

STATE OF MISSIONS 2024

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Why Missions?

Because we are Commanded

Mt 28:19, *Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Because the Lamb is worthy

Rev 5:9, *For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

How are we to spread the Good News?

With the Spirit's power and direction: *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, Acts 1:8a*

Start locally, then move outward: *telling people about me everywhere-in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8b*

To the Jew first, and then the Gentile: *For I am not ashamed of this good news about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes-the Jew first and also the Gentile. Rms 1:16*

MISSION STATE
THE CURRENT
STATE OF THE
WORLD

Mission Stats

World Population

World People Groups

The 10/40 Window

Major World Religions

Christians of the World

Languages

International Students in US

Money and Missions

Missionaries and Workers

WORLD-WIDE POPULATION



GLOBAL (*UPDATED FEB 2024*)

8.12 billion

Median age - total: 30 years

Life expectancy - total population: 67
years

TOP TEN MOST POPULOUS COUNTRIES

- India 1.43 billion
- China 1.42 billion
- United States 341 Million
- Indonesia 279 Million
- Pakistan 243 Million
- Nigeria 227 Million
- Brazil 217 Million
- Bangladesh 173 Million
- Russia 144 Million
- Mexico 129 Million

LITERACY - TOTAL POPULATION: 87%

SOURCES

Global Stats,

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

Literacy, CIA World Fact book Nov 2021

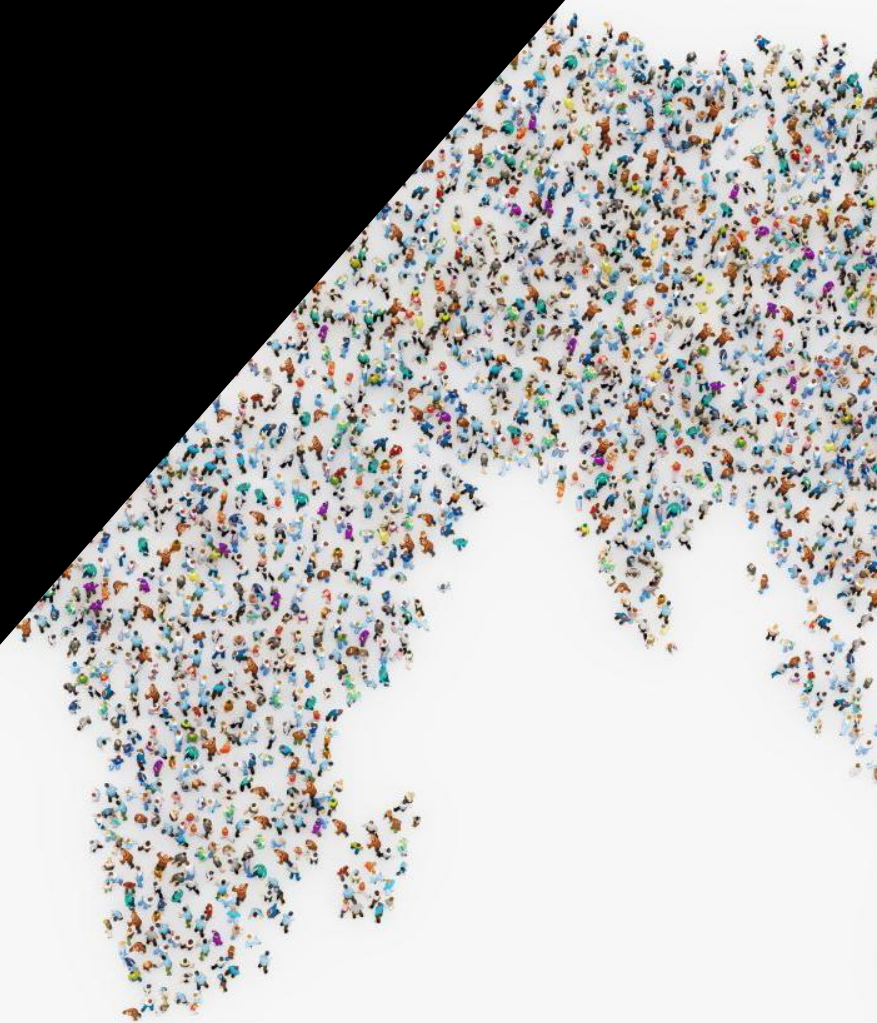
PEOPLE GROUPS



What is a People Group?

A "people group" is an ethnolinguistic group with a common self-identity that is shared by its various members. There are two parts to that word: "ethno" and "linguistic". The "ethno" part means there is a common line of descent with a shared sense of cultural identity while the "linguistic" part means the group has a unique language that is a primary and dominant identifying factor of the group.

WORLDWIDE
TOTAL PEOPLE
GROUPS: 17,281



What is an Unreached People Group? (UPG)

They have a Christian Evangelical population of less than 2%

They have a Christian adherent population of less than 5%

They are ethnic groups without an indigenous, self-propagating Christian church movement

They have little or no access to the Gospel

They often lack resources to evangelize their people group

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

Total Unreached People Groups: 7,246

Total Population of UPGs: 3.39 billion people

Total Percentage of world: UPG's make up 41.8% of world population

What is a Frontier People Group? (FPG)

A FPG is an UPG with a population of greater than 10 million

It is a group with almost no Christians and no known movements towards Jesus

It has less than 0.1% Christian adherents.

Frontier People Groups

There are 4,977 FPG

Total population of FPG is 2,031,577,000

About half of all FPG (approx. 1 billion people) live in 38 of those groups

UNEVANGELIZED PEOPLES

Greater than 2% Evangelical Christian but still great numbers of unsaved.

Total Unevangelized People Groups: 2,906

Total Population: 799.7 million

Total Percentage of world: the unevangelized make up 9.9% of world population

REACHED PEOPLES

Greater than 2% Evangelical Christian or majority Christian Population

Total Reached People Groups: 7,129

Total Population: 3.8 billion

Total Percentage of world: the reached population makes up 46.9% of world population

Joshua Project: https://www.joshuaproject.net/people_groups/statistics,
Accessed Nov 2024



WHAT IS THE 10/40
WINDOW?

Most (96.6%) 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.

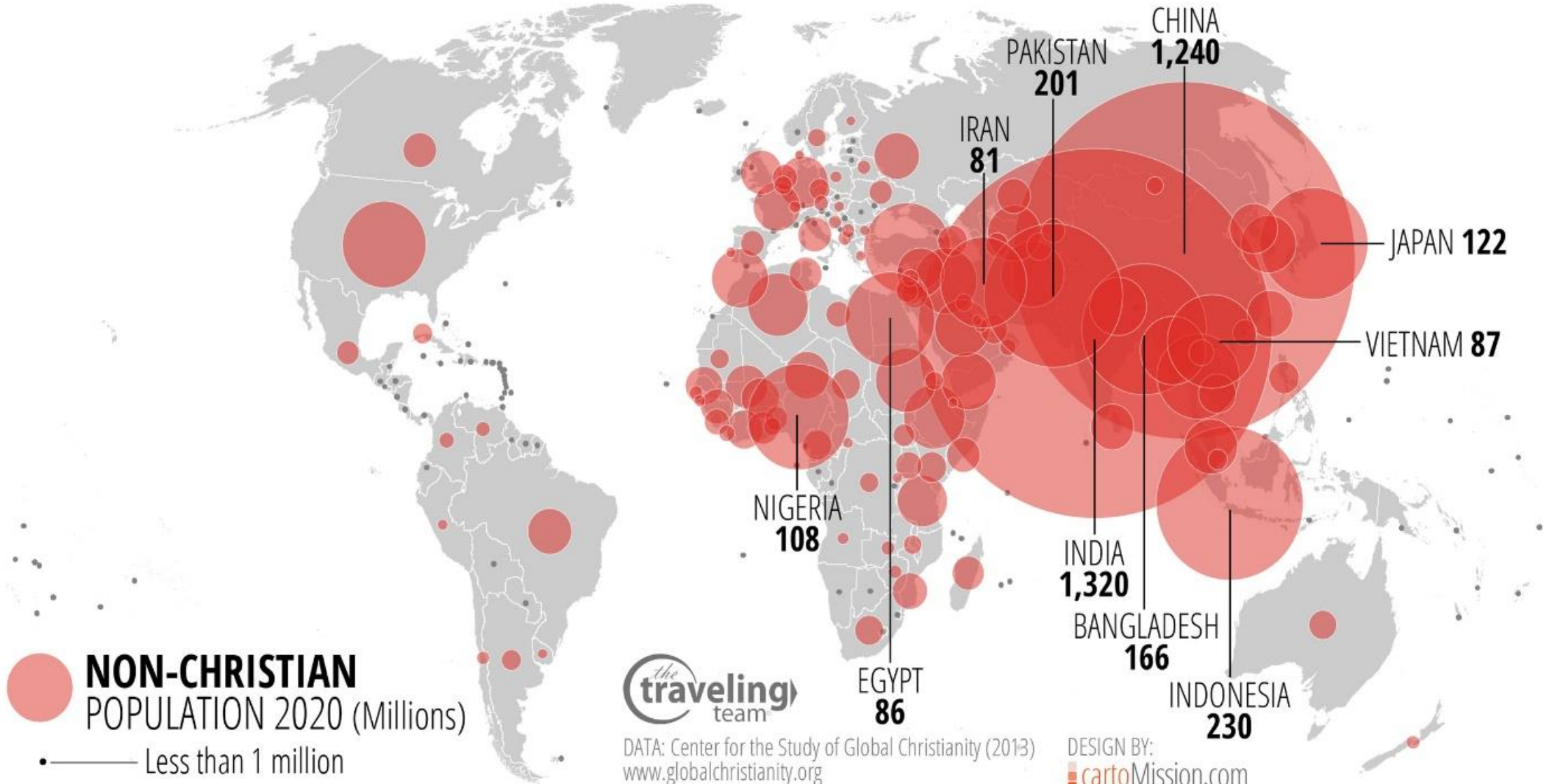
Total Population in 10/40: 5.33 billion people

Total People Groups in 10/40: 8,731 people
groups

Total UPG's in 10/40: 6,013 Unreached People
Groups totaling 3.28 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.



DATA: Center for the Study of Global Christianity (2013)
www.globalchristianity.org

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Major World Religions

ISLAM

1.98 Billion worldwide

4,031 Total People Groups

3,462 UPG's

24.8% of the world population

BUDDHISM

505,432,000 individuals

666 People Groups

511 UPGs

6.3% of world population

Major World Religions

HINDUISM

1.2 Billion worldwide

2,395 People Groups

2,203 UPG's

15.1% of the world population

ANIMISM

738 Million worldwide

2,625 People Groups

923 UPGs

9.2% of the world population

Major World Religions

CHINA

1.8 billion individuals

545 people groups

441 Unreached People Groups

17.7% of the world population

CHRISTIAN

2.5 Billion worldwide (all Catholic, Protestant)

7,146 Total People Groups

31.2% of the world population

CHRISTIANS OF THE WORLD

Christians number 2.632 Billion worldwide (*all Catholic, Protestant, etc.,*) within 7,129 total people groups comprising 32% of the world population.

This may surprise many, but Christianity is growing around the world and is growing faster than the rate of population. From 2020 to the mid-point of 2024, the world's population is expected to grow from almost 6.15 billion people to more than 8.11 billion, a 0.87% growth trend. The number of Christians worldwide is expected to climb from more than 2.52 billion to 2.63 billion, a 1.08% growth. ([Lifeway Research](#))

Protestants and Evangelicals

Protestants total 625 million worldwide and Evangelical Christians total 413 million.

In 2020 there were 550 churches for every one unreached people group. (*Lifeway Research*)

There are 57,000 Evangelical Christians for every one unreached people group.

SOURCES Gordon Conwell

LANGUAGES



TOTAL LANGUAGES

A world map where the landmasses are filled with a dense mosaic of small, multi-colored squares. The colors include shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and grey. The background is solid black, making the colorful map stand out.

There are estimated
6,909 languages
worldwide

THREE LARGEST LANGUAGES:

Mandarin Chinese 12.44%,

Spanish 4.85%,

English 4.83%, (first language speakers)

Bible Translation

4400 languages are without Scripture portions available, with some 634,000,000 speakers. Translation projects are in progress in an estimated 1600 languages that are currently without adequate Scriptures. There are about 2500 languages needing Bible translation work to begin. (Joshua Project).

Bible Translation

Of the world's approximately 6,900 languages, 4,765 have at least one of the following: Bible portions, the Jesus Film, Christian radio, or Gospel recordings. Total speakers of these languages is 6.2 billion which represents over 95% of the world's population. 2,135 languages have none of these resources available, with about 195,000,000 speakers.

BIBLE TRANSLATION:

736 languages have the Full Bible, 5.6 billion people, 80% of the world

1,658 languages have the New Testament, 824 million, 11% of the world

3,658 languages have some portion of Scripture, 7.23 billion people, 97.4% of the world

LANGUAGES WITH SCRIPTURE NEED:

6,661 languages do not have the Full Bible, 1.5 billion people

3,736 languages have no Bible portions, (1,100 of these language translations are not needed for various reasons)

3,283 languages have current Bible Translation work happening, for 1.15 billion people, 15% of the world.

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Feb 2024

The image features a low-angle shot of graduates at a commencement ceremony. The graduates are silhouetted against a clear, light blue sky. They are holding their black graduation caps and white diplomas high in the air, creating a sense of triumph and celebration. The composition is framed by dark green diagonal shapes in the top-left and bottom-right corners. The text 'INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN USA' is centered in a white, serif font, with a thin white horizontal line underneath it.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN USA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

There are over 1 million international students in the U.S each year.

In 2023 there were over 778,000 internationals coming from 10/40 Window countries. This amounts to 78% of all international students in the US representing areas with limited access to the gospel. Open Doors

UNREACHED NATIONS WITH TOP STUDENT POPULATION IN US:

China (290K)

India (268K)

Vietnam (21K)

Taiwan (21K)

Saudi Arabia (16K)

Japan (16K)

Nepal (15K)

Bangladesh (13K)

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>



MONEY AND
MISSIONS



STEWARDSHIP
WITHIN
CHRISTIANITY

WHAT CHRISTIANS EARN:
Annual Income of all Church
Members: **\$70 trillion.** [1]

WHAT CHRISTIANS GIVE:

Only 1.86% is “tithed” to any Christian causes: **\$1.3 trillion.** [1]

HOW ARE MINISTRY DONATIONS USED:

82% goes to Home ministries of local churches (mostly Christian nations): \$1 trillion [2]

12% goes to Home Evangelism in same Christian nations: \$156 billion [2]

Only 6% of this “tithe” goes to general Missions: \$78 billion

WHAT MISSIONS MONEY IS USED TO REACH THE UNREACHED?

- **Only 1.7% of “Missions Giving” goes to work among Unreached Peoples** Estimated \$1.32 billion (1.7% of the \$78b for general “missions”) [3]
 - *For every \$100,000 that Christians make, they give \$1.83 to the unreached.*
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If you were in a ballroom with a fifty foot ceiling and the ceiling represented what Christians earned, you could stand two dollar bills, end to end, 12" from the floor to represent what Christians tithe. But to see how little is used for the unreached you would have to stack both bills and lay them flat. (roughly 1/2 mm).

PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

If we sent mission teams of *ten* people to each of the 7,246 unreached people groups with an annual salary of *\$70,000* a year. Christians worldwide could provide all of the funds needed to reach all peoples with only 0.007% of their income (\$5b). The Global Church has roughly 14,000 times the financial resources and 36,000 times the manpower needed to finish the Great Commission.

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MISSIONARIES AND WORKERS

ALL MISSIONARIES

All Missionaries in the World (Catholic, Protestant, etc.): 445,000 foreign missionaries [1]

Missionaries in the **Reached World** : 343,000 foreign missionaries (77%) [*estimated*]

Missionaries in the **Unevangelized** : 86,000 foreign missionaries (19%) [*estimated*] (people in an unevangelized group have not heard the gospel message-but have access to it)

Missionaries in the **Unreached** : estimated 15,000 foreign
missionaries (3.4%) [2]

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BELIEVERS. - R.W. LEWIS [3]**

MORE MISSIONS OBSERVATIONS

Only 1 of every 174,463 Christians goes as a missionary to the Unreached.

Only 1 of every 41,707 Protestant Christians goes as a missionary to the Unreached.

There are 57,053 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

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 (.0006%) 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.

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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.

What can you do?

Give	Give a portion of your giving for Mission activity
Give	Give Locally
Give	Give Nationally
Give	Give Globally
Give	Give to a Jewish Mission
