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GREAT COMMISSION."
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REACHING PEOPLE — starts with — PRAYER

By Glenn Burris Jr., President of The Foursquare Church

GOD CALLS US TO GO INTO THE HARVEST FIELD —
BUT EFFECTIVE GOING BEGINS WITH EFFECTUAL PRAYING.

The number of people needing the gospel and ready to be reached today is unprecedented. The prophetic statement Jesus made regarding the harvest applied to not only the 12 disciples, but also to all future disciples until the end of the age.

The harvest of unreached people is still plentiful, and the laborers are few. As the church, we have two responses of obedience to the Lord of the harvest. Hands and feet still matter in the mission of God, but Jesus also said to begin with prayer: “Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Matt 9:38, ESV).


We have a clear and prioritized invitation from Jesus to engage God in the process to reach all peoples. Whether in solitude or in community, the joining of our hands

in prayer is the first key to the pipeline of reaching the world with the gospel.

With nearly 7,000 unreached people groups representing over 41 percent of the entire world, feet are desperately needed. We still need to send, and that means we still must go. As the apostle Paul wrote, referencing the prophet Isaiah: “How beautiful [still] are the feet of those who bring the good news!” (Rom 10:15, ISV).

“You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore, spend and be spent in this work. And go always, not only to those that need you, but to those that need you most.”

—John Wesley

for us. We reflect this mercy and work when we pray for the harvest and respond in obedience to His command to go and make disciples of all nations. The Lord of the harvest has called every one of us. Are we listening? 

God sent and appointed His Son, Jesus, to come to us, who in turn sent His Spirit to intercede



PREPARING FOR THE HARVEST

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to send out laborers into His harvest.”

(Matt 9:38, ESV)

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THERE ARE 3 BILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN PLACES WHERE THEY DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HEARING THE NAME OF JESUS OR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. IS YOUR MINISTRY BEING DIVERTED TO REACH THE UNREACHED?

by Ted Vail

Have you ever been on a plane and had your flight diverted? I'm guessing it wasn't a welcome diversion. Most likely, your immediate plans had to be either canceled or postponed due to the change in your arrival time. As frustrating as flight diversions can be, I can't help but think of them as a metaphor for life.

Can anyone relate to having your "flight diverted" in ministry? In life? Philip's story from the Bible shows us an example of how God sometimes diverts our plans for something greater.

Philip was a layperson, waiting on tables (see Acts 6:1-7), when God assigned him a unique and special mission. God used Philip to cross racial and socio-economic divides to witness to a man of influence and wealth from the nation of Ethiopia (see Acts 8:26-40). Won't it be great one day to see the fruit that was borne from that one divine encounter?

God wants to use all of us; we're all on mission together to reach the nations. This means that you, as a pastor or leader, are needed now more than ever. Who might you have in your church who, like Philip, is "of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom" (Acts 6:3, NKJV), whom God may appoint for a special mission? It's our job to equip those entrusted to us to be ready for any kind of divine diversion. Pastors, you are sitting on an army of people God wants to release to cross barriers and help change the world.

GOOD NEWS + BAD NEWS

I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that today there are over 3 billion people who live in places where they do not have access to hearing the name of Jesus or the gospel message. The good news is that, in an amazing turn of world events, God has been bringing the nations to us! Jesus was in

Samaria when He said to the disciples, "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35, NKJV).

At that time, Samaria represented the ethnic enemy. Though an actual place, Samaria represents for us today people who are geographically close, but culturally distant. The U.S. right now has "Samaria" all over it! People from unreached places, where there is no adequate representation of the gospel, are landing on American soil and moving into our neighborhoods and communities.


Some may see this as a threat, but we see it as an opportunity. If all our churches were mobilized to cross ethnic barriers right here at home, imagine the reach we could have globally to share the gospel and introduce people to Jesus.

MISSIONAL EYES

We are still called today to cross barriers to reach people. God trusts us not to close our doors, but to open our hearts and to

love those who are different. Many times, the simple act of saying "hello" is a great place to start.

We have the divine opportunity to be peacemakers, to cross barriers and bring the Prince of Peace into deeply held divides. Let's pray and ask the Lord for "missional eyes" that see the plentiful harvest beyond our own fields. The Lord, who is the boss of the harvest, is calling every one of us to reach out to those both far and near.

Thankfully, He's poured out His Spirit on all flesh; we are all empowered to be witnesses. Let's lift up our eyes and see the Samaria around us. Diversity within God's family is one of our greatest strengths and a powerful witness. Foursquare family, let's be on mission together! 

—Ted Vail is the vice president of global operations for The Foursquare Church and the director of Foursquare Missions International

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BY BENJI HORNING

EYES WIDE OPEN

BENJI HORNING THOUGHT HE KNEW WHAT THE GREAT COMMISSION WAS ALL ABOUT. A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST CHANGED EVERYTHING.

If you'd ask me before last spring, I'd have told you that my life was all about the Great Commission. I spent years in youth and worship ministry and am now planting a church. I have always had a passion for people to come to know Jesus.


And then I went to the Middle East and discovered I had been missing something.

Going to a part of the world where few know Jesus was eye-opening and heartbreaking. I became really aware of the challenge of unreached people for the first time.

I was staggered to realize that some three billion people have yet to truly hear the gospel. Yet only a tiny fraction of the

missionary workforce—and even less of Christians' giving—is directed to this huge need.

My visit has been life-changing. It has reshaped the vision and strategy my wife, Jen, and I have as we plant Light Church in Encinitas, Calif. Unreached peoples are now a part of who we are and what we will be—from involvement with refugees locally to supporting Foursquare Missions International's work overseas.

This isn't a distraction from our efforts to reach people here in the United States. Rather, I believe, it enhances and enriches it. We have a bigger sense of the kingdom of God, and our place in it, not only in our community but to the ends of the earth. 



Benji Horning and his wife, Jen, were sent out from Faith Community (San Diego Foursquare Church) to plant Light Church in nearby Encinitas, Calif.

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CONGREGATION REJUVENATION

BY KAJ MARTIN

IT HAD BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE LIVING WAY FOURSQUARE CHURCH HAD SENT A MISSIONARY. THAT ALL CHANGED LAST YEAR.



refugees from South Sudan. Our people rejoiced over what God had done.

Prayer, fasting and strategizing helped revitalize our missions emphasis. When we signed a lease on a piece of property in 2014 to generate long-term income, we took a bold step and designated 80 percent of the monies for missions and church planting.

Missions. It's now the lifeblood of our congregation, which was founded in 1936 by Aimee Semple McPherson in the midst of a great healing revival.

Yet, when I arrived at Living Way (Seattle Foursquare Church) in 2011, attendance had dwindled to fewer than 30. The church wasn't even regularly supporting the one couple we had helped send to the Czech Republic in 1997.

To start, we simply resumed regular missions giving. We knew that, to fulfill Sister McPherson's vision, we had to send people out, whether that meant funding missionaries overseas or church planters in our area.

That's a nutshell version of how we progressed to our milestone of sending our first missionary in 20 years out to the global mission field. Karen Grubbs had been doing short-term trips to South Sudan since 2000. In October 2017, we commissioned her as a full-time missionary to Uganda, to work with

Today, we are launching a comprehensive 10-year plan to evangelize at least two unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs), while supporting seven missionaries and the Global Missions Fund. We realize that Foursquare Missions International (FMI) can reach countries and people we cannot as a single congregation.

If you are like we were, barely supporting missionaries or FMI's efforts, there is hope. Our renewal started when we took responsibility for the call to fulfill the Great Commission and began investing in others. Today, we're celebrating fruitful relationships with missionaries and truly getting to be a part of reaching unreached people groups. 🙌



Kaj Martin is lead pastor of Living Way (Seattle Foursquare Church), located in the city's Greenwood neighborhood, about nine miles north of downtown. This article was written with Ken Walker, a freelance writer and book editor from Huntington, WVa.

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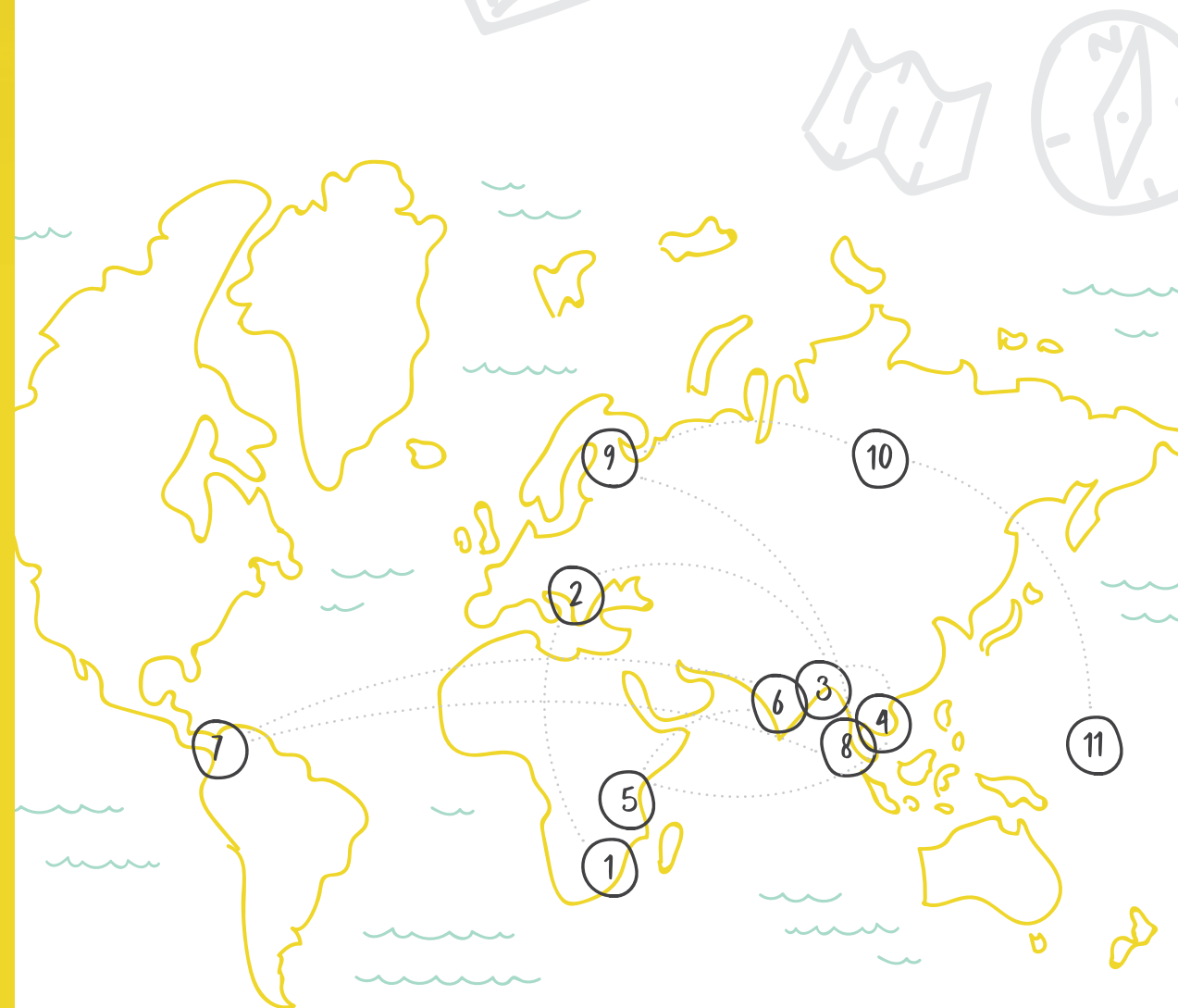


WE ARE READY

What is Foursquare doing right now to make an impact on the least reached people on the planet? Discover 11 Foursquare projects you should know about.

“Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

(Esther 4:14, NKJV)



There are moments where our resources, our readiness and our reality line up to enable us to impact kingdoms and nations.

Enter Foursquare.

The time is right for us to play our part in fulfilling the Great Commission by taking the gospel to every people group—especially those who have not heard the gospel before. The time is right *now*.

The resources made available through the Global Missions Fund, the readiness of workers

willing to risk everything for the gospel, and the realities of global shifts in nation states have provided a powerful opportunity for the expansion of the gospel.

Read on to celebrate 11 international projects, sponsored by the Global Missions Fund, that are targeting unreached people groups every day.

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**EASTERN &
SOUTHERN AFRICA****345 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
78,119,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE**

Project: Foursquare is sending leaders into towns and villages across Southern and Eastern Africa, to train and raise up other leaders from local congregations. These regions are open and welcoming of Foursquare, and we are embracing the opportunity to expand the ministry in those places by equipping leaders to spread the gospel.

2

**BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
& CROATIA****5 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
1,811,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE**

Project: Of the nearly 4 million people in regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have been able to identify approximately 500 people as evangelical Christians. By developing and cultivating a pastor there who has significant influence through media, people are hearing about Jesus. We also have two churches in Croatia, where many have experienced tremendous suffering due to war.

3

BANGLADESH**293 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
159,781,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE**

Project: In a country where evangelization is illegal, relationship building happens in local communities. Foursquare is creatively connecting with local students to reach and engage with these people groups.

4

CAMBODIA**30 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
15,916,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE**

Project: Over 6,000 churches have been planted in Cambodia in the past 18 years, but many pastors and leaders have never had the opportunity to receive any kind of formal training. They long to share the Word of God with greater depth, so Foursquare is preparing to send translated materials and trainers to various villages and provinces.

5

EAST AFRICA**236 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
56,373,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE**

Project: Foursquare is working toward establishing a regional Bible school in Rwanda that can raise up and train a new generation of leaders. They already have a building, and are now looking for trainers and theology books to help equip this school.

6

INDIA**2,274 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
1,262,202,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE**

Project: By establishing 50 new fellowships with organic discipleship and training, Foursquare will be able to reach six of the unreached people groups that live in India.

7

LATIN AMERICA**67 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
143,235 UNREACHED PEOPLE**

Project: Nearly 60 percent of the population in Central and South America is under the age of 30. Foursquare is investing in the generation under 40 by inviting pastors and leaders to weekend events where they receive teaching, fellowship and encouragement as they are reaching the harvest with the gospel message.

**AREA MISSIONARY
OR NATIONAL LEADER?**

How does Foursquare continue to grow throughout the nations? It is the work of the Holy Spirit through missionaries, and “regional expansionists,” called **area missionaries**. Area missionaries serve FMI by working with other missionaries and workers (some from other nations) to take the gospel to new places and unreached people. They make disciples, plant churches, catalyze indigenous church planting movements, and identify and raise up indigenous leaders.

National leaders oversee the budding network of churches and ongoing work within their nation’s movement. They may be either indigenous or foreign. FMI area missionaries serve in partnership with their national leaders to expand God’s kingdom and grow the mission. In the U.S. for example, President Glenn Burris Jr. would be considered the national leader. Jim Scott is the North American area missionary. Together, they serve in partnership to ensure that the mission in the U.S. continues to grow and flourish. The beauty of this partnership is that we can do together what we cannot do alone. Today, there are over 100 national leaders, and The Foursquare Church is in over 150 nations.

SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS.

Give to the Global Missions Fund, which supports these 11 projects and more, at foursquaremissions.org/give.

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MYANMAR

49 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
46,204,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE

Project: Three Bible school graduates are being deployed along the border in three cities and five villages to begin a church planting project in places where there are no churches and no opportunities for people to hear the gospel.

9

NORTHERN EUROPE

74 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
913,100 UNREACHED PEOPLE

Project: The region referred to as the Nordic area is one of the most difficult places to reach in Northern Europe. Foursquare just licensed nearly 10 new pastors there, and the gospel is going forth in a place where the average church attendance is less than 1 percent.



NORTH ASIA

521 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
341,569,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE

Project: Foursquare leaders in North Asia often serve in regions where maybe one person out of hundreds or thousands are Christians, and many are in places where famine and war are a reality. Foursquare is providing training in the practices of soul care so that our leaders can have healthy souls and, in turn, make healthy disciples.

11

SOUTH PACIFIC

278 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
166,788,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE

Project: Leaders from the Marshall Islands have been invited by people from the island of Pohnpei (formerly Ponape) to plant a church. Missionaries are preparing now to go and take the gospel to this nation. 🇹🇫 🇻🇺

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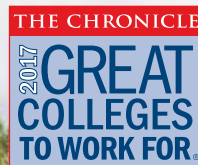


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REACHING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Sharing the gospel with unreached people groups takes love, prayer and cultural sensitivity. As the world moves into your city, learning from your new neighbors can be the key to serving them in love. Check out stories from five people who are making a difference in the lives of the unreached on their doorsteps.



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BUT FIRST, PRAYER

by Molly*

Whether you are feeling compelled to reach out to unreached people groups in your neighborhood, or aren't sure if you even want to make that step ... start by praying.

When praying for unreached people groups, we have to start by praying for ourselves. We have to pray that we have the eyes, the ears and the heart of the Father for the lost, outside of those with whom we are culturally comfortable. The characteristics we assign to people can *bind* us and *blind* us from seeing them as God sees them.

We sometimes feel powerless in praying for the unreached because we are a people that wants to

do. We forget that, when we pray, we do so much. Sometimes it is not time to plant and water, but time to pull out stones in prayer.

Begin by praying, "Open my eyes to what You have for me today." Who is around you? 📺

Molly was a missionary with Foursquare Missions International for 25 years, the last 16 of which she spent serving unreached people groups.

**Last name and photo withheld to protect her identity*

PRAYER POINTS AS YOU BEGIN TO PRAY FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE AROUND YOU

- Pray to tear down the strategies the enemy has to keep them from seeing the light.
- Pray that they will not be enslaved by their religion.
- Pray that the veil will be lifted from their eyes.
- Pray that the Lord will give you strategies to be able to know what you can do where you are.
- Pray for the Lord to give you keys to be able to be salt and light to them.

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REACHING THE UNREACHED IN THE ROCKIES

Foursquare is reaching people who have never heard the gospel in an area that is not known to be ethnically diverse.

Denver is, in fact, more than 75 percent Caucasian. But across the U.S., there are 84 unreached people groups, with more than 10 million people right in our neighborhoods who have not yet been reached with the gospel. The need is here, and it is living next door.

Meet four Foursquare ministers who have been called to take the message to unreached people groups, right where they are in Denver. Paul Howard was raised Muslim; Jeetendra Singh was brought up in India; Leonie Kent came to the U.S. as a missionary from Australia; and Andy Millar was brought up on the mission field. All four now live in Colorado. See how God is using their stories to reach the unreached close to home.



**PAUL
HOWARD**

ملاعلا رون
(*Light of the World in Arabic*)
Centennial, Colo.

Understanding how Muslims think and believe is important in reaching them, naturally, but it all begins and ends with prayer. As we intercede for the unreached, God's love dispels the fear that can keep Christians from seeking to build friendships with followers of Islam. As we pray, the Holy Spirit moves supernaturally to prepare and soften their hearts, and empowers us to live in a way that truly reflects God's grace and goodness to those carefully watching us.



**ANDY
MILLAR**

Light of the Nations
(*Denver Foursquare Church*)
Denver, Colo.

Hospitality—received rather than given—is one of the main doorways for the gospel to the unreached peoples to be found in refugee and immigrant communities in the United States. When we go to their homes, eat their food, listen to their stories and express joy in their culture, we say, “You are welcome.” This can create the atmosphere in which real conversations and true friendships occur, where we get to share Jesus with those who have never really heard of Him.



**LEONIE
KENT**

Living Way Fellowship
(*Littleton Foursquare Church*)
Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Learning that there are peoples without any witness of Jesus in their midst changed the course of my life. God wants to open our eyes and let us discover those peoples because the goal of missions is the worship of Jesus among all people groups. We need to ask God, “What is our role in reaching unreached people groups?” God is longing to answer that question, and the nations are waiting to know Jesus.



**JEETENDRA
SINGH**

Naya Life Community Church
(*Aurora East Foursquare Church*)
Aurora, Colo.

Our church motto is “To reach people, you don't need to cross an ocean. Just cross the street.” Churches need to rise up in the U.S. because immigrants and refugees are hungry for God. Aurora has 132 nationalities, and right now our church is reaching people from Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bhutan. Over 3,000 people have received Jesus in the past six years, and many have returned to their own nations with the gospel. Our biggest challenge is discipling them all. 🙏

This article was compiled by Andy Butcher, Rachel Chimits and Melisa Prieto.



**WHAT IF YOU COULD ONLY
EAT EVERY 3 DAYS?**



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THE NEED IS GREAT.

In this age of social media and instant communication, it might be hard to believe that nearly half of the world's population still lives in people groups that are largely unreached. The need is great, and it's not just international; it's in our neighborhoods. Take a look at where the unreached live and how you can join the Foursquare tribe in doing something about it.



THE NEED IS GREAT.



3,150,000,000

individuals live in **6,992** people groups with very few, if any, believers.

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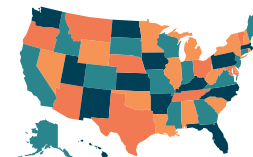
UPGs each are over **1,000,000** in population.

2,425

people groups totaling **146,000,000** individuals have neither Scripture, *The Jesus Film*, or Christian recordings available in their primary language.

THE NEED IS NEAR.

THE NEED IS LOCAL.



84

UPGs are in the U.S.

10,716,000

in the U.S. population are unreached.



1,043,839

international students were received in the U.S. (2015/2016 school year).

(Statistic: Open Doors)



The top sending nations for international students are among the most unreached people groups. These sending nations are:

CHINA
328,547

INDIA
165,918

SAUDI ARABIA
61,287

(Statistic: Open Doors)



75%

of international students will return to their countries having never been invited to an American home.



80%

of international students will never enter an American church.

(Statistic: International Students Inc.)

FMI'S UNREACHED PRIORITY

100% of the Global Missions Fund goes to reaching the unreached and developing church planting movements to do the same.

11 FMI area missionaries oversee and partner with other leaders to carry out the work of reaching unreached people around the world. Turn to **page 12** to learn about current projects.

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Before the disciples went out, they first came together. Join us as we seek to be transformed and transform our world.

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