GREAT COMMISSION ACTION GUIDE







A CHANCE TO KNOW JESUS.

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That means more than 3 billion people have never heard the name of Jesus. They haven't even had the chance to accept or reject the love of Jesus and his work for them on the cross. They don't know anything about it!

But, more sobering is the fact that they are on their way to eternity separated from God. Sadly, 70,000 people face that reality every day — most of them without Christ.

Who are these people and where are they?

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

JESUS Matthew 28:18–20

THESE ARE THE UNREACHED.

They live in some of the hardest to reach places, isolated from any Christian influence. You'll find 90% of those people living in the most gospel resistant parts of the world. It's dangerous to tell people about Jesus in these places.

They live in countries you've certainly heard of, but may not be able to find on a map if you had to. Other countries are prominent.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

JESUS Matthew 24:14 More than 1 BILLION people in India alone are without a Christian presence.

90% of unreached people live in places resistant to the gospel.

According to the Joshua Project there are more than **4,000** people groups that are less than 2% evangelical Christian.

There are more than **4,789** people groups worldwide where there is <u>no</u> Christian presence and there are no confirmed movements to reach them.

Of the unreached live in Gospel resistant groups



In response to Jesus' Great Commission to take the gospel to every nation, many Christian ministries are having an impact through strategies to reach the unreached.

Whether sending missionaries, providing Bibles or Scripture portions, Using radio broadcasts, or many other creative means, progress is being made in advancing the gospel to the unreached.

You can make a difference in the eternal destiny of souls who are today unreached with the love of Christ. It begins by making a commitment to take action.

Turn the page and find out how you can take the next step for the Great Commission.

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PRAY

The concept of praying for those without access to Jesus can seem vague. How can you wrap your arms around this idea? And how can you relate with these people and identify with their plight?

We've personalized this for you by painting the picture of several unreached people groups around the world. These represent men, women and children who are isolated from the gospel. We encourage you to pray for one each day, for the next thirty days. Watch God soften your heart as you bring these people before his throne of grace.

To get you started, below are three people groups you can pray for right now. Take two or three minutes and ask God to...



Soften hearts to the truth of the gospel and the love of our Savior.



Provide Christians to reach these people groups.



Plant churches among these people groups.

THE ALAWITE PEOPLE OF SYRIA

The Alawite people of Syria survive from day to day in one of the most horrific war-torn places in the world. With a Muslim population of 99.79%, virtually none of them have ever heard the truth about Jesus.

NOW KEEP GOING!

Joshua Project shares a new people group each day. Sign up at **JoshuaProject.net**

THE HAZARA PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AFGHANISTAN

There are more than 2.8 million of these people living in the central region of troubled Afghanistan. The number of believers among these people is as few as 850.

THE KAZAKH PEOPLE OF CENTRAL ASIA

There are more than 14 million Kazakh people residing in Central Asia, but less than 1,500 known believers.

ADVOCATE

"...and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation but as it is written, 'those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand."

PAUL Romans 15:20-21



Most Christians don't know that more than 3 billion people have never heard about Jesus. And if they do know, they don't know what to do about it. It's too overwhelming.

You can raise the flag for the cause of the unreached. The International Day for the Unreached is focused on that and we've provided social media tools you can use to advocate for the cause. It's simple.

Facebook and Social Media

These days, most people have causes they support on Facebook and other social media. Make the unreached your cause.

Special Events

Be creative and host special events to help educate believers about the plight of the unreached. Not everyone is called to go, but anyone can pray, advocate and share.

Churches, Sunday School, Small Groups

Help educate your brothers and sisters in Christ. Make sure that everyone you know understands that there are still millions of people who need to meet Jesus and we are the ones who can make that happen."





"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"

PAUL Romans 10:14



Are you feeling the tug of God to serve in the cause of the unreached? Our coalition members have opportunities for you to serve in a variety of ways, short-term and long-term.

Explore these opportunities. See what's available and ask God how He would have you respond.

We encourage you to see what your church has to offer, as well. Are there short-term missions trips planned? Check into it. Get a flavor for missions and taking the gospel to those who haven't heard.

You can be an ambassador for Jesus to those who have no one to show them Jesus' love. You can be used to change them — but you will be forever changed yourself!

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SHARE

"Since you excel in so many ways in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us. I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving."

PAUL 2 Corinthians 8:7

The Lord may be moving on your heart to share your resources to take the gospel to those who have never heard.

First of all, we encourage you to inquire in your church if there are missionaries who are investing their lives in this cause. If so, adopt one of them an support them in their work.

Second, if you'd like to give financially to one of our coalition members, we welcome that. Each member has a distinct area of ministry, but each is focused on the unreached.

We encourage you to check out our members and see what resonates with your heart. We would be honored to have you join in financial partnership with any of them.

If you'd like to share the Great Commission Action Guide with your friends, please do! Send them to our website and they can download it, or include the Action Guide in an email. Let's raise the flag together for the cause of the unreached.

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Pray:

Lord, please help me explain to my kids that a third of the world is still without access to Jesus.

Speak through me and open my kids' ears and hearts to hear Your truth.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Talk:

About a third of the people in the world are considered "Unreached" and have:

- No church to visit
- No Bible to read in their language
- No friends who believe in Jesus

This is a big deal, because we ALL need Jesus to save us.



ACT

Share

Draw 3 lines on your hand, share with your friends, ask your parents to post a picture online with the hashtag #athirdofus.



Pray

Lord, please soften hearts, provide believers, create churches, and give them the Bible in their heart languages. In Jesus' name, Amen



Serve and Support

Ask God to give you ideas for how you can help, talk with your church about how you can support missionaries, and visit **alliancefortheunreached.org** for more ideas.