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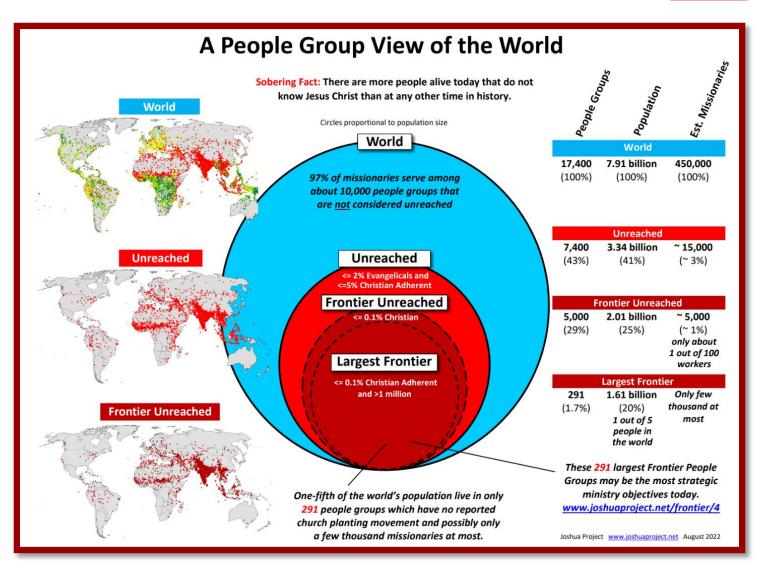
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Holy Cows! Really?

What comes to your mind when you think about **India**? The Taj Mahal. Gurus. Yoga. The Jungle Book classic. Tigers. Masses of humanity in teaming cities. Rickshaws. Red dots dabbed on foreheads. Buddhist monks in orange robes. Mother Teresa. Sad hopelessness. Elaborate Hindu temples. Extravagant wealth. Brutal poverty. Spicy food. Nan bread (to cool the heat). Colonialism. Monsoon rains. Smooth-talking businessmen. Steamy jungles. Caste system injustices. Persecution.... India is all this and much more. India is complicated! But, perhaps unexpectedly, the Spirit of Jesus is moving you and I to engage there.

- It is 1/3 the land size of the continental USA
- But it is the most populated nation in the world!
- There are 14 different official languages used in the 25+ states (Hindi is the official language for about half of the states)
- The various official state languages all use <u>different</u> writing systems or scripts!
- India is home to 400-1400 language varieties and tribal people-groups, most unreached and without the Word

I was stunned by this graphic (below) from the Joshua Project. See that dark red triangular blob in Asia (bottom left)? Most of that is India.



Reaching In-dia!



Usually we think of **out**reach; reaching **out**. But the vision that God has given to Prem and other Asian believers whom I have trained recently, is for them as "insiders" to reach other Asians; to reach in! Having the SPadv app enables them to Reach In-dia in a powerful, discreet and affordable way. There are "sensitivities" about being a Jesus follower in many parts of this country and foreigners to In-dia are not always welcome. Lord of the harvest, prosper your Word through the Reach In-dia alliance! (Is. 55:11).

Right now, and in the next few months, a cadre of In-dians are working hard to complete Story app resources in several state languages. Plans are to do a June online training of 20+ SP mentors who can help to "blitz" train representatives from

50 (fifty!) tribal languages at a large 1-week workshop in October in a safe place in In-dia. As the Lord enables, I hope to go on-site to help with that first big training. Lord, we are asking you to make this blitz training model sustainable and something that can be repeated until all the language communities are reached. Spread your Word like wildfire and make it bountifully fruitful everywhere it goes (2 Thes. 3:1).

"My Word is a fire," declares the LORD.

Other News & Prayer Bytes

The **Pocket Publisher app** will probably not be developed beyond its prototype. But, many of its functions have been incorporated into the sophisticated and advanced Story Publisher app. Thank you, Lord, for Kris and the CU team who worked to build the draft for this tool. Bless the work of their hands and keep them close to yourself, running the race with perseverance like a disciplined athlete.



The Honey Bee app – an audio Scripture translation tool with embedded exegetical helps and publishing abilities – is getting wings! Professional young volunteers are working on code and resources that will populate this tool. Father, thank you for sending Zac, David, Hannah, Galen and Elly to build this tool and its resources. Cause your Word to be ever sweeter and far more valued than gold for each one who ever puts fingerprints on this tool.

the Honey Bee

- The Indo1000 is a fellowship of various people and organizations in Indonesia who want to introduce the Story Publisher app to I000 local language communities so that speakers from those minority ethnic communities can translate and publish a Bible panorama - God's rescue story - in video form for their own people. Hallelujah! The preparation stage for this endeavor will be completed this month. We pray for the successful training and sending out of the "young apostles" which will begin in June and continue for some years. Lord of all the earth, raise up and send out these laborers to bring in your ripe harvest (Luke 10:2). Put your Spirit in them, encourage them and protect them from the evil one by your name. Grant them unity and your deep joy as they go. Set them apart in your truth (John 17.11-19). Build your Church in Indo! The Indo1000 "baby" has grown quickly into a competent young adult and is now ready to fly free of my apron strings. (I love that aspect of "parenting"/discipling.) I will still encourage, pray for and occasionally advise from afar, but now I will enjoy the grandchildren \mathfrak{O} and focus more on other baby endeavors.
- A small YWAM school in Brazil that is utilizing the SP app to help teach audio Bible Translation to their students, has sent their students out on a practicum to four unreached, indigenous tribes. They are, as I write this, training speakers from each of these language communities to use the Story app to create and share Bible videos with their own people. Jesus, equip each laborer with your Word for every good work they will do. Teach, correct, encourage and protect them (2 Tim. 3:16-27).

📈 Robin Let's keep spreading the fire to the nations!



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