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Fact #1 : God's Heart for the Lost
Love that was from the beginning

1 Timothy 2:3,4; Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 42:6;
John 3:16; 1 John 4:14



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Fact #2 : Christ's Death the Only Remedy
Planned from the foundation of the world

1 Timothy 2:5,6 Acts 4:12



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Fact #3 : Believers – the primary agents

Mark 16:15 Matthew 28:18-20 Acts 5:19,20
2 Corinthians 5:20



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Fact #4 : The need has never been greater

World's population 7,003,030,436

As of March 26, 2012. (U.S. Census Bureau,
International Programs Center)



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It is estimated that in
1 AD, 300 million people in the world;
1250 AD, 400 million;
1500 AD, 500 million.

According to UN estimates, the world population in
1804 was 1 billion

1927 was 2 billion (123 years later)

1960 was 3 billion (33 years later)

1974 was 4 billion (14 years later)

1987 was 5 billion (13 years later)

1999 was 6 billion (12 years later)

2012 is over 7 billion



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World's Population by Continents

Asia	4,216,020,000
Africa	1,051,494,600
Europe	740,099,500
North America	463,180,649
South America	396,183,600
Oceania (incl. Australia)	37,104,600
Antarctica	no indigenous inhabitants

Sources: Population Reference Bureau World Population Data Sheet 2011 and *The World Factbook*. Notes: 60% of the world's population lives in the continent of Asia; North America includes Canada, Greenland, Mexico, and United States.



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Ten Largest Countries in Population (2011)

There are approximately 226 inhabited countries and territories in the world. China is the most populous nation with 1/5 of the world's people. About half the world's people live in the first six largest countries listed below.

China	1,336,718,015
India	1,189,172,906
United States	313,232,044
Indonesia	245,613,043
Brazil	203,429,773
Pakistan	187,342,721
Bangladesh	158,570,535
Nigeria	155,215,573
Russia	138,739,892
Japan	126,475,664

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#), International Data Base



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The 20 Largest Urban Areas in the World

Urban Center	Population*
1. Tokyo-Yokohama, Japan	36,690,000
2. Delhi, India	22,630,000
3. Seoul-Incheon, South Korea	22,525,000
4. Jakarta, Indonesia	22,245,000
5. Manila, Philippines	21,295,000
6. Mumbai (Bombay), India	21,290,000
7. New York City, U.S.	20,710,000
8. São Paulo, Brazil	20,395,000
9. Mexico City, Mexico	19,565,000
10. Shanghai, China	18,665,000

Urban Center	Population*
11. Cairo, Egypt	17,550,000
12. Osaka-Kobe-Kyoto, Japan	17,005,000
13. Kolkata (Calcutta), India	15,835,000
14. Shenzhen, China	15,250,000
15. Los Angeles, U.S.	14,940,000
16. Beijing (Peking), China	14,170,000
17. Moscow, Russia	13,680,000
18. Karachi, Pakistan	13,460,000
19. Istanbul, Turkey	13,275,000
20. Buenos Aires, Argentina	13,125,000

Source :Demographia World Urban Areas & Population Projection. 7th Annual edition. April, 2011. www.demographia.com



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World Birth/Death Rates (2012 est.)

Birth Rate:	Death Rate:
19 births/1,000 population	8 deaths/1,000 population
131.4 million births per year	55.3 million people die each year
360,000 births per day	151,600 people die each day
15,000 births each hour	6316 people die each hour
250 births each minute	105 people die each minute
4 births each second of every day	almost 2 people die each second

Average Life Expectancy at Birth is 68 years

Source: The World Factbook (CIA)



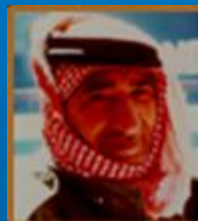
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Major Religions of the World (mid-2010)

Christians	2,280,616,000
Roman Catholics	1,150,661,000
Protestants	419,795,000
Independents*	370,668,000
Orthodox	270,227,000
Anglicans	86,051,000
Muslims	1,553,188,720
Hindus	942,871,000
Buddhists	462,625,000
Chinese folk religionists	454,404,000
Sikhs	23,738,500
Jews	14,824,000

Source : The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2012, ©2012



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Global Mission Trends



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A Church for Every People

What is the status?



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How Many People Groups Are There?

Total Peoples by Country

(People Group counted for each country it is in.
This is the list most often referred to as the
peoples of the world.)

16,700



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How Many People Groups Are Considered Unreached / Least-Reached?

(Using criteria of less than 2% Evangelical
and less than 5% Adherent)

Best current estimate of
unreached / least-reached
ethnic people groups:

6,900

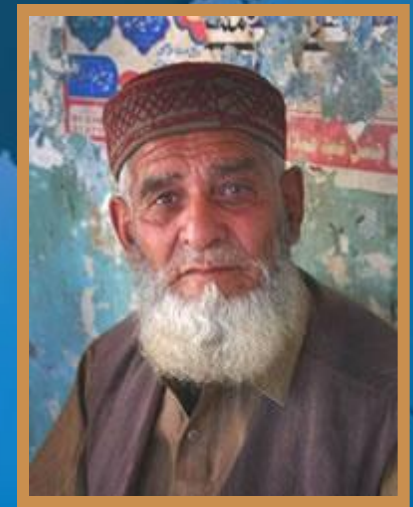


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Countries with the Most Unreached Peoples

Country	# Unreached Peoples
India	2218
Pakistan	461
China	426
Bangladesh	369
Nepal	348

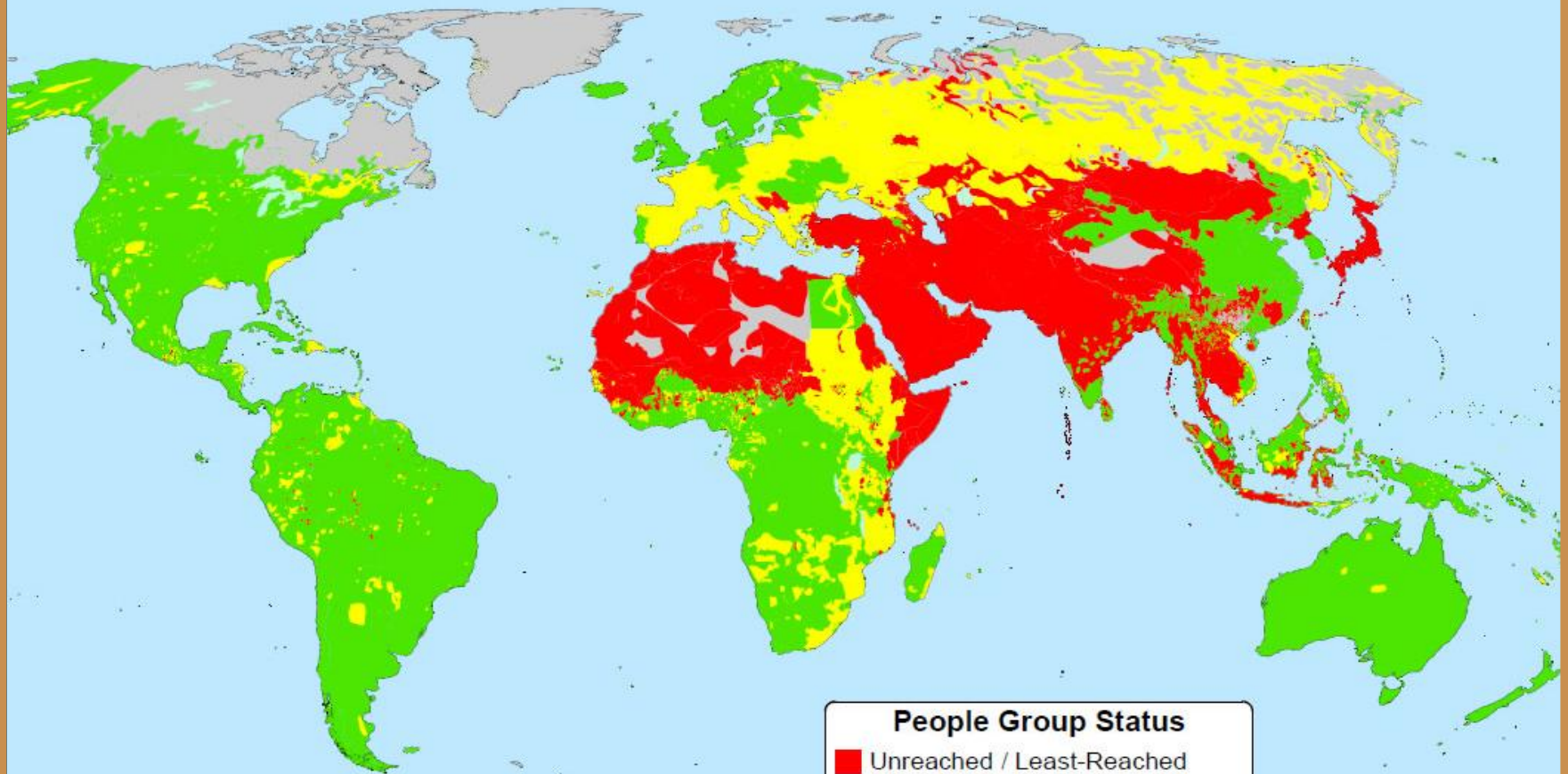


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Progress of the Gospel by People Group

Based on the Joshua Project Progress Scale



People Group Status

- Unreached / Least-Reached
- Formative / Nominal
- Established / Significant
- Data not available or uninhabited

Source: Joshua Project (www.joshuaproject.net), August 2010
Map by Joshua Project and Global Mapping International (www.gmi.org)

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The 10/40 Window

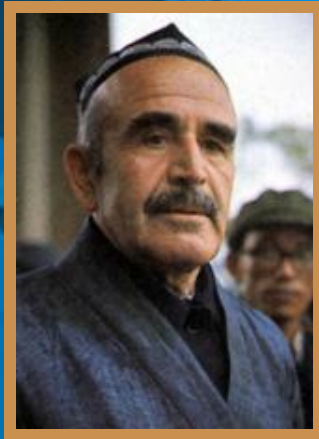


Most of the Unreached/Least Reached people groups lie in the 10/40 Window

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Why hasn't the Great Commission been completed?



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* **Spiritual Challenge** *

Satan does not give up
ground without a battle.

**More Christians have been martyred
in the 20th century than in the
previous 19 centuries combined.**



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* Population Challenge *



5.5 billion lost people in the world ...

Viewing 5 per second it would take 35 years to see everyone.

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* People Group Challenge *

Remaining people groups are the most difficult to penetrate.



- **GEOGRAPHIC BARRIERS:** remote, harsh climate, difficult access, or nomadic.
- **LINGUISTIC BARRIERS:** illiteracy, no scripture in their language, unwritten language, terminology confusion.
- **CULTURAL BARRIERS:** persecution, closed to change, Christianity viewed as a “foreign” religion.

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* Political / National Challenge *

Countries with the highest % of unreached tend to be the most closed to Christianity

North Korea

- Open Doors ranks North Korea #1 in Christian persecution.
- Government severely represses all religious activity and there is systematic oppression, imprisonment and execution of Christians.
- Physical and spiritual starvation of 23 million people.



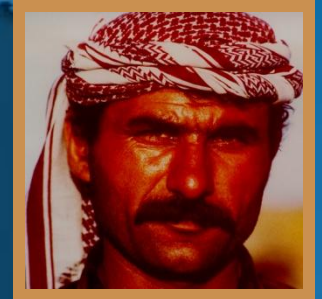
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* Resource Challenge *

Imbalance in Missionary Distribution

Only about **1** in **10** missionaries work among unreached peoples.



Imbalance in Missions Finances

For every **\$1** of Christian giving to all causes less than one penny goes to financing pioneer church planting among unreached peoples



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Your Response To The Call To Missions

#1) Get Involved with Finishing the Task

Start learning, praying, giving, going



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#2) Investigate Short Term Opportunities

Go on a short term mission trip



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#3) Get Radical

- ✓ Take a year away from normal activities and serve with a missionary onsite
- ✓ Attend Bible College as preparation for ministry among unreached
- ✓ Go to an unreached people as a tentmaker
- ✓ Make a radical commitment to be a life-time missionary

