

## Why Do We Give to Missions?

Key reasons the Christian church does missions:

- **Obedience to the Great Commission:** Christians believe Jesus commanded His followers to preach the gospel and make disciples in every nation, serving as His ambassadors.
- **The Glory of God:** The ultimate aim of missions is to see God glorified through the worship of people from all nations, cultures, and languages.
- **Love and Compassion:** Missionaries are motivated by a love for God and a desire to see people saved, offering eternal life and demonstrating God's compassion.
- **Proclaiming the Gospel/Salvation:** Missions involve sharing the message of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins.
- **Global Community Service and Justice:** Missions often involve addressing poverty, injustice, and human suffering, incorporating social action alongside preaching.
  - BOKS = Building Others Knowledge through Science offered by ISOM
- **Discipleship and Training:** Missions build up the global Church, training new believers, supporting local churches, and encouraging long-term spiritual growth.
  - **I.S.O.M.** International School of Ministry = WOWChurch sponsors five schools: Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Dem. Republic of Congo and Gabon **AFRICA.**
  - Uganda – [\$150,000 from WOWChurch], Tanzania, Sudan, Congo, Benin, Cameroon [Africa], Colombia S.A. and Panama - Chaplaincy training [Police & military] & church and bible colleges, orphanages/schools, farms built - by **Jack and Sue Smith**
  - Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania - worship training by **Randy Jarmon**
  - **26** countries [total] – current: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi training for children & youth ministry by **Pamela Ayres**
  - Rwanda – women's training in life by **Cookie James**

1. **THE PROMISE** Gen 12:1-3 Now the Lord said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curse you; and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”

- Because God has promised to bless all nations - people groups on the earth. What better motivation and encouragement can we have than the understanding that missions is blessing the nations with the Gospel and participating with the purposes of God.

2. **THE PURCHASE** Rev 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood, **out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.**”

- Because Jesus has already purchased people from every tribe and nation with His blood. Like the Moravians motivated by this purchase, we should repeat what two Moravians missionaries said as they set sail for India:

**“May the Lamb receive the reward of His suffering!”**

He has already purchased them; our job is only to gather in what is His.

3. **BECAUSE THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL** Matt 9:37 He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful,

- As of March 2026, the world’s population is 8.3 billion people. Approximately 2.6 billion or 31% identify as Christian according to stats in 2026.

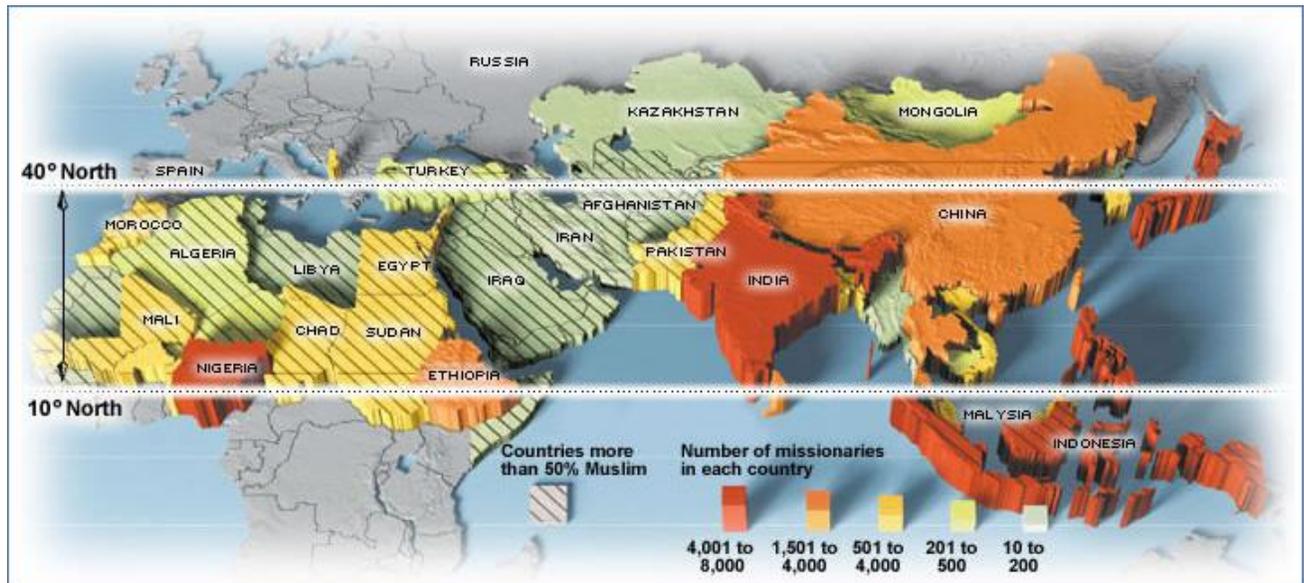
So, over 5 billion are without a saving relationship with Christ.

Many of these have never heard the message of God’s love through Jesus Christ. We call them **U.P.G.’s** Unreached People Groups.

These who are lost because they have no means to hear the message of salvation through Christ – they are cut off from the gospel through lack of missionaries, lack of resources.

- If you lined them up in a single file line they would wrap around the earth 25 times.

The majority of these people are in the area of the world known as the 10/40 Window.



## The harvest is plentiful!

4. **BECAUSE THE LABORERS ARE FEW** Matt 9:37 but the laborers *are* few, therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers."

Only one in every 20,000 believers will ever take the gospel to those who are out of reach of the church.

Only 2.5% of all the 430,000 missionaries are working in the 10/40 Window. More laborers are needed, which takes more funding.

5. **BECAUSE OF THE DESTINY OF THE LOST** John 3:18; John 14:6

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Bible gives us no means by which a person can be saved other than through Christ's work, and by exercising faith in His name.

This means not by other religions, not without hearing specifically about Christ (through evangelism and missions) and not because they died without hearing. All are born in sin, the Cross has real meaning for salvation, and the Great Commission is necessary for people to hear and be saved.

In Romans 1 - Creation does exactly what God designed it to do – it condemns people, leaving them without an excuse and knowledge of a Creator – but not salvific knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.

**This makes missions not only important, but urgent.**

## **6. NECESSARY FOR HEARING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Rom 10:14-15 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Acts 10 Cornelius, the Gentile – There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout *man* and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms – [charitable giver], generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

He saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

<sup>4</sup>And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?"

So, he said to him, "**Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.**"

Peter saw in a vision he was to go to Cornelius' house to share the Gospel with him and his household.

- **Every time someone comes to Christ in Scripture there is a human messenger involved.**
- It is our privilege and responsibility to partner with God to share the Good News of Jesus dying to save us from our sin.
- The Church is the means. Why didn't the angel just tell Cornelius? It would have saved a lot of time and gas money for Peter – but God used a human messenger. Missions and evangelism are God's means!

## **7. THE EXAMPLE OF THE CHURCH** Acts 1:8, 10, 15, Rom 15:20

The early church has given us a model to follow. They went out, sent out their own missionaries like Paul and Barnabus, and evangelized the Gentiles beyond the reach of the gospel in their world.

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Rom 15:20 Paul's declaration: I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation.

## 8. **BECAUSE WE WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE** Ezekiel 33

The people of God, meant to be a blessing to the world, were held accountable for not warning others of the danger coming. Will believers be held accountable for their obedience to the Great Commission? It may mean great reward-loss by many Christians for failing to use what God has blessed them with to bless the nations.

Ezekiel 33:2-9 When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, <sup>3</sup> when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, <sup>4</sup> then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his *own* head. <sup>5</sup> He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. <sup>6</sup> But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.' <sup>7</sup> "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and **warn them for Me.**

<sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked *man*, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have <sup>Ⓜ</sup>delivered your soul.

## 9. **BECAUSE TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN MUCH IS REQUIRED** Luke 12:47-48

Here is Jesus' measuring standard. It's like a blessing and obedience math formula. Our accountability may be based on our resources, our understanding, or our ability – more given equals more expected.

That servant who knew his master's will and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. <sup>48</sup> But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

## 10. **THE COMMANDS OF JESUS** Matt 28:18-20

Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

## Church Giving Statistics for 2025: Who's Giving, When, and How Much?

Here are a few key statistics from recent years that you should keep in mind.

- According to Overflow, only 5-10% of church attendees follow traditional tithing behavior.  
Disappointing? Sure. Surprising? Not really.
- *Out of the 5-10% who do tithe, more than 75% of them give beyond the 10% mark.*

### Tithers Vs. The Average Giver

So, very few church attenders tithe 10% of their income to the church.

What about everyone else?

When asked, **69% of adults** said they had donated to a church within the last year.

In 2021, Church Salary analyzed the average church offering per person and found that the yearly range was somewhere **between \$1,144 and \$3,432** – averaging out to **\$2,262**.

In 2022, that number rose to \$2,848.

So, the question becomes, well, is *that* a tithe?

The answer – **NO**

Based on the 10% tithe model, the average person would have to have an annual income of \$28,000 per year for \$2,800 in giving to be a tithe.

**According to Federal Poverty guidelines in 2026, the poverty level of a single individual is an annual income of \$15,960.**

2 people = \$21,640

5 people = \$38,680

3 people = \$27,320

6 people = \$44,360

4 people = \$33,000

Families with more than 8, adding \$5,680 for additional persons.

The average per capita personal income **was \$65,423 in 2022**, which means the average yearly donation is just **4.35%** of household income. **Not 10% = tithe**

In other words, very few individuals are genuinely tithing, they are more like Tipping the Lord's house to do the most important work in the world:

**Win the Lost and Disciple them to be faithful followers of Jesus!**