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Great Commission Statistics 2012

Since the time of Christ, approximately 36 billion 673 million people have been born on this planet. Of these, about 12 billion 105 million have been “evangelized” (33%). **There have been 8 billion 344 million who have professed to be Christians (23% of the human race since the time of Christ).**

In 2011, there were 2 billion 306 million 609 thousand Christians of all kinds in the world (33%). Of those 2.3 billion Christians, some 1.5 billion are regular church attendees, who worship in 5,171,000 congregations or “worship centers” (up from 400,000 in 1900 and 3.5 million in 2000). Of these, 1.16 billion are Catholics, 426 million are Protestants, 271 million are Orthodox, 87.5 million are Anglican, 378 million are “independents” (unaffiliated), and 35.5 million “marginal” Christians (weird understanding of the Trinity or the deity of Christ). **As for the quest for Christian unity: There were 1,600 Christian denominations in 1900; there were 18,800 in 1970; and there are 42,000 today.** The “ecumenical movement” seems to have been a bust.

Compared to the world’s 2.3 billion Christians, there are 1.6 billion Muslims, 951 million Hindus, 468 million Buddhists, 458 million Chinese folk-religionists, and 137 million atheists. As of mid-2011, there was an average of 80,000 new Christians per day (of whom 31,000 will be Catholics) and 79,000 new Muslims per day, ...but 300 fewer atheists every 24 hours, a loss rate of about 109,500 each year.

Africa has been the most stunning area of Christian growth over the past century. There were 8.7 million African Christians in 1900 (primarily in Egypt, Ethiopia and South Africa). There are 475 million African Christians today, and their numbers are projected to reach 670 million by 2025. **The country with the fastest Christian expansion ever is China,** now at 10,000 new converts every day. **Another astonishing growth spurt, measured typologically, has been among Pentecostals and charismatics:** 981,000 in 1900; 612,472,000 in 2011, with an average of 37,000 new adherents every day — *the fastest growth rate in two millennia of Christian history.*

A Church For Every People-group – what is the status?

Out of 16,600 totally identifiable “people groups” in the world, 7,000 remain largely unreached. About half of these largely unreached groups are small, under 10,000 in population, so the task isn’t as large as it first appears. The largest concentration of such groups center around the area of India. India proper had 2,300 small unreached ethnic groups, Pakistan has 448, China has 427, Bangladesh has 328, and Nepal has 317. These 5 countries together contain 54% of the “least reached” people groups in the world!

The Gospel For Every Person – what is the status?

Regarding **Bible translation,** about 82% of the world's population have New Testament Scriptures available in their language. However, to complete the remaining 18% will require possibly as many as 2,050 new translation efforts. **Christian radio** programs are broadcast in the languages of about 91% of the world’s population. Campus Crusade’s “**Jesus film**” has been shown in 6.5 billion viewings, and it is available in over 1,100 languages covering 95% of the world’s population.

Approximately 70% (4.6 billion) of the world’s current population have heard the gospel in some form. 10% have responded and are true believers; 20% are only nominal believers, and 40% have heard the gospel, but have not responded to it. 30% (2 billion) of the current world population have had virtually no exposure to the gospel message. *Despite Christ’s command to evangelize, 67% of all humans from AD 30 to the present day have never even heard of His name.*

Three “Worlds” of Christian Missions

People who study world missions have differentiated between three very distinct realities for people in different parts of the world. First, there is the truly **unevangelized or unreached world.** Of the total 238 countries in the world today, the unevangelized world is comprised of 38 countries where less than half of the people have been evangelized at all. 1,629,375,000 unevangelized persons, or 26.9% of the global population, live in these countries. 26 of these 38 countries are “closed”. They are places where missionary work is forbidden or highly restricted. Secondly, there is the **evangelized non-Christian world.** There are 59 countries in this category. The population there is over half-evangelized, but less than 60% are members of a

church. This group represents 2.4 billion people, most of whom have been evangelized. They represent 40.1% of the world population. Over 500 million remain unreached in these countries. Then, the **so-called “Christian world”** is comprised of the remaining 141 countries. They are 95% evangelized, and over 60% of their population are church members. They have 33% of the world population, and 2 billion Christians are located in these countries.

Most of the truly unevangelized world remains undeveloped, remote, politically and spiritually closed off and resistant to change. There is a high degree of poverty here. While they have 26.9 % of world population, they only produce 12.1 % of the global income. The evangelized non-Christian world has 40.1% of the global population, and produces 35.3% of global income. By contrast, the so-called Christian world comprises only 33% of the population, but produces 52.6% of global income.

Christians spend 99.9% of Christian income on themselves, only 0.09% on ministry to the evangelized non-Christian world, and a paltry 0.01% on the unevangelized world.

Out of every dollar of Christian giving, less than one penny goes to planting new churches among the least-reached people groups. The remaining unevangelized people groups and individuals tend to live in remote locations, have great language and cultural barriers, practice religious fundamentalism, and are the most resistant to the gospel.

The present investment of Christian foreign missions to the unevangelized or unreached world is about \$250 million a year, including 10,200 foreign missionaries (2.4%). There are 20,500 full-time Christian workers, as well as 50,000 lay Christians residing abroad in closed countries. The unreached world receives only 0.1% of all Christian literature and 0.1% of all Christian radio/TV.

The mission investment in the evangelized non-Christian world is \$1,750 million a year, including 103,000 foreign missionaries (24.5%), 5,000 being in 31 restricted-access countries. (40% of the church’s entire global foreign mission resources are being deployed to just 10 over-saturated countries already possessing strong citizen-run home ministries.) 300 cities per year have citywide evangelistic campaigns. There are 1.31 million full-time Christian workers, 330,000 being in 31 restricted-access countries. The evangelized non-Christian world receives 8.9% of all Christian literature and 3.9% of all Christian radio/TV.

Present cost of home Christianity is \$163 billion a year. Foreign missions to other *Christian* lands is \$13 billion a year, including 306,000 foreign missionaries to other *Christian* lands (73.1%), including 4,000 in 29 restricted access, heavily-Christian countries. **Facility costs entail about 22% of the average church budget, or about \$32.6 billion annually** (Over 16 times what we spend on missions to the first two “worlds”!). 1,300 cities per year have citywide evangelistic campaigns. 4.19 million full-time Christian workers (95%) work in the Christian world, including 480,000 in 29 restricted-access Christian countries, where 500 million lay Christians live. 91% of all Christian literature is produced and consumed by the Christian world, as well as 96% of all Christian radio/TV output. (By contrast, Sudanese Christians spend 70% of donations on *missions*!)

Other impressive numbers: **\$545 billion is given to Christian causes annually, which comes out to \$1.5 billion per day.** Emboldened by lax procedures, trusted church treasurers are embezzling \$16 billion each year out of church funds, but only 5% ever get caught. *Annual church embezzlements by top custodians exceed the entire cost of all foreign missions worldwide.* Christians spend more on the *annual audits* of their churches and agencies (\$810 million) than on all their workers in the non-Christian world! Furthermore, some 250 of the 300 largest international Christian organizations regularly mislead the Christian public by publishing demonstrably incorrect or falsified progress statistics. **The total cost of Christian outreach averages out to be \$330,000 for each and every newly baptized person.**

At a steady rate over the last 20 centuries, and in all 238 countries, 70 million Christians have been martyred (killed, executed, murdered) for Christ. However, **more Christians were martyred in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries combined!** On average, 270 Christians were martyred every 24 hours over the past decade (2000-2010), (That is equivalent to 3 every 16 minutes!) so that “the number of martyrs was approximately 1 million.” Compare this to an estimated 34,000 Christian martyrs in 1900. Historically, 0.8% of all Christians are martyred for their faith, 2.0% of Christian leaders. Recently, this rate has *quadrupled*.