

And then Randy Alcorn goes on to say:

"Americans spend far more money on pet food – and chewing gum! – than on the cause of world missions!"

"If you saw ten people trying to lift a huge log and wanted to help them, and nine of the people were lifting at one end and one on the other, which end would you go to?"

"We talk of the second coming; half the world has never heard of the first. Why should anyone hear the gospel twice until everyone has heard it once?"

~ Oswald J. Smith



Some people would say, 'We have plenty of needs in our own country. People here are just as important as people off in some jungle. A soul is a soul – God doesn't care whether it comes from our country or another.'

But the gravity of needs of those without access to the gospel is obviously greater than of those with churches in every community, a Bible

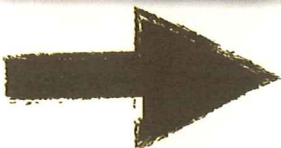
on the shelf, gospel programs on the radio, and Christians living next door. Again, why should some hear the gospel many times over when others have never heard it at all?"

Scripture says that we have been "blessed to be a blessing to all nations on earth!" (Genesis 12:1-3; Psalm 67:1-7)

The U.S. makes up less than 5% of the entire world's population. Another way to say it would be: over 95% of the people who live on planet earth live outside of the United States! Even though we are the most powerful and influential nation on earth, we represent a small, small piece of humanity. Jesus loves all people (John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:3-4) and He desires for all of them to come to repentance and a saving knowledge of Himself!

"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2:3-4



You have never looked into the eyes of another human being who isn't valuable to God.



COMPELLING FACTS about our world

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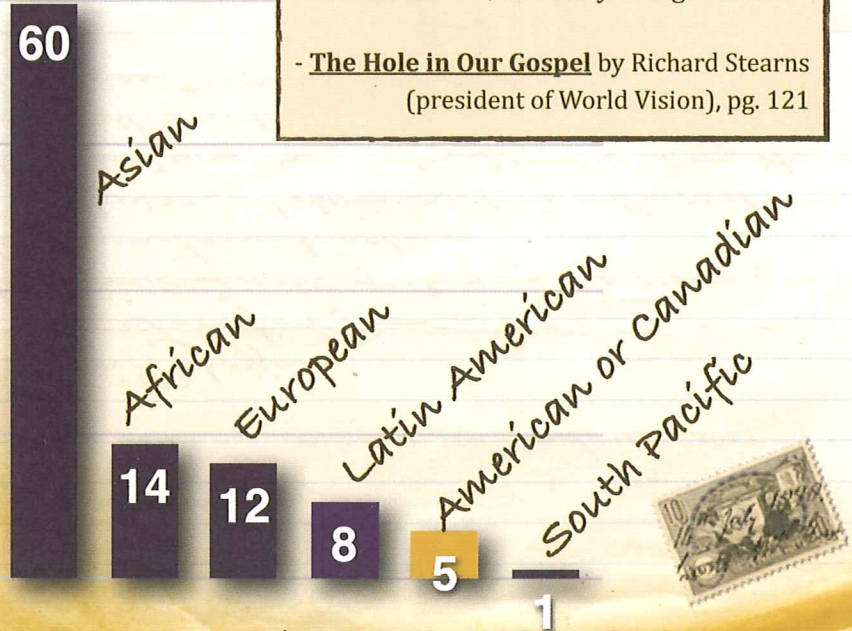
DID YOU KNOW?

If the world were a village of 100 people...

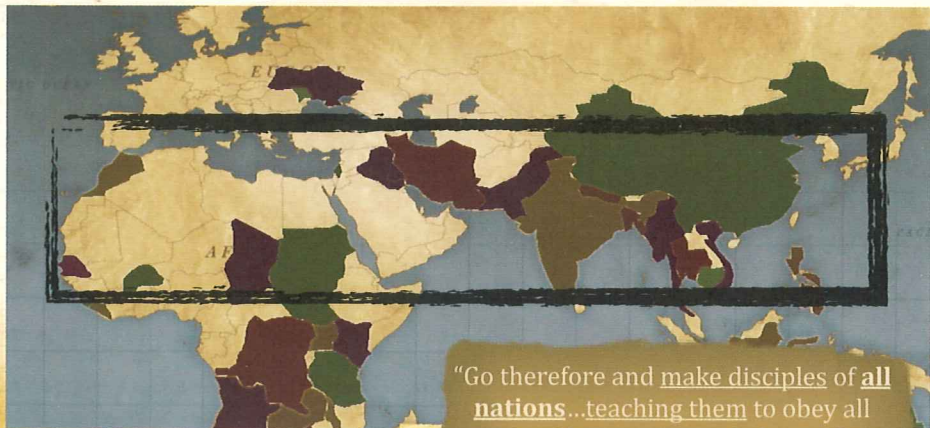


"To better understand the makeup of the human race, **imagine that all 6.7 billion people on earth could be represented by a single "global village" of just 100 people.** If we picture this, then we can more easily comprehend the different proportions we find across the world in terms of race, ethnicity and gender."

- **The Hole in Our Gospel** by Richard Stearns (president of World Vision), pg. 121



THE 10/40 WINDOW



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you..."

Matthew 28:19-20

WHAT IS IT?

- The 10/40 Window is the rectangular area of **North Africa, the Middle East and Asia** between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude. 65% of the world's population lives in this region.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- The 10/40 Window includes the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists.
- The 10/40 Window is home to some of the **largest unreached people groups** in the world.
- There are over 7,000 distinct people groups that live within this region. When Jesus commanded us in Matthew 28 to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the word for *nations* in the Greek (*ethnos*) literally means "distinct people groups." Each of these people groups speaks their own unique language and has their own unique culture. Hundreds and hundreds of these people groups have never once heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Through your support, Global Training Network is actively involved in seven of the countries located within the 10/40 window, with plans to expand in the coming months and years to another ten where we have been invited.

- The Joshua Project (a ministry of the U.S. Center for World Mission)

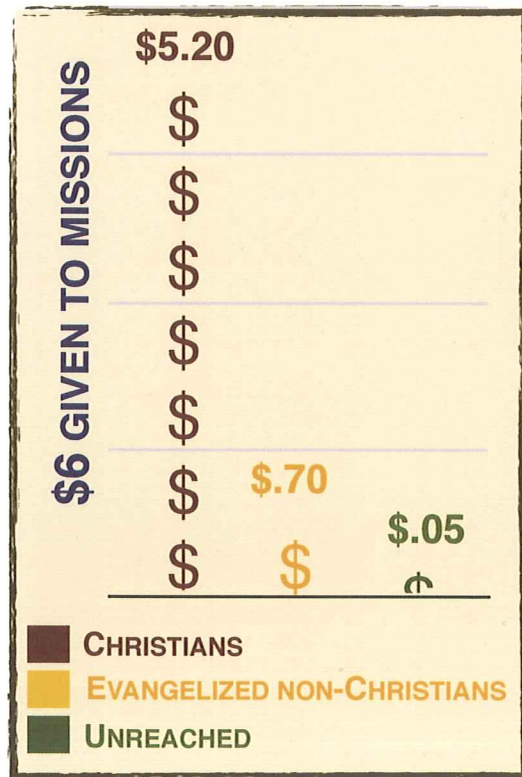
Reflecting upon these global realities, **Randy Alcorn** has said this:

"The apostle Paul gave us our top priority: 'What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.'
(1 Corinthians 15:3)

The gospel, and therefore the spread of the gospel, is of first importance. Church budgets often designate less than 10 percent of their income to missions. And what's called 'missions' often includes ministries directed at reaching our own country or community."



According to the U.S. Center for World Mission, less than 6% of giving to all Christian ministries and Christian causes in the U.S. goes to foreign missions! In other words, if \$100 represented all of the monies given here in the U.S. for ALL Christian ministries and Christian causes, less than \$6 ends up going for foreign missions. The bottom line is that we spend most of the resources to minister to those here in the United States.



Now, of this \$6 (that actually ends up being given for foreign missions), here is how it divides up:

- ✓ 87% of this \$6 (\$5.20) goes to those who work among people who are already Christians.
- ✓ 12% of this \$6 (70 cents) goes to those who work among the already evangelized non-Christians.
- ✓ 1% of this \$6 (5 cents) goes to those who work among people groups who are unevangelized or unreached!