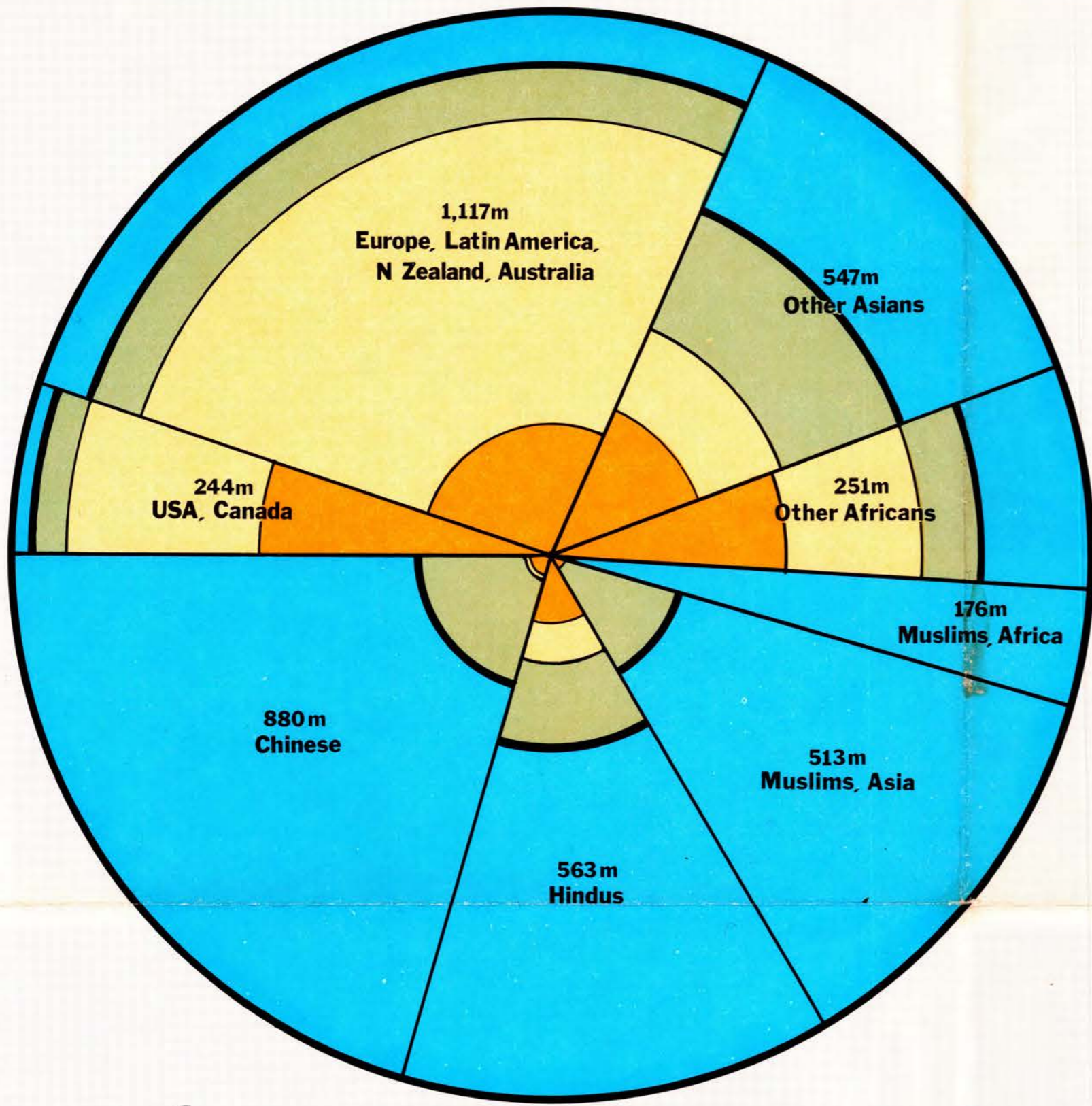


HIDDEN PEOPLES 1980

m = 1 million



The World in Missionary Perspective

- Active Christians**
These people definitely possess a genuine personal faith and are capable of winning others to that faith. They do need Christian nurture, and many missionaries are involved in this task.
- Inactive Christians**
These people are culturally within the Christian tradition but hardly qualify as committed Christians. They need "renewal." Most evangelism and mission effort (in India one report has it 98%) is focused on this group.
- Culturally-near Non-Christians**
These are those whose cultural tradition and social sphere have already been penetrated by the Christian faith. For these people there now already exists, *culturally* near at hand, some Christian congregation or denomination where they can readily fit in linguistically and socially. National Christians are evangelizing these people.
- Culturally-distant Non-Christians**
These are the "Hidden People" — individuals and groups who, whether geographically near or far from Christian outreach, are sufficiently different linguistically, socially, economically, or culturally so that they are simply not realistic candidates for membership in existing Christian churches. They are thus people that are "hidden" from Christian witness. In the Book of Acts the "devout persons" were Greeks and did not fit well into the Jewish synagogues Paul visited. The church as we know it was not truly born until Greeks and other Romans were able to run their own churches.

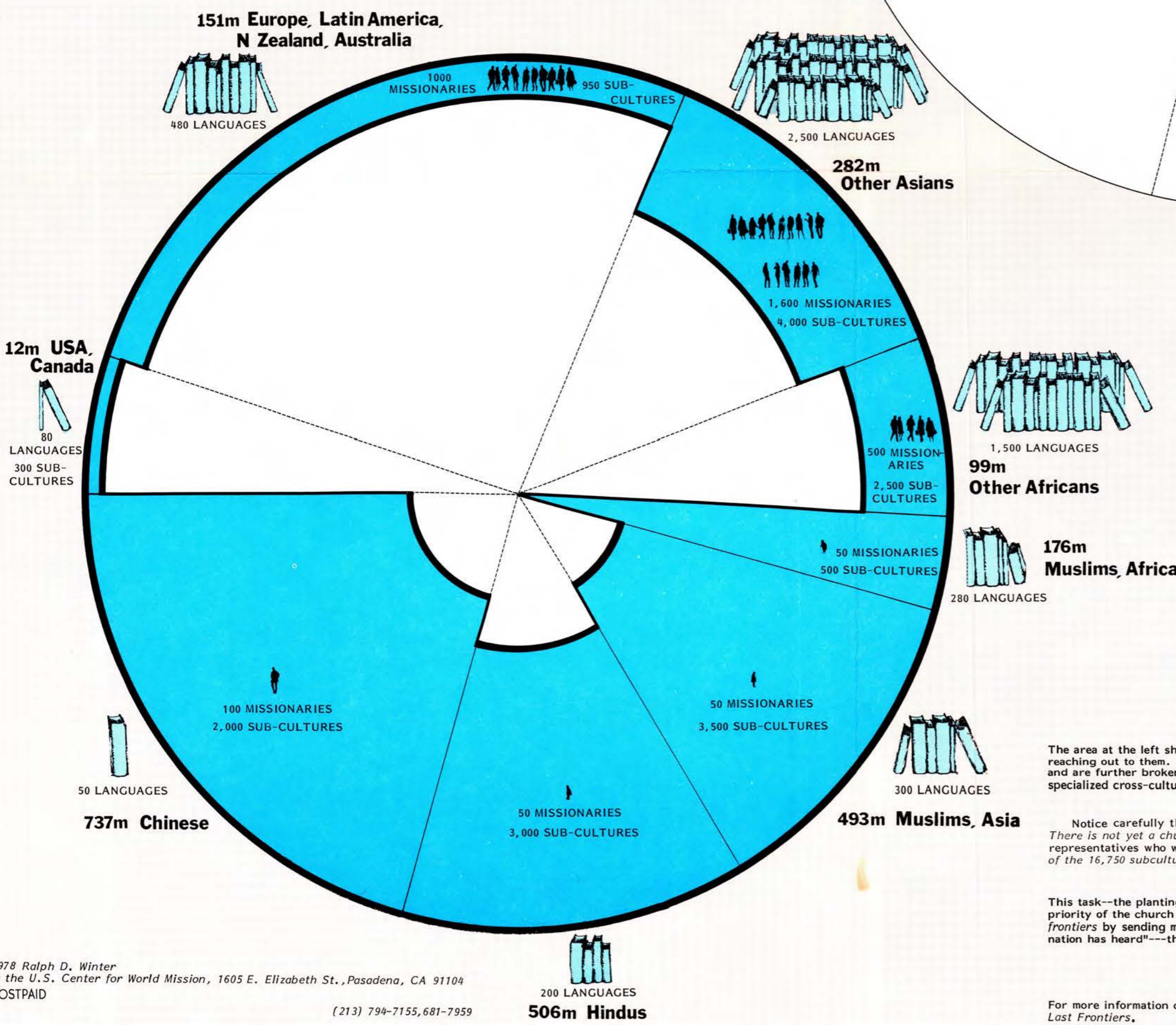
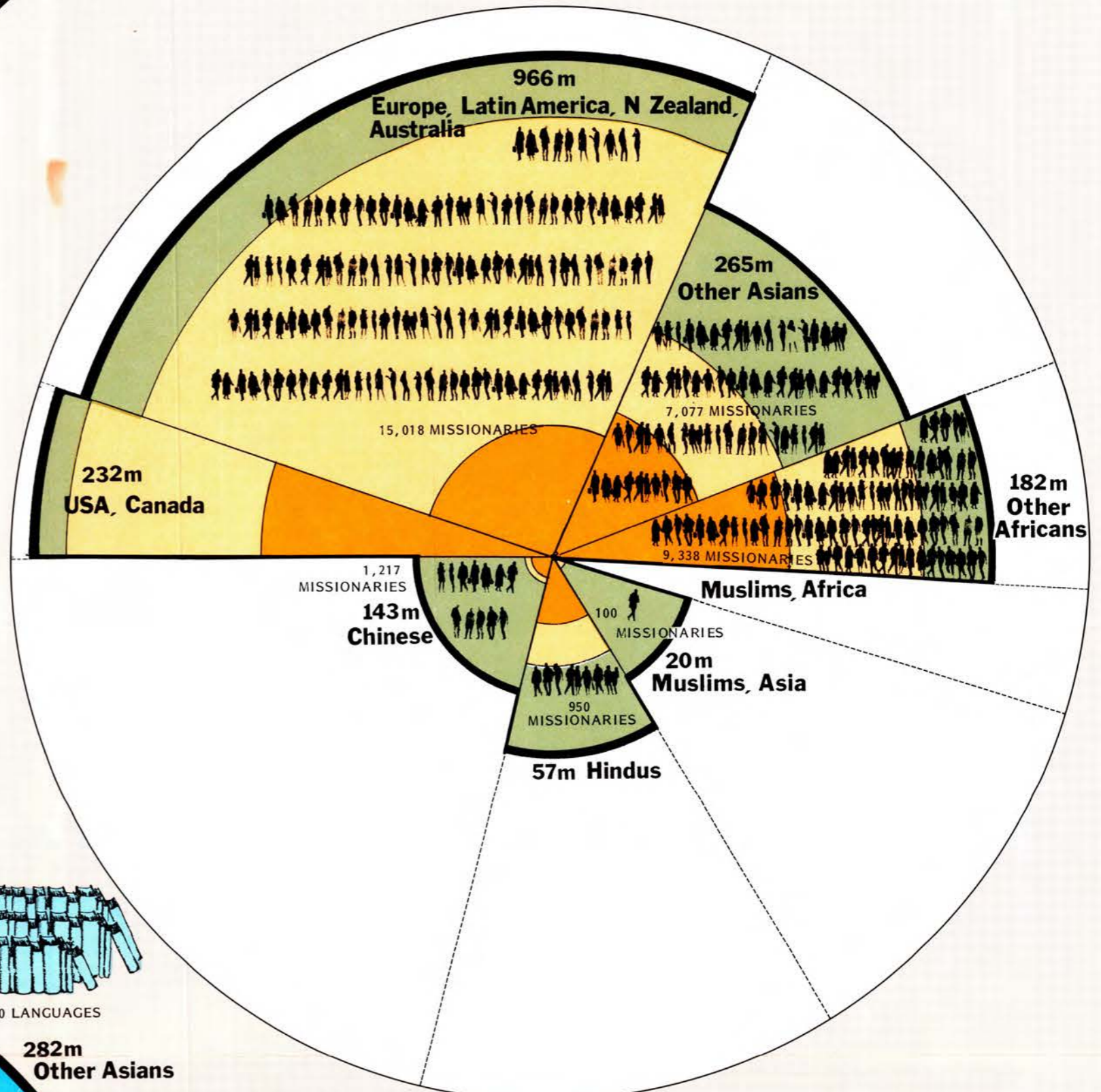
The Extent of Present Christian Penetration

At the right is shown the degree to which each of the eight pieces of pie has been penetrated by the gospel. Active and inactive Christians plus the non-Christians within their cultural reach constitute almost one-half of the world's population, or 1,719 million people. These three groups, whether or not they are Christians, at least have a church established within their culture.

The people figures in each pie sector, representing the North American Protestant Missionary Force, give you an idea of the number of workers in each section of the world. The U.S.A. and Canada are shown to have no such workers only because they are the "sending" countries represented on this chart, and full-time Christian workers working within their own cultures are not considered part of the missionary force.

Note how many more missionaries are here than in the pie below. Please do not let this suggest that there are too many missionaries *here!* The USCWM does not suggest that missionaries be uprooted and moved elsewhere, nor that present efforts are too much. Not at all! We do urge more new effort at the frontiers below.

- 100 Protestant missionaries from the USA and Canada
- 50 languages



WORLD STATISTICS, MID-1979 IN MISSIONARY PERSPECTIVE (population given in millions)

	CHRISTIAN		NON-CHRISTIAN		POP. TOTALS	N.A. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES		DIVERSITY IN COLUMN 4	
	Committed	Nominal	within range E-1	beyond E-2, E-3		working with 1,2,3	4	languages	sub-groups
WESTERN WORLD									
USA, CANADA	69	146	17	12	244	—	—	80	300
EUROPE, LAT. AM. N.Z., AUSTRALIA	60	719	187	151	1,117	15,018	1,000	480	950
SUB-TOTAL	129	865	204	163	1,361				
NON-WESTERN WLD									
CHINESE	2	1	140	757	880	1,217	100	50	2,000
HINDUS	6	11	40	506	563	950	50	200	3,000
MUSLIMS, ASIA**	.11	.05	20	493	513	100	50	300	3,500
MUSLIMS, AFRICA	—	—	—	176	176	—	50	280	500
OTHER ASIANS	44	64	157	282	547	7,077	1,600	2,500	4,000
OTHER AFRICANS	49	90	43	99	251	9,338	500	1,500	2,500
SUB-TOTAL	101	166	400	2,293	2,960				
	230	1,031	205	2,456	4,321	33,700	3,350	5,390	16,750
	1,261	29%	604	24%	4,321	37,050			

* Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D.C. U.S. Center for World Mission
** Note there are additional 26 million Muslims in the Western World May, 1979

The Task Remaining

The area at the left shows the Hidden Peoples of the world that still have no church or significant mission work reaching out to them. These large blocs of people speak over 5,000 mutually unintelligible languages (see col. 8) and are further broken down into approximately 16,750 subcultures (see column 9), each of which requires a specialized cross-cultural outreach and its own indigenous church.

Notice carefully that the church cannot normally "grow" into these areas by ordinary evangelistic growth programs. There is not yet a church there to grow! Those areas of the world which already have churches must specifically send representatives who will take the time to penetrate these languages and cultures in order to plant a new church in each of the 16,750 subcultures which still have no church. Only then can the newly planted churches begin to grow.

This task—the planting of churches for the first time among the hidden peoples to the left—must be the highest priority of the church around the world. Only when the worldwide church determinedly penetrates these last frontiers by sending missionaries to each of them will we be able to confidently say that "every tribe, tongue, and nation has heard"—the condition our Lord has placed upon His return (Mark 13:10).

For more information on penetrating the last frontiers, write for the booklet and the film, each entitled *Penetrating the Last Frontiers*.