

CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Christianity is the single, fastest growing religion in the world. For example, in AD 100, there were 360 non-believers for every believer. Today, there are only nine non-believers for every believer, and only four of those non-believers are from unreached people groups.

The number of people who are being presented the plan of salvation every day is now at least 260,274. Pray for today's over quarter million non-believers that they may respond to the call of Christ. Every day, the average number added to the body of Christ worldwide averages 174,000 and 3,500 new churches are opening every week worldwide.

In the 1980's, 10% of Korea and 10% of Chile turned to Christ, and over 10% in Indonesia - the largest Muslim country in the world. Indonesia is now over 25% Christian.

True Christianity has grown by more than 300 million believers in the past ten years. About 10 million of these new Christians are from North America and Europe, and the rest, 290 million, are from developing countries like Nigeria, Argentina, India, and China.

Over 700 million people in 220 countries have seen "The Jesus Film," with 41 million indicating a commitment to Jesus Christ and to follow-up in Bible study.

Every month, another 15,000 in India are baptized as new believers in Jesus Christ. In India, there is one pastor for every seven churches. In Sudan, the ratio is one to twelve.

In China, there are now about 80 million evangelical believers -- growing at a rate five times that of the general population. Over 30,000 conversions a day take place in China alone.

In recent years, the best-selling book in Japan has been the Bible. In a government survey, Japanese citizens were asked to name the greatest religious leader in history. Sixty-seven percent replied, "Jesus Christ."

In 1900, Korea had no Protestant churches and it was deemed "impossible to penetrate." Today, six new churches open every day in South Korea, and it is the site of nine of the world's largest churches - some with more than 800,000 members. Today, Korea is 30% Christian with 7,000 churches in Seoul alone. Millions of Buddhists have come to Christ.

Latin America has over 400 million people, more than 50 million have become evangelical Christians. By the end of this decade, a majority of the people in Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador will be evangelical believers. Chile, Costa Rica, and Bolivia are about 40% Bible-believing evangelical. Already, Mexico's population is more than 35% evangelical. In Latin America, some 34,000 believers are added to the Church per day.

In Africa, the Church is on "fire." It's the first continent to become majority Christian of over 50% in a single century. Over 25,000 new believers per day mark the growth of the Church. In one baptismal service, in the ocean on the coast of Angola in southern Africa, 10,000 were baptized in one day.

More Muslims in Iran have come to Christ since 1980 than in the previous 1,000 years combined. Before Khomeini's revolution in 1979, there were about 2,000 Iranian believers. After years of intensified persecution, there are now more than 15,000.

In Indonesia, a seminary student must complete the schoolwork required, start a new church, and see at least 15 Muslims come to faith in Jesus Christ. In the past 6 years, these students have started more than 600 churches and seen 40,000 Muslims find new life in Christ.