



Reaching the Unreached, By the Numbers

Advanced technology and refined research methodologies have made it possible to more precisely pinpoint the needs and location of the unreached, as well as the results of evangelical outreach. Research indicates that:

- More than 2 billion people, 28 percent of the world's population, are unreached.
- Of some 16,000 people groups in the world today, over 6,000 are still unreached.
- Only 4 percent of the 420,000 foreign missionaries are working among the unreached. The majority are working to support missions already in place.
- Only 1 percent of the money given to foreign missions goes for work among unreached people groups. The rest goes to support existing ministries.
- The least evangelized peoples are consistently most responsive to Christianity, per hour of ministry.
- More than 19 million people, in over 2,500 people groups, have no access to the Holy Scriptures, Jesus films or Christian recordings.
- At least 3 of the 45 varieties of effective evangelism can now be easily targeted to everywhere on Earth.
- 227 million Bibles are available inside non-Christian countries, more than needed to serve all Christians but poorly distributed.
- 134 million new souls begin life on Earth each year, but Christianity's 4,000 foreign mission agencies baptize only 4 million new persons a year.
- Compared to their parents, emerging postmodern youth around the world are more open to other cultures—a distinct advantage for effective mission work.

Sources include: the Joshua Project; Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary; Perspectives on the World Christian Movement.