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SIGNS OF HIS COMING (MATT 24:3-14)

- > False Messiahs
- > Wars and rumors of wars
- > Nation against nation
- > Famines
- > Earthquakes
- > Tribulation
- > Persecution of Christians
- > Falling away of many
- > Israel becomes a nation again
- > Jerusalem in the hands of Israel

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PRAY THROUGH THE 10/40 WINDOW BEYOND THE WALL

The church wall has become a divider between the people of God and a lost world. What lies beyond this wall, most Christians don't know.

Beyond the wall of the church lies a world of people who have never heard the name Jesus and no chance of doing so unless we go to them. 66,000 of them die each day.

Beyond the wall lies the 10/40 window, home to 1.1 billion Muslims, 1 billion Hindus who have 330 million gods and 600 Buddhist (est. 2000).

Beyond the wall is 97% of the least evangelized countries in the world.

Beyond the wall lies the poorest of the poor on the planet.

Beyond the wall are a people desperately waiting for us to come and rescue them from spiritual bondage and untold suffering. **But who would go?** We are their only chance of hearing the gospel.

While we seat behind the wall, 66,000 are condemned to hell at the end of today. He died for them, and is waiting for us to go and tell them. So why are we still seating within the wall?

The last words of a man often leaves a clue to what he lived for and a directive for his loved ones.

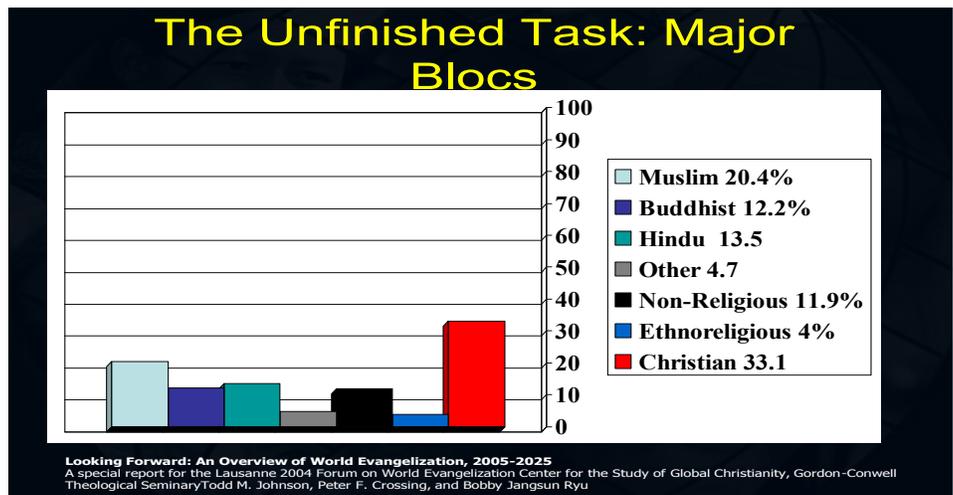
What was Jesus' last words?

Mathew 28:19 : "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The task of evangelizing the world was given to the church; have we accomplished this task? The statistics I present to you will answer this question.

At the end of today another estimated 66,000 people will go to hell while you are assured of eternity.

(Joshua Project)





THE UNFINISHED TASK

What is the task?

Making disciples of all nations. Matt 28:19.

Making God's word available in every language Rev. 5:9

We see the task given us from two perspective, 1) every people and 2) every language.

There are 16,300 ethnic people groups in the world out of which 6,600 are still unreached; meaning they have less than 2% evangelical Christians. Where are these peoples? In the 10/40 window, a region 10 and 40 degrees latitude north of the

equator, spanning from north Africa to south east Asia, lies the highest concentration of unreached peoples.

Countries with the most unreached people groups. (source: Joshua project)

Country	Unreached People Groups
India	2192
China	427
Pakistan	374
Bangladesh	353
Nepal	309

“Less than one out of every 500 Fulani is a Christian”.

Among us are the largest nomadic pastoral people group in the world, the Fulani, estimated at 15 to 20 million.

Less than one out of every 500 Fulani is a Christian. There has been no active Church planting efforts among the Fulani.

Why has the gospel not reached these people? Because we have remained within the wall.

There is a hurting world waiting for us, a world in crises, a changing world.

- 400 million of which are on the verge of starvation
- 1.3 billion have no safe water
- 1.1 billion have no adequate shelter
- 1.5 billion with no medical care
- 40,000 children under 5 will die today from malnutrition.

In this very tragic circumstances are great opportunities to present the love of God to a hurting world. People are more open during times of crises. When we are right there responding to needs, people will also respond to the gospel.

We need to be relevant in a changing world and more strategic in our approach.



MAKING GOD'S WORD AVAILABLE IN EVERY LANGUAGE . REV . 5 : 9

As of 2009, 2,479 languages have the scripture, out of which only 451 of them have the complete Bible. 1,185 have only the complete New Testament, 843 have at least one book of the Bible.

According to Wycliffe Bible translators 353 million speak languages that have no scripture.

The process of translating the scripture is enormous. First, language surveyors have to go out and access the community where the translation work needs to be carried out. They research how best a language community can have access to the scriptures, what languages are spoken and by whom, which

Language will still be spoken in 20 years, which dialect could use the same translation and in what form are people likely to engage with scriptures. (Source: Wycliffe.org.uk).

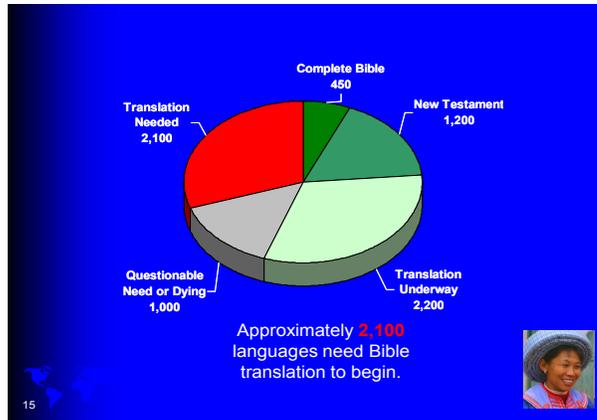
As many as 2,300 of the world's 6,900 languages still need to be surveyed for Bible translation. One of the major challenges is

BIBLE TRANSLATION

that, the majority of these languages have never been written.

It takes 5-20 years for the New Testament alone to be translated.

Wycliffe Bible translators currently estimate that 2,251 languages, representing 193 million people, still lack Bible translation. (Source: Wycliffe.org.uk).



(Source: Joshua Project)

Could God be calling anyone of you to help with translation work?



CHALLENGES TO THE UNFINISHED TASK

The average Christian gives 1.8% of their income

Only 5% of Christian giving goes to missions.

85% of cross-cultural missionaries labor among nominal Christians. Our efforts should be concentrated on the unreached people of the world.

Most Christians are unaware of the unreached and the need to reach them.

Less than 1/2 of 1% of the church budget goes to evangelizing the unreached; Most African churches have no budget for missions.

In recent years there has been a 45% decline in western missionaries.

Increase in the Martyrdom of Christians. Every 24 hours 480 believers are martyred for their faith.

We need radically commit-

ted Christians willing to risk all to accomplish the task.

Unevangelized Population (in millions)

- 1 India 344,000,000
- 2 China 262,000,000
- 3 Pakistan 144,000,000
- 4 Indonesia 68,600,000
- 5 Iran 48,700,000
- 6 Thailand 34,000,000
- 7 Algeria 32,900,000
- 8 Morocco 30,900,000
- 9 Bangladesh 30,000,000
- 10 Afghan 26,000,000

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PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for missionaries and their families all round the world, as they labor tirelessly under the most challenging conditions to reach the lost with the gospel.
- Pray for mission agencies; CMD, CAPRO, YWAM, Wycliffe, etc

and those involved in facilitating the spreading of the gospel.

- Pray for Bible translators, for their families, their health etc, so that the work of translating the scriptures is unhindered.
- Pray that the body of

Christ will see the need to support missionaries.

- Pray for radically committed workers who are ready to risk all to join the work force.

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results” James 5:6 (NLT).



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FOCUS is a monthly newsletter birth from a God given desire during my time in Missions School at Christ for the Nations Dallas TX 16 years ago. Also from a recent phone call on my birthday March 16th 2008, from my sister Koko urging me to write a newsletter called *FOCUS*, that as it's name implies bring attention to the unreached people groups, and Countries in the 10/40 window.

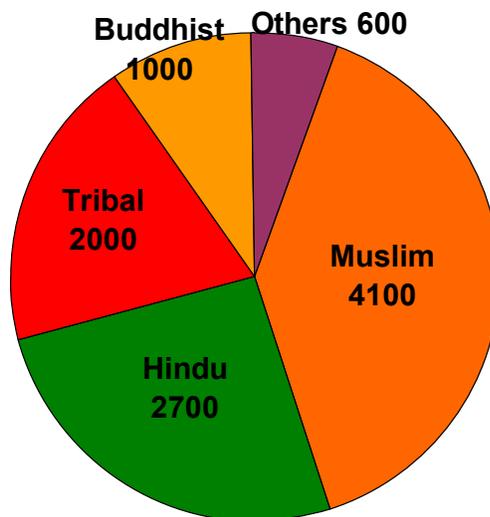
This month's edition is one of several articles focusing on the unreached in the 10/40 window. My desire is to bring to the awareness of the body of Christ worldwide, especially in the free world the unreached in the 10/40 window, and the plight of the persecuted Church. My intention in doing this is to provoke you to pray, go as a missionary to these places or people groups, or support the missionaries who are there.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU

Penetrating the 10/40 window with the gospel.

Transforming the nations through Christ.

Unreached People Group



■ Muslim
 ■ Hindu
 ■ Tribal
 ■ Buddhist
 ■ All Others

(Source: Joshua project)