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Quotes

ON MISSIONS

“We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.”

—JOHN R.W. STOTT

**“The spirit of Christ is
the spirit of missions.
The nearer we get to
him, the more intensely
missionary we become.”**

—HENRY MARTYN

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**“The history of missions
is the history of
answered prayer.”**

—SAMUEL ZWEMER

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t.”

—JOHN PIPER



“The deepest valleys we are called to walk through become the well from which we draw to have the greatest kingdom impact.”

—JENN DEKRYGER

ABWE missionary to Togo,
wife of late missionary Todd Dekryger

“If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is in the matter of sending the gospel to a dying world.”

—CHARLES SPURGEON

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“The hope of Christ is too powerful to allow us to live short-lived, pleasure-seeking lives.”

—PAUL DAVIS
ABWE President

“Die to self. Live for Christ. And then do what you want, go where you want, for God’s glory.”

—KEVIN DEYOUNG

“A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing.”

—MARTIN LUTHER

**“When Christ calls
a man, he bids him
come and die.”**

—DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

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**“The Great Commission
is too big for anyone to
accomplish alone and
too important not to try
to do together.”**

—STEVE MOORE



Statistics

ON MISSIONS

World Religions

GLOBAL NUMBER OF... ¹



Buddhists
488 Million



Muslims
1.8 Billion



Hindus
1.2 Billion



Other religions
54 Million



Non-religious
1.17 Billion



Professing Christians
of all traditions
2.3 Billion



Professing evangelicals
280 Million

GOSPEL SATURATION:



Unreached people groups **7,100**
(41.6% of all people groups) ²

Unreached population **3.2 Billion**
(41.6% of world population) ²



Unreached, unengaged people groups **3,148**
(27.1% of all people groups) ³

Unreached, unengaged population **239 Million**
(3.19% of world population) ³



Country with the most Unreached people groups
India (21) ²



Country with the most Unreached, unengaged people groups
China (8) ²

Missions spending

\$45 billion annually, globally ⁴

Missions sending

400,000 sent annually (2010)
(120k were American) ⁵

- 1 | Pew
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Scripture References

ON MISSIONS

The Blessing of the Nations

GENESIS 12:1-3

The Witness of God's Community

DEUTERONOMY 4:6-8

Declaring His Glory Among the Nations

1 CHRONICLES 16:23-24

God's Heart for the Nations

PSALM 67, 96

Beautiful Feet

ISAIAH 52:7

The Great Commission and the Kingdom of God

MATTHEW 9:37-38, 24:14, 28:19-20

The Global Gospel

LUKE 9, 10, 24:46-47

Sent on Mission

JOHN 20:21

Empowered for Witness

ACTS 1:8, 13:47

Making Christ Known

ROMANS 10:13-15, 15:20

The Ministry of Reconciliation

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21

Entrusted With the Gospel

1 THESSALONIANS 2:4

The Goal of Missions

REVELATION 5:9, 7:9



Questions for A MISSIONARY CANDIDATE

1. How did you come to Christ?
2. What compelled you to pursue missions?
3. What past missions experience do you have?
4. When was the last time you shared the gospel with an unbeliever?
5. How have you disciplined new believers?
6. What is your vision for your ministry?
7. What constitutes a biblical local church? How will your ministry support local churches?
8. What scares you about going?
9. How much time are you prepared to commit to language acquisition?
10. Is your sending church supportive of you?



Church Prayer Tips

ON MISSIONS

PRAY FOR

Top 3 Unreached People Groups

1. The Shaikh | Bangladesh

- 138.3 million people
- Primarily Muslim
- Bengali-speaking
- 0% professing Christian
- 0% evangelical

2. The Japanese | Japan

- 121.3 million people
- Primarily Buddhist
- Japanese-speaking
- 1.2% professing Christian
- 0.3% evangelical

3. The Brahmin | India

- 59.9 million people
- Primarily Hindu
- Hindi-speaking
- 0.01% professing Christian
- 0% evangelical (estimated)

PRAY FOR

Church's Missionaries by Name

- Evangelistic open doors
- Thriving local churches
- Protection from spiritual warfare
- Discipling and training of nationals

People Group Bloes/Affinities

Muslims: 1.8 billion worldwide

Hindus: 1.08 billion worldwide

Buddhists: 500 million worldwide

Atheists: 450-500 million worldwide

Animists/Spiritists: 14 million worldwide

Roman Catholics: 1.1 billion worldwide



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