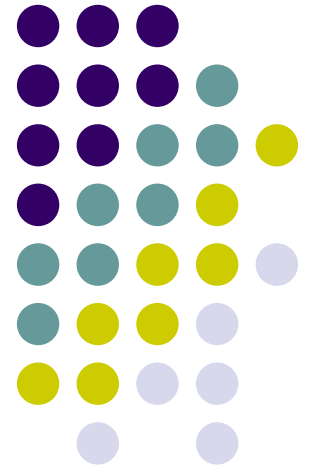




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ABRAHAM: *the profile of a Missionary*

**“...God had me wander from
my father’s household...”**

- Gen 20:13





A Whole Lot about Abraham, a Missionary!

- God called Abraham to leave his people and go to "...a land I will show you..." [Gen 12:1]
- What Risks did he face?
- What were the costs of his call?
- What Risks and Costs do we face today when we respond to God's call?



What Was Terah's Call?

Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Haran, they settled there. Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Haran. [Gen 11:32]



Abraham's Call

- "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to **the land I will show you**" [Gen 12:1]
- "So Abram left, as the LORD had told him... and Lot went with him... and they **set out for the land of Canaan**, and they **arrived there.**"
- How did Abraham know it was Canaan?



The Missionary Lifestyle

- From Exalted Father to Father of Nations
- "...all nations on earth will be **blessed through him.**"
- "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, **obeyed** and went, even though he did not know where he was going" [Heb 11:8]
- "...he built an altar to the LORD" [Gen 13:18]



Where Did Abraham Live?

- “He lived in **tents**” [Heb 11:9]
- Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the **Negev** and lived between **Kadesh** and **Shur**. For a while he stayed in **Gerar**...[Gen 20:1]
- Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in **Beersheba**, and there he called upon the name of the LORD, the Eternal God [21:33]
- And Abraham stayed in the land of the **Philistines** for a long time.



The Intercessor - Gen 18

- V. 3: He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by."
- V. 4: Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.
- V. 5: "Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."



Missionary Commitment

- 18:23 - "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"
- 18:27 - "I am nothing but dust and ashes..."
- 23:11 - "Bury your dead..."
- 24:6 - "Make sure that you do not take my son back there..."



Travails of a Missionary

- He went **down** to Egypt... the famine was severe [Gen 12:10]
- The Compromise
- Family Breakup [Gen 13:5-12]
- Lot: the \$700 billion BAILOUT!



The Triumphs

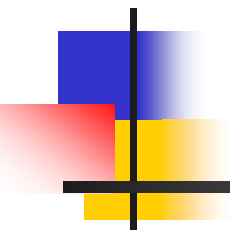
- Abram went **up** from Egypt to Negev
- There Abram called on the LORD
- He built an altar to the LORD at Hebron
- The Promise was renewed: "I am your Shield and your very great Reward"



Impacting the Nations

- Cultural Sensitivity [Gen 12:11-13]
- What have you done to me? [Gen 12:18]
- You are as good as dead [Gen 20:3]
- What have you done to us? [Gen 20:9]
- You are a mighty prince among us [Gen 23:5]

Abraham was just One of the Many Missionaries in Scripture...



Joseph, Jonah, Samuel
Barnabas, Silas, John Mark
Paul

Motivation for Missions



- "...That the Gentiles may GLORIFY God for His mercy..." [Rom. 15:8-12]
- Zeal for the glory of God motivates World Missions
- A Servant spirit and a heart of COMPASSION for the nations motivates us.

A Savior for the World

- The Old Testament clearly shows God's heart for the nations, but the Jews were looking for a Messiah for Israel only, a **national hero**!
- In His teaching, Jesus challenged the worldview of His disciples...
- Is the Church today free of the same "cultural biases" that the Jews exhibited?
- Isaiah 42:5-7; 49:6 reveals God's heart...

Have You accepted Jesus as YOUR personal Savior?

Do You also accept Him as the Savior of the World?

Why Focus on the Unreached?



And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, but as it is written: To whom He was not announced, they shall see; and those who have not heard shall understand."

- Romans 15:18-21



Why Focus on the Unreached?

The priority Jesus set out for the Apostles in Acts 1:8 reflects the **heart of God** for the nations in the prophecy of Isaiah (52:15) echoed by Paul in Romans 15:21:

“..Those who were not told about Him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.”



What is a “People Group”?



A people group is a significantly large ethnic, linguistic or sociological grouping of individuals who perceive themselves to have a common affinity for one another. For evangelistic purposes, it is the largest group within which the Gospel can flow along natural lines without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance due to culture, language, geography – Lausanne, 1982

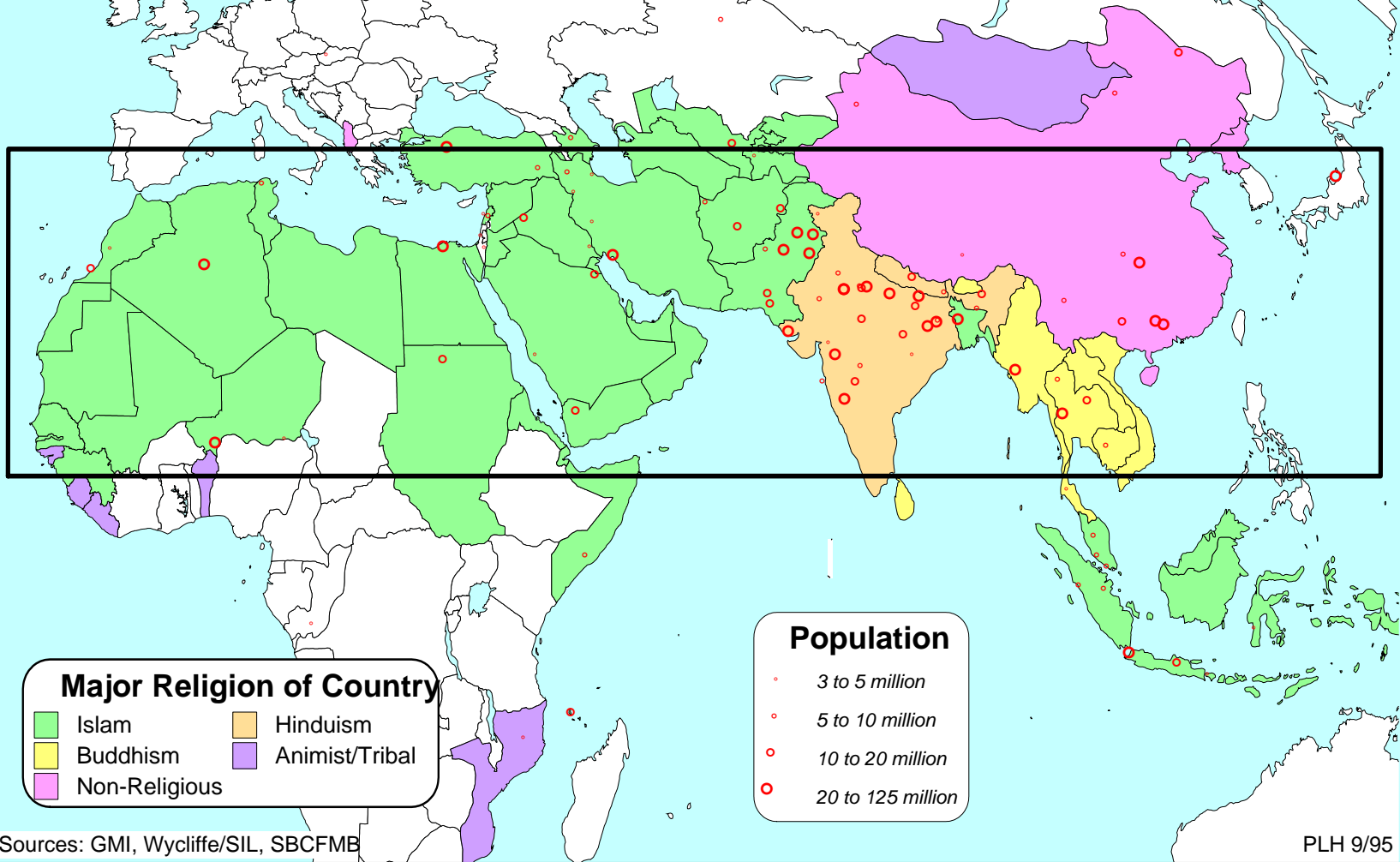
What makes a People Group “Unreached”?

No indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group.



Joshua Project 2000

The 100 Largest Least Evangelized Peoples



Sources: GMI, Wycliffe/SIL, SBCFMB

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What You Can Do!

- Prayer
- Advocacy
- Financial Support
- Short Term
- Longer Term

Embrace a Missions Mindset



- Knows and that Jesus is LORD of all
- Understands that Missions is the responsibility of every Christian
- Moves out – from their comfort zones
- Knows that God uses people to change the world – even you!

Praying is the Least You Can Do!



But You Can Do a
Whole Lot More....



Waiting to be Rescued...

The crops are in, the summer is over, but for us nothing's changed. We're still waiting to be rescued. For my dear broken people, I'm heartbroken. I weep, seized by grief. Are there no healing ointments in Gilead? Isn't there a doctor in the house? So why can't something be done to heal and save my dear, dear people?

-Jeremiah 8:20-22 [TM]



Trail Blazer...

In such ways I have trail blazed a preaching of the Message of Jesus all the way from Jerusalem far into northwestern Greece. This has all been **pioneer work**, bringing the Message **only** into those places where Jesus was not yet known and worshiped. My text has been:

Those who were never told of him—
they'll see him!

Those who've never heard of him—
they'll get the message! *Rom. 15:17-21 [TM]*



Developing a Missionary Lifestyle

- Search for Bible passages that relates to God's global purpose and His heart for the nations
- Add a global perspective into your daily prayer life, use *Patrick Johnstone's Operation World*
- Add this to your decision making process:
"How will this decision impact my involvement in God's global purpose"?
- Connect with a missionary and become part of their prayer and support team
- Become an advocate and a prayer warrior for an Unreached People Group



THANK you

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