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If you don't do missions it must mean that your message isn't worth propagating.

Approximate 2002 AD Global Mission Statistics

(1) World Population: 6.204 BILLION PEOPLE

33% of earth's people include Christians of all kinds.
40% of earth's people are reached (or evangelized) non-Christians.
27% of earth's people are unreached (i.e., unevangelized) non-Christians.

(2) Population of Major Religions Plus Subgroups of Special Interest to Christians

2.05 BILLION - Christians of all kinds (Includes Catholics, Orthodox, Liberals, etc.)
1.24 BILLION - Muslims
932 million - Nonreligious and Atheists
837 million - Hindus
368 million - Buddhists
234 million - Tribals
340 million - Chinese Folk Religionists
259 million - Other Religions
104 million - New Religionists

(3) World Population Growth, 1.22%, Compared with Muslims & Christian Subgroups

Muslims 2.11%, All "Christians" 1.27%, Roman Catholics 1.24%, Evangelicals 1.72%, Protestants 1.36%, "Gt.Com. Christians" 1.44%, Pentecostals and Charismatics 1.87%.

(4) Missionaries

429,000 Missionaries from all branches of Christendom
(Only between 2 and 3% of those missionaries work among unreached peoples.)
140,000 Protestant Missionaries
64,000 Protestant Missionaries From USA
12,000 missionaries from Korea

(5) Distribution of Protestant Missionary Funds for Support of Both Foreign Missionaries and the Home Staff who Support the Field Missionaries in the Major Religious Blocks

74% Among Nominal Christians
8% Among Tribal Peoples
6% Among Muslims
4% Among Non-Religious/Atheists
3% Among Buddhists
2% Among Hindus
2% Among Chinese Folk Religions
1% Among Jewish Peoples

(6) Annual Global Church Finance in US Dollars

15,500 Billion - Total Annual Income
300 Billion - Giving to Christian Causes (1.8% of total income)
17 Billion - To Foreign Missions (5.7% of Giving to all Christian causes)
18 Billion - Ecclesiastical Crime

Target Groups Where Foreign Mission Funds are Spent

~87% goes for work among those already Christian, World C.
~12% for work among already Evangelized but Non-Christian, World B.
~1% for work among still Unevangelized and Unreached people groups, World A

(7) Of the World's 24,000 Unimax People Groups 10,000 are Still Unreached (A Unimax People is a largest group within which the Gospel can spread as a church planting movement without encountering barriers to understanding or acceptance).

3700 Muslim 2700 Hindu 2000 Tribal 1000 Buddhist
400 Other 150 Chinese Folk Religions 50 Non-Religious/Atheist
(1600 have each more than 10,000 persons; 8,400 fewer than 10,000 persons each.)
(A large number of these Unreached Groups live in so called closed countries.)

(8) Average Ministry Cost in U.S. Dollars for Each Convert's Baptism

Mozambique 1400 (least) Ethiopia 2700 (2nd) Nepal 3700 (5th) Cambodia 4300 (8th)
Average cost for World A, \$32,000; for World B, \$48,000; for World C, \$490,000.
Africa 14K, Asia 61K, Lat. Amer 145K, Oceania 634K, Europe 993K, USA 1.5 Million!

Main Sources:

World Christian Encyclopedia, 2001 and World Evangelization Resource Center, 2002.

The following web sites are valuable sources of statistical, unreached people group or country information

1. <http://www.gem-werc.org/index.htm>
2. <http://www.Bethany.com/profiles/home.html>
3. <http://www.ad2000.org/>
4. <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html> (Country Studies)

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The Joshua Project reports that 2.49 billion people are members of unreached people groups, which the Project defines as follows:

A people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group. Evangelical Christian number less than less than 2%.

So there are more people in the world who are virtually untouched with the Gospel than there are Christians. It is staggering that nearly 2.5 billion people live beyond the reach of a local church. The sheer size of some of these unreached people groups is astounding. For example, the Brahman population of India is 58 million. Of this 58 million 0.01% are considered Christian adherents. That's only 5,800 people. There are many churches in America now whose attendance exceeds 5,800 people.

We would expect that the Christian Church is working hard to plant churches among these people groups, right? Well, although there are churches and organizations committed to work among unreached people groups, the majority of Christian missionaries and missions funds are not going toward reaching these groups.

According to a US Center for World Mission report as of 2002 there were 429,000 missionaries from all branches of Christendom. Of that number only 2-3% work among unreached people groups. Of the 17 billion dollars of annual global church finance spent on missions only 1% is used for work among unreached people groups.

Startling Statistics!

The following statistics should shake you up. I hope you will take the time to read this and then pray about how all of us can effectively reach the more than 2 billion souls who have never heard the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! How dismally we have failed to reach the unreached with the gospel even though we have the resources to do so. Just think about this:

The statistics below are mostly taken from World Christian Trends, William Carey Library, David Barrett & Todd Johnson.

Assets of the Church

US Christians control TRILLIONS in assets give relatively little to Christian work.

*78 countries each have Great Commission (evangelical) Christians whose personal incomes exceed US\$1 billion a year.

Financial Fraud in the Church

Annual church embezzlements by top custodians exceed the entire cost of all foreign missions worldwide. Emboldened by lax procedures, trusted church treasurers are embezzling from the Church \$5,500,000 PER DAY. That's \$16,000,000,000 per YEAR!

That's 16 Billion - with a "B"!
TOTAL Christian spending on foreign missions - \$15 Billion.

Each year 600,000 full-time ordained workers (clergy, ministers, missionaries) reach retiring age; 150,000 then discover that their employers provide no old-age pensions.

Wasteful Spending by the Church

Most Christian bodies insist on full accountability to the last cent in finance {But not very well. See above.}, but ignore or even decry statistics about Christian workers and ministries.

* 95% of all church budgets in the US are spent on our own comforts and programs. Less than 1% is spent on evangelism to the most unreached.

* 40% of the church's entire global foreign mission resources are being deployed to just 10 oversaturated countries already possessing strong citizen-run home ministries.

* More than 90% of all Christian materials are in English, but only 8% of the world speaks English.

* All costs of ministry divided by number of baptisms per year

Cost per baptism in India - \$9803 per person.

Cost per baptism in the United States - \$1,550,000 per person.

* Christians spend more on the annual audits of their churches and agencies (\$810 million) than on all their workers in the non-Christian world.

* The total cost of Christian outreach averages \$330,000 for each newly baptized person. (USA \$1.55 Million, India \$9,800)

* Non-Christian countries have been found to have 227 million Bibles in place in their midst, more than needed to serve all Christians, but are poorly distributed.

* Each year 180 million Bibles and New Testaments are wasted - lost, destroyed, or disintegrated - due to incompetence, hostility, bad planning, or inadequate manufacture.

* 91% of all Christian outreach/evangelism does not target non-Christians, but targets other Christians in World C { >95 Evangelized } countries, cities, peoples, populations, or situations

Missions and the Church

* Some 250 of the 300 largest international Christian organizations regularly mislead the Christian public by publishing demonstrably incorrect or falsified progress statistics.

* Percent of Christian resources spent in countries that are already more than 60% Christian - 99.9%.

Percent spent in countries where less than half the people have NEVER heard of Jesus - 0.01%.

* It is estimated that Christians worldwide spend around \$8 BILLION dollars PER YEAR going to the more than 500 conferences to TALK about missions. That's more than HALF the total spent DOING missions!!!

* 818 unevangelized ethnolinguistic peoples have never been targeted by any Christian agencies, ever.

* Out of 648 million Great Commission Christians, 70% have never been told about the world's 2 billion unevangelized individuals.

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Denominations of the Church

* Currently there are over 33,000 Christian denominations in the United States.

* A huge new Christian non confessional megabloc, the Independents/Post denominationalists, is growing rapidly and numbers 19% of all Christians. These 386 million Independent Christians in 220 countries have no interest in, and no use for historic denominationalist Christianity, and is growing daily!

* From only one million in AD 1900, Pentecostals/ Charismatics/ Neocharismatics have mushroomed to 524 million affiliated (with unaffiliated believers, over 602 million).

Growth of the Church

* From only 3 million in AD 1500, evangelicals have grown to 648 million worldwide, 54% being Non-Whites.

* The country with the fastest Christian expansion ever is China, now at 10,000 new converts every day.

Persecution of the Church

* More than 70% of all Christians now live in countries where they are experiencing persecution. In some cases EXTREME persecution.

* 14 million converted Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims have opted to remain within those religions in order to witness for Christ as active believers in Jesus as Lord.

Martyrdom

* Over the last 20 centuries, and in all 238 countries, more than 70 million Christians have been martyred - killed, executed, murdered - for Christ.

* More Christians have been martyred in the last 100 years than all others years since AD 30 combined.

Global Population Issues

* Despite BILLIONS of dollars spent by dozens of denominations toward over a hundred major programs to try to fulfill the Great Commission by the year 2000, we didn't even keep up with population growth, much less reach the 2 billion unreached. Evidently no apologies are forthcoming for the giant waste of assets and broken promises.

* 124 million new souls begin life on Earth each year, but Christianity's 4,000 foreign mission agencies baptize only 4 million new persons a year.

* Since AD 1900,Christian urbanites have exploded from 100 million in 500 cities to 1,160 million in 5,000 cities.

Unreached Peoples

* There are still thousands of language groups who do not have a SINGLE page of the Bible in their language. 98.7% of people have access to scripture in 6,700 languages leaving 78 million in 6,800 languages with no access at all.

* The majority of the unreached people groups are in countries that are restricted access. Western missionaries may have great difficulty and danger reaching them.

* Despite Christ's command to evangelize, 67% of all humans from AD 30 to the present day have never even heard of his name.

The following report points up why Christian missions is facing such a tremendous crisis in our day – there is little if any gospel being preached! Politics and social gospel has become the focus of missions in many places.

Global issues prompt Urbana 06 toward missions reformation

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--With various global issues challenging the body of Christ, leaders of the 2006 Urbana Student Missions Conference are calling the next generation of students to be the catalyst for a missions reformation. During the Dec. 27-31 conference in St. Louis, global Christian leaders called the 22,000-plus collegians and youth to strike a balance between traditional evangelical missions strategies and the social justice necessary to address such issues as urbanization and the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Urbana 06 director Jim Tebbe called on the students to integrate political action and missions for the sake of God's Kingdom.

"Our need to leverage for greater influence in the structures and systems in this world may not be the message you were expecting at a missions conference," Tebbe said,

Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church, spoke to the students during the conference's "Community Night." Warren invited the students to begin a reformation of missions. "We don't need to move the church forward; we need to move it back to the first century and do it the way Jesus did," he said. "You are the reformation generation. You must be those who bring in the reformation in world missions."

Having recently forged an unlikely coalition with political figures such as Sen. Barack Obama and Mark Dybul, an open homosexual, at Saddleback's recent AIDS summit, Warren rejected the schism between the church and the political arena in battling HIV/AIDS.

The church must become known for what it is for rather than what it is against, Warren said. "One of the things we are for is what Jesus is for -- for the poor, sick, uneducated [and for efforts to counter] any corruption, sex-trafficking, the misuse of people and slavery which is still a real issue in some parts of the world."