

# Status of Global Mission, 2010, in Context of 20th and 21st Centuries

	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend % p.a.	24-hour change	mid-2010	2025
<b>GLOBAL POPULATION</b>							
1. Total population	1,619,625,000	3,698,683,000	6,124,119,000	1.21	229,000	6,906,560,000	8,010,511,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)	232,695,000	1,340,493,000	2,863,922,000	2.03	195,000	3,502,743,000	4,591,901,000
3. Rural dwellers	1,386,930,000	2,358,190,000	3,260,197,000	0.43	34,000	3,403,817,000	3,418,610,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)	1,073,634,000	2,313,632,000	4,273,326,000	1.68	232,000	5,046,399,000	6,079,482,000
5. Literates	296,149,000	1,477,166,000	3,275,665,000	2.29	258,000	4,107,680,000	5,124,532,000
6. Nonliterates	777,485,000	836,466,000	997,661,000	-0.61	-26,000	938,719,000	954,950,000
<b>WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES</b>							
7. Megacities (over 1 million population)	20	161	402	2.16	0.03	498	650
8. Urban poor	100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.10	161,000	1,900 million	3,000 million
9. Urban slum dwellers	20 million	260 million	700 million	3.32	88,000	970 million	1,600 million
<b>GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION</b>							
10. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)	558,158,000	1,234,969,000	2,004,559,000	1.35	85,000	2,292,454,000	2,708,029,000
11. Muslims	199,705,000	579,875,000	1,293,235,000	1.82	77,000	1,549,444,000	1,962,881,000
12. Hindus	202,973,000	458,845,000	820,425,000	1.46	38,000	948,507,000	1,098,680,000
13. Nonreligious (agnostics)	3,029,000	542,318,000	663,172,000	-0.36	-6,300	639,852,000	625,648,000
14. Buddhists	126,920,000	234,028,000	413,790,000	1.25	16,100	468,736,000	542,372,000
15. Chinese folk-religionists	380,207,000	231,814,000	421,210,000	0.85	10,600	458,316,000	504,695,000
16. Ethnoreligionists	117,527,000	165,687,000	231,708,000	1.21	8,700	261,429,000	267,440,000
17. Atheists	226,000	165,301,000	139,783,000	-0.09	-300	138,532,000	133,320,000
18. New Religionists (Neoreligionists)	5,986,000	39,332,000	61,550,000	0.46	1,000	64,443,000	66,677,000
19. Sikhs	2,962,000	10,677,000	20,970,000	1.61	1,100	24,591,000	29,517,000
20. Jews	12,292,000	15,100,000	13,773,000	0.61	250	14,641,000	15,521,000
21. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)	1,061,467,000	2,463,714,000	4,119,560,000	1.14	144,000	4,614,106,000	5,302,482,000
<b>GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY</b>							
22. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)	34.5	33.4	32.7	0.14	0.0	33.2	33.8
23. Affiliated Christians (church members)	521,712,000	1,123,289,000	1,895,509,000	1.38	82,000	2,172,932,000	2,583,129,000
24. Church attenders	469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	43,000	1,507,556,000	1,760,568,000
25. Evangelicals	71,726,000	98,013,000	214,956,000	2.06	15,000	263,464,000	347,822,000
26. Great Commission Christians	77,918,000	276,987,000	610,849,000	1.47	28,000	706,806,000	833,300,000
27. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics	981,000	67,234,000	483,283,000	2.42	41,000	614,010,000	797,091,000
28. Average Christian martyrs per year	34,400	377,000	160,000	1.07	490	178,000	210,000
<b>MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCKS</b>							
29. Roman Catholics	266,580,000	665,895,000	1,046,605,000	1.00	32,000	1,155,627,000	1,323,840,000
30. Protestants	103,025,000	210,986,000	355,001,000	1.68	19,000	419,316,000	530,485,000
31. Independents	7,931,000	86,018,000	290,583,000	2.42	24,000	369,156,000	502,211,000
32. Orthodox	115,879,000	144,492,000	256,362,000	0.68	5,000	274,447,000	283,268,000
33. Anglicans	30,571,000	47,409,000	74,849,000	1.49	4,000	86,782,000	109,196,000
34. Marginal Christians	928,000	11,086,000	28,824,000	1.93	2,000	34,912,000	50,862,000
<b>MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS</b>							
35. Africa (5 regions)	8,756,000	116,451,000	361,649,000	2.67	34,000	470,601,000	672,703,000
36. Asia (4 regions)	20,781,000	92,391,000	274,626,000	2.40	23,000	347,964,000	475,789,000
37. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)	368,257,000	467,769,000	549,529,000	0.20	3,000	560,860,000	541,077,000
38. Latin America (3 regions)	60,027,000	263,719,000	478,537,000	1.27	19,000	543,150,000	621,819,000
39. Northern America (1 region)	59,570,000	168,372,000	210,098,000	0.77	5,000	226,885,000	245,245,000
40. Oceania (4 regions)	4,322,000	14,586,000	21,070,000	1.08	1,000	23,471,000	26,495,000
<b>CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS</b>							
41. Denominations	1,900	18,700	33,800	1.95	2.2	41,000	55,000
42. Congregations (worship centers)	400,000	1,440,000	3,500,000	3.32	440	4,850,000	7,500,000
43. Service agencies	1,500	14,100	23,000	1.99	1.5	28,000	36,000
44. Foreign-mission sending agencies	600	2,200	4,000	1.63	0.2	4,700	6,000
<b>CONCILIARISM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES</b>							
45. Confessional councils (CWCs, at world level)	40	150	310	1.51	0.01	360	600
46. National councils of churches	19	283	598	1.50	0.03	690	870
<b>CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)</b>							
47. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)	2,100,000	4,600,000	10,900,000	0.97	318	12,000,000	14,000,000
48. Men	1,900,000	3,100,000	6,540,000	0.97	191	7,200,000	8,000,000
49. Women	200,000	1,500,000	4,360,000	0.97	127	4,800,000	6,000,000
50. Aliens (foreign missionaries)	62,000	240,000	420,000	-0.49	-5	400,000	550,000
<b>CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)</b>							
51. Personal income of church members	270 billion	4,100 billion	17,000 billion	5.42	79 billion	28,820 billion	50,000 billion
52. Giving to Christian causes	8 billion	70 billion	300 billion	5.51	1.4 billion	513 billion	890 billion
53. Churches' income	7 billion	50 billion	120 billion	5.48	560 million	205 billion	360 billion
54. Parachurch and institutional income	1 billion	20 billion	180 billion	5.53	840 million	308 billion	530 billion
55. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism)	17,500	128,000	330,000	5.95	96	588,000	1,400,000
56. Ecclesiastical crime	300,000	5,000,000	18 billion	5.91	90 million	32 billion	60 billion
57. Income of global foreign missions	200 million	3 billion	17 billion	5.58	80 million	29 billion	50 billion
58. Computers in Christian use (numbers)	0	1,000	328 million	5.68	89,000	570 million	1,300 million
<b>CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles, not copies)</b>							
59. Books about Christianity	300,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	3.66	700	6,879,000	11,800,000
60. Christian periodicals	3,500	23,000	35,000	4.24	6.2	53,000	100,000
<b>SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year)</b>							
61. Bibles	5,452,600	25 million	53,700,000	2.89	195,000	71,425,000	110 million
62. Scriptures, including gospels, selections	20 million	281 million	4,600 million	1.07	13 million	4,900 million	6,000 million
63. Bible density (copies in place)	108 million	443 million	1,400 million	1.96	91,000	1,700 million	2,280 million
<b>CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING</b>							
64. Total monthly listeners/viewers	0	750,000,000	1,830,000,000	1.14	64,000	2,050,000,000	2,400,000,000
<b>CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION</b>							
65. Non-Christian megacities	5	65	226	1.64	0.01	266	300
66. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day	5,200	51,100	108,000	0.89	2.9	118,000	134,000
67. Urban Christians	159,600,000	660,800,000	1,247,508,000	1.67	67,300	1,472,098,000	1,826,507,000
<b>GLOBAL EVANGELISM (per year)</b>							
68. Evangelism-hours	5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	-0.34	440 million	159 billion	300 billion
69. Hearer-hours (offers)	10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	1.93	3.1 billion	1,136 billion	3,000 billion
70. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita	6	27	153	0.72	0.5	164	375
<b>WORLD EVANGELIZATION</b>							
71. Unevangelized population (=World A)	879,583,000	1,638,499,000	1,828,536,000	1.03	57,000	2,026,696,000	2,297,434,000
72. Unevangelized as % of world	54.3	44.3	29.9	-0.17	0.0	29.3	28.7
73. World evangelization plans since AD 30	250	510	1,500	2.92	0.2	2,000	3,000

## Methodological notes on the Status of Global Mission, 2010

(referring to numbered lines)

Indented categories form part of, and are included in, unindented categories above them. Definitions of categories are as given and explained in *World Christian Encyclopedia* (1st ed., 1982; 2nd ed., 2001) and *World Christian Trends* (2001), with additional data and explanations as below. The analytical trichotomy of Worlds A, B, C are explained in *WCT*.

**Lines 1-4.** Demographic totals are as shown in *World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision* (New York: United Nations, 2009).

**10.** Widest definition: professing Christians plus crypto-Christians (secret believers), which equals affiliated (church members) plus unaffiliated Christians. World C is the world of all who individually are Christians.

**21.** Total of all non-Christians (sum of rows 11-20 above, plus adherents of other smaller religions). This is also the same as World A (the unevangelized) plus World B (evangelized non-Christians).

**24-27.** These categories overlap in varying degrees.

**25.** Churches, denominations, and individuals who identify themselves as evangelicals by membership in denominations linked to evangelical alliances (e.g. World Evangelical Alliance), or by self-identification in polls.

**26.** Great Commission Christians are defined as active church members of all traditions who take seriously Christ's Great Commission and his call to mission.

**27.** Church members involved in the Pentecostal / charismatic / neocharismatic renewal in the Holy Spirit, known collectively as Renewalists. Totals on lines 24-27 overlap with those on lines 29-34.

**28.** World totals of current long-term trend for all confessions. (See *WCT*, part 4, "Martyrology.") Figures reflect the collapse of Communism but also the expansion of terrorism.

**51-57.** Defined in *WCT*, part 20, "Finance."

**56.** Amounts embezzled by top custodians of Christian monies (U.S. dollar equivalents, per year).

**58.** Total general-purpose computers and word processors owned by churches, agencies, groups, and individual Christians.

**68-70.** These measures are defined, derived, and analyzed in *WCT*, part 23, "Evangelization."

**71-72.** Defined as in *WCT*, part 25, "Macroevangelistics."

**73.** Grand total of all distinct plans and proposals for accomplishing world evangelization made by Christians since A.D. 30. See *WCT*, part 27, "GeoStrategies."

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