

## 2. Christianity in the world

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- Diagram 4:** Translation work achieved: 1,739 languages so far, leaving 3,761 languages yet to be done  
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- Diagram 5:** Evangelistic Records (LPs) in 4,172 of the world's 5,500 languages.  
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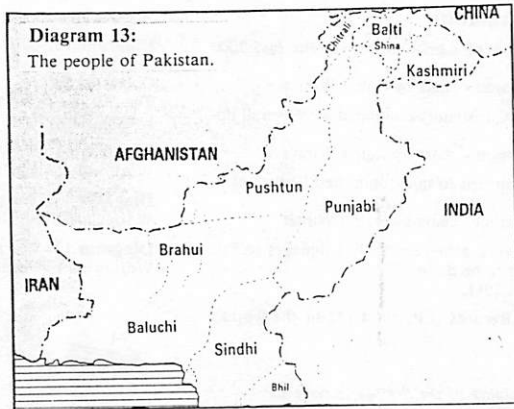
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**Your responsibility!**

*Jesus calls us today to do something about the unreached peoples of the world - to bring back the King. All have a part to:*

- find and publicize
- pray and mobilize
- go and evangelize these unreached peoples!

*God is doing great things in the world today. Don't miss out on it! What better way to spend your life than in making Jesus known to peoples that have never heard the Good News? What are you waiting for? Jesus wants to guide you into your part in this glorious endeavour.*



**2.5. What can I do?**

**Pray**

the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.



**Give**

so that the workers can live and gather in the harvest.



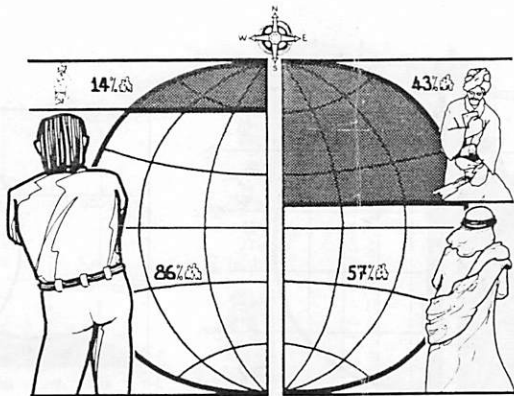
**Go**

where the Lord sends you so that there are workers in His harvest field.

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Percentage of committed Christians compared with non-committed Christians.

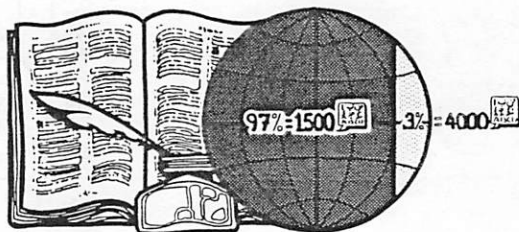


The globe represents the sum total of all Christians on earth (approximately one billion). It is estimated that 14% of Christians in the West are actively engaged in Christian witness. In the East, however, the percentage is estimated as being 43%.

### 2.2. Some examples of missionary work

Diagram 4:

Translation of the Bible into 1,739 languages.

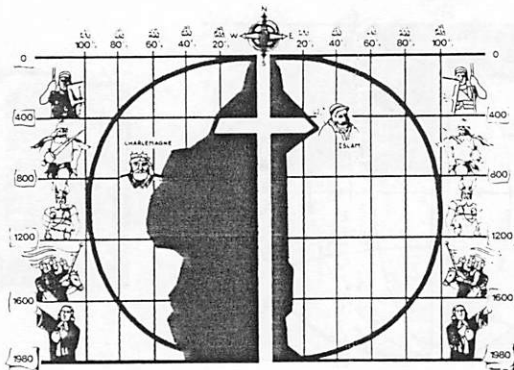


The Bible has been translated into 1,739 languages and dialects, which means that 97% of the population of the world can be reached in this way. Another 3,761 translations have to be made in order to reach the remaining 3%.

## 2.1. The expansion of Christianity over the last 2000 years

**Diagram 1:**

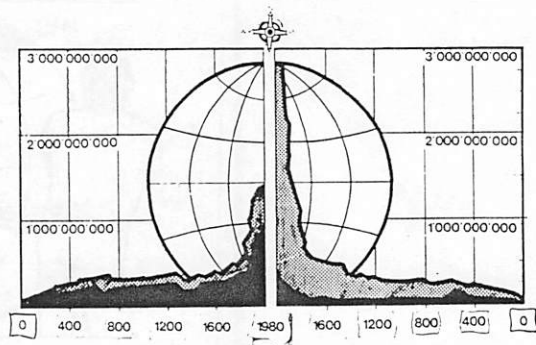
Number of believers shown as a percentage of the total world population since the birth of Christ.



This diagram shows the growth of Christendom in relation to the growth of world population.

**Diagram 2:**

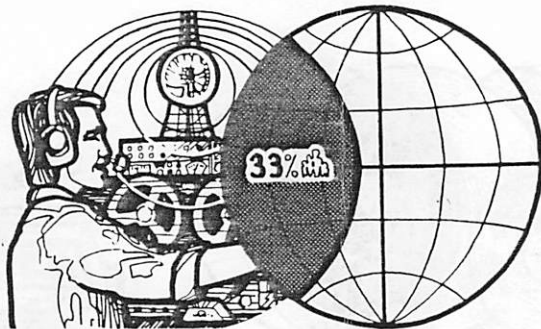
Number of nominal Christians compared with the population of the world since the birth of Christ.



The population of the world increases much more rapidly and regularly than the number of Christians both in the West and in the East. At the present time, it is estimated that one person in four is a nominal Christian.

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**Diagram 7:**  
People reached by radio ministries.



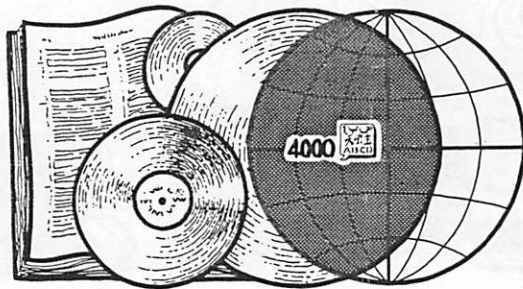
The different Christian radio stations can cover practically the whole surface of the earth. However, for technical and linguistic reasons, only 33% of the world's population can be reached with the gospel by this means.

**Diagram 8:**  
Television, an open door for the future?



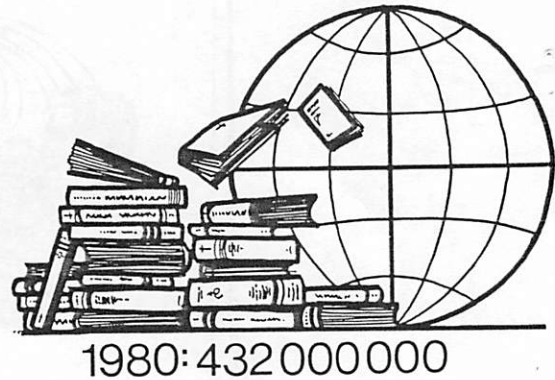
It is estimated that there are 250 million television sets on earth. This presents a wide range of possibilities for reaching men. This domain, which has rarely been explored fully, represents an open door for the future.

**Diagram 5:**  
Evangelisation using records in 4,172 different languages.



Portions of the Bible and messages have been recorded in 4,172 of the 5,500 languages spoken today. More than 14 million records, for example, have been distributed by one mission since 1939.

**Diagram 6:**  
Distribution of Scripture portions.



During 1980, 432 million Scripture portions were distributed by members of the United Bible Societies.

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### The peoples of the world

In English and a number of languages the word nation has a political significance, which it did not have in the time of the Lord Jesus. The Greek word used in the Bible is «ethnos», from which we derive the modern word in many European languages «ethnic». We are commanded to preach the Gospel to every ethnic group in the world. Each must provide some disciples, so that there may be people of every race, tribe, people and tongue to praise the Lamb for His redemption.

This simplifies our understanding of the complex task. There are possibly 8,000 to 9,000 ethnolinguistic people groups in the world, if we ignore the existence of political boundaries. However, if these boundaries are considered, this increases the figure to around 15,000 peoples (i.e. Kurds in Germany and Turkey would be counted separately). We can now look at the various countries of the world and see each as a mosaic of different people groups with different needs, and each requiring a different approach in evangelism and church planting. This helps us to see more clearly where the needs are.

Here are some examples:

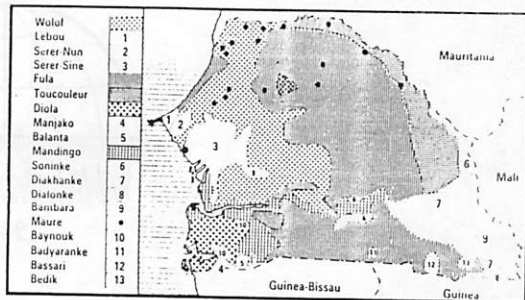
#### 1. The guest-workers and immigrants in Europe

Millions of Punjabis from Pakistan, Arabs and Berbers from North Africa, Turks and Kurds from Turkey, Tigrinyas from Eritrea, Sheiks from Arabia, Chinese, Vietnamese, Hmong, Laotians from Indo-China have flooded into Europe as workers, refugees, immigrants - most from countries now closed to the gospel. Each people represents a thrilling opportunity for us to evangelize them - here in our homelands!

### 2. Senegambia

Look at this map! This shows all the tribes living in this West African land. In only one, the Serer, is there a growing and witnessing group of churches. Among the Diola, Fula, Wolof, Toucouleur, Baianta etc., there is only a handful of believers. Among the Maures, Soninke etc., there are not a single known believer - yet this country is wide open to the gospel!

Diagram 12: The people of Senegambia



### 3. Pakistan

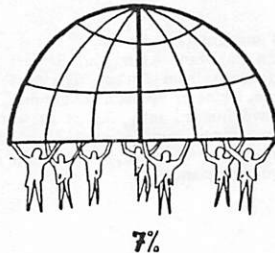
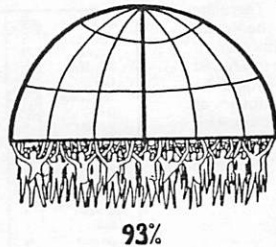
Pakistan is one of the few Muslim lands where missionaries may still enter and freely witness. There is a Church in the land - but only among the Punjabis and some tribal peoples. Among all the other peoples in the land there are no churches at all. Look at the map!



### 2.3. The extent of missionary work

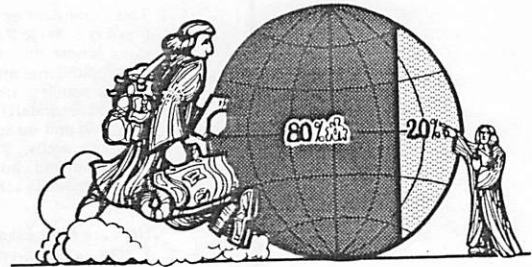
#### Diagram 9:

7% of all missionaries are working among half the population of the world (Chinese, Hindus, Muslims in Africa and Asia).



#### Diagram 10:

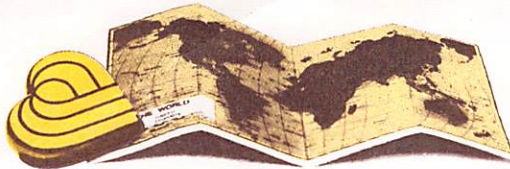
Leaving your own people to evangelize others.



The globe represents all the non-Christians today. More than three-quarters of all the people still to be reached with the Gospel (i.e. three out of every four) will only be reached if missionaries are sent out to preach the Gospel in a culture other than their own (cross-cultural evangelism). The rest could be reached by their local churches. Among non-believers, three out of every four people have no chance of hearing about Jesus, unless a missionary goes out to them.



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Dear Tricia,

thank you very much for the Christianity Chart as well as the Unreached People Chart which contains a great deal of those needed statistics.

You are asking me if you could have some copies of the smaller charts which I sent you. I enclose you some Xerox copies which are from TEMA, Route d'Echallens 34, 1032 Romanel-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland.

Deep impressed by your cooperation, sincerely

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