

"Missions is not about simply persons being evangelised in your own area. Missions is about reaching the peoples of the world...Missions is about crossing a culture, learning the language, planting the church where it doesn't exist so that it can do evangelism like you can here."

Missions is not a compartment nor a department of the church. It is God's heart to reach those for whom Christ died. The Bible is full of references to what we might call "missions." It is not just the book of Jonah and the last few verses of a couple of the Gospels.

| | People Groups | Individuals |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| All People Groups | | |
| ACROSS Countries (counting every group once) | 9,756 | 7,176,842,000 |
| BY Country (counting every group once for each country in which they reside) | 16,709 | 7,176,842,000 |
| Unreached People Groups | | |
| ACROSS Countries (counting every unreached group once) | 4,060 | 2,997,305,000 |
| BY Country (counting every unreached group once for each country in which they reside) | 7,037 | 2,997,305,000 |
| % World's People Groups Unreached | 42.1% | 41.8% |
| The 10/40 Window | | |
| All People Groups | 8,445 | 4.75 Billion |
| Unreached People Groups | 5,901 | 2.91 Billion |
| % People Groups Unreached | 69.9% | 63.1% |

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Unreached Peoples

You've probably heard (or made) statements like these:

"Missions begins in your back yard."

"Your mission field starts as soon as you walk out the doors of the church."

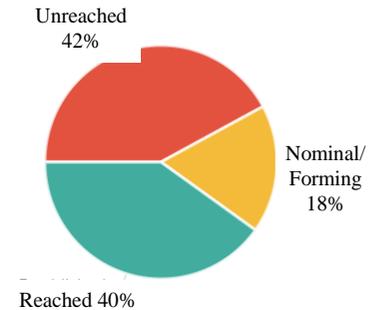
"Start with your 'Jerusalem'." (See Acts 1:8)

"We have 'unreached' right here where we live."

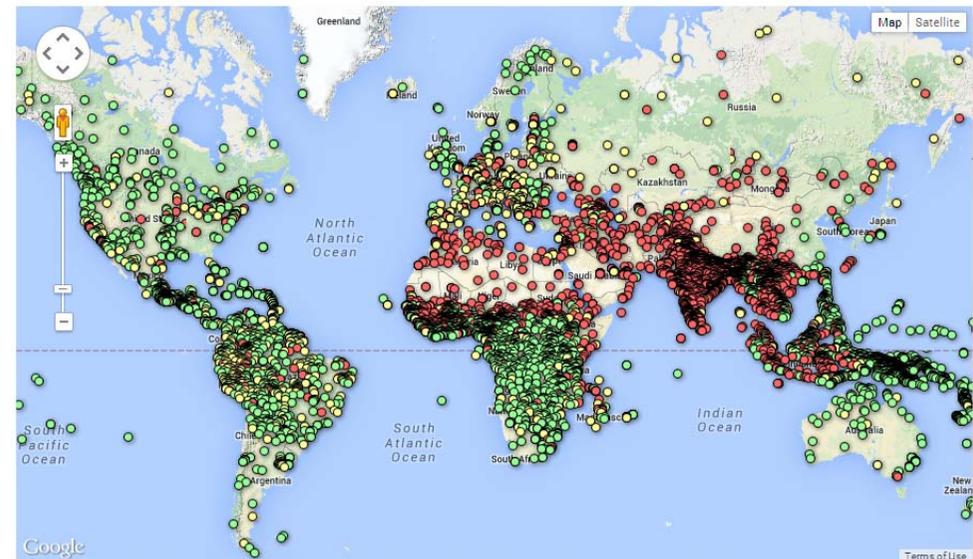
Important terms like "missions" and the "unreached" should be largely reserved for the "utmost" or "uttermost" regions mentioned in Jesus command.

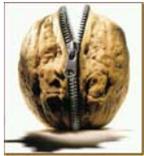
The mission is Jerusalem AND Judea AND Samaria AND the uttermost parts (literally, to the extremes) of the earth.

All People Groups by Reachedness Status



Today we emphasise cross cultural missions and missions to the unreached strongly because that is often the most neglected part of what Jesus commissioned us to do.





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

Driving Missions

In Romans 15:17-33 there are five factors that drive missions in the hearts of God's people:

1. _____ (of the harvest), verses 15-19, 29

(1 Thessalonians 2:19) "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?"



(Psalms 126:6) "He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him."

2. _____ (to the task), verse 19

(2 Corinthians 11:23-27) "... in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. {24} From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. {25} Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; {26} in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; {27} in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness;"



3. _____ (for the lost), verses 20-24

(2 Corinthians 10:16) "to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment."

(Isaiah 52:15) "... For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider."



4. _____ (for the hurting), verses 25-28

(Exodus 22:22-24) "'You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. {23} 'If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; {24} "and My wrath will become hot, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless."

(Deuteronomy 24:17-20) "'You shall not pervert justice due .. the fatherless, nor take a widow's garment as a pledge. {18} "But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, ... {19} "When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for .., the fatherless, and the widow, that the

LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. {20} "When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for .., the fatherless, and the widow.

(Leviticus 19:29) "'Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness."



5. _____ (for all), verses 30-33

(Acts 28:15) "And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum ... When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage."

(Acts 28:23) "So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening."

