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# Unreached Peoples

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JULY 30, 2023

# Missions Priorities to Choose from

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# Options

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1. Respond to individual or mission organization requests
2. Look for cheapest nationals over “there”
3. Focus on sending our own people.
4. Focus on unreached people groups
5. Address mercy and justice needs
6. BAM – business as mission
7. Global partnering
8. Integration of local and global, particularly relates to migration

# What is an unreached people group?

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See Video – What is an Unreached People Group?

<https://vimeo.com/128750127>

# Unreached People Groups

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## Jonah 1

- What do we learn about Jonah?
- What do we learn about God?



**Spain**

Tarshish

Rome

**Rome**

**Greece**

Black Sea

**Persia**

Nineveh

**Syria**

**Assyria**

**Babylonia**

Joppa

Jerusalem

**Egypt**

Mediterranean Sea

North

West East

# Jonah

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Inclined to rebel against God and refuse to proclaim the gospel

His rebellion led him to live a disoriented life

He seemed to believe the identity the world gave him and not what God said

He had faith in God, but not much fear of God

# God

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God is sovereign

God's Word is authoritative



Why are  
there so  
many  
unreached  
people  
today?



See video from Radical.net



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33uwulf-uvo>

# Reaching for the unreached is HARD

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Why is it hard? Why is giving to ministry for the unreached so low?

What can we do this week to aid in ministry to the unreached?

- Evangelize and love our neighbor
  - What do unreached see in Americans? (alcohol abuse, adultery, cursing, horrible treatment of people, high levels alternative lifestyles, 1.6 weapons/resident, abortion, high crime rate, high drug abuse)
- Learn more about unreached groups/ministry to unreached
- [www.stratus.earth](http://www.stratus.earth)

# Why are the unreached unreached?

(Reflections from Dr. Nik Ripken)

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“We know one way to ‘do church.’”

Many people of other world religions depend on physical structures for religious practice.

Some areas cannot have typical “church.”

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“We expect pagans to act like followers of Jesus.”

People burnout living in dark places.

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It's hard to raise money for something you can't talk  
about.

Security is a high priority

Mountainous villages in Africa (no westerners)

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New believers will get in trouble with their families,  
community, and/or government.



# Family of Muslim Background

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“My country of origin determines my religion.”

Prejudice against Christianity – America

“If I follow Christ, I am without a home country.”



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It's just hard to live in these places. The climate is tough. The country is poor. Good medical care is hard to find.

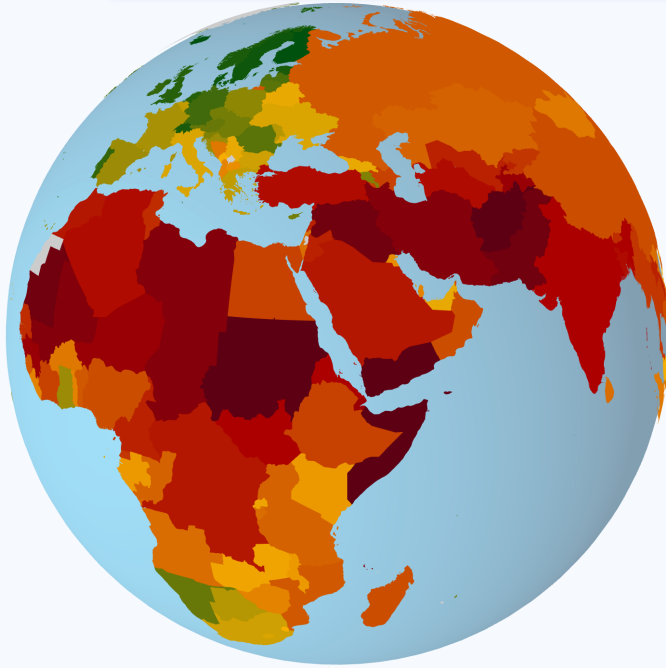
Unreached groups are commonly found in regions with difficult climates.



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- POLITICAL
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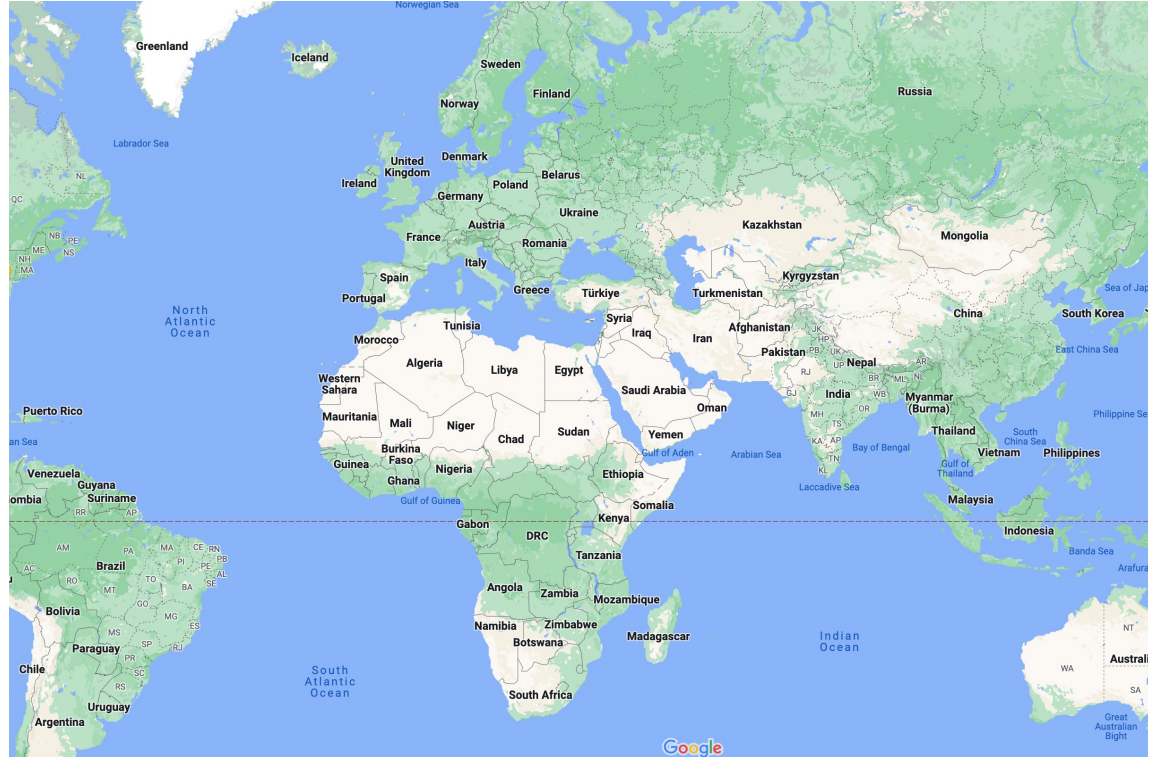
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# Fewer gospel voices in hard places

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It can be expensive!

“Often times the only way to access unreached people is through projects and human needs response.”

Seem especially so when considering ROI

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It is HARD on frontline workers.

Christians over “there” are people too.

Anxiety, worry, high blood pressure, sorrow

Need constant support and encouragement

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We can have a “harvest” mentality.

What makes a mission worth attempting?

Low hanging fruit v. origin of command

Invitation v. proclaim

Would we go if we never see any fruit?

Does the end justify the means?

# Questions

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“Is Jesus worth it?”

“Is Jesus worth causing the death of someone who embraces Him?”

How valuable is Jesus?

What is worse, physical death or spiritual death?

Would we travel to visit gospel workers in hard places just to encourage them and not “do” the ministry?