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Asia Pacific Region

Population: 953 million

Spiritually lost: 897 billion (94.8%)

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Constituents: 6,2 million

Churches: 35,088

Unreached groups: 1,132

Ministers: 36,469

Missionaries: 406

Northern Asia

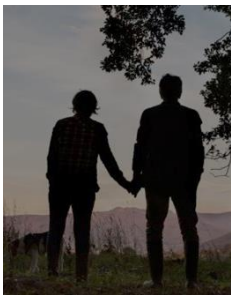
Population: 1.41 billion

Missionaries: 112

Spiritually lost: 1.33B (92.5%)

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Missionary A - NEPAL (*Sensitive*)



Mr. and Mrs. A are reaching the unreached through compassion and humanitarian efforts, planting churches and reaching university students. They are recently reassigned to Nepal and will be working on church planting.

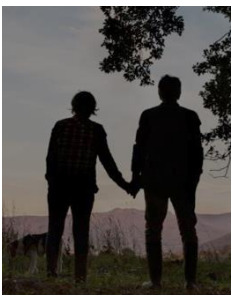
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Update: The A's are currently stateside awaiting Visa approval to return.

Prayer Requests:

- The way is being paved for their eventual target country. Please keep praying for the doors to stay open and for the right relationships to be set in place. Also, for creative access via platforms to allow them to stay in their future target country.
- Pray for Visas to be approved so they can quickly return to the field.

Missionary B – MONGOLIA (*Sensitive*)



Mr. and Mrs. B work in an extremely sensitive region teaching English to students.

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Update: They have been stateside since October and just returned to the field last month.

“In these last two and a half years, our team has been blown away with the fruit we have seen in a relatively short amount of time. Our team has seen multiple salvations, healings, and the formation of Bible study groups. We have seen doors open before us with the local government and schools to do various types of outreaches—last summer a short-term team helped us put on an English camp for a village school!

“We have also seen the establishment of our community center that we use to reach kids and families on a daily basis. Through English classes and various community events, we are meeting felt needs in the community by helping to develop educational opportunities and we are meeting spiritual needs by pointing students to Jesus Christ. Students have started attending a youth home group and have started reading the Bible and learning how to pray since studying at our center.

Prayer Requests:

- Center: We are currently working out of a small, rented space where we are able to serve roughly 30 students at a time. We are dreaming big for a larger and permanent center that can be a ministry hub here in the city we are serving and for all provinces in our area.
- Church: This center will be the home of an Assemblies of God that we will see planted.
- Discipleship Training Center: Working with our national Bible college in the city, we will make an extension site where students can intern with us, learn practical ministry in the countryside, and help plant churches.
- Favor: Pray for the local government to look upon us with kindness and to also see our team and this center as a very positive addition to the province.



Beverly Elcock – JAPAN, ASIA PACIFIC

Beverly has been serving in Tokyo, Japan, as an English conversation teacher at a local Japanese church. In addition to providing some secondary income for the local church, she connects and builds relationships with students. These relationships are the gateways for preaching the gospel and helping students know the love, forgiveness, and salvation of Jesus Christ!

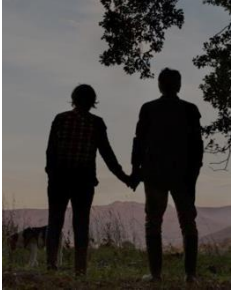
Update: Beverly will be returning stateside for six months then returning to transition to a Chi Alpha team in Japan. This will help her finish up her last year as a missionary associate and transition into being a career missionary.

God has been opening a lot of doors with the nearby university campuses. Beverly will be starting an English Bible Study on one of the campuses.

Prayer Requests and Praise Reports:

- Pray for Beverly's transition into her new role within Chi Alpha.
- Pray for the transition from the local church, that she is able to hand over all of the responsibilities to the next person well.
- Pray for her stress levels as she begins wraps up her current assignment.

Missionary C – NORTHERN ASIA (*Sensitive*)



Serving in Asia for many years in several capacities, mostly focused on training and equipping local believers, and compassion work in the area or orphan/prevention with special needs kids. Their team is also seeing doors open in working with the deaf as well as University students.

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Updates:

Missionary C landed in Hong Kong on last fall for their new assignment and are so grateful to be there! Pastor C is keeping busy with speaking engagements. They were also able to join in some outreaches to the homeless community as well as serving lunch for refugees.

They are now partnered with some friends who run a language center. They focus on reaching out to high school students who are studying from north of the border. They have hosted a seekers corner where students can practice English as well as discuss different scriptures and ask any questions they may have about faith.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for creative doors to open where we are and for the Lord to work out all of the details for this new ministry location.
- Pray for divine direction on where to spend their time and energy. There are so many needs, it can be overwhelming.

Missionary D - THAILAND (*Sensitive*)



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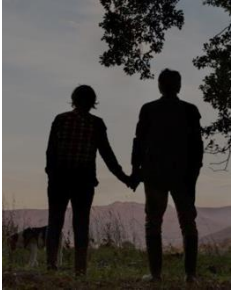
Mr. and Mrs. D serve the **Never Reached of Thailand**. They serve on a church planting team to focus on the 7 million Thai Muslims, which operates on the same principles and values of Live Dead. In the Asia Pacific region, our missionaries are developing church planting teams among a 450 million Never Reached people group. Mr. and Mrs. D are Missionary Team Leads. As Missionary Team Leads, they receive new missionaries and train them in language, culture, and basic ministry when first arrive.

The D's will be planting around 100 churches throughout Thailand within the next year. They also just completed a training on running cell groups. This fall, they will be hosting a training for Next Generation leaders. This year they started Royal Rangers and are working on raising the funds to pay for the translation. We are teaching it as fast as we are translating it now, but we need the funds to finish the program. Please pray for the restart of the network, the new leaders, and the Royal Rangers program.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the 100 new church plants in Thailand and the surrounding area.
- Please pray for the new Royal Rangers program and for funds to be provided to pay for the translation.

Missionary E – NORTHERN ASIA (*Sensitive*)



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Pastor E teaches missions at an AG university, which does not pay him a salary. The spears also work with Global U. to translate ministry materials to the people in their region.

Update: The doors have reopened for them to return to Northern Asia. They have currently been in Europe since the hot air balloon incident. Pastor D's Visa application! Praise God! Now they can head back in Northern Asia.

Prayer Requests:

- “We need to get established, rent an apartment quickly, and get softer mattresses as the ones there are hard as bricks. Mrs. E had back surgery a few years ago, so this is even more crucial.”
- Mrs.E's counseling ministry to global workers in multiple countries
- Unreached People Groups www.priority31.com and Buddhists in N. Asia: www.ctm.world.
- Local Asian leaders, Global U. translation staff, and seminary staff to endure persecution.
- Ongoing translation of Classical local language of Global U ministry materials
- Protection from imprisonment for the team translating Global U materials
- Priority 31 Unreached people groups in Northern Asia. www.priority31.com
- Protection and effective equipping at the seminary extension staff and students in N. Asia

Scott & Ruth Thompson – INDONESIA



Scott and Ruth are fully appointed career Assembly of God World Missionaries from the Michigan Network (Michigan District) to Indonesia.

Indonesia is the largest Muslim country in the world with more people than all of Russia. Indonesia has more Islamic mosques than the U.S. has churches. Our goal is to train, equip, mentor and disciple Indonesians for the work of the ministry and to go to the Never Reached areas of Indonesia. Indonesia has 17,506 islands, but they are unsure how many are inhabited - they estimate 6,000.

In Indonesia, there are still entire tribes, villages, and islands of people who since the time of Jesus walking on this earth 2,000 years ago until now have still never seen the feet of anybody bringing them a clear Gospel presentation.

Updates: The Thompsons are currently updating the library to serve 60 students that has been in existence for 75 years. Kingdom Builders provided funds for new computers – Praise God! Last month we travelled to a Bible School on the Indonesian island of Ambon about 2,700 km from where we live with a two-hour time difference. Ruth spoke at the Sunday morning chapel, and I spoke at the Monday evening service. It was a powerful time of ministry. With your help, we have provided scholarship funds to various Bible School students here, but this was the first time we have visited this Bible School in person.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray that God would continue to raise up Indonesian believers who have a call of God on their life to go to the Never Reached people groups of Indonesia. In December, Indonesia passed some tougher laws including "blasphemy laws" with increased penalties for those who would encourage people to abandon their faith.
- Please pray for boldness of believers in Indonesia - both Indonesians and foreigners living in Indonesia.

- Indonesia held their election on February 14 which gave them a new president. Please pray for this new leader.

Nathan and Brooke Kleindl – VANUATU (Island country in Oceania)



Exciting things are happening in the islands! Nathan and Brooke plan on leaving for the field in March to help plant churches. The International Church, ICC Port Vila, had a baptism service where over 17 people publicly declared their faith in Jesus! The Tanna Missions Center is coming along, and they can't wait to partner with all that the Lord is doing there!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the Visa application goes smoothly and is accepted and approved.
- Pray for Vanuatu as there are storms headed their way.
- Pray for Nathan's mom as she deals with the recent and unexpected loss of her husband (Nathan's father) and her illness.
- Pray for our visa application that it will be processed soon so we can continue our journey.
- Pray for safe travels for the Paris Family (partner missionaries).

Matthew and Angel Meagher – INDIA



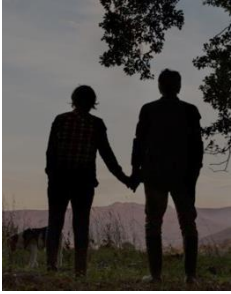
In 1998 we took a big step of Faith & started The Jesus Way. God has blessed us with 3 amazing children; Desirae 23, Josiah 21 & Brandon 19 yrs. We work together as a family in India serving the poorest of the poor and living every day to make a difference in the lives of the people here! Although we are surrounded with great need on every side, it is so rewarding to see lives be completely transformed by the Love of God! We are thankful to be a part of extending that love to the people around us! We are truly living our dreams!

Although each area that we are working in is very significant to us, currently we are focusing on the opportunity in front of us to rescue so many "At Risk" children through the school & orphanage! Currently, we have 500+ orphan, semi orphan, poor & underprivileged "At-Risk" children. Our organization, Jesus Way India, focuses on meeting the practical needs of the poor, underprivileged & outcasts of India to improve their overall standard of life & provide an opportunity for them to break the cycle of poverty & illiteracy! www.jesuswayindia.org

Prayer Requests:

- Main need: More workers...leaders who can be delegated to.
- Sponsors for the kids we already have.
- Sponsors for the kids who are currently on the waiting list for the next school year.
- For the Lord to prepare hearts to bring a team this year.

Missionary G – NORTHERN ASIA *(Sensitive)*



The Gs' serve drinks and hope in a restricted area in Northern Asia. They have applied for language school and are applying to multiple universities for the spring semester. Admission to these schools is their best chance to get visas and gain stable access to the country.

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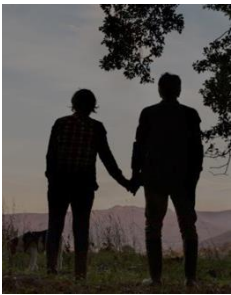
Update:

They have been stateside for several months raising money to return this month. During their itineration season, they had an opportunity to care for the children of missionaries to tiny Pacific Islands.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Northern Asia: Northern Asia is in turmoil right now, but we know that God is in control and may use all this for His good plans. Please pray with us for this place and the people that we love so much.
- Pray for us as we establish here, make friends, and have people in our home.
- Pray for our newly formed team to have unity and focus.
- Pray for our four children during this transition.

Missionary H - Philippines *(Sensitive)*



Pastor H has been named President-Elect of Asia Pacific university. The university is a theological seminary in the Philippines operated by the Assemblies of God. It is a part of the Asia Graduate School of Theology, a consortium of evangelical theological seminaries established by the ATA in 1984 to enable member seminaries to offer higher degrees.

The Wang's was a missionary to a very sensitive country prior to the epidemic. After having to return to the US during the pandemic, they were unable to get visa's back. After serving a few years with a US disaster assistance organization, the Hs' felt called back to SE Asia where they desire to minister. God brought an opportunity where they would be able to train missionaries and equip existing missionaries in Asia Pacific region.

Prayer Requests:

- They leave for the Philippines soon. Please pray for safe travels and an easy transition into their new role.
- Pray as they train up new national missionaries and support existing missionaries in Asia Pacific.

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