

ENGAGING THE UNENGAGED

Unreached People Groups:

- An unreached people group is a distinct ethnic cultural group that has less than 2% Christians and no reproducing churches
- 42% of the world's population lives in unreached people groups
- People who live in such cultures have little access to hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ
- There are over 3.15 billion people, living in over 7,000 such groups in the world
- Part of the reason so many unreached people groups exist is because there are huge cultural, linguistic, and sociological barriers for the gospel to be preached

Examples of Internationals in the Bible:

- Acts 2, people from many nations coming to Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (tourists)
- Acts 8, an Ethiopian man who traveled to Jerusalem (government officials and diplomats)
- Acts 9, the apostle Paul, who left his home in Tarsus (international student)
- Acts 10, Cornelius, a Roman soldier, stationed away from his home (military)
- Acts 16, Lydia reached away from her home while she was living in Philippi (businesswoman)
- Aquila and Priscilla, who became coworkers with Paul in the work of the gospel, had to leave Rome because of the persecution there (refugees and immigrants)
- The gospel went out in powerful ways because internationals were touched away from their homes
- He sent the internationals in these stories close to Christians but then he called the Christians to take the initiative to go to them

Exponential Impact of International Students

- John Sung, in his short time of ministry over 100,000 Chinese people came to Christ
- Bakht Singh launched the most successful church planting movement in India through which over 10,000 churches were planted
- Kriengsak Chareonwongsak founded the largest church in Thailand with over 40,000 members, his influence has resulted in the planting of over 100 churches in Thailand
- Toshi Mabuchi offered English tutoring at a low rate, as he met 1-1 with people, in addition to teaching them English, he shared the gospel with them, as he led people to Christ, he formed them into small house churches, he was able to plant 70 house churches
- Abdul from Afghanistan, after becoming a Christian retranslated the New Testament into Dari and works with the Far East Broadcasting Company to make messages that are broadcast into Afghanistan to share the gospel
- Author of "The Song of a Wanderer", over 100,000 Chinese have come to Christ through the book
- Each of these stories involved Christians in this country being involved in the process of these internationals coming to know Jesus

Why Are Internationals Able to Have Such a Dramatic Impact?

- They will occupy positions of leadership giving them a sphere of influence where the gospel can spread
 - Already know the language and culture so they can immediately begin their ministry upon returning
 - A natural, built-in web of relationships with their families and friends making it easier for them to share the gospel
 - Usually self-supporting and therefore do not need to raise funds to do their ministries
 - International student ministry is biblical, strategic, effective, and cost efficient
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