



## THE LAST OF HUMANITY

#### MORE THAN 3.37 BILLION PEOPLE HAVE NOT EVEN HEARD THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!



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Each new year we have the opportunity for a fresh start, a new beginning, and a clean slate. It's a time to focus on new goals. In the new year we are challenged with many firsts – January 1, the first day of the year, planning the first meal, a plan of action for the first week or first month of the year. It may even cause one to consider the many "firsts" in a lifetime – first steps, first words, first haircut, first friend, first love, and so many more.

Under the direction of our General Director, Dr. M. Thomas Propes, and Assistant Director, Dr. John D. Childers, we took the 365 Challenge and contemplated not only the "first", but the "last". The last on Earth to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. The last to hold a New Testament. The last to speak the name of Jesus. The last to receive Him as Lord and Savior. The last to receive the gift of eternal life.

How is it possible in this age of technology to have never heard the name of Jesus? There are people who live in such remote locations, they do not have the simplest of comforts we enjoy. We can easily drink water from a faucet or purchase a bottle of clean water at a convenience store – the last cannot. We can visit a restaurant or grocery store and enjoy a balanced meal – the last cannot. We can sit in a beautiful sanctuary and worship with family and friends – the last cannot.

The last have no clean running water, they have no access to medical care, they have no access to proper nutrition, they have no access to shelter, clothes or shoes. More importantly, the last have never heard that God sent His Son to redeem their souls.



#### "SOME OF THE LAST TO HEAR RESIDE UNDER GOVERNMENTS THAT ISOLATE THE POPULATION FROM KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPRESS THE GOSPEL MESSAGE."

Some of the last to hear reside under governments that isolate the population from knowledge and suppress the gospel message. They are forced to serve a god or practice a religion that cannot offer them eternal life. Or they may be secluded and have no exposure to the hope available in Christ Jesus.

Today, more than three billion people are among the last to be reached with the message of hope in Jesus Christ. Most of these three billion people reside on the continent of Asia. There are over 7,500 groups of people among the last to hear in Asia.

Our General Director has focused our efforts to identify, seek out, and minister to the physical, material, and spiritual needs of the last to hear that Jesus loves them. As Dr. Propes says, "If we meet their physical and material needs, then we can share the gospel to meet their eternal need."

In Asia, through the 365 Challenge, Church of God World Missions is digging wells, feeding the malnourished, administering medical care to the sick, training disciples, and planting churches. Because of your partnership, we are delivering the message of Jesus Christ to the last of Asia!

One region our teams are focusing on includes Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and China. Our targeted ministry in this region will share the gospel in feeding centers, orphanages, safe houses, refugee camps, churches, and international prisons.

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Myanmar produces 25% of the world's opium, as well as the largest meth producer globally. There are nearly one million refugees in Myanmar. The gospel is needed! God's message of salvation is vital to this region of Asia.

Thailand and Laos are involved in an annual \$12 Billion sex-trafficking industry. This region is also home to the poorest of the world. Many making less than a \$3 per day wage. They desperately need healthcare, clean water, proper nutrition, adequate shelter, clothing, and shoes.

We must be about the Father's business – He is passionate about the last; therefore, we should be as well. He gave His only Son that ALL should not perish, but have everlasting life. It is our call to seek out the last and share the greatest story ever told. "As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." John 20:21

We believe the 365 Challenge is our delivery system to finish the Great Commission. The size of the task before us is massive, but we serve a God who can equip us to reach

the last. With our recent partnership with Church of God Department of Education, we give God praise for our 116 educational institutions and their partnership in training our ministers and indigenous workers globally. As we pray for His anointing, He will empower us. This work is at the very heart of God!

Will you take the challenge? Will you pray every day for World Missions? Will you partner with us financially to take the gospel to the last?

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14





THERE ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 2,899,118,000 UNREACHED PEOPLE IN ASIA.

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