

**"All nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord, they will bring glory to your name." Psalm 86:9**

### Global Mission Trends

An average of 160,000 a day hear the message of redemption in Christ for the first time. Every hour, at least 2,000 more people decide to follow Jesus Christ.

In 1800, those who had never heard the Gospel were almost 75% of the globe's population. Today the percentage of those who have not heard is 28% which is a major move forward. However that means about 1.5 billion people have not heard the Gospel message even one time!

Fifteen years ago there were about 100 prayer networks around the world. Today there are 4,000 networks involving an estimated 25,000,000 intercessors.

### Internet Trends

Over one billion people are now on the Internet! Almost one million new people get connected every day! Remarkably, the second most popular search topic on the internet is "spiritual and religious" related information.

### Negative Trends

In 2006, \$24 billion was embezzled by church staff and treasurers world-wide. This is \$2 billion more than the \$22 billion world's annual giving to global missions. Eliminating this fraudulent activity within the Church could add billions of dollars to the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

The American career missionary work force is rapidly shrinking. In 1986 there were 69,000 career American missionaries, in 2006 that was down to 35,000; almost a 50% reduction in the last 20 years.

**Egypt:** During the 1990s, the Egyptian Bible Society used to sell about 3,000 copies of the *JESUS* Film each year. Last year they sold 600,000 copies, plus 750,000 copies of the Bible on tape in Arabic and about a half-million copies of the Arabic NT. A huge cave on the outskirts of Cairo accommodates the largest church in the Middle East; 10,000 meet weekly for worship, and a prayer conference there in 2005 hosted 20,000 believers.

**Iraq:** More than 5,000 Muslims have come to faith in Christ over the past 4 years during the Iraqi conflict. There are 14 new churches in Baghdad and dozens more in Kurdistan, some with up to 800 members.

**Afghanistan:** There were only 17 known Muslim background followers of Christ before 9/11/01. Today there are more than 10,000.

### 10/40 Window

Less than 2% of all missions giving is directed toward the 10/40 Window. Yet "dollar for dollar and hour for hour, the harvest coming from the 10/40 Window nations outstrips that from the rest of the world 100 to 1."

The top 10 countries with the largest "unevangelized population" are located in the 10/40 Window. 85% of the world's poorest of the poor live in the 10/40 Window. 43 of the top 50 countries that persecute Christians are in the 10/40 Window.

**China:** The Communist government has printed 50 million Bibles over the past 20 years at its official Amity Press. The Bibles and NTs are distributed at 55,000 distribution points throughout the country. But still many in rural areas have no Bible or share handwritten portions among many believers.

**Ghana:** This West African country is where you'll hear mostly Muslim names like Mohammed, Fatuma or Achmed in church! The desperate need of churches is training and literature as Muslims come to faith in Christ at such a pace that in the entire country the percentage of Muslims has dropped by 25% in the past ten years.

**Iran:** At the time of the Iranian Revolution in 1979, there were possibly only 500 Shi'ite background followers of Christ. Today, many Iranian pastors suggest there may be as many as one million.

**Indonesia:** More than 60,000 house churches have sprung up in recent years. The last religious census in the country was taken in 1979, when it was determined that 20% of the population was followers of Christ. The statistic so concerned government leaders in this populous Muslim country that there has not been another religious survey since.

**Uganda:** One church in Kampala seats 10,500 and is filled to capacity for four services every Sunday. The church has planted more than 1,000 daughter churches across Uganda and has sent missionaries to South America, Japan and the United States. Twenty-five years ago, Uganda's population was 22% Muslim. Today that figure is around 6%.