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OF WORLD MISSIONS

THE WHY OF WORLD MISSIONS

1. Because God commanded it and He is not willing that any person perish.

2. Because all people everywhere are born in sin.

3. Because Jesus Christ is the only one who can save people from their sin and ensure their entrance into heaven.

THE WHO OF WORLD MISSIONS

- 1. The Trinity: God the Father sent His Son; God the Son died for the world; God the Holy Spirit is alive and active.**
- 2. Missionaries: Those who desire and make themselves available to minister cross-culturally and establish churches.**
- 3. You & I: Those who pray and give to fund the efforts of world-wide evangelization.**

THE WHEN OF WORLD MISSIONS

- 1. Past. Since the entrance of sin into the world God has been reconciling the world to Himself.**
- 2. Present. 8.1 billion people inhabiting planet earth.**
- 3. Future.**

THE WHAT OF WORLD MISSIONS

- 1. Send laborers into the harvest...the field is the world.**
- 2. Establish residence and relationships with another people group.**
- 3. Start churches that will be self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating.**



An unreached people group is "a people group within which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians able to evangelize this people group." In the middle 1990's mission strategists sought to quantify this definition. They settled on the criteria for unreached as less than 2% true Christ-followers and less than 5% Professing Christian (this includes all forms of Christianity i.e. anyone that would call themselves a "Christian.") While these percentage figures are somewhat arbitrary, "we should not underestimate the significance of the small group of people who have a vision of a just and gentle world. The quality of a whole culture may be changed when two percent of its people have a new vision." - Robert Bellah, Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, originally quote in Psychology Today in the 1970s, currently quoted in Christianity Today Oct 2011: 42.

Estimates suggest that approximately 7,400 people groups are still considered unreached. So how many of the approximately 7,400 ethnic people groups are considered unreached i.e. less than 2% Christ-follower and less than 5% Professing Christian? The latest estimates suggest that approximately 7,400 people groups are considered unreached. That means over 40% of the world's people groups have no indigenous community of believing Christians able to evangelize the rest of their people group. Over 42% of the world's population live in these over 7,400 people groups.

Here are some sobering facts about just the 50 largest unreached people groups:

- **All 50 of these people groups have less than 2% Christ-followers.**
- **Individuals in these groups may have very limited, if any, access to the Gospel.**
- **These 50 unreached people groups are comprised over 1.4 billion souls.**
- **One in six people on earth live in just these 50 unreached peoples.**
- **Every group is larger than 12,000,000 in population.**
- **None have an indigenous church capable of taking the Gospel to the entire group.**
- **Primary religion: 26 are Muslim, 17 Hindu, 5 Buddhist, 1 Ethnic Religions, 1 non-Religious.**
- **All of these 50 largest unreached people groups are in the 10/40 Window, 46 are in sensitive countries.**

THE HOW OF WORLD MISSIONS

Psalm 96 (NLT)

**1-2 Our salvation has made us glad.
CHRIST-FOLLOWERS SING!**

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD!

Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!

² Sing to the LORD; praise his name.

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

THE HOW OF WORLD MISSIONS

Psalm 96 (NLT)

3,6 Our Savior is great.

CHRIST-FOLLOWERS PRAY!

**³ Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.**

**⁶ Honor and majesty surround him,
strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.**

THE HOW OF WORLD MISSIONS

Psalm 96 (NLT)

4-5 Other gods are only idols.

CHRIST-FOLLOWERS GO!

4 Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!

He is to be feared above all gods.

**5 The gods of other nations are mere idols,
but the LORD made the heavens!**

THE HOW OF WORLD MISSIONS

Psalm 96 (NLT)

7, 10 Other gods are only idols. CHRIST-FOLLOWERS GO!

“Missions exists because worship doesn’t.”

**⁷ O nations of the world, recognize the LORD;
recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong.**

**¹⁰ Tell all the nations, “The LORD reigns!” The world stands
firm and cannot be shaken. He will judge all peoples fairly.**

THE HOW OF WORLD MISSIONS

Psalm 96 (NLT)

**8-9 Our contributions matter.
CHRIST-FOLLOWERS GIVE!**

**⁸ Give to the LORD the glory he deserves!
Bring your offering and come into his courts.
⁹ Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.
Let all the earth tremble before him.**

THE HOW OF WORLD MISSIONS

Psalm 96 (NLT)

11-13 Their salvation makes us glad.

CHRIST-FOLLOWERS SING!

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! ¹² Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Let the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³ before the LORD, for he is coming! He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with his truth.

WHAT CAN YOU AND I DO TO MAKE A MARKED DIFFERENCE ON THIS EARTH?

- 1. We can keep singing!**
- 2. We can keep praying!**
- 3. We can keep giving!**
- 4. We can keep going!**

⁹ There is good news for the city of Zion. Shout it as loud as you can from the highest mountain. Don't be afraid to shout to the towns of Judah: "Your God is here!" ¹⁰ Look! The powerful LORD God is coming to rule with his mighty arm. He brings with him what he has taken in war, and he rewards his people. ¹¹ The LORD cares for his nation, just as shepherds care for their flocks. He carries the lambs in his arms, while gently leading the mother sheep.

ISAIAH 40:9-11 (CEV)