



CONVICTIONS OF A MISSION-CENTERED CHURCH

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I. Introduction

1. Great to be together again with MGM. This is one of the highlights of our year. It is so fulfilling to get together as the broader MGM. Grateful for our relationships!
#Sun City, NTC, Joy, Fuente [online], and Mannahouse! Family of Families = MGM
2. **Hope you enjoyed our Accelerate Conference** and are leaving better equipped to lead better, faster. IT WAS AMAZING! Our prayer is that these Intensives become an ANNUAL RHYTHM for you and your churches. Thank you for walking together with us and your leaders!
3. **Much prayer has gone into today.**
#Thank FLT team for the months of prayer and preparation.
Danny/Jamie, Greg, Eric, Walter, Seth and myself.

OUR HEART: Over the past few years we've spent great deal of time discussing Church Planting. ***This continues to be a predominate focus*** of MGM as we partner with Jesus to fulfill Great Commission. I pray that CP continues to burn in your heart, your Elders and leadership teams.

4. Yet today, we felt compelled to discuss another major component of MGM and we believe to be very timely!
 - **SLIDE** Focus on Missions - My focus now, "**Convictions of a Missions-Centered Church.**"
 - FOUR AREAS = Our Focus, Our Frustration, Our Fruit and Our Future.
 - Word, Prayer, Prophetic, Panels, ZOOM from Laos, Food and Fellowship!
5. **PRAY** I want to begin today with a story:

II. Possessing a Mission-Centered Conviction

SLIDE #There is a group of people on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, and a little museum devoted to a volunteer organization formed in 1786 called the Humane Society. In those days, travel by sea was extremely dangerous. Because of the severe storms along the rocky Atlantic coast, many crews and passengers drowned within a mile or so of land.

So, this group of volunteers went into the life-saving business. They built little huts along the shore. They had people watching the sea constantly. Whenever a ship went down, they sounded the alarm, and the Humane Society would rush into the sea and devote their full attention to save every life they could.

They put themselves at risk because they prized human life! In fact, they adopted a bold motto, "You have to go out, but you don't have to come back." These brave people risked everything, even their lives, to save people they never met... **But over time, things changed.**

After a while, the U.S. Coast Guard took over the task of rescues. Eventually, these passionate volunteers shifted to the idea, "**We're not the best at it. Let the professionals do it. They're better than we are.**"

Volunteers stopped searching the coastlines for ships in danger. They stopped sending teams out to rescue drowning people. They eventually moved away from their huts on the coast to safer inland locations. **They even stopped thinking about those being saved. Yet, a strange thing happened. They couldn't bring themselves to disband.**

The life-saving society still exists. The members meet often to have dinners and fellowship. They tell stories of all the great things **they used to do**...Eat and laugh together. **They are just not in the life-saving business anymore.**

1. Tragically, there are some startling parallels between this story and many churches today. Many have lost sight of their primary purpose.

SLIDE Q- PAUL HARVEY, "Too many Christians are no longer fishers of men. Instead, they have become keepers of the aquarium." FOCUS ON HOW MANY WE KEEP NOT HOW MANY WE SEND.

2. **QUESTIONS:** What does Missions look like for your church? Do you have missionaries? Do you have more ready to go? Do you inspire church to think globally?
Are you 'Mission-Centered?' [Yesterday's closing message].
3. **We believe this is a time to really focus more on why we [MGM] exist.** We must face the brutal facts and on how we do church and how we lead to reach locally AND GLOBALLY!
Q - Nina Gunter "If you take missions out of the Bible, you have nothing left but the covers."
Q – Ralph Winter, "The Bible is not the basis of missions; missions is the basis of the Bible."

A. Defining Mission-Centered Conviction

1. **SLIDE** Becoming "Mission-Centered" means we must have a compelling conviction to reach the world and that passion saturates our every waking moment."
2. Not just a stated value, a belief statement, or an occasional sermon series. It is not a department, a budget line item, or a ministry for a select few bag-breathing evangelists or missionaries. It must be a **conviction** to who we are and ALL we do!
3. **SLIDE** **Conviction Defined** – "An **unshakable belief** in something that **compels one to fulfill a cause regardless of the cost**; it guides one's thoughts **and actions** towards a certain destination."
4. **SLIDE** **Mission Defined** – "The Reason Why We Exist."
Our cause is our mission. Our focus should be our mission. **Our mission should be our intended vision destination.** We don't have the privilege to define this for ourselves. God had a specific plan in mind and provided the blueprint in scripture for us, His Church!
5. **1st century church** – Gospels and Book of Acts. [OUR MODEL] **We are building according to God's blueprint!** Jesus 128/199 ministry situations were evangelistic. Its why he came [Luke 19:10]. Jesus, Luke [Acts], Paul, Peter [epistle writers] all have vision for world!

Local – GLOBAL must be at core of EVERY CHURCH Mission

SLIDE Mark 16:15 Go into **all the world** and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

SLIDE Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem [no period here]... **AND in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**" Had a local-global vision from Church's conception. A mandate for us ALL!

SLIDE Acts 2:47 They added **daily** those who were being saved.

Not transfer growth; converts! #5000 in a day, Not 5000 days to add 1. "Everywhere, Everyone."

SLIDE Acts 5:28 You have **filled (turned upside down)** Jerusalem with your teaching. **REGIONAL**
#2 WEEKS, 8120 Saved! 40,000 population! 20% saved in weeks. They were shaking cities!
600,000 in PDX, 40,000 in Spokane, 20,000 St. Lawrence County, 20,000 Medford.

SLIDE Acts 5:42 And **daily** they didn't stop preaching Christ! **Couldn't stay silent.**

SLIDE 1 Corinthians 9:16 Woe unto me if I don't preach the gospel.

6. **SLIDE Mission-Centered Conviction** – “An all-consuming passion-driven revelation that **propels you** to focus all your resources and energies on one thing; the saving of souls.”
7. **SLIDE Three Components of A Mission-Centered Vision [WE SHOULD HAVE ALL THREE]**
 - **Local Evangelism** – Reaching people in your community adding them to your local church.
 - **Church Planting** – Starting other churches in other regions; Nationally or Internationally.
 - **SLIDE Missions** – Sending people Cross-cultural, Cross-linguistic, Cross-border regions.
8. Although we need to have all three of these thriving in our local churches, I want to focus more on the **“MISSIONS in our MISSION.”** There is a reason why this is critical to us today!

B. Lack of Focus on Missions

1. Let’s be honest, the western Church could do much better in reaching the world! **HANDS?**
#MENTION HANDOUT ON TABLES – SUMMARY BELOW
 - 1 out of 4 people, 29% globally, Have Never heard of Jesus – No chance to learn. No access to gospel, no bibles, no churches, no believers nearby.
 - 2.3 BILLION PEOPLE! That would people holding hands circling earth **42 times!**
 - 400,000 missionaries worldwide –
 - *72% of those going to people with bibles and churches.
 - *25% go to people with some bible/churches,
 - ***ONLY 3% [12,000] go to reach 29% of world!**
 - We have \$42 Trillion come into churches, \$700 Billion to Christian causes. 2% is given to Christian causes, and only 6% of that 2% is given to missions’ efforts [\$45 billion].
 - *More money is embezzled in churches annually than given to missions worldwide.
 - *87% of the \$45 billion given goes to the 72% with bibles and churches.
 - *12% go to group B with some bibles and churches,
 - ***Only 1% of all missions’ dollars is going to reach 29% of world.** [why UUPG, UPG BIG MH]
 - Americans spend more money on Halloween and their pets than \$\$ go to reach 29% world.
 - 3% of our missionaries, and 1% of our monies are going to reach Billions of people, who don’t know Christ.
2. **How many think this is a problem? REALLY! What do you think Jesus thinks about this?**
What should be our response? **#MH, budget challenges in this area... BUT COMMITTED!**
3. Could it be that we need to prayerfully consider enhancing our focus and recommit to being a Missions-Centered Church and Movement?
4. Today I want to share **FIVE CONVICTIONS OF A MISSION-CENTERED VISION.**

SLIDE CONVICTION #1: We are Living in Supernatural Last-Days

A. It is not a “church as usual” season.

Joel 2:28, In the last days, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh! **LIVING IN TIME PROPHETS DREAMT.**

1 Chronicles 12:32 Men of Issachar discerned the times and seasons in which they lived and **KNEW** what to do.

Luke 19:44 You did not know the day of your visitation.

1. NATURAL: We are living in volatile times. A world in crisis! Has affected SO MANY LEADERS
#Pandemic, Racial Tensions, Global Unrest, Financial Challenges, Political Tensions, Rapid increase of immorality, gender dysphoria, Creating Spiritual Angst. Emotional Drain/Fatigue.
Shrinks our faith, energy. We go into survival mode. We become ‘grasshoppers.’

2. SPIRITUAL: We are living in opportunistic times – God has positioned us FOR REVIVAL!
Asbury Revival, 40+ other colleges, MH Services, Jesus Revolution.

Recent Barna report states, “**74-77 percent** of U.S. adults say they “want to grow spiritually.” Seventy-seven percent report believing in a higher power. Forty-four percent say that they are “more open to God today than before the pandemic.” WOW!!!

- a. People are more open to the gospel than in years – **Local AND GLOBAL**
- b. More people getting saved than ever. **Global awakening 250K saved today! 91 mil yearly**
- e. Increased spiritual activity – Presence, Intercession, evangelism and discipleship, etc.
THIS IS MAGNIFIED IN NON-WESTERN NATIONS!
Iran – Approaching 1 million Christians. Church growing at almost 1000% per year!
Iraq – Over 500,000.
Afghanistan -**#Taliban Leaders getting saved and giving buildings, hospitals, orphanages!**
Russia – 30k a day, China 35k a day, India 15k a day,

B. We cannot treat the precious as common!

We cannot miss the day of our visitation. God is positioning us for something Great.
It is why we are here! It is not a “Church as usual” season.

God desires us to reach open people now! Lost people matter to him!

Q – If the devil can’t make us bad, he will just make us busy. Can’t destroy you, he’ll distract you!

SLIDE CONVICTION #2: God is restoring His church to Its Intended Design

1. **There is a blueprint God has in mind and is found in the Book of Acts.** It is what He desires us to build. It transcends time and culture. **#It’s not our church, not our plan!!**
#Yesterday discussed 5-fold imbalance issue. Lacking Apostolic and Evangelism.
2. **SLIDE Acts 2:38:47** Benchmark scripture pertaining to NT Church foundations. **(14 in all)**
#INTERESTING TO SEE THESE ALL BEING EMPHASIZED POST-PANDEMIC

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| a. Repentance/Salvations | i. Prayer |
| b. Water Baptism | j. Signs, Wonders, Miracles |
| c. Baptism of the Holy Spirit | k. High-level Unity – John 17 |
| d. Presence Driven Worship – New Sound | l. Sanctification - Holiness |
| e. Discipleship | m. Evangelism – City Impact |
| f. Apostle’s doctrine – Sound Theology | n. Missions – Uttermost parts |
| g. Fellowship – Covenant Community - Table | |
| h. Breaking of Bread | |

#Post Pandemic Reality – Platform focused, program based, celebrity status is thing of past.

3. **It is the combination of all fourteen principles working ACTIVELY and SIMULTANEOUSLY in PROPER BALANCE in a local church that provides the possibility for a great revival to exist.**
#Its the divine recipe which requires all ingredients to make revival happen! #Cookie recipe. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO JUST REACH YOUR CITY FOR JESUS! ONLY PART OF PLAN!

SLIDE CONVICTION #3: We have been Promised a Supernatural Harvest

1. God’s purpose for you and your church is that you Reach! Grow! Multiply! Can’t settle for less! Think big thoughts. Dream big dreams. Pray big prayers. Preach big proclamations!
PERSONALLY CLAIM SOME NATIONS.

#Two 10-year-old boys in China: Led 10,000 people to Christ in 10 days, baptized 3000 of them in the following 10 days. When asked, they said, “**We believe the bible is actually true.**”

2. God’s Word gives us the vision for a vibrant, growing, triumphant, global-reaching church! God has a heart for the nations! So should we.

SLIDE Gen 1:28 Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth** and subdue it. [Missions – focus]

SLIDE Isaiah 2:2 In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, **and all nations will stream to it.**

SLIDE Revelation 7:9 I looked before me saw a **great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people & language**, standing before the throne...[Missions – focus]

3. God desires to give you nations for your inheritance.

SLIDE Psalms 2:8 Ask of Me, and **I will give You the nations for your inheritance**, And the **ends of the earth** for Your possession. [Missions – focus]

4. **He repeatedly proclaimed our purpose throughout scripture! He wanted us possess a GLOBAL vision because the NATIONS ARE OUR INHERITANCE!** What we celebrate in Heaven! He doesn’t want us getting to heaven and not missing our purpose.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 ESV For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy. **#WHERE ARE THE KIDS**

SLIDE CONVICTION #4: Reaching People Must Become Our Primary Purpose Again

A. Jesus was Mission-Centered

1. Jesus spent 66% of his entire recorded ministry sharing the Good News. 128/199 **SAY AGAIN**
Luke 19:10 Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He came to die to proclaim the good news.
Local AND GLOBAL
2. Jesus came for those in need of a physician. To seek and save the lost. did not come just to make us in the church have a comfortable existence on planet earth it was quite the opposite. The goal isn’t happiness, it is purposefulness.

B. Paul was Mission-Centered

The greatest missional leader like Jesus, who set the gospel at the center of his life, his writings, his ministry, and church plants, was the apostle Paul. **54% of all ministry situations were evangelistic.**

Romans 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God...

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

C. First Century Leaders were Mission-Centered

The 120 leaders in the first church were Spirit-hungry, prayer-impassioned, Mission-Centered leaders! Left upper room and saw 3000 saved on first day!

Acts 1:8 = local and global mission as starting point to mission

Acts 2:37-38 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “**Brothers, what shall we do?**” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized **every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:5 = He spoke to, “devout men from **every nation under heaven.**” **15 known nations there.**

D. We Must Build a Thriving Mission-Centered Culture

1. Much of the rest of our day will be discussing this. But this must be reignited in our hearts again! Jesus help us!
2. Which leads us to our last conviction...

SLIDE CONVICTION #5: The Fruit of the Church is determined by the Conviction of its Leaders

1. **I want to finish where we began! Our conviction must be to be missions-minded!**

THIS MUST BE A CONVICTION!!! **Local AND GLOBAL SO GO YOU, SO GOES YOUR CHURCH!**

Q – Dr. Armstrong - “One painful conclusion I reached long ago and have no reason to modify after many years of trying to help churches accept and fulfill their ministry of evangelism and missions, *is that the bottleneck in the process is often – if not always – the pastor and key leaders.* It may be theoretically possible, but it is highly improbable, that any congregation will accept its corporate evangelistic and missional responsibility without the active leadership, support, resources and involvement of the pastors.”

2. We can't afford to just be 'doing church' and must have a conviction to 'being the church.' **The church Jesus had in mind was a LOCAL/GLOBAL church!**
3. We need to continue our focus on Local Evangelism and Church Planting, **but we must be sure to ACCELERATE OUR PASSION FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS!**

#Band to Platform

#Dr. Alexander Duff – Aged old missionary to India

Dr. Alexandar Duff was a great veteran missionary to India. When he as an old man, he returned to his homeland of Scotland to die. There, during the general Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Dr. Duff addressed the meeting, and then made a strong appeal for young people to volunteer their lives for India.

But no one responded. Under the strain of the appeal, the aged missionary fainted and fell to the floor and was then quickly carried off the platform. The doctor bent over the old veteran and was examining his heart when suddenly he opened his eyes and asked, “Where am I? Where am I now?” The doctor replied, “Lie still! Your heart is very weak.” The old warrior interrupted, “But I must finish my appeal. Take me back! Take me back! I haven't finished my appeal yet.” Again, the doctor cautioned, “Lie still, you are too weak to back.” The missionary wouldn't be stopped.

Gathering his strength, he got back on his feet. With the doctor on one side and the Assembly Chairman on the other, the white-haired warrior was led back to the pulpit. While the whole congregation rose in honor of his courage. Then he resumed his appeal. “When Queen Victoria calls for volunteers for India, hundreds of young men respond, but when King Jesus calls, no one goes.” Then he paused. Once more he continued, “Is it true that Scotland has no more sons to give for India?” The he waited and still no one responded. There was silence.

The old man then made a major decision, and under the heavy burden of India's unreached millions he concluded his call. “Very well, if Scotland has no more young men to send to India, then, old and decrepit though I am, I will go back. And even though I cannot preach, I can lie down on the shores of the Ganges rivers and die, to let the people of India know that there is at least one man in Scotland who cares enough for their souls to give his life for them.” As the old veteran turned to leave the pulpit, the silence was broken at last. All over the congregation young men were getting to their feet, crying out, **“I'll go! I'll go! I'll go!”**

And after old Dr. Duff passed on, many of those young men did go to India investing their lives as missionaries as a result of an old gospel warrior's burden, love and vision to preach the gospel to the lost people of India.

NOW, THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL CONVICTION! "An all-consuming revelation that propels you to focus all your passions and energies on one thing; the saving of souls."

TODAY THIS IS MY PRAYER FOR YOU, FOR YOUR CHURCHES AND THE WORLD

CONCLUSION

KEYBOARDS PLAYING.

1. Pray for Senior Pastors – Ring around the room! **#LAY HANDS ON EACH ON HEAD!**
2. Then Pastors pray for your leaders. GO to your lead pastors now! **#LAY HANDS ON THEM.**
3. Pray for churches
4. **SONG**
5. **CLOSE**

MISSIONS STATS

THE CURRENT STATE OF THE WORLD

WORLD-WIDE POPULATION

GLOBAL (UPDATED NOV 2021)

- 7.9 billion
- Median age - total: 30 years
- Life expectancy - total population: 67 years

TOP TEN MOST POPULOUS COUNTRIES (IN MILLIONS)

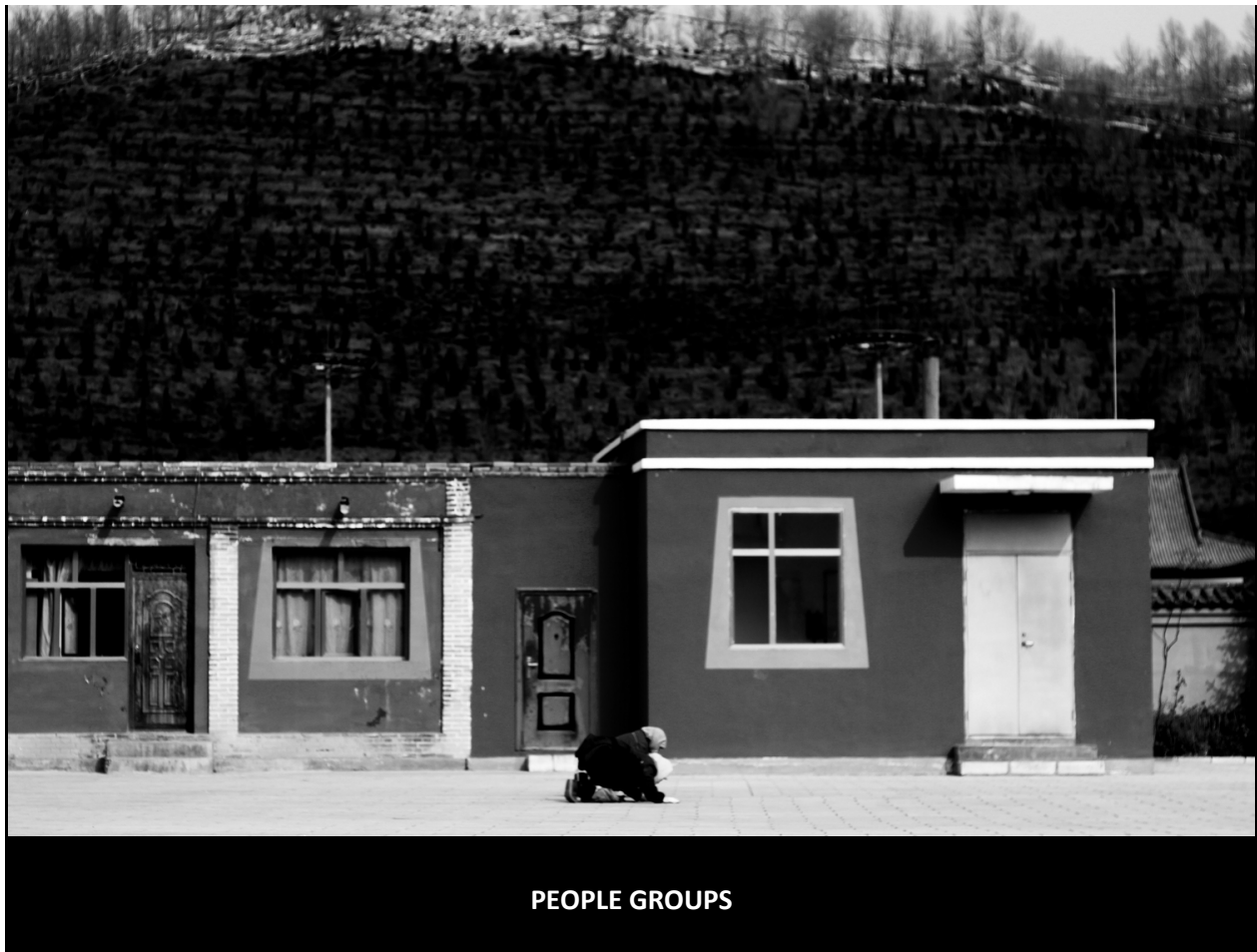
- China 1,447.04
- India 1,399.06
- United States 333.70
- Indonesia 277.59
- Pakistan 227.03
- Brazil 214.67
- Nigeria 213.53
- Bangladesh 166.99
- Russia 146.02
- Mexico 130.83

LITERACY - TOTAL POPULATION: 86.7%

SOURCES

Global Stats, <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/> , accessed Nov 2021

Literacy, CIA World Fact book Nov 2021



WORLDWIDE

- Total People Groups: 17,432

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

- Less than 2% Evangelical Christian.
- Total Unreached People Groups: 7,402
- Total Population of UPGs: 3.28 billion people
- Total Percentage of world: UPG's make up 41.5% of world population

UNEVANGELIZED PEOPLES

- Greater than 2% Evangelical Christian but still great numbers of unsaved.
- Total Unevangelized People Groups: 2,960
- Total Population: 819 million
- Total Percentage of world: the unevangelized make up 10.5% of world population

REACHED PEOPLES

- Greater than 2% Evangelical Christian or majority Christian Population
- Total Reached People Groups: 7,070

- Total Population: 3.74 billion
- Total Percentage of world: the reached population makes up 47.7% of world population

SOURCES

Joshua Project: https://www.joshuaproject.net/people_groups/statistics , Accessed Nov 2021:

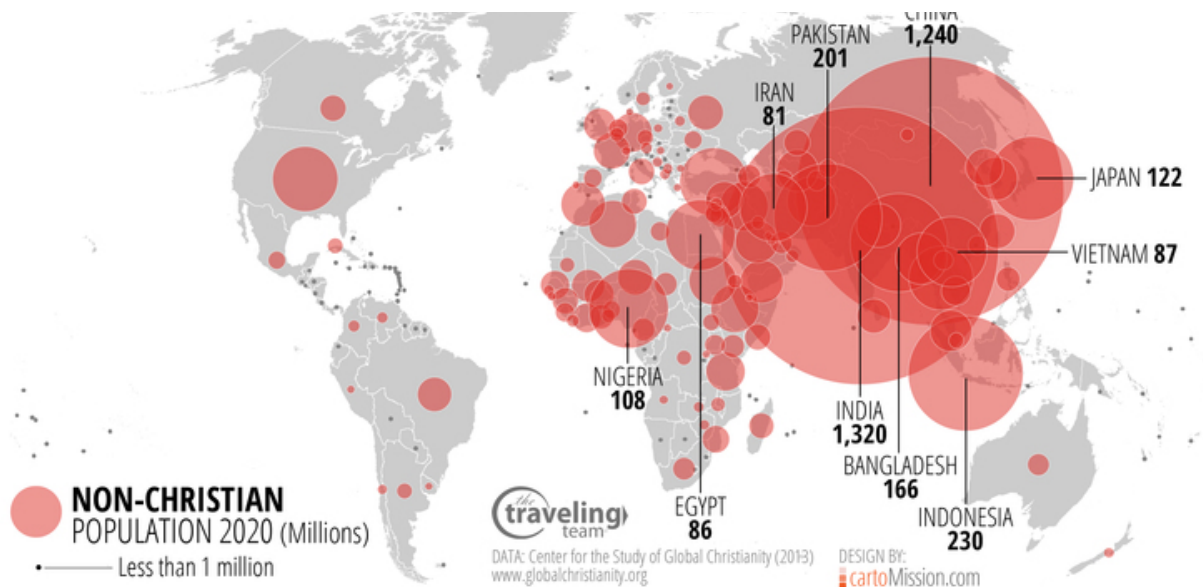
Overview Nov 21: [Status of World Evangelization Joshua Project](#)

Another great overview from IMB, [People Groups Info](#)



WHAT IS THE 10/40 WINDOW?

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Most (96.3%) of the world's unreached people are located geographically in what some scholars call The 10/40 Window from West Africa across Asia between 10 degrees latitude north of the equator to 40 degrees north.

Total Population in 10/40: 5.22 billion people

Total People Groups in 10/40: 8,875 people groups

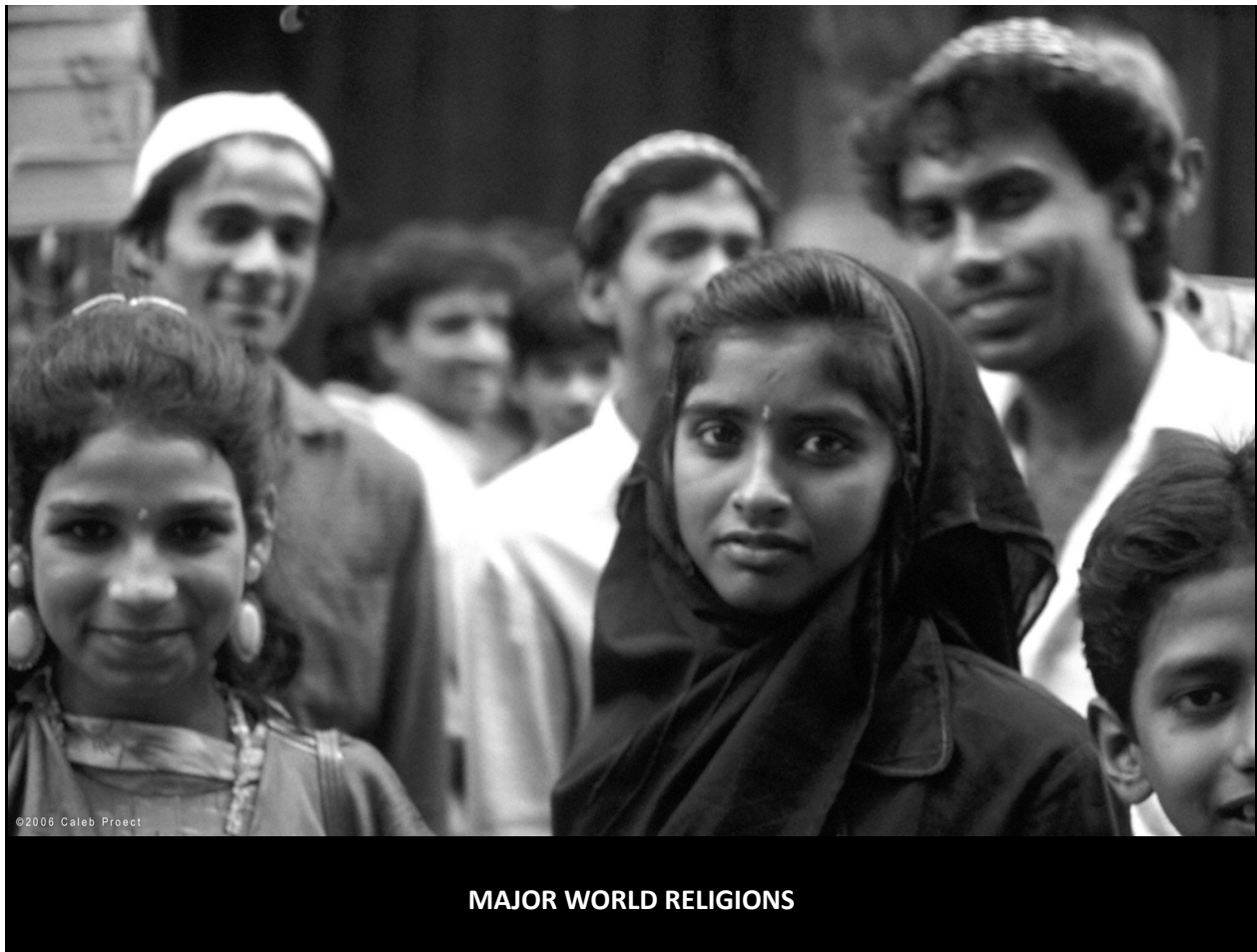
Total UPG's in 10/40: 6,161 Unreached People Groups totaling 3.16 billion people.

60% of unreached people groups live in countries closed to missionaries from North America.

Over 1,000 unreached people groups are NOT in the 10/40 Window, these total over 82 million individuals.

SOURCES:

Nov 2021, joshuaproject.net



I S L A M

- 1.898 Billion worldwide
- 4,039 Total People Groups
- 3,470 UPG's
- 24.2% of the world population

B U D D H I S M

- 505,553,000 individuals
- 678 People Groups
- 530 UPGs
- 6.5% of world population

C H R I S T I A N

- 2.4 Billion worldwide (all Catholic, Protestant)
- 7,163 Total People Groups
- 31.1% of the world population

ANIMISM

- 206 Million worldwide
- 2,800 People Groups
- 1,004 UPGs
- 2.9% of the world population

HINDUISM

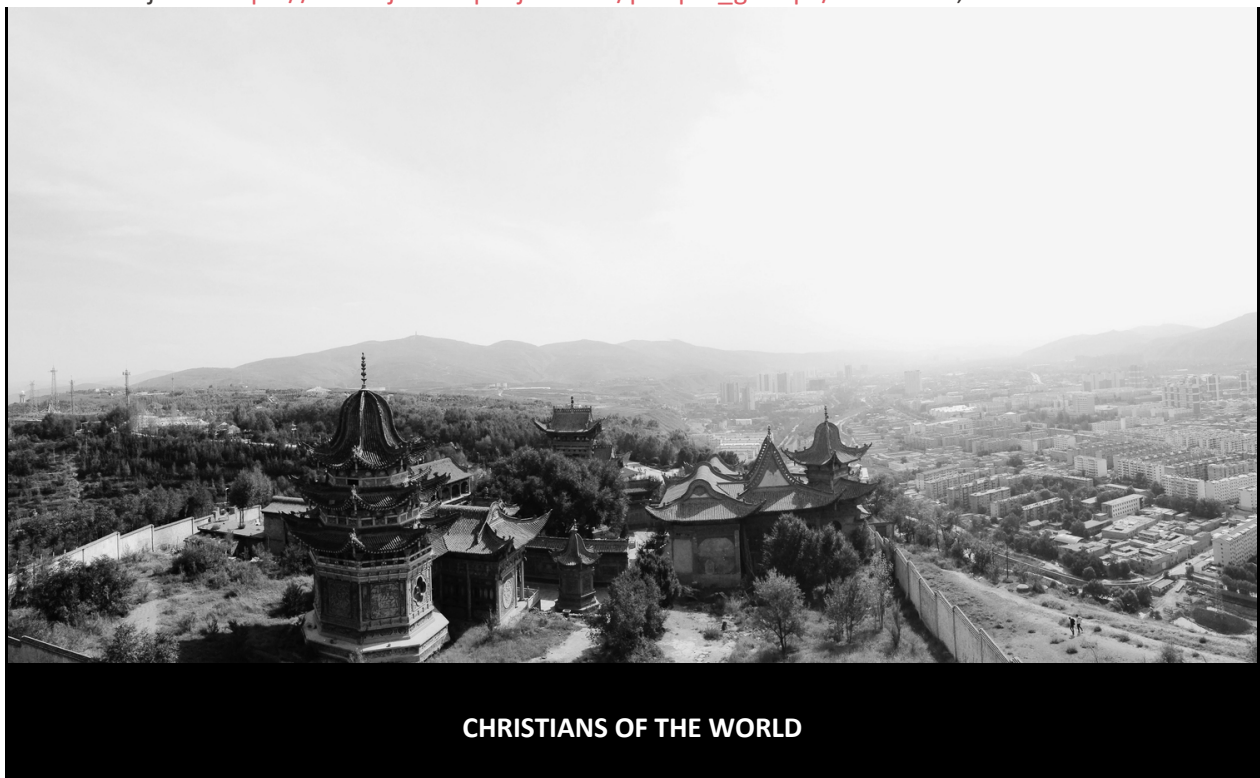
- 1.187 Billion worldwide
- 2,491 People Groups
- 2,288 UPG's
- 15.2% of the world population

CHINA

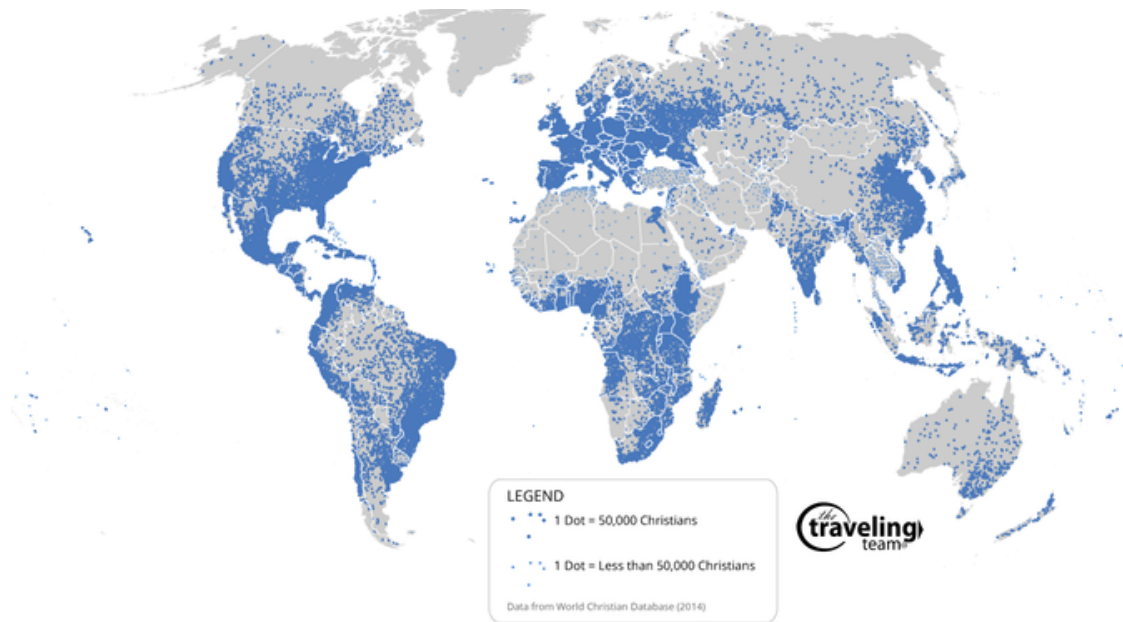
- 1,429,433,000 individuals
- 545 people groups
- 443 Unreached People Groups
- 17.7% of the world population

SOURCES

Joshua Project: https://www.joshuaproject.net/people_groups/statistics , Accessed Nov 2021:



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ALL CHRISTIANS

Christians number 2.432 Billion worldwide (*all Catholic, Protestant, etc.,*) within 7,163 total people groups comprising 30.3% of the world population.

EVANGELICALS

Evangelical Christians total 400 million and Protestants total 600 million worldwide.

In ministries, there are 4.19 million full-time Christian workers and 95% are working within the Christian world. [*original source, Frontier Harvest Ministries, 2007*]

In 2001 there were 900 churches for every one unreached people group. (*USCWM, Mission Frontiers, 2001*)

There are 54,056 Evangelical Christians for every one unreached people group.

SOURCES

Gordon Conwell



LANGUAGES

TOTAL LANGUAGES:

There are estimated 7,378 Languages worldwide.

THREE LARGEST LANGUAGES:

Mandarin Chinese 12.44%, Spanish 4.85%, English 4.83%, (first language speakers)

BIBLE TRANSLATION:

3,495 languages are with some Scripture portions available, accounting for 7.04 billion speakers. 717 languages with a complete Bible (5.75 billion people), and 1,582 languages with a complete New Testament (830 million people).

LANGUAGES WITH NO SCRIPTURE

828 languages have work in progress (67.6 million people), 1,892 languages need translation (145 million people), 1,119 languages are not vital enough to plan translation work (2.8 million people), 44 language communities served by Scripture in another language (4.6 million people)

BIBLE TRANSLATION NEED

1.51 billion people, speaking 6,661 languages, do not have a full Bible in their first language.
145 million people, speaking 1,892 languages, still need translation work to begin:

- Africa – 558 languages, 16 million people
- Americas – 119 languages, 2.4 million people
- Asia – 751 languages, 124 million people
- Europe – 59 languages, 2.3 million people
- Pacific – 405 languages, 0.43 million people

2,217 languages in 147 countries with active translation or preparatory work begun – 1.1 billion people.

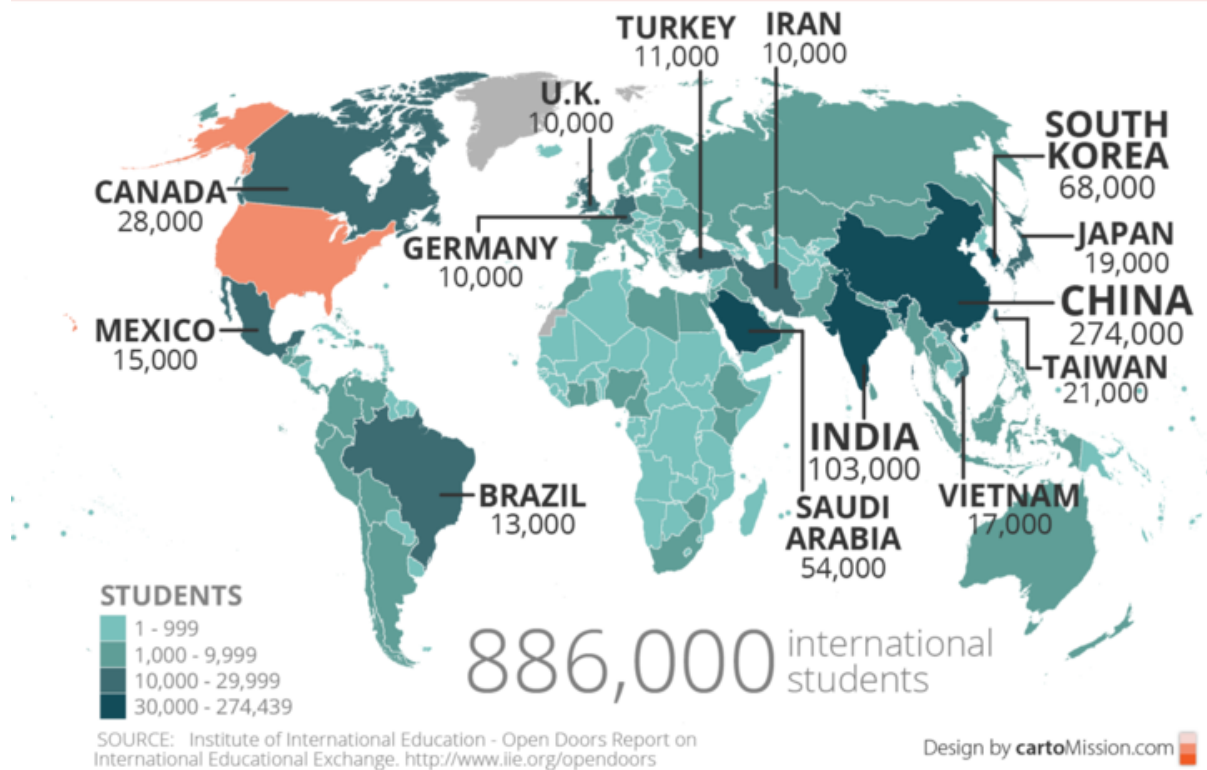
SOURCES:

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Dec 2021



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Place of origin of **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** Studying in the **UNITED STATES** 2013 / 2014



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

There are over 900,000 international students in the U.S each year.

62% of internationals are from 10/40 Window countries. Total Number of Students from 10/40 Window Countries studying in US: 451,568 from 68 Countries

TOP 10 COUNTRIES:

China (35%), India (18%), South Korea (4%), Canada, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Vietnam, Mexico, Nigeria.

WHY REACH OUT TO INTERNATIONALS?

80% of those students will return to their countries having never been invited to an American home.

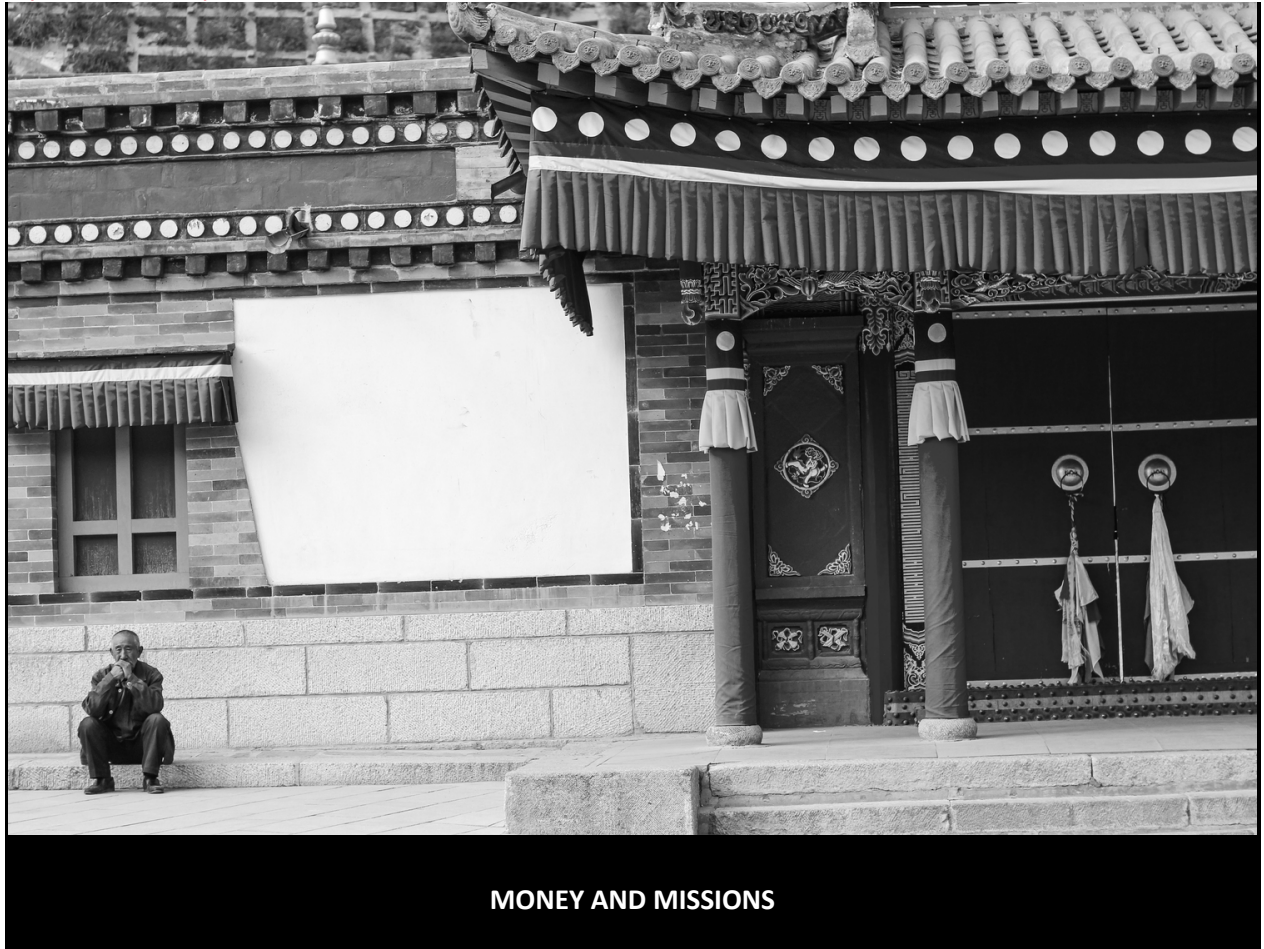
40% of the world's 220 Heads of State once studied in the US.

Only 10% of international students are reached by ministries while in the United States.

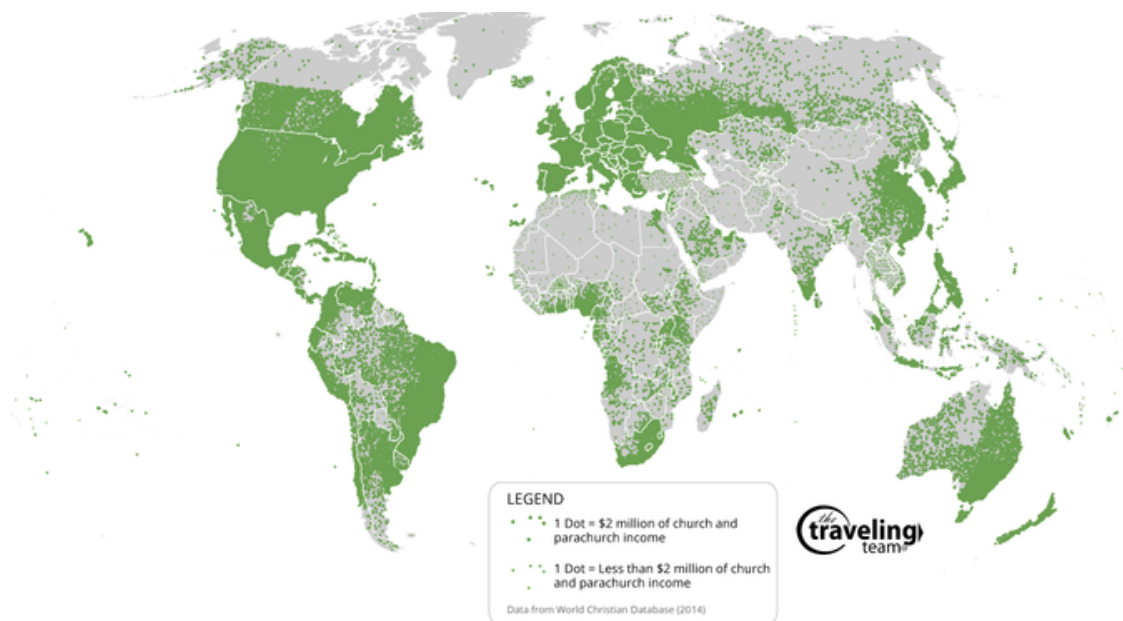
"It is estimated that by the year 2025, 50% of all world leaders will have been international students. Currently, there are over 1.3 million international students studying in the US, and over 4.5 million studying worldwide today." - <https://internationalstudents.org>

SOURCE:

Open Doors Report



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WHAT CHRISTIANS EARN:

Annual Income of all Church Members: \$53 trillion. [1] (Evangelical Christians earn approximately \$6.72 trillion)

WHAT PEOPLE GIVE:

Only 1.5% is “tithed” to any Christian causes: \$896 billion. [1]

“Americans have recently spent more money buying Halloween costumes for their pets than the amount given to reach the unreached.

— Claude Hickman

- **82% goes to Home ministries** of local churches (mostly Christian nations): \$734 billion [2]
- **12% goes to Home Evangelism** in same Christian nations: \$107.5 billion [2]
- **Only 6% of this “tithe” goes to anything Missions: \$52 billion (5.8%, 2022). [2]**

WHERE DOES THE MISSIONS MONEY GO? NOT TOO FAR.

- **Only 1.7% of “Missions Giving” goes to work among Unreached Peoples** Estimated \$880 million (1.7% of the \$52b for anything “missions”) [3]
- *For every \$100,000 that Christians make, they give \$1.70 to the unreached.*

“If you were in a ballroom with a 50ft ceiling and this height represented what Christians earned, you could kneel down and stand two dollar bills, end to end, to see what Christians tithe, then to see what makes it to the unreached you would have to lay both bills flat on the floor. Roughly 1/2 mm.

— Claude Hickman

HYPOTHETICAL OBSERVATIONS

- Evangelical Christians could provide all of the funds needed to plant a church in each of the 7,400 unreached people groups with only 0.03% of their income.
- The Church has roughly 3,000 times the financial resources and 9,000 times the manpower needed to finish the Great Commission. If every evangelical gave 10% of their income to missions we could easily support 2 million new missionaries.

SOURCES:

[1] Gordon Conwell, [Download](#) "Status of Global Christianity

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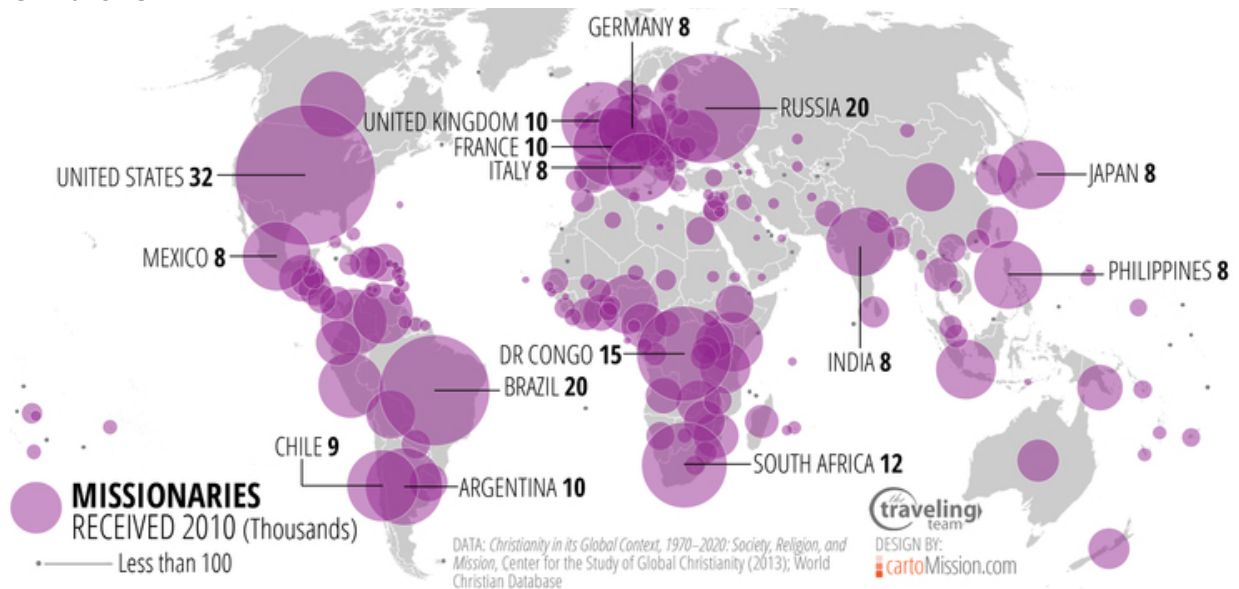
Just a few years ago we spent more in America on [Halloween Costumes](#).



MISSIONARIES AND WORKERS

ALL MISSIONARIES

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- **All Missionaries in the World** (Catholic, Protestant, etc.): 435,000 foreign missionaries [1]
- Missionaries in the **Reached World** : 337,000 foreign missionaries (77.3%) [estimated]

- Missionaries in the **Unevangelized** : 85,000 foreign missionaries (19.4%) [*estimated*]
- Missionaries in the **Unreached** : 11,700 foreign missionaries (2.7%) [2]

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"ROUGHLY THIRTY-TIMES AS MANY MISSIONARIES GO TO REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS TO WORK WITH CHRISTIANS, AS GO TO UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS. FAR LESS GO TO THE FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS, WHERE THERE ARE AS YET NO BELIEVERS. - R.W. LEWIS [3]

CHRISTIAN WORKERS

- **Full time Christian Workers in the World** : 5.5 million workers [*2001 Status*]
- Christian workers in the **Reached World** : 4.19 million local workers (75.9%)
- Christian workers in the **Unevangelized** : 1.3 million local workers (23.7%)
- Christian workers in the **Unreached** : 20,500 local workers (0.37%)

MISSIONARIES PER RELIGION:

- **Tribals** – 714,108,000 population with 11,900 Missionaries: **1 for every 60,000**
- **Hindus** – 984,532,000 population with 5,500 Missionaries: **1 for every 179,000**
- **Unreligious** – 831,267,000 population with 11,700 Missionaries: **1 for every 71,000**
- **Muslims** – 1,703,146,000 population with 4,200 Missionaries: **1 for every 405,500**
- **Buddhists** – 520,002,000 population with 2,000 Missionaries: **1 for every 260,000**

MORE TTT OBSERVATIONS

- Only 1 of every 209,086 Christians goes as a missionary to the Unreached.
- There are 54,000 Evangelical Christians for every one unreached people group.
- Young people have traditionally led the way in going and there are roughly 21 million university students (2014).

CONCLUSION

Is God to blame for not "Calling" People to Missions?

If everyone is obeying God's "calling" to be a missionary wherever they are then God is apparently calling 99.9995% of people to work among the half of the world population that already has the gospel, and calling virtually no one (.0005%) to relocate among the other half of the world population that are not Christian. You have a better chance of being in a plane crash than being one of the few missionaries to the unreached.

In light of God's word, this seems unfathomable and it appears to be almost complete disobedience on the part of the Church worldwide to go make disciples of all the nations.

Financially we are hoarding 99.99% of our income to ourselves and what little is given is mostly directed toward reached people groups.

The current status quo is to do virtually nothing to reach the UPG's of the world. The percentages of man-power and money focused on UPG's are almost undetectable they are so small. The amount of resources that fall off the Christian table for unreached peoples is more comparable (we googled it...) with the number of skin cells you lose over a month's time: something hardly worth calling a sacrifice of the body.



