



**STATE OF THE
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3.58 BILLION

People still live
in **unreached**
people groups.

*That's nearly 1 out of
every 2 people on earth.*

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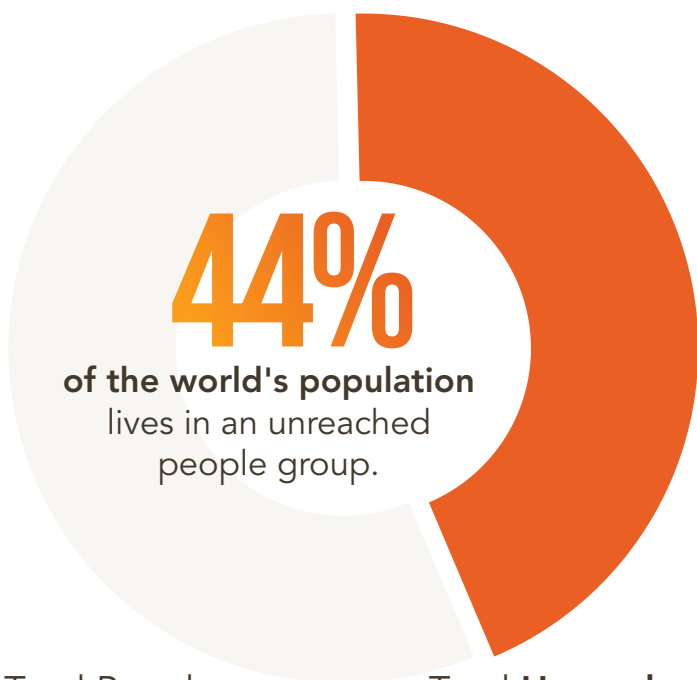


World Population

8.24B

Population Living in
Unreached People Groups

3.58B



Total People
Groups

10,432

Total **Unreached**
People Groups

4,486

Did you know?

Nearly half of all identified people groups still do not have enough followers of Jesus to reach their own communities without outside help.



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

WHAT IS AN **UNREACHED** PEOPLE GROUP?

The definition every Christian should know.

Imagine living your entire life without ever meeting a Christian, seeing a church, or hearing the name of Jesus in a way you could understand.

For billions of people, that's still reality.

An **Unreached People Group (UPG)** is a community where there are **too few followers of Jesus to effectively share the gospel with the rest of their own people.** Simply put, if believers from outside didn't come to help, the gospel would be unlikely to spread naturally within that community.

Mission researchers often use two practical benchmarks to identify these groups: fewer than **2%** are evangelical Christians and fewer than **5%** identify as Christians of any kind. These aren't biblical commands—they're measurement tools that help the global Church understand where gospel access is still very limited.

You may also hear the term **Unengaged Unreached People Group**. An unreached group has very few believers. An unengaged group has an even greater challenge—there is no known church or mission organization intentionally working among them.

It's also important to know that a **people group** isn't the same as a country. A people group is united by a shared language, culture, ethnicity, or identity. That's why one country can contain hundreds of different people groups with very different levels of access to the gospel.

When Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of **all nations**, He was

talking about peoples—not just political countries. Every unreached people group represents men, women, and children who still have little or no meaningful opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.

KEY TAKEAWAY

An **unreached people group** isn't a place where nobody has heard the name of Jesus. It is a people who don't yet have enough followers of Jesus to reach their own community. Until every people group has a genuine opportunity to hear the gospel, the Great Commission remains unfinished.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

This week, choose one simple response.

PRAY

Pray for one unreached or frontier people group this week.

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Every prayer, every conversation, and every step of obedience brings the global Church closer to seeing every people group reached with the gospel.



Fedicca-Mohas Nubian

IN SUDAN & EGYPT

POPULATION: **1,202,000**

LANGUAGE: **NOBIIN**

RELIGION: **ISLAM**

ABOUT THE FEDICCA-MOHAS NUBIAN

The Fedicca-Mohas are a Nubian people living in southern Egypt and northern Sudan. Their economy is mainly based on agriculture, with farming as their primary livelihood.

They are almost all Muslims, though many still practice traditional spirit beliefs. Few have access to Christian resources, and cultural barriers make the Gospel difficult to accept.

PRAY NOW

Pray for believers to build bridges of friendship and trust with Fedicca-Mohas Nubian family leaders.

Pray that Nubian people who know Christ will become wise in sowing the Word of God among their families and friends.

Pray that loving African believers will gain a vision to see the Nubians reached for Christ.

Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Fedicca-Mohas Nubians who will boldly declare the gospel.

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