



**Sunday November 22, 2015**

**A Heart for our Nation**

*While challenges exist, the opportunities are great. What will you do?*

The purpose of revival is for us to be empowered to impact our world with the glory of God.

**Psalm 2:7,8**

**7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.**

**8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

God's promise which we inherit through Jesus Christ is to give us nations.

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.**

The Lord Jesus commissioned us to disciple nations.

### **The state of our nation**

29 states and 7 union territories of India. 647 Districts including 7 union territories.





As per media reports, there are about 8 Tier I cities (Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune), 26 Tier II cities, 33 Tier III cities and over 5,000 Tier IV towns, while there are more than 638,000 villages in the country. [1]

#### Top Ten Cities in India by GDP [2]

S. N.	City	2011 GDP (PPP) in USD
1	Mumbai	\$209 billion
2	Delhi	\$167 billion
3	Kolkata	\$150 billion
4	Bengaluru	\$83 billion
5	Hyderabad	\$74 billion
6	Chennai	\$66 billion
7	Ahmedabad	\$64 billion
8	Pune	\$48 billion
9	Surat	\$40 billion
10	Vishakhapatnam	\$26 billion

#### Demographics

India is second among the world's most populated countries. With its current population of more than **1.21 billion people** (As per Census of India 2011), the country is estimated to surpass China and become the most populous country in the world.

Literacy rate:

Total: 74.04 %

Females: 65.46 %

Males: 82.14 %

Median age:

Total: 26.2 years

Female: 26.9 years

Male: 25.6 years

**50% of the population is 25 years and below** (Census of India, 2011).

Hindi, being the national language of the country, most Indians (41.03 %) speak the Hindi language (dialects).

**Nearly 22% of India's population live below national poverty line.** [3]

#### Indian Economy [4]

Three major sectors contribute to the Indian economy and the GDP of the country. These are: (i) agriculture - which includes crops, milk, animal husbandry, fishing, forestry and some other activities. (ii) industry - which includes several manufacturing sub-sectors, and (iii) services - which includes retail, construction, software, communication, IT, banking, healthcare and other economic activities.



**Agriculture** - In agriculture production, India ranks second in the world. Agriculture and related activities accounts for about 18% of the total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and also employ approximately 50% of the total workforce of the country. The agriculture sector's contribution to the economy has been increasing with every financial year.

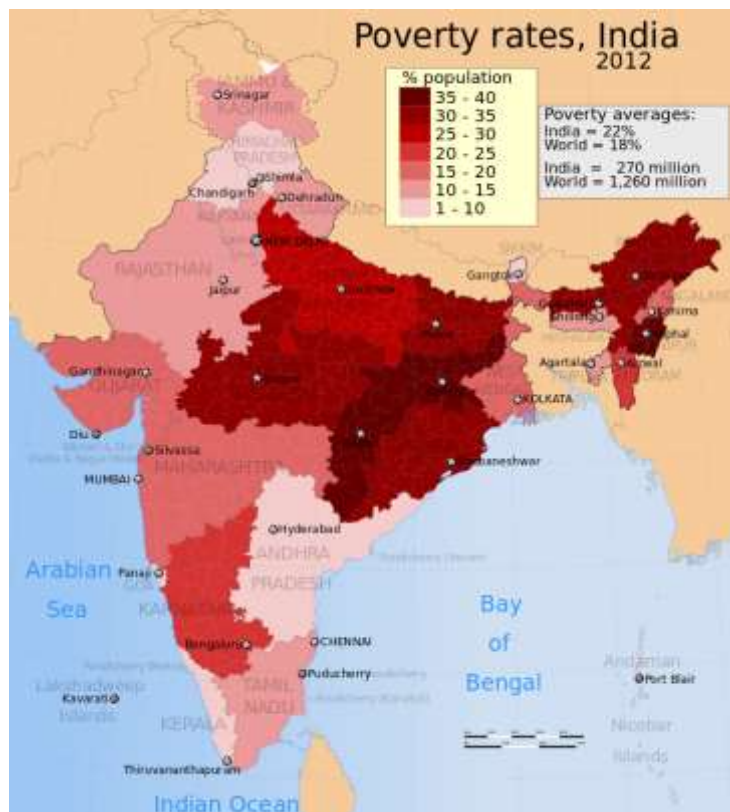
**Industry** - Industry contributes about 26% of the GDP and 22% of the total workforce in India is associated with industry sector. There are many sub-sectors in industry which generate revenue for this sector such as petroleum, engineering, pharmaceuticals, mining, textile and many more.

**Services** - The Indian service sectors account for about 60% of the total GDP. Information technology (IT), IT enabled services (ITeS) and e-commerce has led to the growth of this sector. The services sector has also attracted the highest amount of foreign equity with the government's foreign direct investment (FDI) policies.

**Challenges facing the Indian economy:**

**Population explosion:** The rising population weighs the success of the Indian economy and puts lot of stress on economic infrastructure of the nation.

**Poverty:** As per records of National Planning Commission, 36 crore people (21.9% of total population) were living below the poverty line in India in 2012. [8]





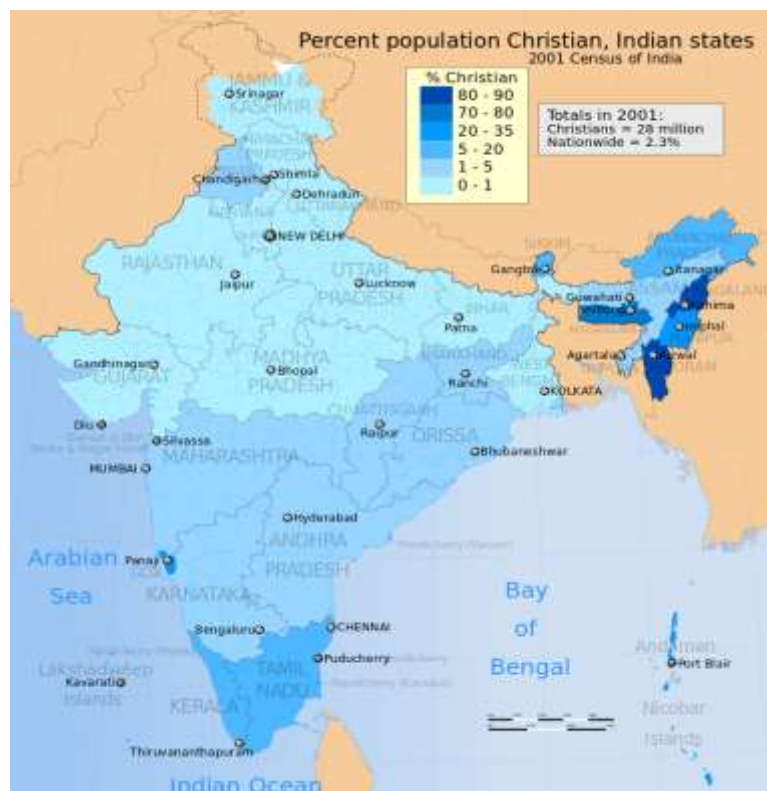
**Unemployment:** The increasing population is pressing hard on economic resources as well as job opportunities. Indian government schemes make negligible difference.

**Rural Urban Divide:** It is said that India lies in villages. Even today when there is lot of talk about migration to cities, 70% of the Indian population still lives in villages. There is a very stark difference in the pace of rural and urban growth.

### Spiritual Activity

As per the religious **census data of 2011**, released by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, the total population in the country in 2011 was 121.09 crore. Hindu population is 96.63 crore (**79.8 percent**); Muslim 17.22 crore (**14.2 percent**); Christian 2.78 crore (**2.3 percent**); Sikh 2.08 crore (1.7 percent); Buddhist 0.84 crore (0.7 percent); Jain 0.45 crore (0.4 percent), Other religions and persuasions (ORP) 0.79 crore (0.7 percent) and religion not stated 0.29 crore (0.2 percent).

If you look at the distribution of Christian population across India [5]:



As we can see, a major part of North India has less than 1% Christian population, and a good portion of the rest of India well below 5%.



Hence our focus should be on bringing the Gospel to those parts of India that still need strong Christian witness. North India is strategically important in completing the unfinished task of world evangelization.

### **People Groups**

According to the Joshua Project [6], in India there are:

Number of People Groups in India: 2,145

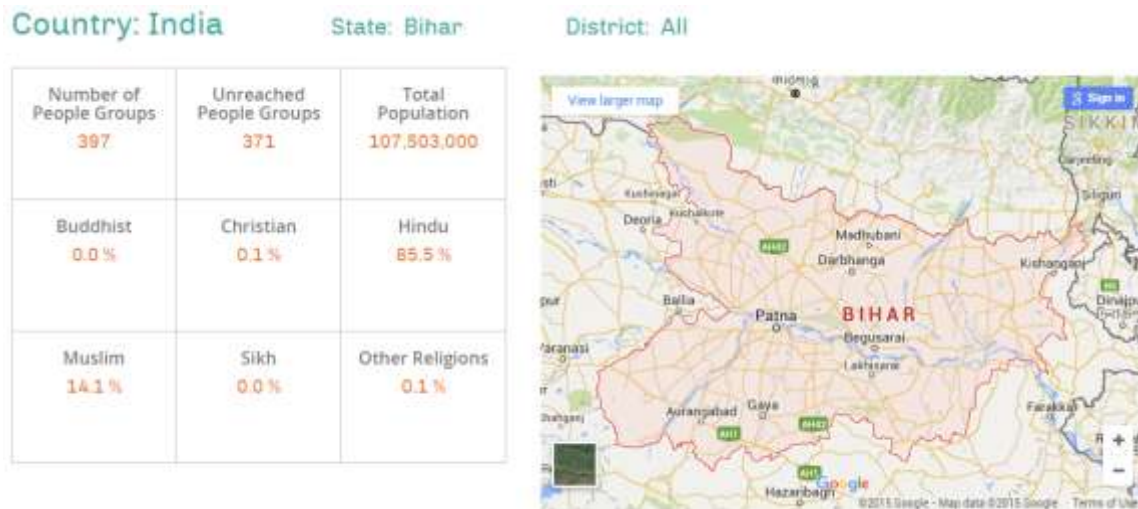
People Groups Unreached in India: 1,932

India's Total Population: 1,282,347,000

India's Unreached Population: 1,217,461,000

### **What is happening- some Indian States [7]:**

#### **Bihar**



Traditionally known as the 'missionaries graveyard', Bihar is one of the least-evangelized mega-populations in the world. There are 24 districts (accounting for 57 million people) that are less than 0.03% Christian.

A lot of work needs to be done.

- ✓ Bihar is 90% rural, one of the world's highest rates. Outreach and church planting must focus on towns and villages, with sensitivity to the close-knit community dynamics therein.
- ✓ Bihar is a young population, with as high as 60% of the population under 25 years old.
- ✓ Unreached peoples. There are 22 groups of over 100,000 that are unreached and as yet unengaged.



Among others, Rev. Augustine Jebakumar of Gospel Echoing Missionary Society (GEMS) and the Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB) have done great pioneering work in Bihar.

## Gujarat

Country: India

State: Gujarat

District: All

Number of People Groups	Unreached People Groups	Total Population
611	580	63,683,000
Buddhist 0.0%	Christian 0.5%	Hindu 89.2%
Muslim 8.5%	Sikh 0.1%	Other Religions 1.6%



While there is a good response among some of the tribal villages, still a lot needs to be done. God has been using Bishop Devadoss, Sharing Love Mission, to do a significant work among the Bhil tribals. About 620 Bhil villages have been reached. Bhils are one of the largest tribal groups in India.

## Jammu & Kashmir

Country: India

State: Jammu and Kashmir

District: All

Number of People Groups	Unreached People Groups	Total Population
312	303	14,054,000
Buddhist 1.1%	Christian 0.2%	Hindu 33.8%
Muslim 63.0%	Sikh 1.9%	Other Religions 0.0%



Almost all peoples in Jammu and Kashmir are unreached. There is also the threat of Islamic militancy in this region.



## Punjab

Country: India

State: Punjab

District: All

Number of People Groups	Unreached People Groups	Total Population
413	389	29,856,000
Buddhist 0.1 %	Christian 1.2 %	Hindu 36.7 %
Muslim 1.5 %	Sikh 60.3 %	Other Religions 0.2 %



From report on the ground, Punjab, especially in the rural parts seems to be experiencing a rapid growth of the Gospel. However there is a great need for strong teaching and discipling of new believers.

## Rajasthan

Country: India

State: Rajasthan

District: All

Number of People Groups	Unreached People Groups	Total Population
524	507	76,187,000
Buddhist 0.0 %	Christian 0.1 %	Hindu 89.6 %
Muslim 7.8 %	Sikh 1.4 %	Other Religions 1.5 %



The Church has seen some growth in the city of Jaipur, but most of the state remains without much impact. Many tribal groups are responding to the Gospel but progress is slow. Higher castes, especially Rajputs (who originated from Rajasthan) and Jats, show almost negligible response to the gospel.



## Uttar Pradesh

Country: India

State: Uttar Pradesh

District: All

Number of People Groups 642	Unreached People Groups 619	Total Population 221,139,000
Buddhist 0.2 %	Christian 0.2 %	Hindu 81.9 %
Muslim 17.1 %	Sikh 0.7 %	Other Religions 0.2 %



The need in UP is great. The percentage of Christians is very low in this state. However, from reports on the ground there seems to be good progress in the state of UP.

### How will you respond - will you have a heart for our nation?

*While challenges exist, the opportunities are great. What will you do?*

We need to engage to reach both: India's village/Rural population AND India's urban population (cities).

Here are some practical ways you can engage with what APC is doing as a local church:

#### **#1, Adopt a state in prayer**

Pray for any of India's states that God lays on your heart.

Research and find out what God is doing and what the needs of that state are and pray faithfully for that state.

#### **#2, Adopt a community/people group in prayer**

Adopt a people group or community anywhere in our nation, learn about them and pray for them.

#### **#3, Be part of APC's short term missions**

In our short term missions work our focus is to (A)Equip Christian Pastors/Leaders and (B)Strengthen and equip believers. We desire to be carriers of revival and ignite revival fires where ever we go across our nation.





#### **#4, Be part of APC's church planting movement**

Will you be willing to go to another part of our country plant and pastor a local church, either in any of India's urban centers (cities) or small towns? We want to establish strong local churches that will impact their communities and bring powerful visitations of God into that region.

#### **#5, Provide missionary care (financially empowering those on the ground)**

Give financially to help APC support more people on the ground who are serving the Lord across North India.

#### **#6, Support APC's Publications ministry**

Give to support APC's publications ministry. We do believe that we must give our tithe to the local church and also support the work through additional offerings. A major part of the finances we receive goes into providing free publications to people across our nation in English and regional languages.

#### **#7, Support APC's Bible College and serving in our Short Term Schools**

Through our Bible college (2-year) and our Short Term Schools (10 weeks) we train and release men and women into the ministry. Plan on going out to teach at our Short Term Schools in 2016.

Next Sunday we will speak more about India's Cities.

#### **Isaiah 6:1-8**

**1** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

**2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

**3** And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

**4** And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

**5** So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

**6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

**7** And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

**8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

**God is still looking for people who He would send and people who would go on His behalf, to the world. Will you go?**

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**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

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