Receivers Becoming Senders

Emphasis on Partnership
- Importance of both West and Global South missions efforts
- Not a passing of the baton, but a cooperative equal partnership.
- Often West providing expertise, training and innovation and Global South providing manpower, cultural-nearness and zeal.
- Emergence of international mission teams.

Good at Engaging, Poor at Reaching
Unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs) population shrunk from 9% of world’s population in 2005 to about 3% in 2015. Great! Unreached people groups (UPGs) – the combined striped and solid red portions of the charts – only declined from 43% in 2005 to 42% in 2015. Not so good!

Plateaued Global Missionary Workforce

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Only .26% annual growth rate. Percentage wise sending fewer missionaries.

Accelerating Bible Translation

The New Testament has been translated into the mother tongue of about 93% of the world’s population. However, the remaining approximately 7% will require about 1,575 new translations.

Growing Absolute Number of Non-Believers

More non-Christians alive today than at any other time in history.

Evangelical Growth: Globally Outpacing, US Lagging

Globally – Evangelicals growing faster than all major religions
United States – all major religions growing faster than Evangelicals.

Other Global Trends

Lack of pastoral training – 95% of pastors (2.2 million) have no formal training.

Need for audio Bibles, storying and non-book training – 60% of world are oral learners.

Urbanization – Urban population reached over 55% of world in 2016 and is growing.