**Status of World Evangelization 2021**

*From Various Perspectives*

**By People Group**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations (ethne)” Matt 28:19

People Groups: 17,400
Unreached People Groups*: 7,400 (42.5%)
Population in Unreached Groups: 3,230,000,000 (41.6%)

**Reached people groups**

- 57.5%
- 42.5%

**Unreached people groups**

* Unreached defined as: a) less than 2% Christ-followers and b) less than 5% Professing Christian.

**Countries with the most unreached people groups:**

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Total People Groups</th>
<th>Unreached People Groups</th>
<th>% of Groups Unreached</th>
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<tr>
<td>India</td>
<td>2,717</td>
<td>2,445</td>
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<td>Pakistan</td>
<td>512</td>
<td>504</td>
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<td>China</td>
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<td>Nepal</td>
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**10/40 Window**: The 67 countries of the 10/40 Window are home to over 6,200 unreached people groups. 5 out of every 6 unreached people groups are in the 10/40 Window.

**50 Largest Unreached People Groups**: Comprised of 1,476,000,000 (1.476 billion) souls. Almost 20% of the world’s population live in these 50 largest unreached peoples. Every group is larger than 11,000,000 and none have an indigenous church capable of reaching the rest of the group. 49 of these groups are in restricted countries.

**By Individuals**

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation” Mark 16:15

**World Population**: 7,800,000,000 (7.8 billion)

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<td>.78 billion</td>
<td>Christ-followers</td>
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<td>22%</td>
<td>1.72 billion</td>
<td>Nominal Christian Adherents</td>
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<td>40%</td>
<td>3.12 billion</td>
<td>Heard, Not Responded</td>
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<td>28%</td>
<td>2.18 billion</td>
<td>Virtually No Exposure</td>
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*Approximate Percentages

**Bible Translation**: Of the 7,359 languages, 2,264 (701 + 1,563) have the New Testament available, covering over 90% of the world’s population. The goal is to start all needed translations in the next 15 years.

**Translation Needed**: 1,996 (27.1%)

**Low Language Viability**: 1,323 (18.0%)

**Questionable Need**: 615 (8.4%)

**New Testament 1,563 (21.2%)**

**Portions or Translation Underway 1,161 (15.8%)**

**Media**: The Jesus film has been translated into over 1,800 languages covering 94% of the world’s population. Goal is to translate the film into any size language where someone is committed to use the film.

**Challenges**

- Christianity (all kinds) is growing at 1.18% per year, but Islam is growing at 1.92% and thus faster than general Christianity. Evangelical / Charismatic Christianity is growing at about the same rate as Islam. (Status of Global Christianity-2021)
- Well over 90% of all cross-cultural missionaries labor among nominally Christian people groups, well below 10% among unreached peoples. 81% of all non-Christians do not know a Christ-follower. (World Christian Encyclopedia)
- Out of every dollar of Christian giving to all causes less than one penny goes toward pioneer church planting among unreached peoples.
- While Christians of all types make up about 1/3 of the world’s population, the absolute number of non-Christians is increasing.
- An estimated 95% of pastors worldwide have had no formal training.

For more information see: [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net)

**Sources**: Joshua Project, Operation World, World Christian Encyclopedia, BEE World, Jesus Film Project, progress.bible, Status of Global Christianity

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