

## STATUS OF GLOBAL MISSION, AD 2004, IN CONTEXT OF 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES

	Year:	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend % p.a.	mid-2004	2025
<b>GLOBAL POPULATION</b>							
1. Total population		1,619,625,000	3,690,924,000	6,056,715,000	1.25	<b>6,364,317,000</b>	7,936,740,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)		232,695,000	1,353,051,000	2,882,917,000	1.94	<b>3,113,253,000</b>	4,660,918,000
3. Rural dwellers		1,386,930,000	2,337,873,000	3,173,798,000	0.60	<b>3,251,064,000</b>	3,275,822,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)		1,073,621,000	2,312,833,000	4,241,648,000	1.40	<b>4,484,258,000</b>	6,004,953,000
5. Literates		296,258,000	1,475,194,000	3,261,345,000	1.76	<b>3,497,306,000</b>	5,046,637,000
6. Nonliterates		777,363,000	837,639,000	980,303,000	0.17	<b>986,952,000</b>	958,316,000
<b>WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES</b>							
7. Metropolises (over 100,000 population)		300	2,400	4,050	2.09	<b>4,400</b>	6,500
8. Megacities (over 1 million population)		20	161	402	1.70	<b>430</b>	650
9. Urban poor		100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.07	<b>1,580 million</b>	3,000 million
10. Urban slumdwellers		20 million	260 million	700 million	3.39	<b>800 million</b>	1,600 million
<b>GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION</b>							
11. Total of all distinct organized religions		1,000	6,000	9,900	1.72	<b>10,600</b>	15,000
12. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)		558,131,000	1,234,431,000	1,999,514,000	1.12	<b>2,090,763,000</b>	2,642,724,000
13. Muslims		199,914,000	547,979,000	1,185,920,000	1.76	<b>1,271,884,000</b>	1,836,567,000
14. Hindus		203,003,000	462,523,000	803,594,000	1.15	<b>841,078,000</b>	1,068,527,000
15. Nonreligious		3,024,000	532,344,000	762,132,000	0.41	<b>774,800,000</b>	844,842,000
16. Chinese universists		380,006,000	231,865,000	390,735,000	0.63	<b>400,600,000</b>	456,625,000
17. Buddhists		127,077,000	232,561,000	363,964,000	0.86	<b>376,574,000</b>	450,303,000
18. Atheists		226,000	165,391,000	148,055,000	0.25	<b>149,564,000</b>	157,742,000
19. New-Religionists		5,951,000	78,323,000	104,066,000	0.68	<b>106,937,000</b>	123,360,000
20. Ethnoreligionists		117,558,000	162,917,000	237,023,000	0.61	<b>242,882,000</b>	276,103,000
21. Sikhs		2,962,000	10,618,000	23,258,000	1.21	<b>24,402,000</b>	31,398,000
22. Jews		12,292,000	15,097,000	14,564,000	0.67	<b>14,956,000</b>	17,195,000
23. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)		1,061,494,000	2,456,493,000	4,057,201,000	1.31	<b>4,273,554,000</b>	5,294,016,000
<b>GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY</b>							
24. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)		34.5	33.4	33.0	-0.12	<b>32.9</b>	33.3
25. Unaffiliated Christians		36,489,000	105,723,000	105,012,000	0.39	<b>106,665,000</b>	113,890,000
26. Affiliated Christians (church members)		521,642,000	1,128,708,000	1,894,502,000	1.16	<b>1,984,098,000</b>	2,528,834,000
27. Church attenders		469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	<b>1,416,842,000</b>	1,760,568,000
28. Evangelicals		71,726,000	98,375,000	225,733,000	1.83	<b>242,697,000</b>	355,039,000
29. Great Commission Christians		77,931,000	277,153,000	650,199,000	1.20	<b>682,026,000</b>	876,525,000
30. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics		981,000	167,220,000	532,917,000	1.73	<b>570,806,000</b>	818,637,000
31. Average Christian martyrs per year		34,400	377,000	160,000	1.08	<b>167,000</b>	210,000
<b>MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCS</b>							
32. Anglicans		30,571,000	47,401,000	76,629,000	1.65	<b>81,805,000</b>	115,299,000
33. Independents		7,931,000	97,011,000	385,569,000	1.85	<b>414,913,000</b>	609,813,000
34. Marginal Christians		928,000	11,100,000	29,485,000	1.90	<b>31,786,000</b>	47,161,000
35. Orthodox		115,844,000	139,646,000	213,423,000	0.37	<b>216,574,000</b>	233,898,000
36. Protestants		103,024,000	210,969,000	347,474,000	1.43	<b>367,742,000</b>	495,227,000
37. Roman Catholics		266,547,000	665,477,000	1,056,189,000	1.07	<b>1,101,930,000</b>	1,376,632,000
<b>MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS</b>							
38. Africa (5 regions)		8,756,000	117,227,000	347,071,000	2.48	<b>382,816,000</b>	640,460,000
39. Asia (4 regions)		20,759,000	96,462,000	303,529,000	1.64	<b>323,936,000</b>	455,850,000
40. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)		368,209,000	467,935,000	531,177,000	-0.18	<b>527,423,000</b>	508,147,000
41. Latin America (3 regions)		60,027,000	263,552,000	475,807,000	1.14	<b>497,949,000</b>	632,253,000
42. Northern America (1 region)		59,570,000	168,943,000	215,361,000	0.81	<b>222,458,000</b>	263,736,000
43. Oceania (4 regions)		4,322,000	14,589,000	20,800,000	1.19	<b>21,811,000</b>	27,979,000
<b>CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS</b>							
44. Denominations		1,900	18,600	33,800	2.29	<b>37,000</b>	63,000
45. Congregations (worship centers)		400,000	1,450,000	3,448,000	1.52	<b>3,663,000</b>	5,035,000
46. Service agencies		1,500	14,100	23,000	2.11	<b>25,000</b>	40,000
47. Foreign-mission sending agencies		600	2,200	4,000	1.65	<b>4,270</b>	6,000
<b>CONCILIARISM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES</b>							
48. Confessional councils (CWCs, at world level)		40	150	275	2.00	<b>300</b>	450
49. International councils of churches		10	45	110	3.00	<b>120</b>	180
50. National councils of churches		19	450	840	1.90	<b>910</b>	1,400
51. Local councils of churches		70	2,600	9,000	4.20	<b>9,700</b>	14,800
<b>CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)</b>							
52. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)		1,050,000	2,350,000	5,104,000	0.97	<b>5,305,000</b>	6,500,000
53. Aliens (foreign missionaries)		62,000	240,000	420,000	1.11	<b>439,000</b>	550,000
<b>CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)</b>							
54. Personal income of church members, \$		270 billion	4,100 billion	15,227 billion	2.28	<b>16,590 billion</b>	26,000 billion
55. Giving to Christian causes, \$		8 billion	70 billion	270 billion	5.41	<b>330 billion</b>	870 billion
56. Churches' income, \$		7 billion	50 billion	108 billion	4.53	<b>130 billion</b>	300 billion
57. Parachurch and institutional income, \$		1 billion	20 billion	162 billion	5.99	<b>200 billion</b>	570 billion
58. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism, \$)		17,500	128,000	330,000	2.80	<b>349,000</b>	650,000
59. Ecclesiastical crime, \$		300,000	5,000,000	16 billion	6.07	<b>20 billion</b>	65 billion
60. Income of global foreign missions, \$		200,000,000	3.0 billion	15 billion	6.46	<b>20 billion</b>	60 billion
61. Computers in Christian use (numbers)		0	1,000	334 million	6.40	<b>430 million</b>	1,700 million

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Year:	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend	mid-2004	2025
<b>CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles)</b>						
62. Books about Christianity	300,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	3.08	<b>5,543,000</b>	11,800,000
63. Books on Christian mission	15,000	65,000	111,000	2.18	<b>121,000</b>	195,000
64. Christian periodicals	3,500	23,000	35,000	4.03	<b>41,000</b>	100,000
<b>SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year/p.a.)</b>						
65. Bibles, p.a.	5,452,600	25,000,000	53,700,000	4.96	<b>65,166,000</b>	180,000,000
66. New Testaments, p.a.	7,300,000	45,000,000	120,700,000	2.96	<b>135,614,000</b>	250,000,000
67. Scriptures including gospels, selections, p.a.	20 million	281 million	4,600 million	1.02	<b>5,025 million</b>	8,000 million
68. Bible density (copies in place)	108 million	443 million	1,400 million	1.02	<b>1,510 million</b>	2,280 million
<b>CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING</b>						
69. Christian radio/TV stations	0	1,230	4,000	1.23	<b>4,200</b>	5,400
70. Total monthly listeners/viewers	0	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2.30	<b>2,355,000,000</b>	3,800,000,000
71. over Christian stations	0	150,000,000	600,000,000	3.14	<b>679,000,000</b>	1,300,000,000
72. over secular stations	0	650,000,000	1,810,000,000	1.76	<b>1,941,000,000</b>	2,800,000,000
<b>CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION</b>						
73. Non-Christian megacities	5	65	226	1.14	<b>236</b>	300
74. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day	5,200	51,100	129,000	1.70	<b>138,000</b>	200,000
75. Urban Christians	159,600,000	660,800,000	1,160,000,000	1.58	<b>1,235,000,000</b>	1,720,000,000
<b>CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM</b>						
76. Evangelism-hours per year	5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	1.04	<b>192 billion</b>	425 billion
77. Hearer-hours (offers) per year	10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	1.06	<b>1,195 billion</b>	4,250 billion
78. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita per year	6	27	155	4.91	<b>188</b>	529
<b>WORLD EVANGELIZATION</b>						
79. Unevangelized population (=World A)	879,672,000	1,641,300,000	1,711,440,000	0.52	<b>1,747,034,000</b>	1,946,411,000
80. Unevangelized as % of world	54.3	44.5	28.3	-0.72	<b>27.5</b>	24.5
81. World evangelization plans since AD 30	250	510	1,500	2.87	<b>1,680</b>	3,000

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