

Let's Give Jesus a Billion People for Christmas

*“And the angel said, “Fear not, for I bring you **good news of great joy for every people group**” — Luke 2:10*

Suppose we could bring to Jesus a billion people who have never heard about His transforming love? What would that look like?

The enclosed *Pray for the 31* guide lists the 31 largest, Frontier (least-reached) People Groups. Their combined population is nearly one billion.

To the best of our knowledge, these groups are each less than 1/10th of 1% Christian, and they have no gospel movement.

How do we give Jesus 1 billion people? For most of us, the answer is simple – prayer.

The strategic value of informed prayer

Throughout history, the effectiveness of mission efforts has been tied directly to informed prayer.

Prayer for Unreached People Groups (UPGs) has grown steadily since the late 1970's. Today researchers are tracking 660 Acts-like gospel movements, mostly among these UPGs. Such movements have recently produced 68.3 *million* new disciples in rapidly multiplying churches.

Prayer is the first domino in launching gospel movements.

What does *unreached* mean?

Some *individuals* are unreached because they have never responded to the gospel even though it is available in their culture.

Whole *groups* (UPGs) are considered unreached when the believers among them are less than 2%.

Frontier UPGs are less than 1/10th of 1% Christian of any kind, and those in their groups are unlikely to ever hear the gospel until things change.

Such change starts with prayer!

Compassionate Prayer

Jesus was moved with compassion as He looked on the multitudes. Invite the Holy Spirit to give you His compassion for Frontier UPGs as you imagine what it might be like to live your whole life without ever hearing about God's love.

Scriptural Prayer

The Bible is full of promises relating to God's purpose for the nations. Here are a few to start:

- All family lines of earth will be blessed (Gen 12:3)
- Ask of Me and I will give you the nations as your inheritance (Ps 2:8)
- Beg the lord of the harvest to thrust laborers into His harvest (Mt 9:38, Lk 10:2)

Going Viral

God's blessings are contagious! As we pray for God to transform one billion in 31 groups, many smaller UPG's will also be reached, perhaps by missionaries from these 31 larger groups!

Will you Pray?

Will you join me and thousands of others in *Prayer for the 31*. Use the enclosed prayer guide to offer Jesus a billion people in prayer in 2019.

Invite others to join you.

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you and your household or prayer group in praying for and blessing these largest of all Frontier UPGs.

Give copies of this prayer guide to others, along with this cover letter (just as I shared this letter and prayer guide with you).



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