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Making Disciples of All Nations

Jesus sent us, His followers, to **go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything [He has] commanded [us]. And surely [He is] with [us] always, to the very end of the age.** (Matthew 28:19-20)

Since Pentecost, Jesus' followers have been dispersed and sent out with the

Gospel – reaching across oceans, languages, and cultures. Today, Churches and organizations continue to mobilize their congregation, church planters, and missionaries within and outside their communities. Yet there are still **at least one-third of the world's population** – estimated at 3.2 billion people – who have yet to be reached by the good news of Jesus Christ. This means that they have **no Bible, no church, and no known believers.**



Next Week's Sermon
October 23, 2022
My God, My God Why Have You Forsaken Me?

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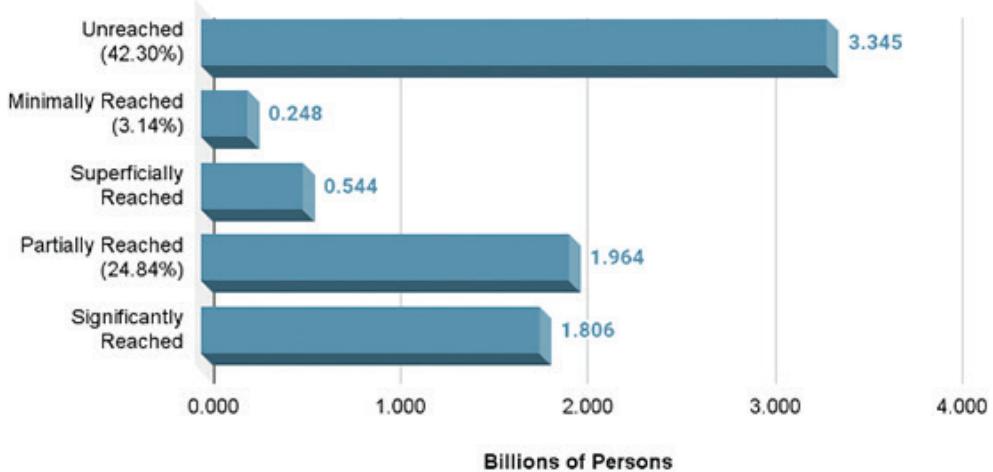


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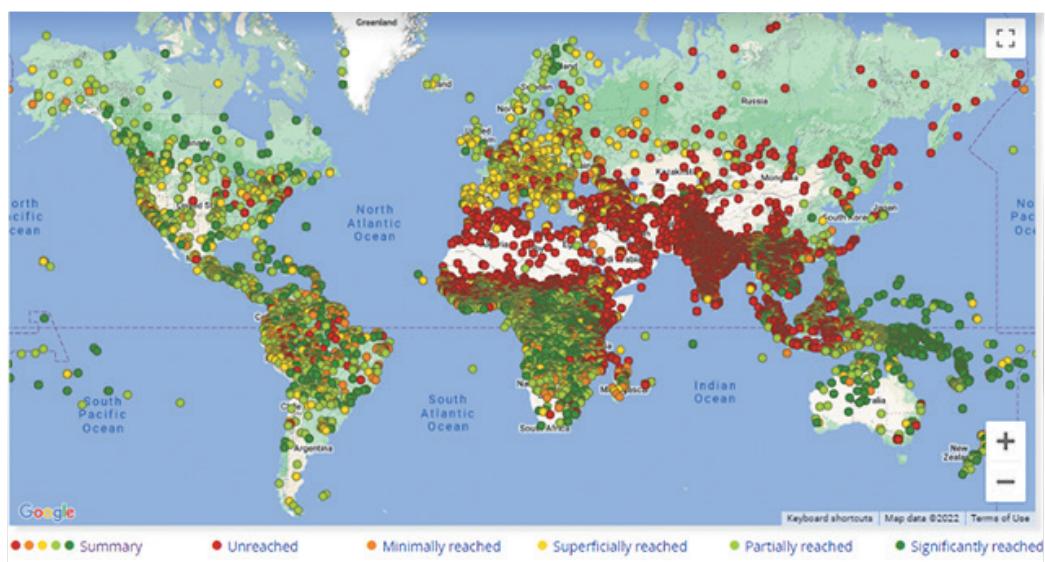
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Estimated Global Population: 7.91 Billion Persons

by Reachedness Status (in Billions of Persons)



These people fall under the "Unreached" and "Minimally Reached" categories – belonging to a people group of whom less than 3% of them are Christian or have access to a local church. Significant populations are in Central & South Asia, the Middle East, and the Sahel Region. They are represented by red & orange dots in the map below:



I think most of us won't be able to locate the Sahel Region on the map. Scattered across the southern borders of the Sahara, the people of the Sahel belong to diverse tribes spread across the national borders of Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Senegal and Sudan. The people living in this 5,000-kilometre belt

of land face many difficulties, including violence by extremist groups, ongoing drought and economic insecurity. These very socio-economic and religious factors make it extremely difficult for missionaries to come in and churches to be planted.

Difficult – but not impossible.

Through the course of OM's ministry in the Sahel and other similar regions, they have found the effectiveness of **near-culture disciple-making**. Foreign missionaries typically need a lot of time learning the local language and culture, but having near-culture missionaries means that they are already fluent with the local language and have greater cultural awareness. On top of that, there are less barriers to building relationships and sharing the Gospel.

We praise God for how He brings the good news of Jesus into the hardest-to-reach communities! A group from the Sahel Region have stepped up to answer the call, and they are now equipping and training other disciple-makers within the communities in the region. Similar groups are likewise reaching out to South Asian and Middle-Eastern communities.



And so as we think about missions and the organizations we support, don't lose sight of the great need for the Gospel to reach all peoples. Many of us have been impacted by various missions projects one way or another, and we often support organizations with our time and money based on what we value in their work. We pray that as we continue to read about various projects and mission groups, that we will keep the great commission in mind and enable the Gospel to go into the hardest-to-reach communities.

We may not be called to travel to another country to make Jesus followers ourselves, but we are all called to make Jesus followers and worshippers wherever God has placed us – and with the resources He has entrusted to us. We continue to challenge the church to respond to Jesus' great commission:

1. Who is God calling you to reach out to?
2. Who has God brought to us to hear about the good news of Jesus?
3. How are you using the resources God has entrusted you with to enable unreached and minimally reached people groups to hear about Jesus?

Sources:

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Prayer Spotlight

Prayer

1. Lord I commit my day to you for your will to be done in and through me. Prepare me today to scatter the seed of your love, grace and truth wherever I go.
2. Holy Spirit, I pray that you will give me boldness to speak words at just the right moments and in just the right ways. Consecrate my mouth to tell stories of Jesus and to share his story whenever the moment is right.
3. Jesus, help me see people around me the way you do. Move me to compassion and even deeper prayer. Help me show genuine interest in their life and connect with their journey.
4. Father I pray that the delight of you and the hope of Jesus will shine brightly in this dark and discouraged world. Pray for my life.

- 1** The percentage of dollars given by Christians that actually goes to reaching the unreached
- 5** The percentage of full-time Christian workers who are working among unreached people groups.
- 42** The percent (out of 100) of unreached people groups in the world today.
- 86** The percent of Muslims, Hindus and Buddhist who have never met a Christ follower.
- 7,419** The number of unreached people groups (out of 17,468) in the world today.
- 160,000** The number of non-believers who die each day, entering a Christless eternity.

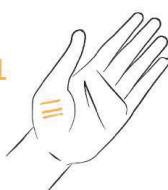
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