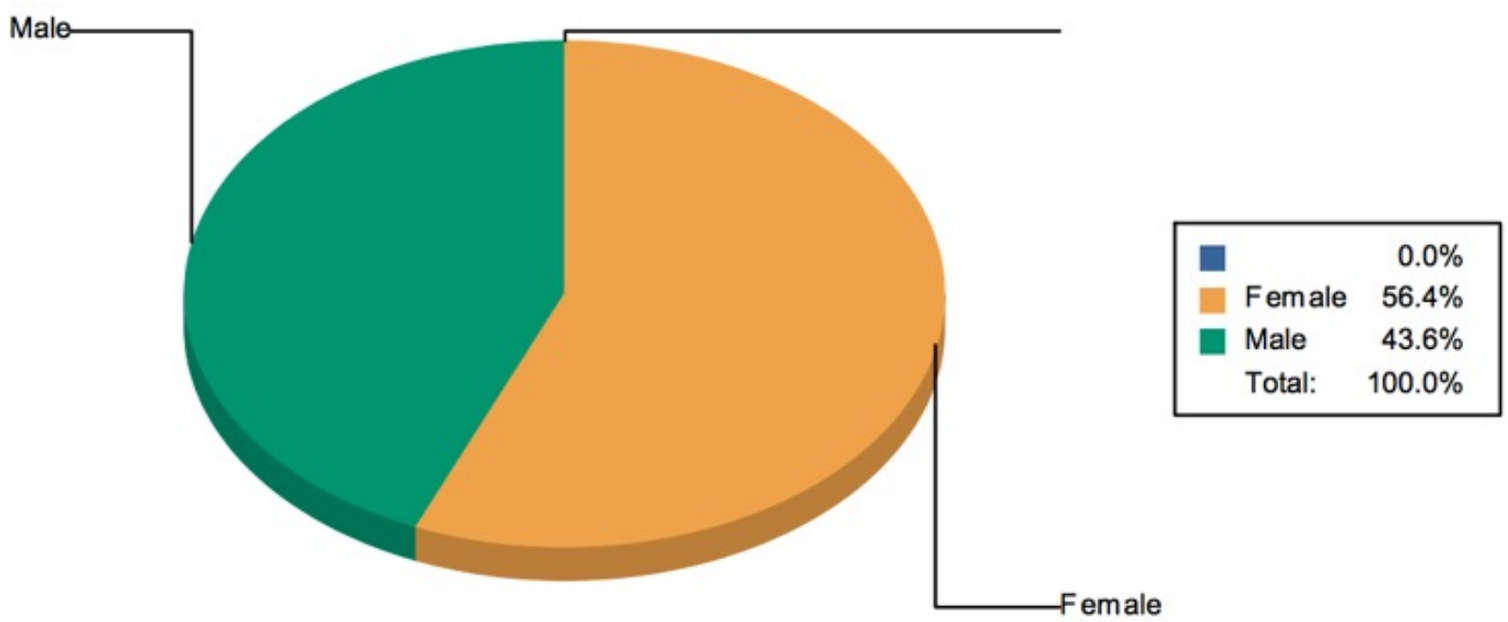
	2.418.855



Member count, by marital status

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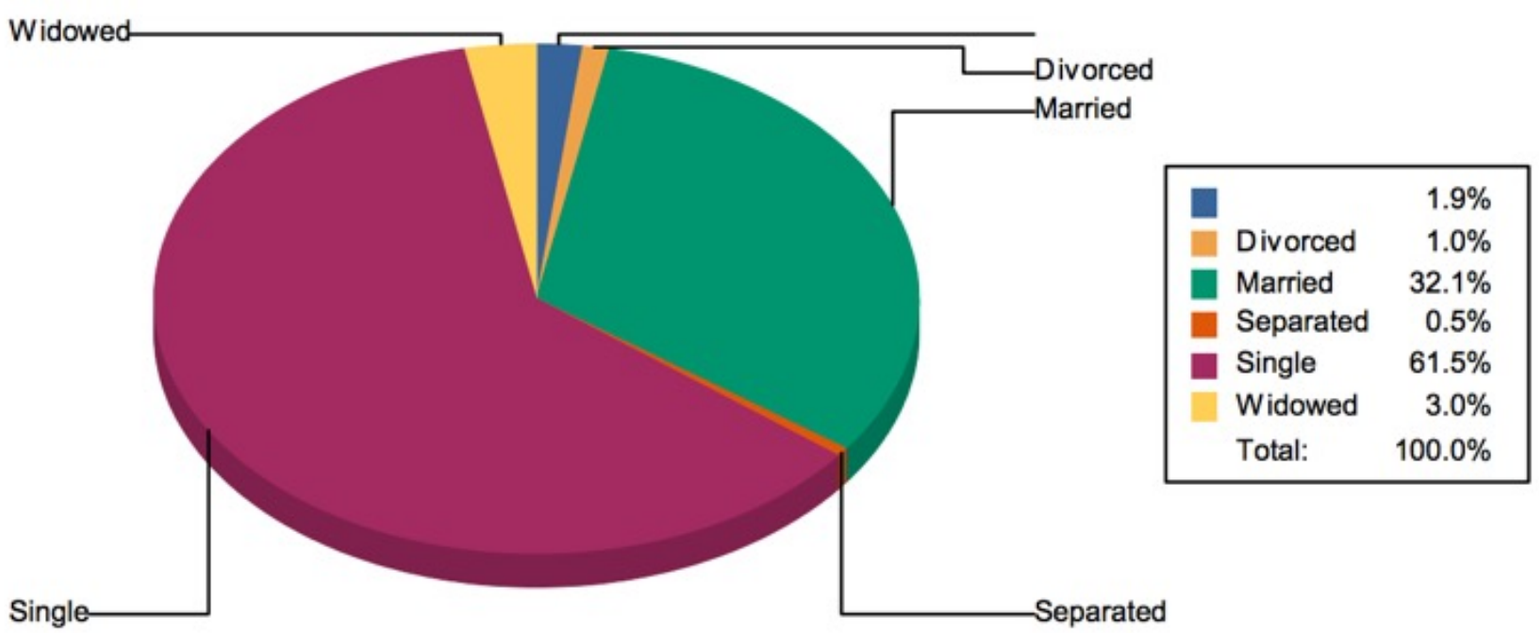
Member Statistics

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
	2.418.857



Member count, by age range and gender

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Member Statistics

Divisão Sul Americana

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
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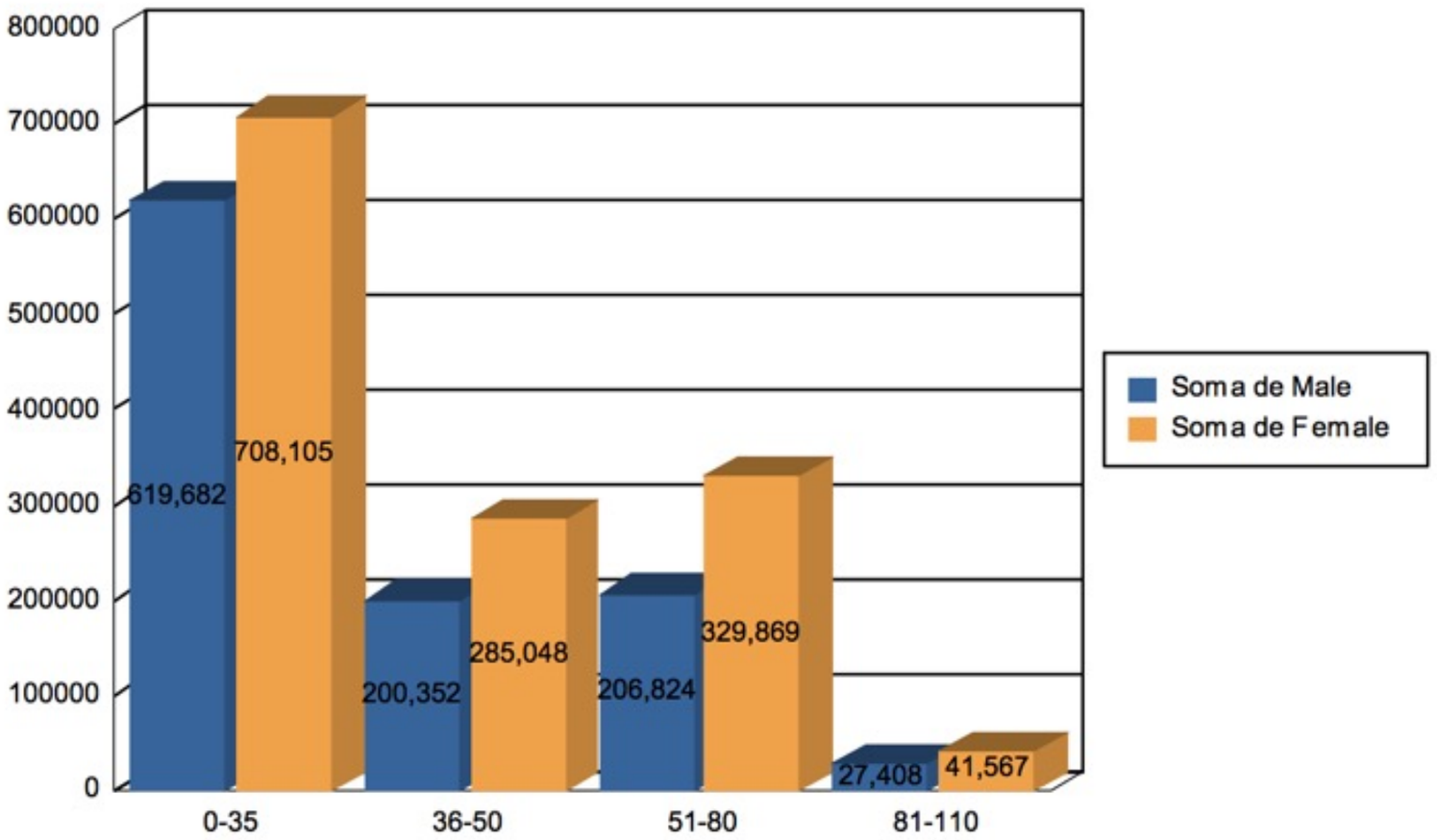

If your church is involved with nurture and retention, reclamation, or outreach, ACMS can help: use email addresses to communicate and invite interests to events; use tags to group people into outreach groups or similar interest categories; keep track of the two-year timetable for searching for members,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

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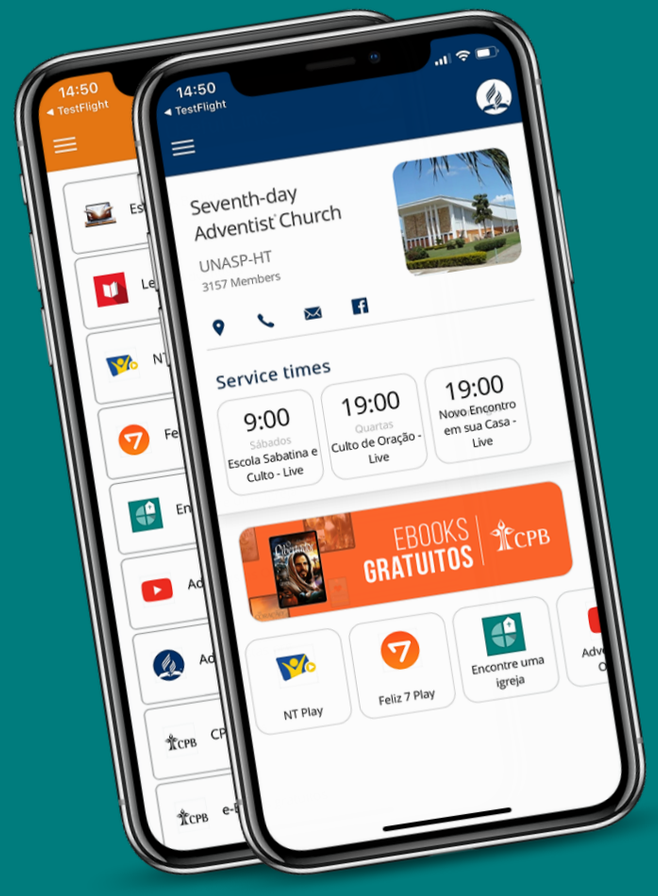

...church information

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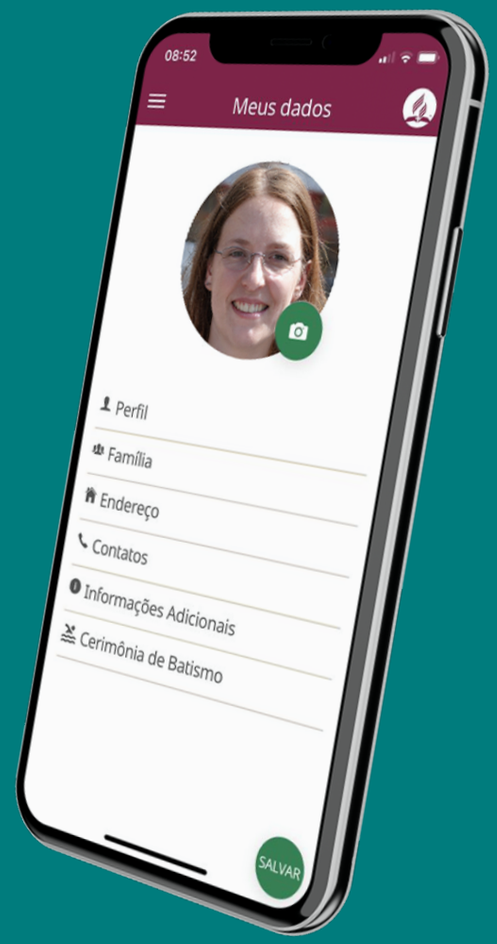

...their own information

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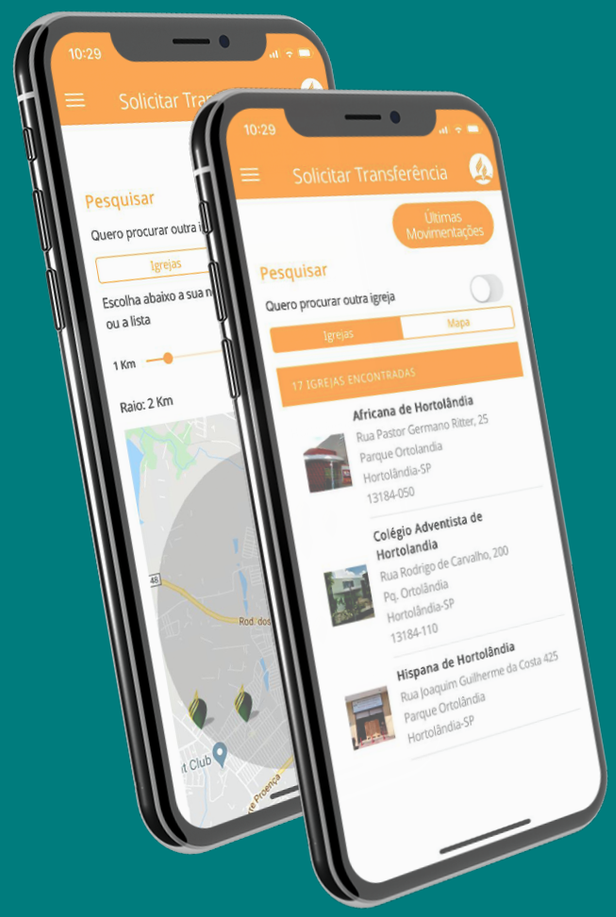

...requesting a transfer

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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

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

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