

Study Group

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Global Perspectives

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Two Worlds Are Colliding

Discussion:

What do you see going on around the world? Can you name one good for every three bad things that you are hearing about in the world now?

Six Areas of Giving:

- Spiritual Poverty
- Culture
- Areas of Support
- Justice
- Physical Poverty
- Growth in Discipleship

A. Physical Poverty:

- There are 1.2 billion people alive who live on less than \$1.25 per day.
- Average life expectancy
 - United States: 1900 (49 years); Today (79 years)
 - India: 1900 (24 years); Today (66 years)
 - China: 1900 (32 years); Today (75 years)
 - Ethiopia: 1900 (30 years); Today (62 years)
- Child mortality has fallen to less than 17,000 children dying each day from preventable diseases.
- Clean water access since 1990: 1 billion people have clean water today that did not used to; 700 million still lack that access today.
- Diseases are being affected by the influx of secular funding. In the last 8 years, there has been a 78% decrease in measles fatalities. In the last 6 years, there has been a 50% decline in malaria deaths in the 20 most affected countries.
- In 1981, 52% of the world lived in extreme poverty. Today we are at 21%. This generation could see that percentage move to zero.

B. Spiritual Poverty:

In our time, the whole church is going to take the whole gospel to the whole world.

1. Scripture Translation:

- In one organization alone, the translation projects have gone from 115 four years ago to over 240 this year. We are living in the first generation to see the needs of translation be less than our ability to find new languages. It used to take 20-30 years for a translation to happen. Today, it can happen in less than five years.
- There are 6,901 living languages today. 1,859 of those currently have no scripture whatsoever. This represents 180 million people.
- A new translation starts every 2.3 days.
- The translation of the last language is less than one generation away.

2. Evangelism among Unengaged, Unreached People Groups:

- 2005 – 1,632 unreached, unengaged people groups of 10,000 or more people. This means there is no worker among them, no believers, no church, and no scripture.
- Today, 453 of these groups remain unreached and unengaged.
- In the last ten years, over 18,000 workers have been sent, and over 77,000 churches have been planted. Over 1,897,000 people have come to faith in Christ.
- 5 unreached groups have over 1 million people in them.
- There are 32.4 million on earth who have yet to have any access to the gospel.
- There are less than 3 million people in people groups that have less than 10,000 people per group. 967 people groups with less than 10,000 people remain unreached and unengaged with the gospel.
- In China, Nepal, Cambodia, Mongolia, Oman, Bhutan, and Singapore, the gospel is advancing more rapidly than the population is growing. Gospel workers are coming to these places from around the world, not just from the West.

Discussion: What has been the most encouraging thing you've heard in this update concerning what God is doing in the world? What are the areas that motivate you personally? What area touches you the most?

C. Support:

These things undergird everything else going on around the world.

1. Prayer

- 20 years ago, there were 100 known prayer networks; today there are over 4,000 networks with over 25 million intercessors.

2. Generosity

- At the National Christian Foundation, 10 years ago, 5,700 grants were issued. In 2014, 127,000 grants were issued by NCF.
- In the same time period, the number of organizations receiving grants from NCF moved from less than 4,000 to over 17,000.
- Over \$7 billion in grant money has come into NCF and over \$5 billion in grants have gone out.

Discussion: “This gospel...will be preached in all the world and then the end will come” (Matthew 24.) How will this presentation today impact you personally in regards to your own generosity? How can you take this message to influence the clients that you serve?

Conclusion:

Luke 16:9 “Use your worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves so that when it is gone you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”

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