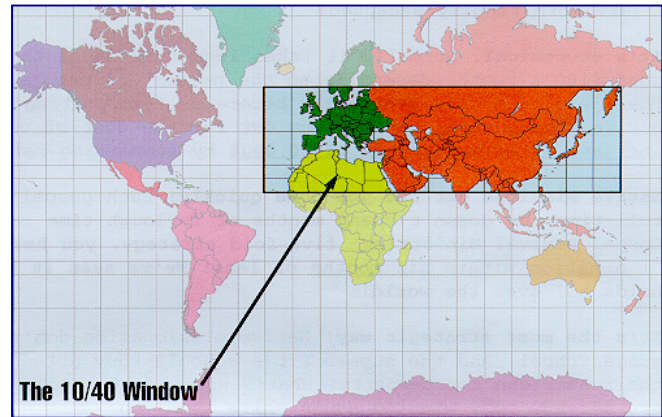


Pray, Give and then Go to the 10/40 Window
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Jesus gave us the Great Commission which commands us to go into the uttermost parts of the earth and make disciples of all Nations. This is called the Great Commission. For years Christian churches and missionaries have labored to fulfill this mandate covering the globe preaching and teaching the love of Jesus Christ to all nations. Today Christianity is the fastest growing religion in the world reaching every corner of the globe using media and modern communications tools to reach the lost at any cost.

Recent research has identified an area of the world comprised of many nations where the poorest and least evangelized people live. It is called the 10/40 window. (see map illustration) This rectangular area is located 10 degrees longitude by 40 degrees latitude as seen in the illustrated map. This area includes North Africa, China, India, and parts of Europe, Russia, Asia and the Middle East. Here are a few basic facts and statistics.



- 97% of the least evangelized countries live in the 10/40 Window.
- Of these people 2.7 billion are Buddhist, Hindus and Muslims.
- 82% of the poorest of the poor live in the 10/40 Window.

A tremendous amount of prayer has gone forth for these tribes and nations over the last 50 years and the gospel is going forth. The third world nations that were once pagan now have a growing Christian presence and are sending missionaries to reach more difficult peoples and areas. The latest evangelistic thrusts include the “Back to Jerusalem Movement” where the “underground church” in China will send out 100,000 missionaries to reach the Muslim people and other groups. The underground church in China is estimated to be over 300 million Christian believers in size and increases at 7,000 converts each day. It is also estimated that one third of all Muslim converts have reported that Jesus has appeared to them in a vision or in person. The churches in Mexico have sent out over 1000 Christian missionaries to India for planting new churches while India pastors of established churches are reaching into Nepal and North Indian tribal groups. Nepal 20 years ago, once the Hindu capital of the world is quickly becoming a Christian nation. The South Koreans once a 97% Buddhist nation is now over 70% Christian and has the largest church in the world with over 800,000 Christians planting new churches in Japan and Asia. Africa continues to see large churches and massive evangelistic campaigns established all over the continent despite the threat of Islam.

What does all this mean? It tells us that the return of our Lord Jesus Christ is very soon according to **Matthew 24:14 (KJV)** “**And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**” The Greek word for end is “telos” which means conclusion or termination. The conclusion or termination of the age of men is nearing an end, but for the Christian, the beginning of God’s rule and reign on earth is also very near. Jesus will return for His true Church, which are those who believe Him, love Him and call upon His name. We will live and reign with him forever. We will also see all those whom we have loved and prayed for that have accepted Jesus!

Brothers and sisters, the greatest thing we can do is pray! The tremendous worldwide growth of Christianity is a result of prayer. Prayer works! Please continue to pray for the 10/40 window as many Christians are persecuted for their faith and missionaries are put to death. God wants to use each and every one of us to Pray for Missions, Give to Missions and Go ourselves. May God bless you as you obey the Great Commission.



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