The Global Adopt A People campaign

Every hour 2500 precious people die who never had a chance to hear the news that Jesus died for them.

> We want to change this Find out how



WHO WE ARE

The Global Adopt A People Campaign is a specialized mission agency which seeks to finish the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ as stated in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go and make disciples of all nations," through supplying a crucial missing component: Massive Daily Prayer for the remaining 3,000,000,000 people living among the world's remaining 4000 unreached people groups. Almost all these groups are Hindu, Muslim or Buddhist groups. While there are thousands of excellent evangelical missionaries doing their best to reach these groups, with excellent New Testament translations and tools like the Jesus Film, and radio, TV, and internet broadcasting available, converts are very few.

The apostle Paul explains why this is the case in 2 Corinthians 4:4 stating that the god of this age, Satan, has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot understand the Gospel of Christ. Because this blindness is being caused by evil spiritual forces, they must be driven back by spiritual force. They must be driven back by prayer. This is where the Global Adopt A People Campaign comes into the picture. The Lord has enabled us to link the tremendous untapped prayer power of the church with the missionaries on the field breaking down the walls of demonic blindness and allowing the unreached to understand the Gospel and be saved.



AN IN DEPTH EXPLANATION OF THE GLOBAL ADOPT A PEOPLE CAMPAIGN

THE SITUATION

This very day 60,000 precious people whom Jesus greatly loves will perish into an eternity of darkness and anguish. They presently have no way to hear the good news that Jesus died to save them.

They are from the 3,000,000,000 unreached people who live in 4000 unreached people groups who are located in Asia and parts of Africa. They are mostly Buddhists, Muslims and Hindus.

About 80% of these precious souls or about 2,400,000,000 live in about 250 very large unreached groups of over 1,000,000. This would include groups like the 450,000,000 Arabs, 253,000,000 Bengalis, 123,000,000 Punjabis, 100,000,000 Javanese, etc.

All of these large unreached groups among the 250 have well trained missionaries working among them. They also have New Testaments, Jesus Films, radio broadcasts and literature. But there is almost no response to the Gospel.



The Biblical Solution

All the activities focused on reaching the unreached peoples just mentioned are excellent. Why aren't they responding to the Gospel? What is missing? In Matthew 12:29, Mark 3:27 and Luke 11:22 the Lord Jesus, the Commander-in-Chief of His armies, states that there is another absolutely essential requirement. In Mark 3:27 speaking of Satan, He says, "No one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house." (NASB) This binding of Satan, the strong man over each unreached group, is a spiritual activity that must be done through PRAYER!

In Ephesians 6, the apostle Paul teaches the Ephesian church to pray telling them we are not struggling against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world, and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph 6:12). These massive spiritual forces are assigned by Satan especially to these large unreached people groups because it would be a disaster to his kingdom if they were reached.

The apostle Paul gives us the reason these forces must be bound in 2 Corinthians 4:4 stating that the god of this age (Satan) blinds the minds of unbelievers so they cannot understand the Gospel. Later in the book of 2 Cor 10:4-6 Paul says that by prayer we can cast down these strongholds that keep people from coming to the knowledge of God.

The Means to Implement the Biblical Solution

All missionaries pray much, and exhort their supporters to pray, but for large unreached groups massive amounts of prayer are necessary. Satan assigns powerful spiritual forces to these groups. That is because these groups exercise great sway over surrounding unreached groups. Altogether the 3,000,000,000 in the unreached groups make up 40% of the world's population. While the West sends many missionaries, western evangelicals spend very little time in prayer for missions, much less for these unreached groups. Where can the massive amounts of prayer necessary to bind these powerful demonic forces be obtained?

Equipping God's Church to Pray



Presently, 80% of evangelicals, about 480,000,000 people, do NOT live in the West. They live in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Large numbers of these evangelicals belong to evangelical denominations whose missionaries, decades ago, planted their denominations in dozens of countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Most of the countries on these continents have large national denominations of hundreds or thousands of churches that are Christian and Missionary Alliance, Southern Baptist, Nazarene, Assemblies of God, Presbyterian Church in America, etc.

These evangelical denominations in the non-western world have several characteristics which are ideal for providing the needed prayer to break down the gates of Hell surrounding these massive unreached groups. Since these are very young denominations, their members still have a heart of love for the lost. They still love to pray. They believe in demonic forces and believe that prayer can defeat them. They obey their leaders.

If their denominational leaders tell them that the Lord is leading their denominations to pray daily for missionaries of their denomination working with an unreached group, they will pray! They will pray even if there is no missionary from that national denomination working with that group. They have a strong sense of denominational kinship. For instance Assemblies of God members in the Philippines are currently praying for Argentine Assemblies of God missionaries working with an unreached group in Afghanistan because their Philippine leaders have asked them to.

The Practical Implementation of the Biblical Solution



We partner with the leaders of large groups of denominational churches in countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America to provide the members of their churches with the resources to pray daily for the success of missionaries with their denomination who are working with unreached people groups.

We give each church in the denomination an Adoption Kit. The kit has a letter for each pastor from the leader of the denomination explaining the importance of their prayer. It contains a beautiful video overview of the unreached people group, as well as an explanation of two prayer tools and how each member should use them. It contains a large attractive color poster for the church's foyer reminding them to pray. It also contains a 13 lesson DVD series on missions with a leaders guide for an adult Sunday School class.

Most importantly the Adoption Kit has two prayer tools for each family in the church, with 50 copies of both in each kit. One is a color Prayer Profile with an overview of the people group and prayer requests for each day of the week for the group. These prayers are vitally important general prayer needs and will remain the same for the particular unreached group. The other tool is a bimonthly Prayer Update also with prayers for each day of the week. But each member will receive a new prayer update every two months containing answers to specific prayers and new specific prayer requests. These are obtained by the GAAPC Adoption Coordinator in our office in Manila through personal communication with the field missionaries by phone or email. They are then formatted and distributed to each church and photocopied for each member. Members are asked to pray one minute per day using these two prayer tools. One million people praying one minute per day amounts to 16,000 hours of prayer daily or nearly 6,000,000 hours per year.

COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BIBLICAL SOLUTION



The cost of keeping an American missionary with two children on the field in Afghanistan is about \$100,000 per year. If there are five missionary couples that would be \$600,000 per year. And yet without the necessary massive prayer needed, few people come to Christ.

But the Adoption of that group by 2000 churches would require a one time cost of only \$60,000 and ongoing average costs of \$3,500 per year to produce and distribute the Bi-Monthly Updates resulting in large numbers coming to Christ. These figures are not given to in any way suggest that missionaries are not needed. They are vitally needed! But just a small additional investment to equip a denomination to adopt the unreached group for prayer will overwhelmingly increase their success!

"The Gospel is only good news if it gets there in time!" Carl H. Henry

Benefits to Other

In addition to the massive daily prayer provided for the missionaries of the denomination adopting the unreached people group, many other church planting mission agencies and denominations will benefit directly or indirectly.

For instance, when Wycliffe Bible Translators is working on a Bible translation for the unreached group that was adopted, GAAPC staff will work with Wycliffe to include prayer requests for their missionaries to receive the Lord's help to complete the translation. So all the church members of the adopting denomination will pray for God's blessing and protection on the Wycliffe missionaries. But the completed New Testament will not only help the denomination that is praying for Wycliffe missionaries, it will also have the same value for the other denominations and independent church planting agencies working with that unreached group as well. So Wycliffe and the other agencies will greatly benefit from GAAPC's work.

The same is true if the adopting denomination is praying for the Jesus Film staff working on a Jesus Film in the unreached group's language. Once it is finished, all the other denominations and agencies doing evangelism and church planting with that unreached group will also benefit from using the Jesus Film. This principle will hold true for many different types of ministries like radio or TV broadcasts, groups like Mission Aviation Fellowship, Christian Literature ministries or relief ministries such as World Vision, etc. All denominations and agencies working with a given people group will benefit from the prayers of the one adopting denomination.

MISSION AGENCIES

In addition to resources such as those just described, with every adoption many general items of major importance are prayed for that will affect all agencies working among the group. For instance the adopting denomination will pray that the evil spirits which reinforce Muslim (or Hindu or Buddhist) beliefs of that group will be bound. They will pray that the Holy Spirit will show the unreached groups that their beliefs are false and they have been deceived.

Prayers are also said that leaders in the countries where the missionaries are working will be wise and competent and resist corruption. If there are warring factions or if there is terrorist activity prayer is offered for peace. If there is famine or drought there will be prayer requests that the Lord would cause these to cease. All these prayers will tremendously benefit all the agencies and denominations working in the country and not just the missionaries of the adopting denomination. "The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution in history to world evangelization." --Andrew Murray

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GAAPC'S GOALS FOR Completing Christ's Great Commission

Goal 1: We will continue partnering with the adopting denominations until each unreached people group is saturated with churches in such a way that every member of the people group will have an evangelical church close enough for them to hear the Gospel in their own language and by their own people. And if they are saved, to attend an evangelical church and be discipled in biblical truth to be strong, vibrant Christians sharing the Gospel with others and praying for the remaining unreached groups to be reached.

Goal 2: We will continue partnering with the denomination until at least 25% of each people group become evangelical Christians.

Goal 3: We will work closely with the adopting denominations to make sure the newly planted denominations will have mission training and mission sending agencies with a commitment to send out missionaries to the adjacent unreached groups so they will also be reached.

Goal 4: We will continue adoption partnerships with national denominations until every unreached people group in the world is reached in such a way as to meet the first three goals.





We believe accomplishing these four goals will complete the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ as stated in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" and in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come."





What Leaders are saying About the Global Adopt A People Campaign

"There is nothing more important to our Lord Jesus Christ than making the Gospel available to the 3,000,000,000 precious people who still cannot hear it. For the last 5 years we have partnered with the Global Adopt-A-People Campaign to equip over 5000 of our churches in the Brazilian Assemblies of God to pray daily for the Assemblies of God missionaries working among the Arabs of Egypt, and the Arabs of Jordan. We are seeing Arabs coming to Christ as a result. We are excited to be working with this strategic organization which the Lord raised up to provide the massive amounts of prayer necessary to reach the remaining unreached peoples of the world, and we look forward to continue partnering with them to finish Christ's Great Commission."

.--JOSE WELLINGTON, President of the Brazilian Assemblies of God, which has 120,000 churches and 23,000,000 members "Without the prayers of the Brazilian Assemblies of God we cannot reach the Arab world for Christ."

--DICK BROGDEN, Founder and Director of the Live Dead movement of the Assemblies of God World Missions. This movement has thrust dozens of missionaries into the Arab world

"If the Pashtuns are ever going to be reached, it will be because of the years of massive daily prayer for them, and for the missionaries working among them, generated by the Global Adopt-A-People Campaign."

- Senior Mission leader in Afghanistan (name withheld for security reasons)

We believe that the 15,000,000 Somalis are created in the image of God, therefore they can and will respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Prayer is a key factor in this response. How thankful we are to the Global Adopt-A-People Campaign for strategically equipping the 4000 churches of the Kenya Assemblies of God to be praying for demonic darkness to loosen its grip on the Somali world. The Kenya Assemblies of God is praying! Because we have a God who answers, we are seeing the beginnings of a shift in the spirit realm. The time for the Somalis is very soon."

--GREG BEGGS, Africa Director of Assemblies of God World Missions with oversight of 357 missionaries in 52 countries





Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done? Proverbs 24:11-12

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