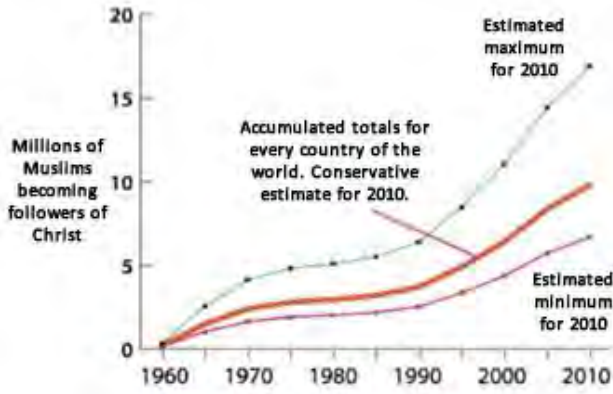


# THE GOOD

--- Encouraging Trends ---

**Rise in US long-term missionaries** – From 1985 to 2005 the number of long-term (4+ years) North American missionaries was stagnant ranging between 39,000 and 42,000. Since 2005 however, that figure has jumped to over 51,000.

**Muslims coming to Christ** – From 1960 to 2010, the number of Muslims that have converted to faith in Jesus Christ has grown from fewer than 200,000 to a conservative figure of 10 million people. Research suggests the number of conversions could be as low as around 6 million or even as high as 17 or 18 million. The data does not include 2011 to the present, though there is evidence of continued — perhaps even accelerated — conversions in recent years.



**Shrinking unengaged population** – less than 3% of the world’s population live in unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs). Unengaged unreached people groups have no reported on-site church planting team.

**Indian church growth** – God is doing something unique in India. Some say it is similar to the revival in China in the 1980s. Asia Harvest Ministries reports “... poor Hindus and tribalists in the states like Odisha, Bihar and many others are on fire in many districts and there is tremendous growth! ... There is a great revival going on and I wouldn’t at all be surprised if the number of believers in India is up to 70+ million.” Hindu leaders in the Indian government are so concerned they refuse to release accurate Christian percentages from the recent census.



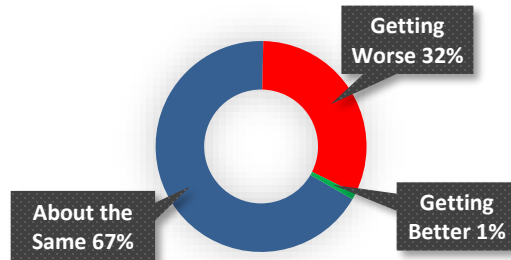
# THE NOT SO GOOD

--- Challenging Trends ---

**Absolute number of unbelievers is increasing** – while Christians of all types make up about 1/3 of the world, the absolute number of non-Christians is increasing.

Year	Non-Christians
1900	1.06 billion
1970	2.46 billion
2000	4.14 billion
2016	4.96 billion
2025	5.36 billion (est.)

**Increase in persecution of Christians worldwide** – 2015 was the worst year in modern history for Christian persecution. According to the president of Open Doors, “The level of exclusion, discrimination, and violence against Christians is unprecedented, spreading and intensifying.” The percentage of the world’s population living in countries where religious restrictions or social hostilities are:



**Pastor training needed** – An estimated 95% of pastors worldwide (2.2 million) have had no formal training. Estimates suggest that 1,000 new pastors a day are needed to keep up with new churches planted. Without leaders fully equipped in the Word to deal with the nurture of their flocks, the church can easily become unhealthy or disappear. In fact, 2/3s of those reached through evangelism fall away!

**Unreached peoples not a financial priority** – Until recently, Americans spent more on Halloween costumes for their pets than on outreach to unreached people groups. In addition, the amount of money involved in ecclesiastical church crime is greater than the amount that goes to global foreign missions.



**Record displacement of people** – The UN says 65 million people were displaced in 2015, a new record. This is the equivalent of the entire population of Britain being uprooted and moved to a new location.