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Did You Know?

- The Gospels contain more warnings concerning money than any other subject!
- About one half of the parables refer to the misuse and or covetousness of money.
- Money is one of the main reasons most marriages end in divorce.
- Many a Christian has become "backslidden" because of the misuse of or desire for money.
- Christians are less than one-third of the world's population, control over two thirds of the world's wealth, yet spend less than one percent of their income on giving.
- It is said that if you want to really see where a man's heart is, check his check book. If God were to look at your checkbook where would He see your heart?
- God wants us to be a part of what he is doing. He blesses us so that we may be a blessing. How do you steward your blessings? Are they shared or yours?

What's Up!

Praise God! We now have all of the first twenty Kenyan missionaries adopted and sent out. But keep the funds coming, as we have twenty more trained and ready to go. Step up to the plate and let's hit a few more home runs and bat these missionaries into the field! This is our time as a Church (US) to shine. We want to thank all that have helped and those that are going to help with this ongoing project. Our goal is one hundred Kenyan and one hundred Nigerian missionaries adopted and sent by AD2001. We need to get started with the Nigerian missionaries now. We have several already in the field and needing help with support. One we will call "David" is working in the North among the Islamic tribes. He will need our prayers and support for this project. Another is Abner. He too, is working in the Northern parts of Nigeria. He is of the Jaba tribe, and it is believed that these people are direct descendents of Ham. He wrote this; "You (Father Joe) have put life into my sleeping and doubting heart and vision. I promise to God and you, that I will never fail the Lord and his work before me, Amen." He attended the seminar that we presented in 1996 in Lagos, Nigeria and graduated from All Nations for Christ Bible Institute International (ANFCBII) in Benin, Nigeria. All that he has asked for is a bicycle to ride from village to village and a camera so that he may send photos of the beautiful people that he is working with. I have not heard from him in about a year, at that time he was heading further North to also work among the Islamic peoples.

Read more on what is going on in the Nigeria section of this News letter.

Nigeria

"**T**rainning ministers for the Gospel is a task that only a few

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people have the anointing for..... They have learnt the secret of sowing beside all waters, removing limitations and bottlenecks from imposing situations, harnessing the hidden talents and powers in students through strict discipline and love and above all, being effective leaders through their own lives and testimonies." Most Rev. (Professor) B. A. Idahosa, Archbishop, Church of God Mission International, Inc. These are words written by the late Bishop Idahosa about the professors and missionary instructors at his bible school, All Nations for Christ Bible Institute International (ANFCBII), This is one of the places that we will be visiting when we go to Nigeria in December. We help to support one of the missionaries that teach at the school and we hope to partner with them in a program to raise support for the students attending the institute. Students in the ANFCBII come from 18 nations of Africa and all denominations. They have also come from Europe, America, Asia, and Australia. The bible college runs courses in English and French. We are planning on a trip to Nigeria in December. We need your help for prayer and finances and we need people to go with us. We would like to take a praise and worship team as well. Interested? Give us a call or write for details.

"The lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11

The Nigerian Model - Reuben E. Ezemadu

During the 1989 National Consultation on the Evangelization of Nigeria by the year 2000, participants resolved as follows:

"We are committed to taking the gospel to every unreached people - so that every person in Nigeria could have a relevant opportunity to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

"We accept the challenge to take the gospel to the underprivileged parts of Africa and the world in terms of resources, manpower, and mission efforts or possibilities. To this end, every denomination or ministry is encouraged to be mission-minded and missionary-sending."

Results:

Significant among the outcomes of the above national initiative is the fact that there have been seventy (70) new entries into fifty (50) unreached people groups within and outside Nigeria between 1989 and 1994. Thirty five (35) of these unreached people groups fall within the 10/40 window.

Missionaries from Nigerian Churches and Mission Agencies also account for one third of the estimated 12,829 protestant missionaries from Africa. The Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association has 36 mission agencies and denominational mission boards.

Altogether, missionaries from Nigeria are working in about 30 countries within Africa and other continents, mostly in the 10/40 window.

Future Expectations: It is our sincere hope that by the time these "action-plans" are all adopted and strictly implemented, we shall have attained our goal of "a church for every people group in Nigeria and the gospel to every Nigerian," in addition to contributing up to one third of the projected 10,000 missionaries expected to be raised in Africa by the year 2000.

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(Copied from AD2000 website:

<http://www.ad2000.org/gcowe95/ezem.html>)



From Pastor Simeon Ilaya

Lagos Nigeria

Dear Partner,

I want to use this medium to thank all our partners all over the world for the unflinching support for the progress of the kingdom, through Dominion Christian Church, Missions Department. You may not have the opportunity to go with us into the yet Unreached People Groups but your support has done it and is still doing it.

There are millions still unreached with the basic amenities of life and the Gospel. No One mission can accomplish this great task, hence your partnership is very important to us. Please join us through your support as we press forward to reach as many Unreached People Groups as possible. In dominion Christian Church, we are determined to go into partnerships and cooperate with others to reach all areas of the world yet to be reached with the gospel, with the love of God especially in Nigeria. Can God remember you? Dorcas was remembered for her love and good works even at death, Acts 9:36-43. Join us and God will remember you and richly bless you. Pastor Simeon Ilaya, The pastor of Dominion Christian Church.

Nursing this strong impression for a long time, to reach the unreached, Pastor Simeon took his missions team to Ore, an area between Benin City and Lagos. There in the thick jungle lies this unreached people group of rejected, abandoned, helpless, lepers. No body comes to them or wants to be around them, they were left there to die. Pastor Simeon and his church have taken on the task of ministering to these lepers. They have embraced the Gospel, feeling encouraged and honoured that normal human beings and God have remembered them.

Peggy and I have taken on the task of raising support to help Dominion Christian Church in this missions effort. So far we have not been very successful. We sow out of our own pockets and know that God will bless this and provide more partners. The lepers are confined and cut off from the normal personal contact that we all take for granted but through this outreach we can show them the love of God and that we care and that they are loved.

Please prayerfully consider this need in Nigeria to help the lepers.

Rev. 7:9 -- "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every nation, tribe, people and language**, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb" (NIV).

To help support the needs of Nigeria make your checks payable to: Africa On Fire Nigeria For: Lepers
This support will be used for much needed medical care and to buy food and provide shelter.

For more information on this and other programs for Nigeria Contact us here at Africa On Fire.

Where In The World?



Nigeria

(<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/ni.html#people>)

Continent Africa

Population: 88,514,501 (1991 census)

Remarks: Federal Republic of Nigeria. Formerly part of British West Africa. Literacy rate 42% (1989 WA). Information mainly from Hansford, Bendor-Samuel, and Stanford 1976; J. Bendor-Samuel, ed., 1989; C. Regnier SIL 1991; SIL 1992. Locations for some languages indicate new Local Government Area names, but the older Division and District names are given if the new names are not yet known. The Federal Republic of Nigeria is a country in West Africa on the Gulf of Guinea. It has a diverse topography, with arid savanna, rainforest, mountains, mangrove swamps, and the wide delta of the Niger River.

Nigeria became independent from Britain in 1960 and is now divided into 30 states to accelerate development and to minimize the impact of ethnic loyalties on national politics.

Ethnicity is a sensitive issue, as Nigeria has 426 ethnic groups. The economy was once wealthy but collapsed through mismanagement. Nigeria has religious freedom, but gives preferential treatment to Islam and ignores Muslim persecution of Christians

Blind population: 800,000 (1982 WCE)

Blind percentage: 1.0 (1977 estimate)

Blindness causes: Trachoma, onchocerciasis

Population: 110,532,242 (July 1998 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 45% (male 24,871,855; female 24,661,134)

15-64 years: 52% (male 29,420,428; female 28,343,567)

65 years and over: 3% (male 1,627,452; female 1,607,806) (July 1998 est.)

Population growth rate: 2.96% (1998 est.)

Birth rate: 42.24 births/1,000 population (1998 est.)

Death rate: 12.95 deaths/1,000 population (1998 est.)

Net migration rate: 0.32 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1998 est.)

Sex ratio: at birth: 1.03 male(s)/female

under 15 years: 1 male(s)/female

15-64 years: 1.03 male(s)/female

65 years and over: 1.01 male(s)/female (1998 est.)

Religion: Christian 40% to 49%, Muslim 36% to 50%, traditional religion 1% to 15%

Deaf institutions: 22

Unreached People Groups: (http://www.bethany.com/profiles/c_code/nigeria.html)

Afade, Awak, Bade, Banga, Bangwinji, Bauchi Fulani, Buta-Ningi, Daffo-Batura, Dirim, Doka, Dong, Duguri, Dukawa, Duwai, Eloyi, Fali, Gengle, Gera, Goemai, Guduf, Guruntum, Gwandara, Hausa, Idon, Iku, Kwanka, Mandara, Manga Kanuri, Ngizim, Ogori-Magongo, Paa, Puku, Shanga, Shuwa Arab, Sokoto Fulani, Songhai, Toroobe Fulani, Tuareg, Warji, Yerwa Kanuri, Zerma.

Prayer Requests

Pray to encourage the Church in America to stand behind their cross-cultural Nigerian servants, both in prayer and finances.

This will give them great joy and blessings in reaching out.

Pray for the Government of Nigeria as they struggle in this a new age of democracy.

Pray for the Nigerian missionaries for strength and wisdom as they go out.

Pray for partners.

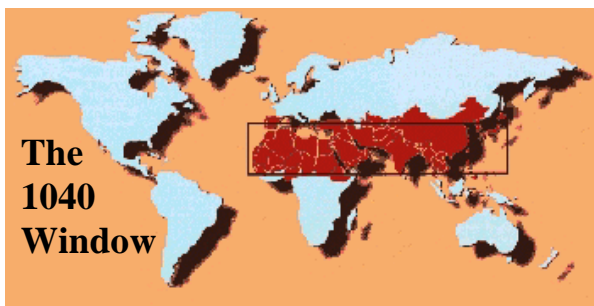
Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Nigerian Church.



Missions Terms and Definitions

An Unreached people are as defined by the Lausanne International Congress:

“a homogenous unit that has not received or responded to the Gospel. This unresponsiveness may be due to a lack of opportunity, lack of understanding, or because they have not received sufficient information about the gospel’s cultural frame of reference and communication channels to made Christianity a viable option.” They further define a people as unreached when less than 20% are professing Christians. But further explanation was given as a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without requiring outside (cross-cultural) assistance.



The core of the unreached people of our world live in a rectangular-shaped window! Often called "The Resistant Belt", the window extends from West Africa to East Asia, from ten degrees north to forty degrees north of the equator. This specific region, which has increasingly become known as The 10/40 Window, encompasses the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists -- billions of spiritually impoverished souls.

As we approach the end of this millennium, it is imperative that our evangelistic efforts be focused among the people who inhabit The 10/40 Window. If we are serious in our commitment to provide a valid opportunity for every person to experience the truth and saving power of Jesus Christ, we cannot ignore the compelling realities within this region. The 10/40 Window confronts us with several important considerations: first, the historical and biblical significance; second, the least evangelized countries; third, the dominance of three religious blocs; fourth, the preponderance of the poor; fifth, the unreached ethnolinguistic people groups; sixth, the least evangelized megacities; and seventh, the strongholds of Satan within The 10/40 Window.

This information is from the AD2000 website.

1040 Window Facts 97% of People in the Least Evangelized Countries Live in the 10/40 Window. 82% of the Poorest of the Poor Live in the 10/40 Window. Projected populations by the year AD2000: 1.1 billion Muslims; 1.0 billion Hindus; and 600 million Buddhists.

2.4 billion people -- 40% of the world's population -- live on less than \$1.40 per day in The 10/40 Window.



In June, Joe and I participated in a missions conference hosted by New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, GA, Bishop Eddie L. Long, pastor.

Though it is a very large church, this was their very first missions conference, and

we were thrilled to be part of it. The response of the people was terrific, and Bishop Long promised to increase their missions giving from 2% to 10% effective immediately because he was so moved by the testimonies of the missionaries. For those of you who receive this newsletter, we ask that you particularly keep African American missionaries in your prayers. They so often face a host of obstacles that are above and beyond even the obstacles that white missionaries face. In addition to the expected adjustments and deprivations of missionary living, they often also face prejudice from white missionaries on the field, rejection and misunderstanding from their own families and friends, and precious little encouragement. Surely there is a special crown that the Lord of the Harvest is reserving for them, but in the meantime, they need our love, support, and encouragement. If you are not regularly praying for any African American missionaries, let us know, and we will send you some names.

Right now the push is on for preparations for our trip to Kenya in August.

Please pray for the following items:

- Smooth completion of all the last minute details
- Safety for the team as we travel to and within Kenya
- Safety for the Kenyan missionaries as they travel from their fields to Nairobi to meet with us
- Anointing of teaching for us as we minister to the pastors and missionaries for the two weeks in their conference times
- Wisdom and safety for the fourth week as Joe travels in the northern region to “scout out the land” for further ways to assist, and as I return to Nairobi to meet with the Bishops.
- That the Lord will bring the ones with us that will be a blessing to the Kenyans

Your church can help train and support Africa’s indigenous missionaries so that they can go and win their nations for Christ through reaching the unreached, without leaving your home town!

Our one day or two day seminars can show your church how.

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Catching the Fire of God’s Desire.**

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