

WORLD VISION AND MISSIONS

I. What is your vision of the world? (Pop Quiz)

- How many countries are there in the world?
- How many people groups are there?
- How many Christians are there in the world?
- How many Muslims are there in the world?
- How many Hindus are there in the world?
- How many Buddhists are there in the world?

- Zimbabwe is the poorest country in the world with a per capita income of \$200 a year. What is the U.S. per capita income?

- What percentage of U.S. Christian giving is spent outside the U.S.?

II. What is meant by world vision?

PSALM 117 - open Bible study

- What is the commandment?
- Who should obey this commandment?
- Why should they obey this commandment?
- How will this commandment be fulfilled? Romans 10:11-17

PSALM 67 – participatory study

- What is “blessing”?
- What kind of blessings are there?
- Why does God bless His people?

- For over 200 years – 90% of all missionaries came from western Christian nations. The nations impacted by the Reformation.

- Now, 70% of all missionaries are non-western.

- 50% of mission finances still comes from western nations.

- If we stop giving to missions, why should God continue to bless us?

My life is worth nothing unless I use it to carry out the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus. The work of telling others about God’s wonderful kindness and love.” Acts 20:24 Living Bible

III. Scriptural Basis for World Missions.

A. From the Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-3 – Promises

Genesis 22:16-18 - Implications

Psalm 96

Isaiah 42:1-7

How was Abraham's life like that of a foreign missionary?

B. In the New Testament

The Great Commission.

- Mat 28:18-20 – The assignment
- Mark 16:15 – The aim/goal
- Luke 24:46-49 – The message
- John 20:21 The example
- Acts 1:8 – The power

IV. How can we reach the world?

A. The need –

Definitions.

Unreached . An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group.

Unevangelized. Persons who have never heard the gospel or heard of Jesus. See p. 3

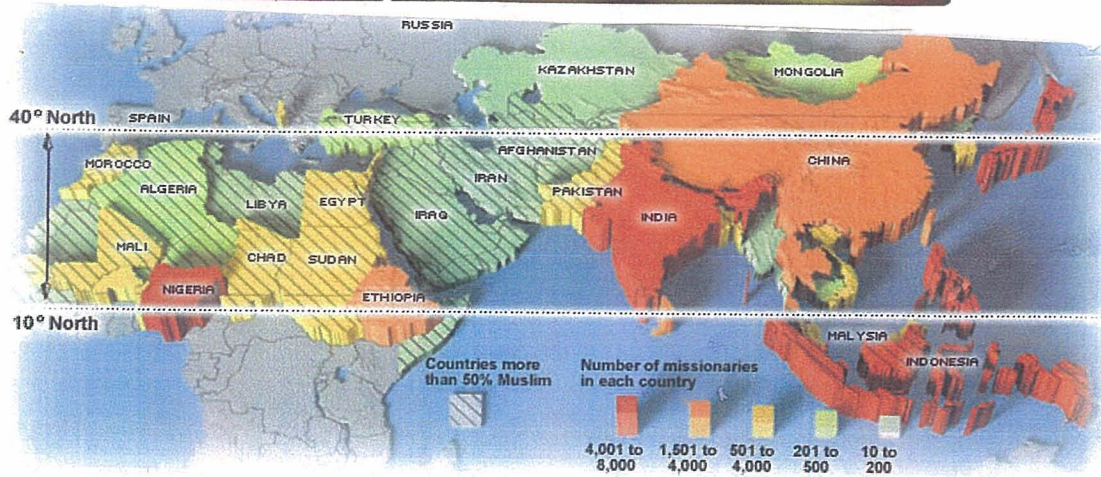
10/40 Window - A rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude, home for 4.42 billion individuals reside in approximately 8,618 distinct people groups and most of the world's Muslim, Hindus and Buddhists.

The 10/40 Window has several important considerations

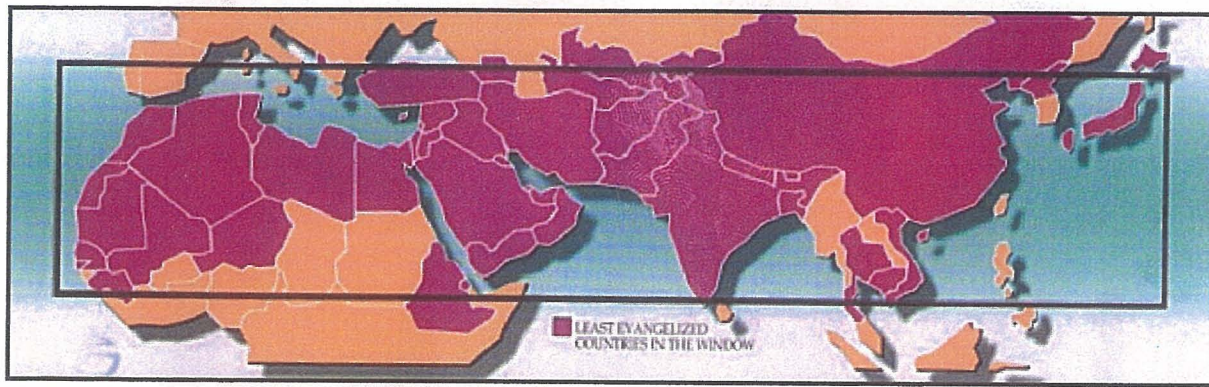
1. Home of the majority of the world's unevangelized countries.
2. Has approximately 5,707 unreached people groups (out of a total of 6,650), the largest number of unreached people groups over one million and the top 50 least evangelized megacities.
3. Contains four of the world's dominant religious blocs: Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Non-religious (atheistic communism)
4. Home to the most of the world's poor. Of the poorest of the poor, eight out of ten live there.
5. It includes numerous spiritual strongholds of Satan.

For additional information, consult "The Joshua Project" U. S. Center for World Missions – www.JoshuaProject.net

Asia 10/40 Windows



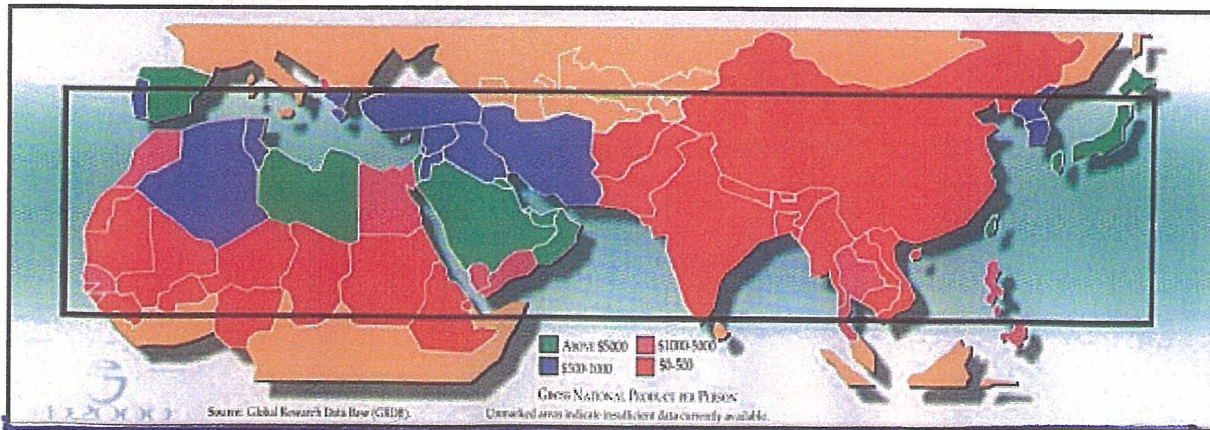
97% of People in the Least Evangelized Countries Live in the 10/40 Window



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Algeria
Bahrain
Benin
Bhutan
Burkina Faso
Cambodia
Chad
China
Cyprus
Djibouti

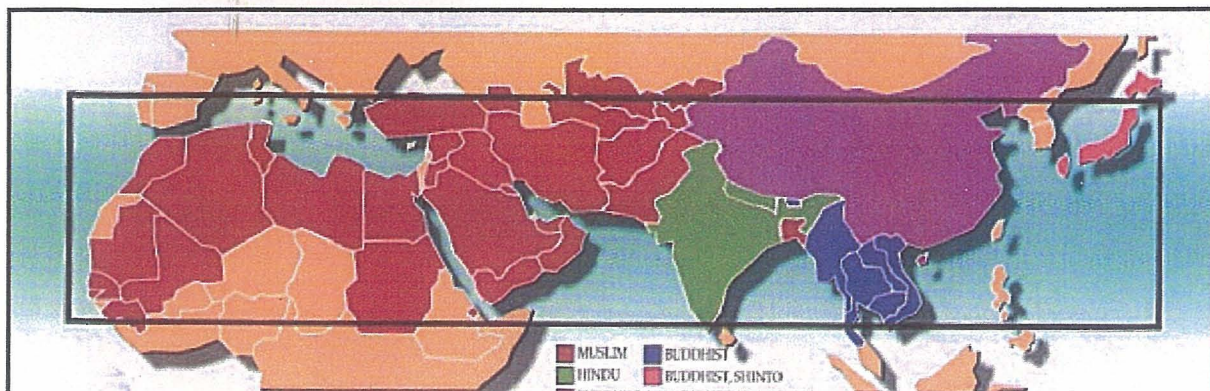
Egypt
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gambia
Gibraltar
Greece
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
India
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Japan
Jordan
Korea, North
Korea, South
Kuwait
Laos
Lebanon
Libya
Macao
Mali
Malta
Mauritania

82% of the Poorest of the Poor Live in the 10/40 Window



Morocco
Myanmar (Burma)
Nepal
Niger
Oman
Pakistan
Philippines
Portugal
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Sudan

2.7 Billion Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims in the 10/40 Window



Syria
Taiwan
Tajikistan
Thailand
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
United Arab Emirates
Vietnam
Western Sahara
Yemen

Discussion - What are some of the things that you have observed that aren't working too well?

B. The need for laborers – Mat. 9:36-38

Romans 15:8-32 How many principles of missions can you find here?

1. – vs. 8,9
2. – vs 10,11
3. – vs 15,16
4. - vs 17,18; Acts 14:27;15:3,4
5. – vs 19
6. - vs 19; I Cor 2:1-5
7. – vs 19; Acts 19:8-10
8. – vs 20-23

Costa Rica was 1% evangelical in 1950 - now 25%
Mexico was 1.5% - now over 5%

9. - vs 24; Phil.4:16-18
10. – vs 27
11. – vs28
- 12– vs 30-32.
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C. The final score - : Revelation 5:9 and 7:9

V. Application Questions

In the light of II Cor 5:10-20

- How many unreached/unevangelized people will be in heaven because of things you have done to fulfill the Great Commission?
- What can you start doing to make more of an impact on the unevangelized world?
- Is God nudging your heart to get involved in missions?
- What should you do about it?
- Who would you consider to be a good accountability partner to help you carry out your commitment to the Lord?

OPPORTUNITIES

- The Navigators – 48 positions needing laborers – check with a Nav Representative or www.Navigators.org
- Operation Mobilization. www.us.omf.org
- Wycliffe Bible Translators www.wycliffe.org
- Mission Aviation Fellowship www.maf.org
- Reach Ministries International – Cal Milnes www.reachmin.com
- TEL - Training Evangelistic Leadership www.tel-intl.org
- International Students, Inc. www.isionline.org
- Campus Crusade for Christ www.ccci.org
- Your own church denomination – check with your missions pastor.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Books –

Operation World

Handbook of Today's Religions – Josh McDowell – Thomas Nelson

Websites –

Peoplegroups.org

OperationWorld.org

WorldChristianDataBase.org

1040window.org

Home.snu.edu