

THE ETHNÊ INITIATIVE: TOGETHER INTO THE “ONE-FOURTH” WORLD

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Global Collaboration In Serving Least Reached Peoples: The Final Frontier?

- AD2000
- Great Commission Roundtable
- WEAMC
- Lausanne
- Singapore02
- Ethnê06: Networks From All Continents

Ethnê Patterns

- Connecting Existing “UPG-Focused” Partnerships, Networks, Individuals, Churches, Organizations
- Rotating Regional Leadership for the Global Steering Committee
- A Global Convening Group
- Decision by Consensus
- A Transition Plan to the Next Network/Core Leadership

Ethnê Values:

- Body of Christ Missiology
 - All Ethnê reuniting as family by finishing the task together
 - All giftings and streams of the Body
 - Churches Equipped by Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers
- In the Middle of Crises (Matthew 24)
- The Ethnê will be reached

Ongoing Strategy Groups

- Prayer and Strategy Initiative
- Gospel Movements Network
- Crisis and Development Network
- Member Care Network
- Raising Up UPG-Focused Young Leaders Network

Status and Varying Definitions:

- While 72% of the world is adequately evangelized, 1,800,228,000 are left.
- This 28% of the world is an increase from 24% in 1980 but a decrease from 58% in 1900.
- 39.5% of the world’s individuals are members of ethnê with no viable church
- **15,900 Total Peoples by Country:** People Group counted for each country where found. This is the list most often referred to as the “peoples of the world.”
- **6,721 Unreached / Least Reached / Least Evangelized:** Less than 2% True Christian and less than 5% Adherent:

- **13,000 Unimax People** which is “an alternate term for mini-people emphasizing the maximum size of people in which the gospel can spread before encountering barriers.”
World Christian Database
 - Muslim: 5500
 - Hindu: 3200
 - Tribal: 2000
 - Buddhist: 1500
 - Chinese: 300
 - Jewish: 200
 - Non-Religious 100
 - Other: 200

Changing Realities: Bad News from the Global Church

- Majority of Christians still not aware of the challenge of the unreached
- Many that are aware feel it is not their responsibility
- Many church and mission leaders feel that missions to the unreached has been over-emphasized
- Average Christian gives 1.8% of their income
- 5% of Christian giving goes to missions (15 billion)
- More is lost to embezzlement (16 billion) than is given to missions
- Of mission funds -- between 0.1% and 1.66% is focused on unreached
- Changing Realities: Bad News
- 95% of Christian ministers focus on their own people
- Of the 5% who become missionaries 80-90% focus on *Ethnê* which are majority Christian
- Only 2.5 – 4% of missionaries are focused on the 25 - 28% of the world who are unreached

Changing Realities: GOOD News from the Global Church

- Cross Cultural Workers from all Continents:
 - Mongolia: 222 Christians to send one missionary
 - Nigeria: 5,200 missionaries in 56 countries and adding
 - China: Back to Jerusalem Movement—100,000 to be sent
 - Korea: 2nd largest total number of missionaries sent
 - Latin America: 8,000 missionaries with 14% of their missionaries focused on the unreached
 - Singapore has an estimated 25% focused on the unreached
 - Philippines: Plans to train 200,000 workers
- 100,000 new Christians every day
- 4,500 new congregations every week
- Currently, about 87,000 are evangelized per day
- In the last 20 years: a 250 to 400% increase in number of missionaries focused on the unreached
- Various UPG Networks in countries around the world: Philippines, India, Argentina, Nigeria, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, BAM
- Increase of Prayer Networks

- Regional and Bloc Networks: SE Asia (SEALINK), Africa – MANI, COMIBAM, CAC, NAP, APP, SEANET, Vision 5:9
- Gospel Movements in Unreached Areas
 - Bhojpuri in India: 30,000 churches in 10 years
 - Henan, China: 1 million to 5 million in 1990's
 - Masai in Africa: from 0% to 15% Christian in 10 years
 - Sierra Leone – new CPM approach March 2005 – now 1 new church a day
 - Nepal, West Africa, Cambodia, North America, South America,
- Resources from the Harvest: former UPGs now reaching out – Mongolian, Bhojpuri, etc.