



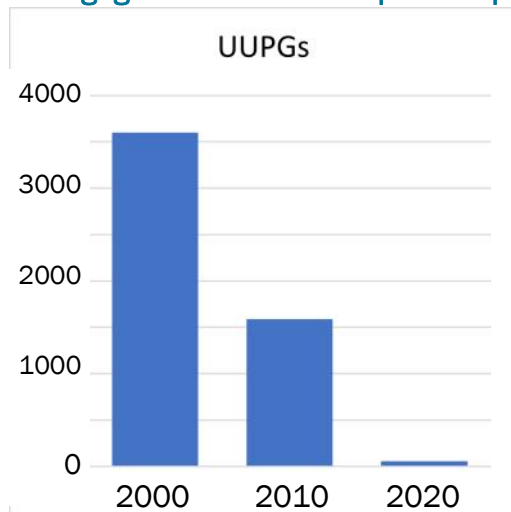
He Loves the Whole World

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”
Revelation 7:9,10

There is a group of Christian leaders, working under the theme of Finishing The Task (FTT), who have been meeting together every year since they began at a Lausanne conference in 2000. As they discussed Revelation 7:9, they realized how many people are separated from God and have no chance to experience God’s love through Christ! As they researched unreached people groups, they found that over 3600 had not yet been engaged by any missionary. No church, no Bible, nor any believers among them! They committed to reduce that number every year by helping raise up missionaries specifically to go to these remaining difficult to reach tribes and people groups.

By 2020 they were able to set up people to go to all but the last 60 groups, and one of the leaders said, “We will commit to finding people to reach these last groups.” As they began working on that, it turned out that all 60 of the groups were clusters of deaf people in different parts of the world. What made these last groups so difficult to engage with was that they didn’t have a written language, didn’t have a sign language, or any language at all! So what was needed to help reach them was to create a video where everything made sense just through what was seen. No words. And now, in 2022 that video has been made, and these groups can begin to be engaged with the gospel!

Unengaged Unreached People Groups



Also, Bible translators worldwide have goals to provide a full Bible to 95% of the world’s people, and a New Testament to 99%, and at least some portion of Scripture to 100% by the year 2033.

Among the world’s Unreached People Groups there are still 4975 who are less than 0.1% Christian. Thousands of groups with roughly 2 billion people are just recently being engaged at all! The largest amount of work remains in India, in North Africa and the Middle East, in Central Asia’s republics, and in vast stretches of Asia and Asian islands. There is still much to do to see all groups have a chance to believe in Jesus.

Cru is seeking to play a significant role in these efforts through the Jesus Film and its many partners, our college and high school summer missions teams, our international sending, church planting and humanitarian outreach. We are partnering in many ways with the broader body of Christ to get the gospel to every person!

Meanwhile, our U.S. staff will soon be gathering for the national staff conference, held this year in Mil-



waukee, Wisconsin. Around 5000 of us will be there for inspiration and input from the Lord, refreshment and reconnection with our fellow staff members, and to hear how God has been at work and where He is leading us in the future.

Would you please pray for this time, July 13 to 23, as we all gather? Rochelle and I will be there and expect it to be a great learning and growing time.

If you are able to give a special gift to help cover travel expenses to this conference, you can give online at cru.org/give/0257817 or mail us a check made out to Cru. Thanks so much for considering it!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for the 5000 U.S. staff members gathering for the national staff conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We look forward to sharing how the Lord met us there, and the stories of how He has been at work.
2. Andy and Ryoko will move into a rental home nearby from July 1st. It's exciting and there's a lot to do getting ready.
3. Pray for Rochelle as she completes her Biblical Communication class this month.
4. Pray for wisdom and accuracy for Steve and HR staff tracking all our staff through their summer work and new ministry assignments.
5. Pray that more laborers would answer God's call to go to these people groups who have not yet heard the Good News of Christ!

Thanks for your prayers and support of our work helping send out laborers for the U.S. and the world!

*With love in Jesus,
Steve & Rochelle*

