

The Urgency to Prioritize Unreached People Groups (UPG)



Great Need

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Why are UPG important?

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all **nations***, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14

And they sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and **nation.**”

Revelation 5:9

as you look forward to the day of the God and speed its coming.

2 Peter 3:12

***nations = ethnos / ethne (Greek)**



Paul is a prototype cross cultural missionary

It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. Rather, as it is written:

“Those who were not told about him will see,
and those who have not heard will understand.”

Romans 15:20, 21

Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you. For we do not want to boast about work already done in another man's territory.

2 Corinthians 10:14-16



How does God see the unreached?

Jesus

- > Lost sheep
- > Lost coin
- > Lost son

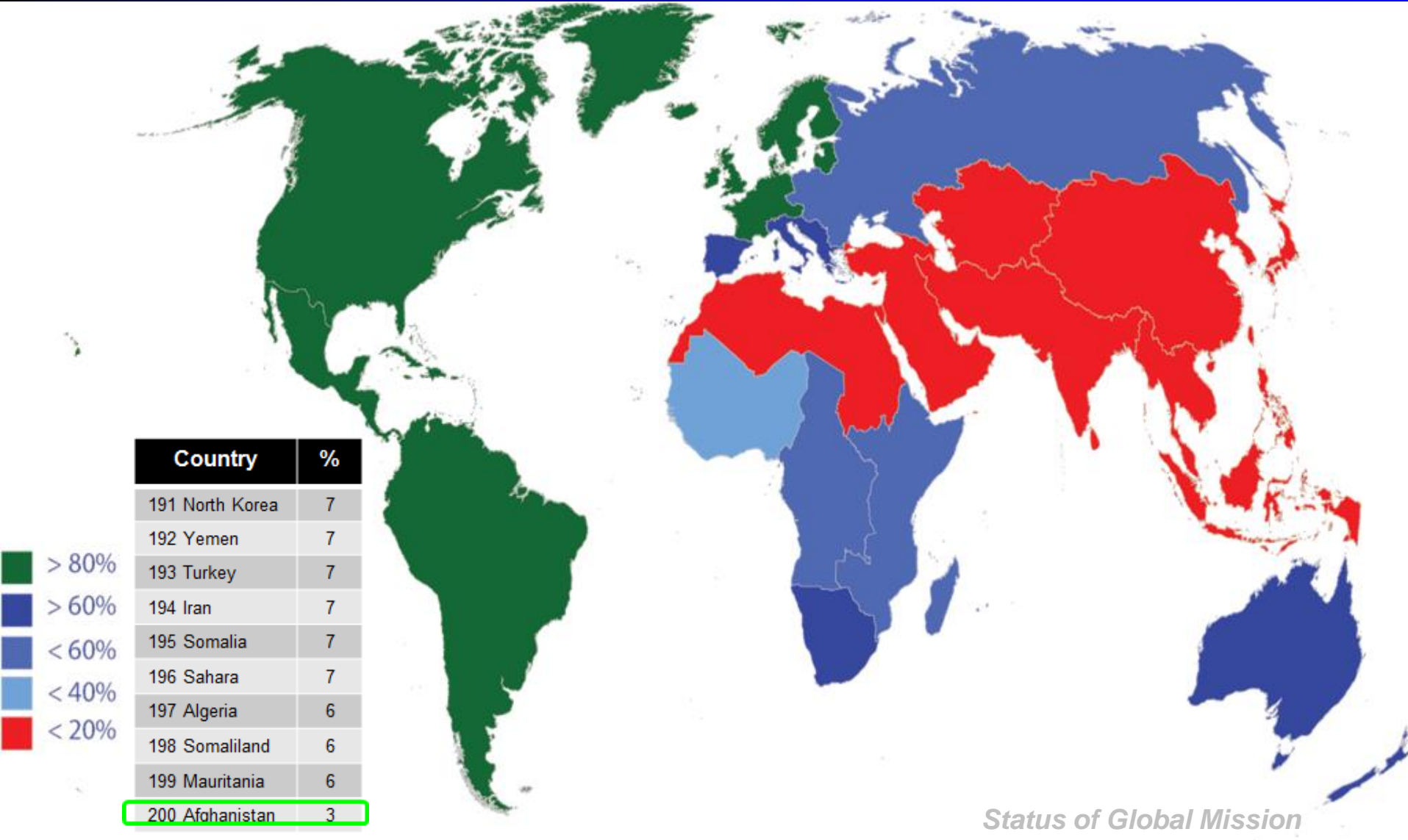
Unreached

I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. (Jonah 4:2)

And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people . . . (Jonah 4:11)

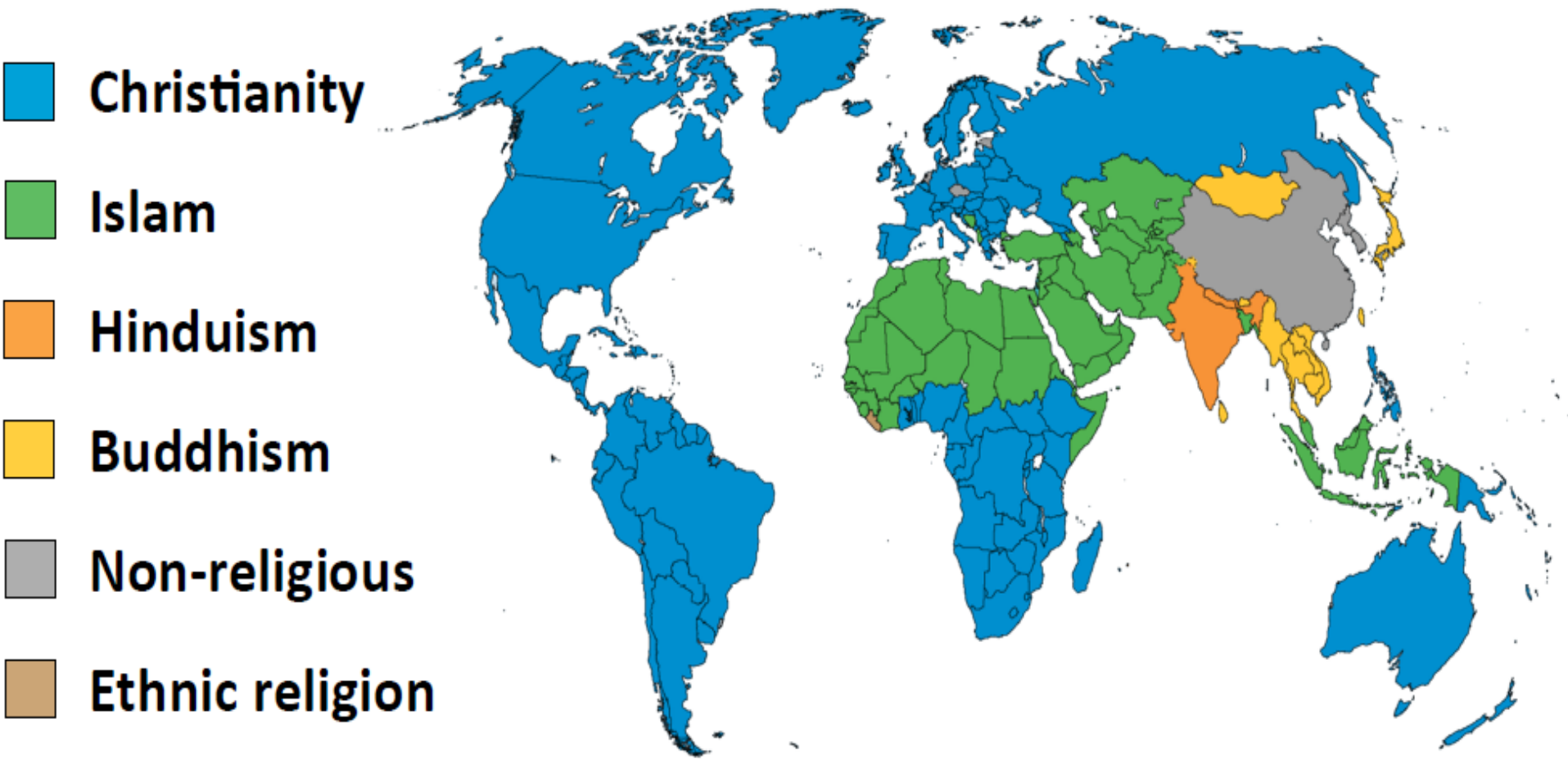


Non-Christians Who Know a Christian



Major World Religions

LARGEST RELIGION BY COUNTRY



What Can We Learn from Real Life?

- War
- Drowning on Beach vs. Mid-Atlantic Storm



Two Apartment Building Fires



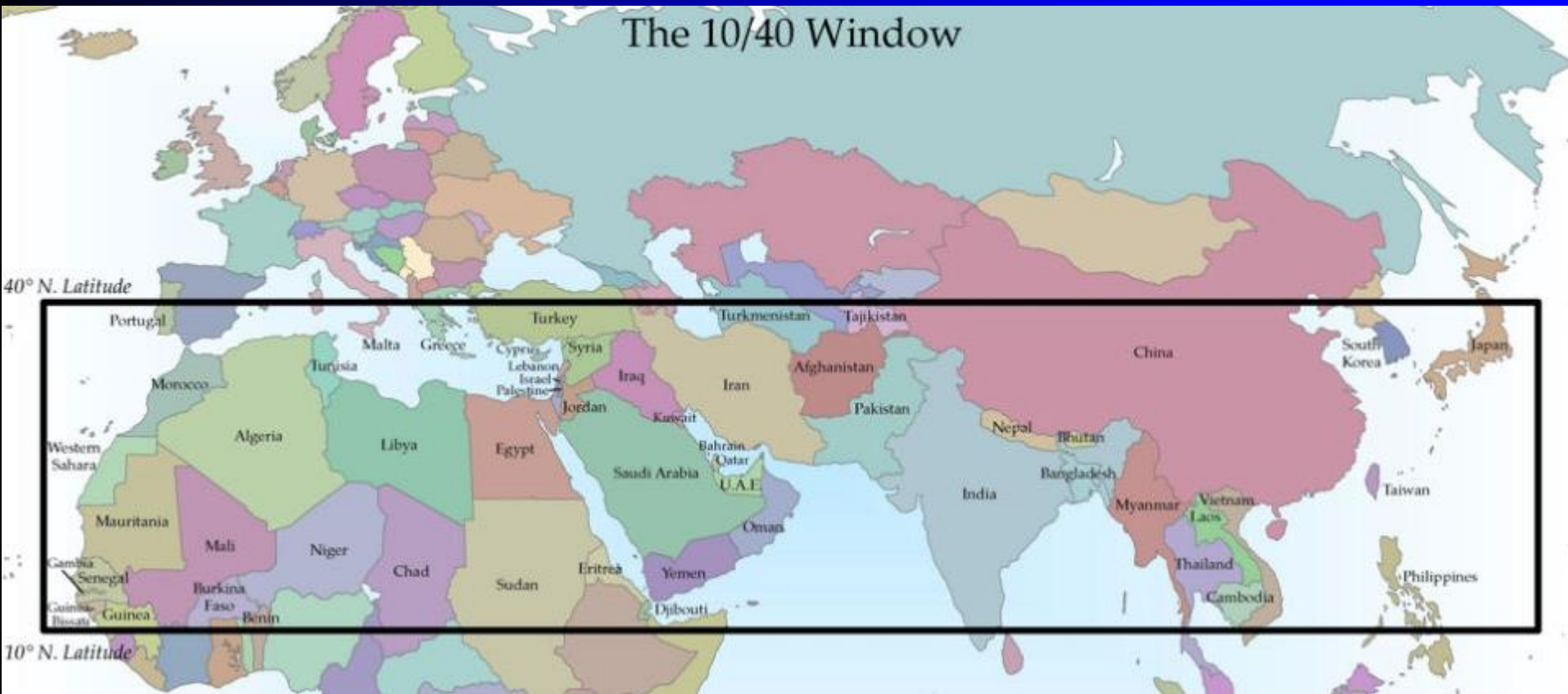
Why Are So Many Unreached?

Few or No Ways to Hear the Gospel

- **Very few Christians / churches / missionaries**
- **Nobody praying for them (by name)**
- **No Bible or New Testament**
- **No Jesus video/movie**
- **Little or no Christian literature / tracts / radio / TV / internet**



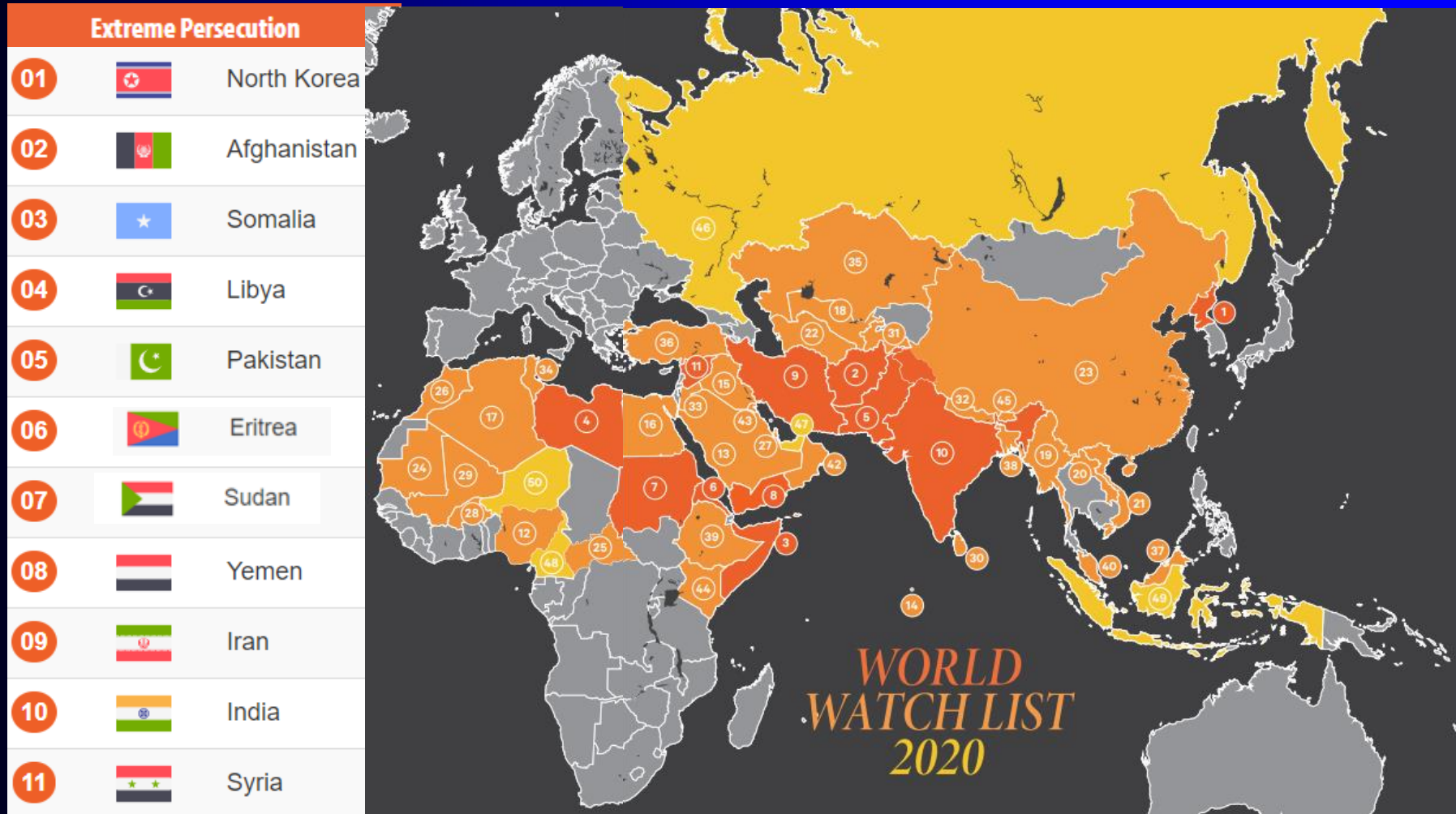
The 10/40 Window represents a strategic area of the world for reaching UPGs



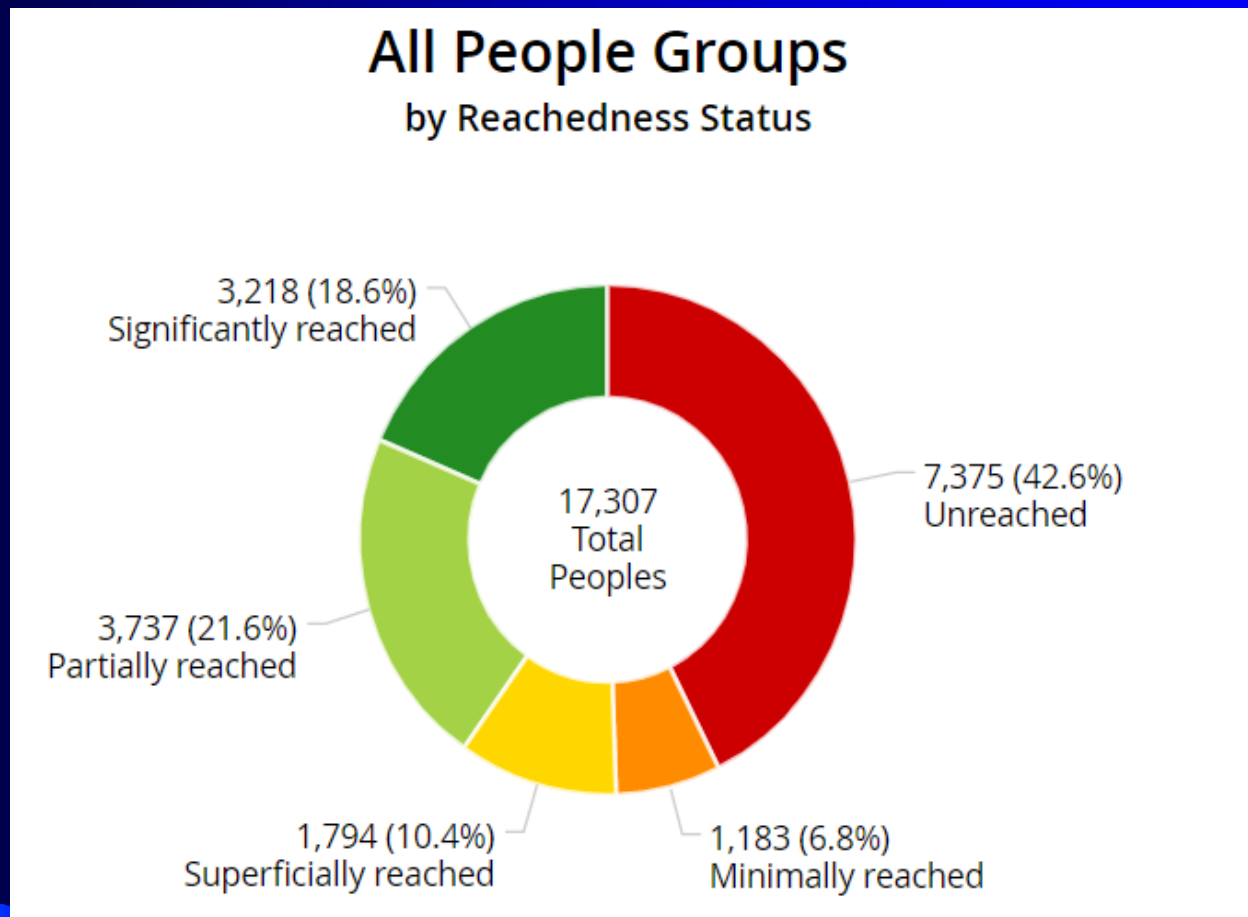
- 97% are least evangelized
- 85% are poorest of the poor
- 97% of the unreached are in the 10/40 Window



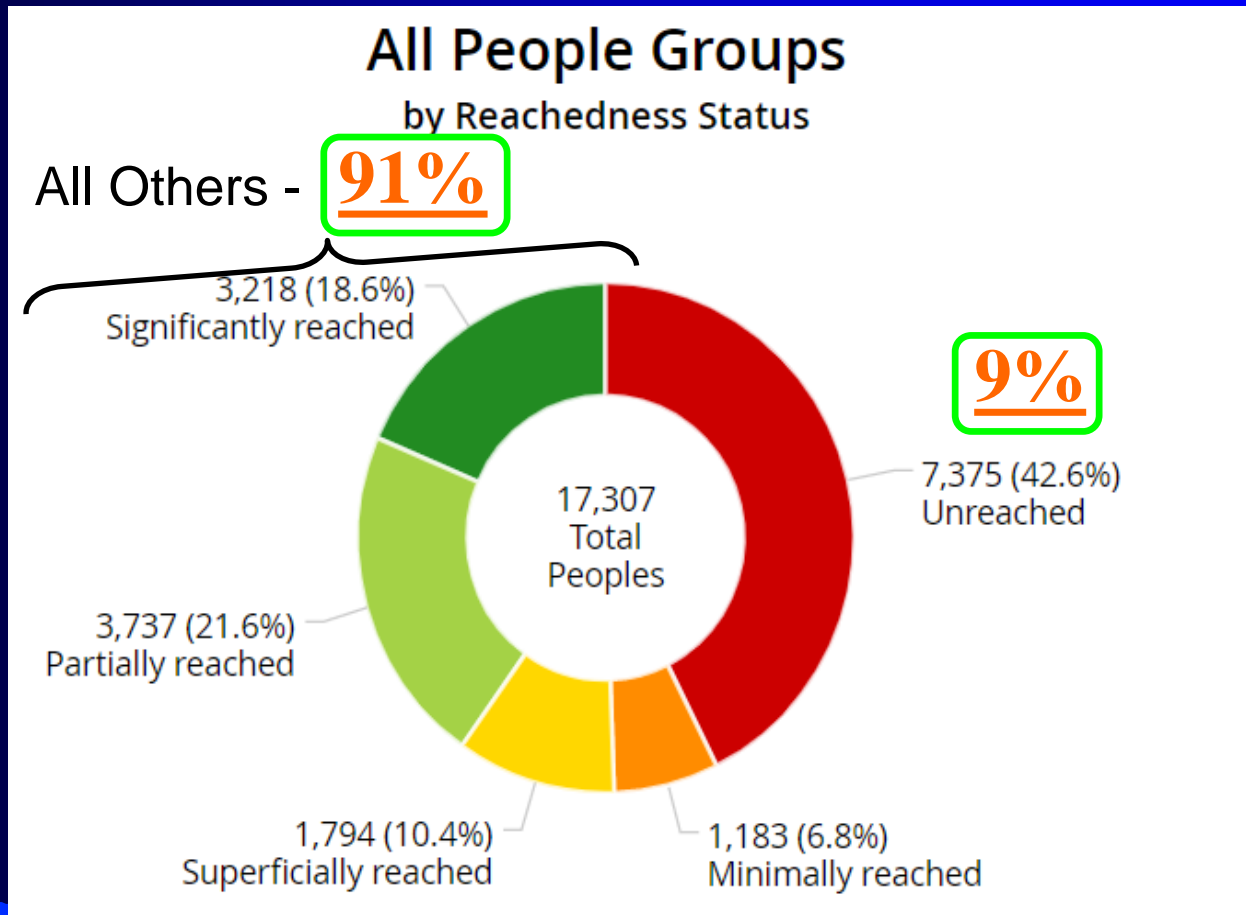
Significant Persecution in 10/40 Window



How Should Missionaries Be Distributed?



Actual Missionary Distribution Not Proportional to % Unreached

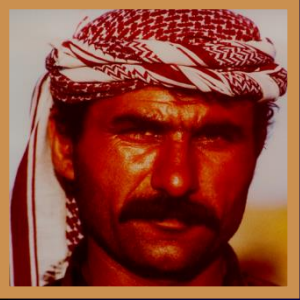


Strategic Missions

Why are roughly 91% of missionaries among reached peoples?

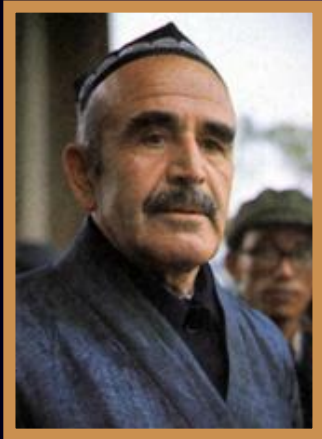
Short-term trips





These are real people

These are not just numbers

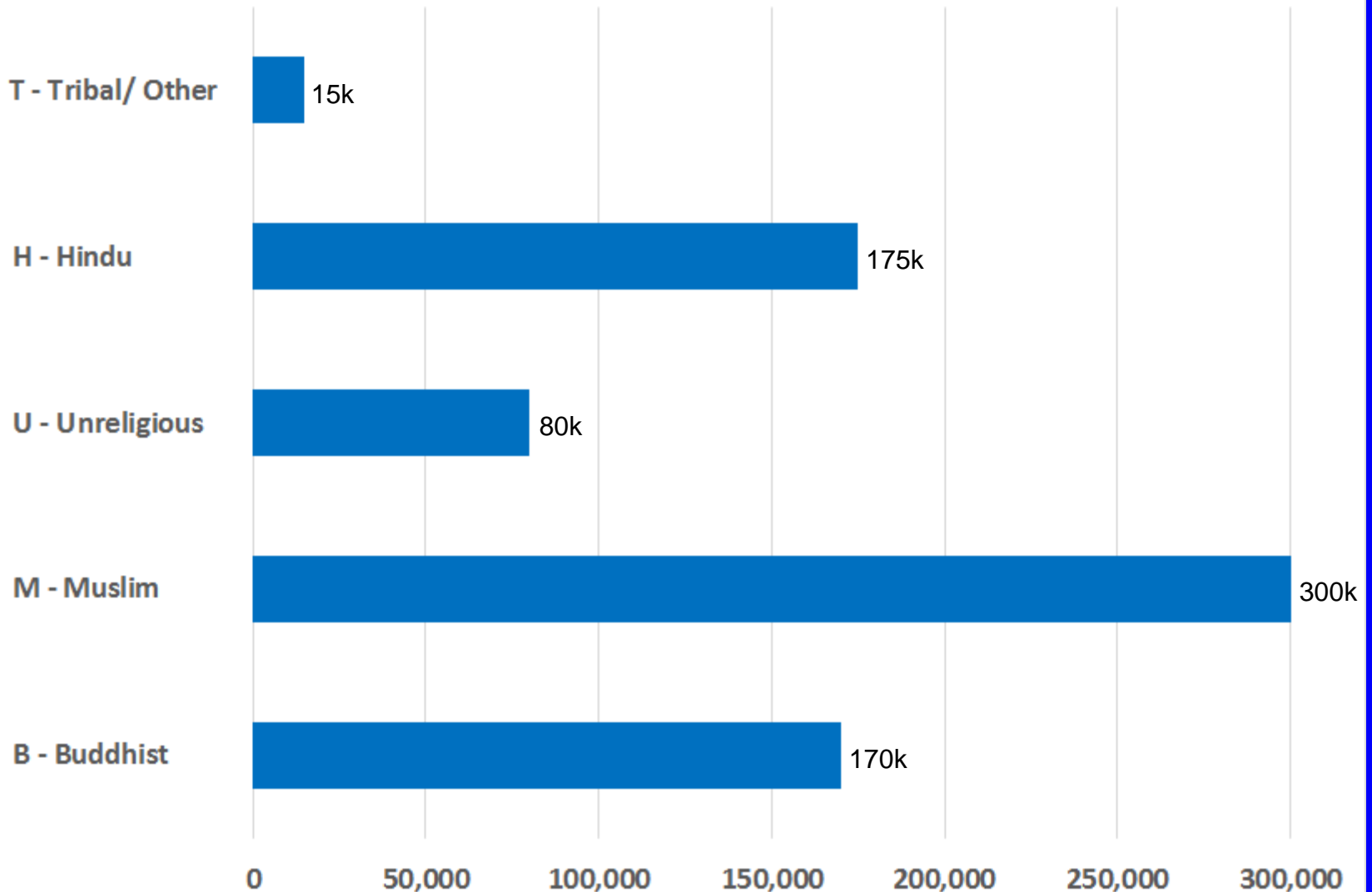


Missionary in India/Nepal



Fewest Missionaries to Muslims

Estimated Number of Non-Christians per Missionary



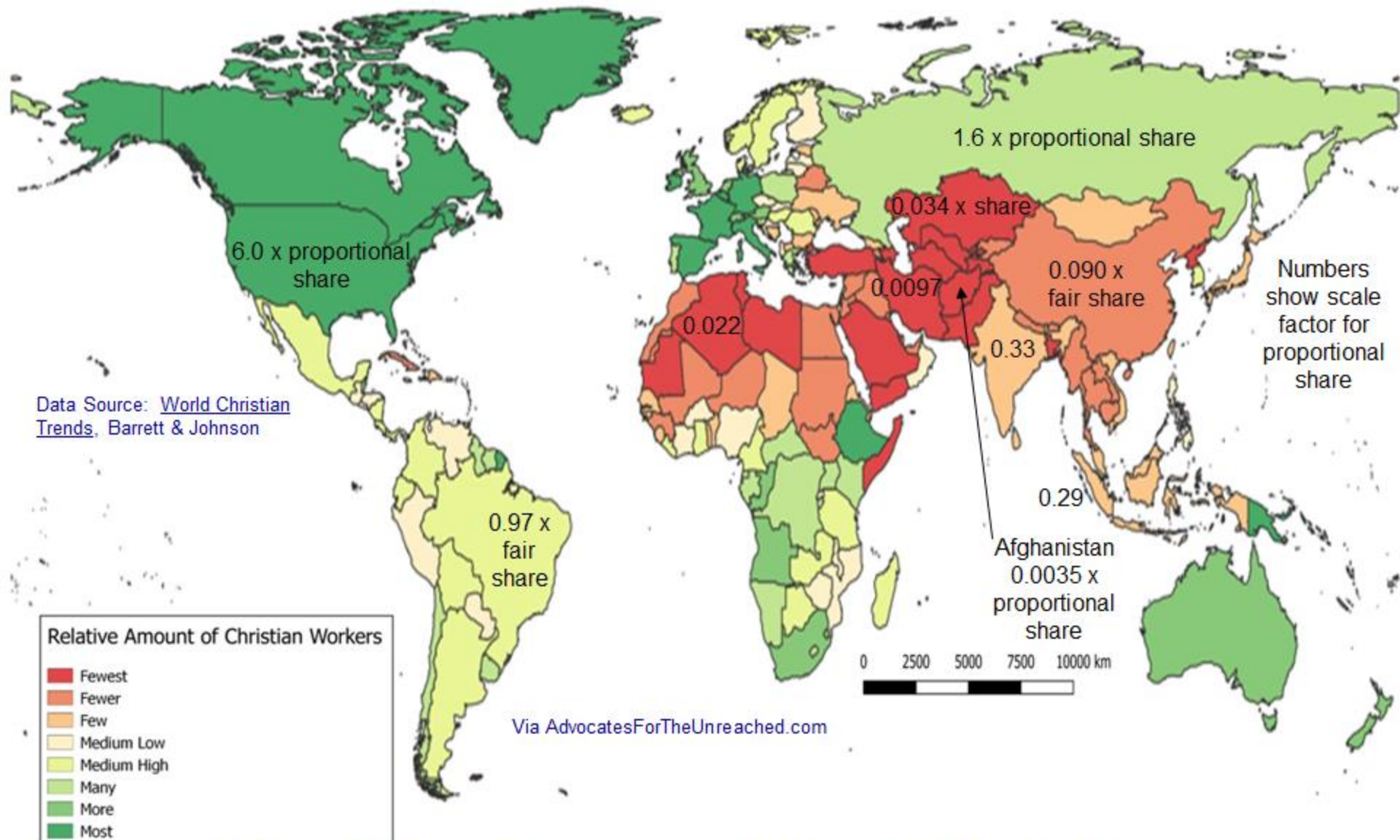
**Does the Lord desire this
missionary distribution?**

**Should the rich get richer while the
poor remain poor?**



**Where are the majority of
gospel / Christian
resources?**





Countries' Portions of the World's Christian Workers on a Per Person Basis

Where does God want His children to live?

Is God calling 99.9995% of people to work among the 45% of the world population that already has the gospel, and calling virtually no one (.0005%) to relocate among the other 55% of the world population that are not Christian?



Spending Far More on Buildings than on the Gospel

- American Christians spent enough money on new buildings to provide 360 Gospel booklets for every home
 - According to Dick Eastman and a 1977 Every Home for Christ publication sermon outline
 - That's almost one gospel booklet for every home on every day of the year!



What do we need in the U.S.?

- U.S. has more than her share of Christian finances, resources, and ministers.
- Our greatest need is NOT for more money to obey Great Commission
- **Need obedient followers of Jesus with vision**
- **World-changers**
- **Attempt great things for God (William Carey)**



Will We Do Our Part?

If current patterns continue, the unreached will still be a very significant part of the world's population in 2030 and beyond

“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

Albert Einstein



David Barrett on Good Missions Stewardship

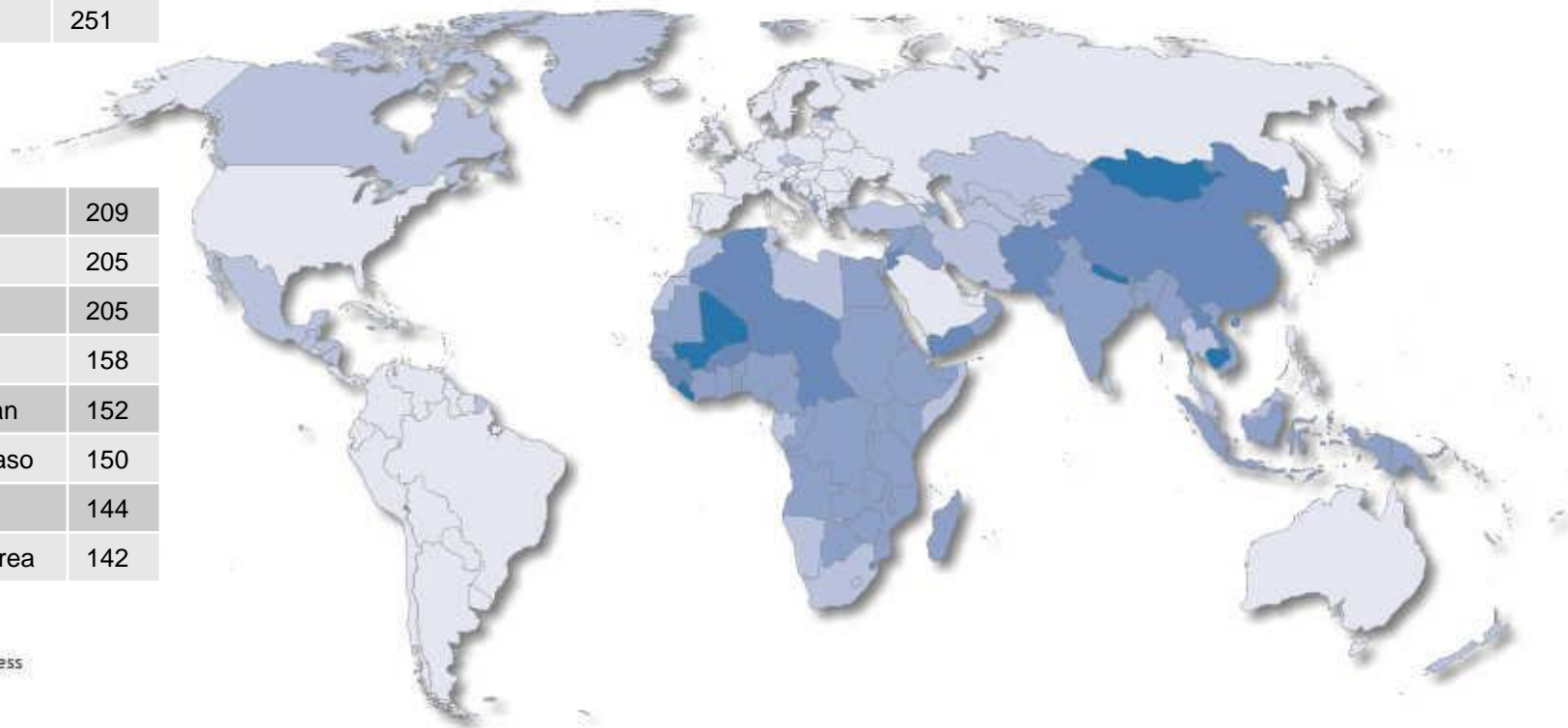
In 1997, David Barrett estimated that “Dollar for dollar and hour for hour, the harvest coming from the 10/40 Window nations outstrips that from the rest of the world 100 to 1. That is, if the same money and time spent to win one person to the Lord in the West were put to use in the 10/40 Window nations, the effort would yield a harvest of 100 souls added to the kingdom of God. It is 100 times more cost effective, therefore, to reach those in the 10/40 Window. But for a sizable number of ethnolinguistic groups, cost-effectiveness reaches 1000 times more than in Western countries.”

Where's Best Response to Evangelism?

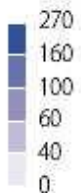
Responsiveness to evangelism by country, 2010

Most Responsive	Index
1. Mongolia	267
2. Cambodia	251

3. Liberia	209
4. Nepal	205
5. Mali	205
6. Algeria	158
7. Afghanistan	152
8. Burkina Faso	150
9. Niger	144
10. North Korea	142

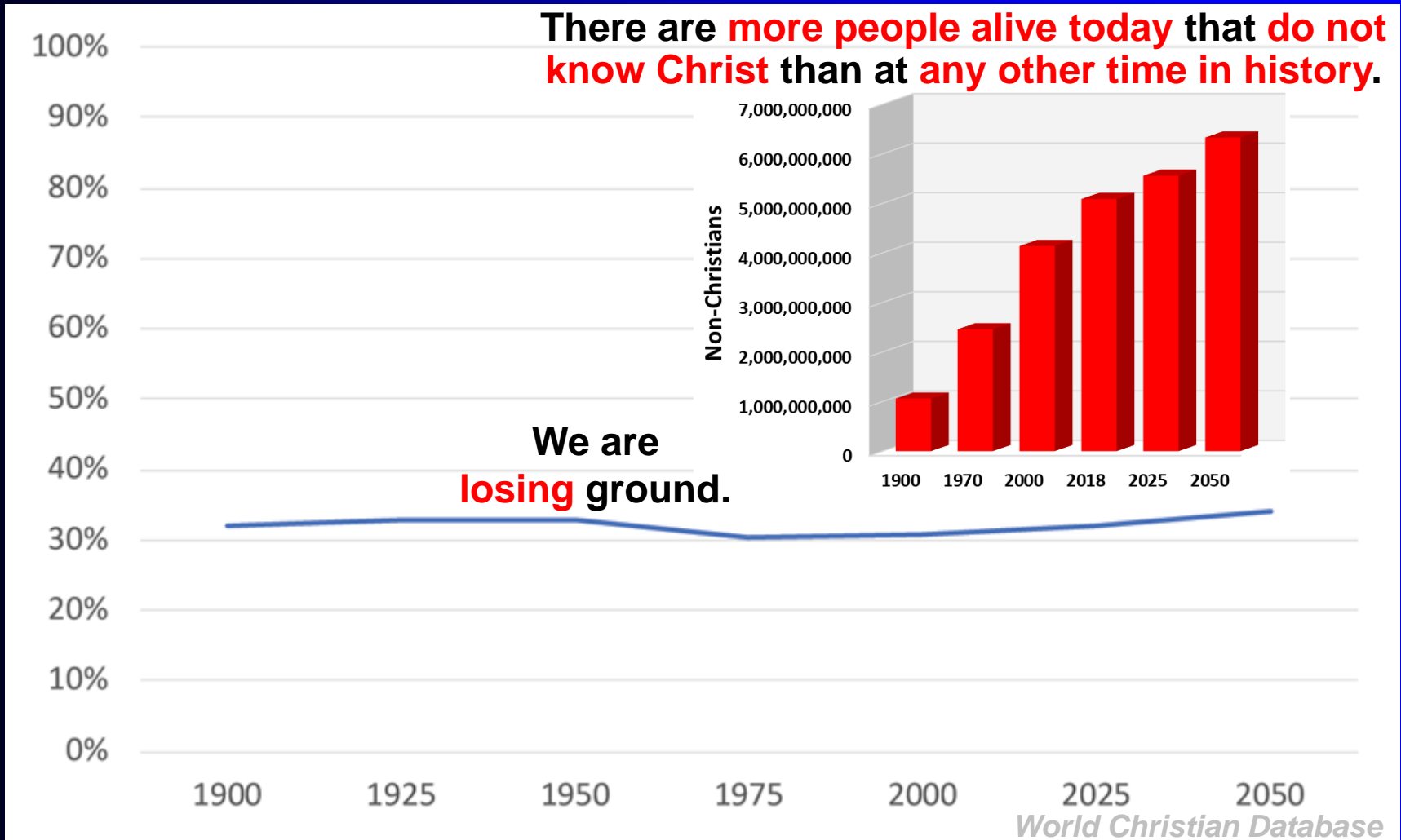


Responsiveness
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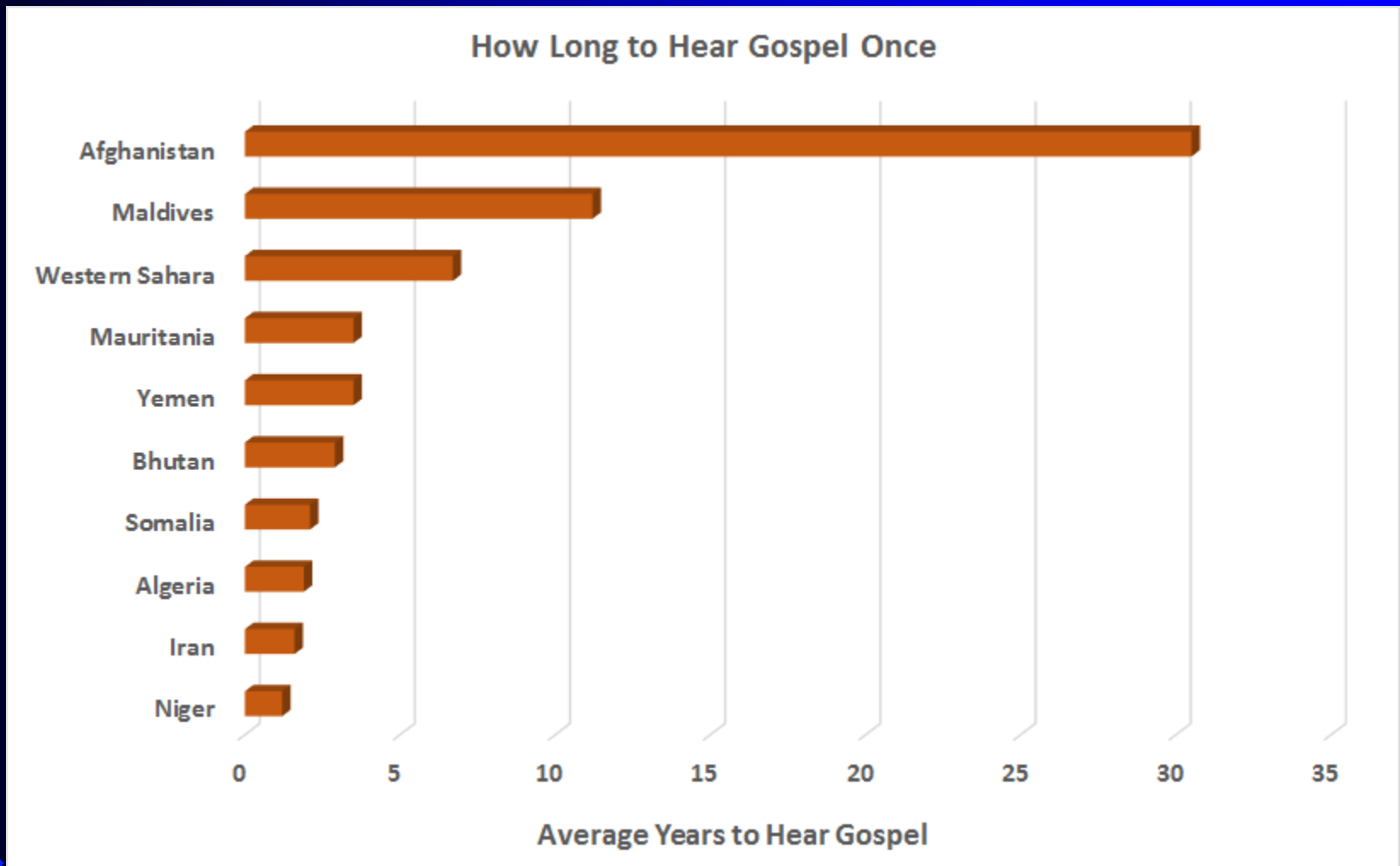


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Slow Progress – World Percent Christian



Many Rarely/Never Hear the Gospel



How many die without hearing?

- 16 million per year
- 43,000 per day
- 1,800 per hour
- 30 per minute
- One every two seconds



What Can We Do?

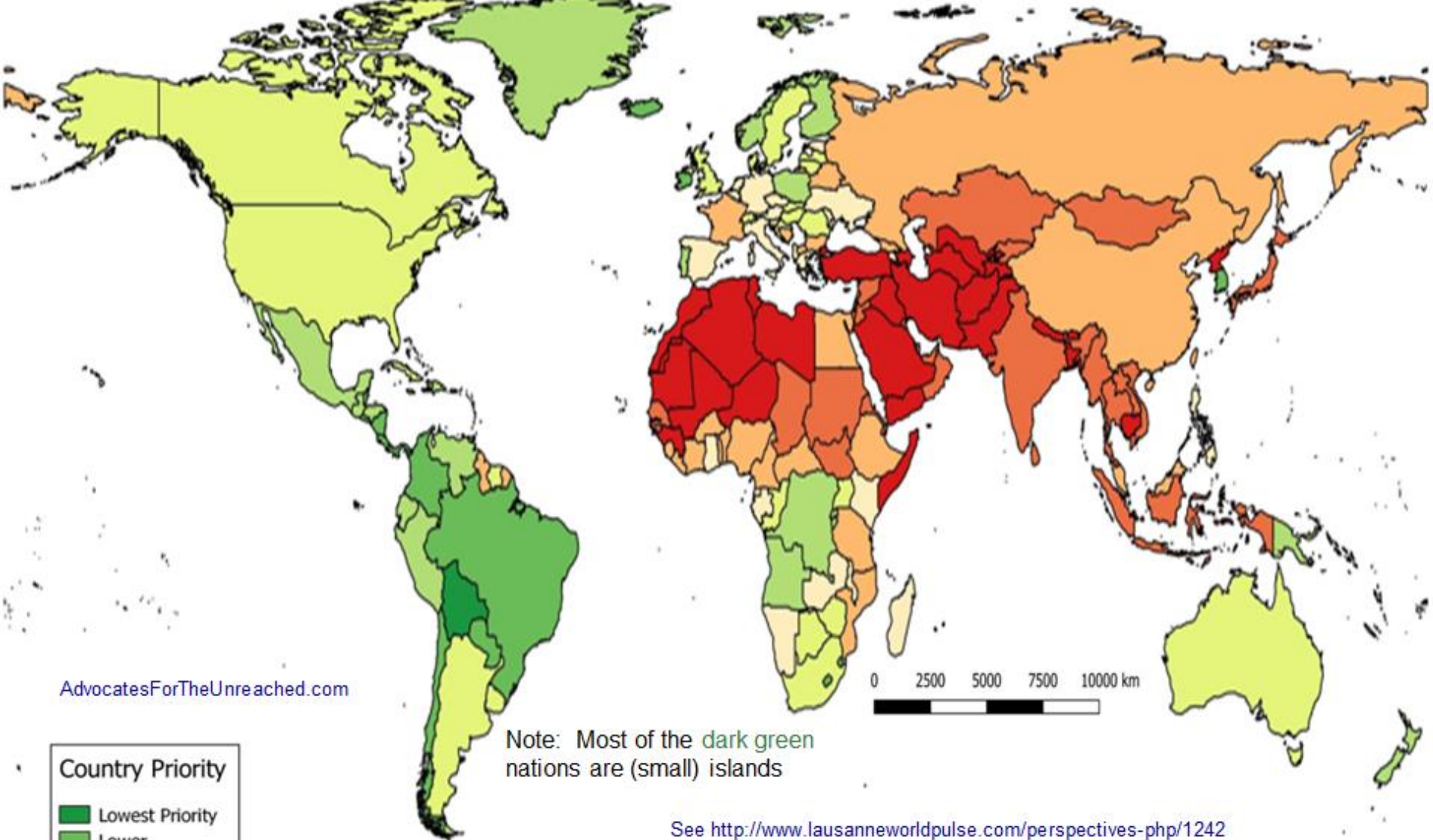
- Send/support/go as missionaries to the unreached
 - Missions Fair, April 7
- Send/go as tentmakers (work there)
- Befriend the unreached at universities
- Help unreached refugees
- Become a Bible translator
- Get involved in missionary training or cross-cultural training
- Go to an unreached area as an English teacher



Where Are the People Who Have Not Heard About Jesus?

- Evaluation of status of world Christianity





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Country Priority

- Lowest Priority
- Lower
- Low
- Medium Low
- Medium High
- High
- Higher
- Highest Priority

Note: Most of the dark green nations are (small) islands

See <http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives-php/1242>

Great Commission Prioritization of Countries

Top 40 “Priority” Great Commission Countries

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|----|----------------|----|--------------|
| 1 | Afghanistan | 21 | Turkmenistan |
| 2 | Yemen | 22 | Nepal |
| 3 | Iran | 23 | Azerbaijan |
| 4 | Pakistan | 24 | Tajikistan |
| 5 | Algeria | 25 | Korea North |
| 6 | Bangladesh | 26 | Guinea |
| 7 | Morocco | 27 | Mali |
| 8 | Mauritania | 28 | Cambodia |
| 9 | Turkey | 29 | Mongolia |
| 10 | Somalia | 30 | Thailand |
| 11 | Bhutan | 31 | Oman |
| 12 | Western Sahara | 32 | Laos |
| 13 | Tunisia | 33 | Mayotte |
| 14 | Niger | 34 | Senegal |
| 15 | Comoros | 35 | Djibouti |
| 16 | Saudi Arabia | 36 | India |
| 17 | Uzbekistan | 37 | Kyrgyzstan |
| 18 | Iraq | 38 | Japan |
| 19 | Libya | 39 | Gambia |
| 20 | Maldives | 40 | Myanmar |



Woman in Pakistan and Leif Hetland

How long have you known about
this Jesus?

My husband died last year.

My son died two years ago.

Why didn't you come earlier?



Preparation for (Missionary) Living/Service

- Be flexible and unoffendable
- Be forgiving, gracious, & speak life
- Get stuck on God's awesomeness (not your imperfection)
- Practice living in peace (no anxiety/worry/fear)
- Carefully guard your heart/thoughts
 - Only consistent with God's word; no "orphan thinking"
- Live from identity as God's son/daughter
 - Completely forgiven and fully loved/accepted
- Practice recognizing God's leading and obeying
- Like Jesus, regularly declare God's word in prayer
- Develop missional lifestyle: self-feeding in Word, significant time with God, fellowship, outreach



Preparation for (Missionary) Living/Service

- Regularly pray for unreached
- Develop strong prayer life and relationship with Jesus
- Share your faith, make disciples, pray for the sick
- Eliminate debt, stay mobile, practice “wartime” lifestyle
- Give to frontier/UPG missions (beyond the tithe)
- Learn about people/group/language of interest
- Study/internship overseas, visit place of interest
- Meet & build relationships with unreached people
- Don’t spend much time on things like TV, entertainment, video games, & social media
- Invest in healthy relationships (family/friends)
- Accountability partner to share and hold accountable
- Practice good integrated health, eating, exercise, & sleep

1974 Lausanne Covenant

The Urgency of the Evangelistic Task!

- More than 2,300 evangelical leaders from 150 countries in agreement!
- **“ . . . A reduction of foreign missionaries and money in an evangelised country may sometimes be necessary to facilitate the national church's growth in self-reliance and to release resources for unevangelised areas. . . .**
- Inadequate implementation (46 years)



What's the Answer?

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Matthew 9:38

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Romans 10:14, 15a



How We Can Make a Difference

Strategically:

- PRAY
- GIVE
- GO

Handouts

Great Commission Opportunities for Greater Involvement

Prayer

- Joshua Project Unreached of the Day - <https://goo.gl/B1ALy9>
 - Via E-mail or app
- Prayer Calendars - <https://goo.gl/rGvRul>
- Global Prayer Digest - <http://www.globalprayerdigest.org/>
- Prayer cast prayer videos for nations and world religions - <https://goo.gl/qppqXx>
- Joshua Project prayer guides - <https://goo.gl/Nw9zRu>
- Joshua Project prayer cards - <https://goo.gl/ELWzP7>
- Joshua Project prayer videos - <https://goo.gl/85uCjg>
- Joshua Project "neediest" people groups via people selector - <https://joshuaproject.net/filter>
- Every Home for Christ world prayer maps - <http://www.ehc.org/free-prayer-maps>
- IMB prayer cards - <https://goo.gl/uq0UXM>
- Unreached Peoples Prayer Profiles - <https://goo.gl/L38RvB>

Education/Training/Reading

- Books (like Bruchko, Peace Child, Always Enough) - <https://goo.gl/6Gk6mR>
- "End of the Spear" or "Peace Child" movie/DVD



Get Involved with Unreached Peoples

Pray for the *Unreached People of the Day* profile by daily email.



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86 percent of the world's Hindus, Muslim, and Buddhists do not personally know a Christian.

Read a missions book or biography.



Let the Nations be Glad
Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret

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Put the *Unreached People of the Day* widget on your website or blog.



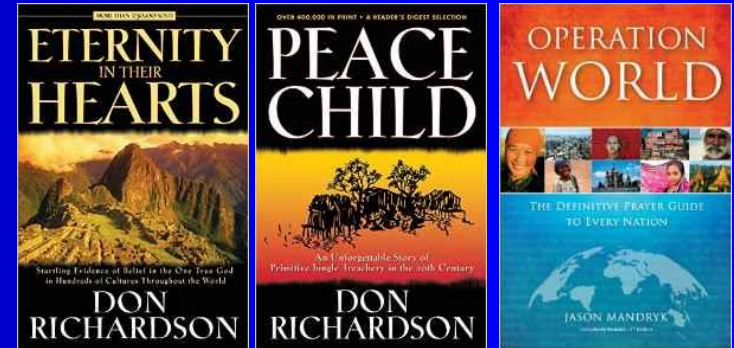
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Books to Help Ignite Your Fire

- Eternity in their Hearts
- Peace Child
- Operation World



- Mission Frontiers (journal, 6x/year)



Practical Ways to Make a Difference

- Missions committee
- Support missionaries to UPG
- Support Bible translation, UPG radio

- International people/students
 - Iranian
- Refugees
- Meal in a home
- Ethnic churches



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