

JOSHUA PROJECT 2000 Is Reborn as

JOSHUA PROJECT II

—Rick Wood

The mission of Joshua Project II is to highlight the peoples of the world who have the least exposure to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Joshua Project II seeks to accomplish this through information sharing and networking.

Mission Frontiers proclaimed the launch of Joshua Project 2000 in November of 1995. Now we announce the birth of Joshua Project II with the expanded focus on reaching all of the unreached peoples regardless of size.

Joshua Project 2000 was an amazing success with hundreds of people groups receiving church-planting teams and new fellowships for the first time. Through the efforts of Joshua Project 2000, an increasingly accurate body of data on the unreached peoples was developed and continually updated and expanded from thousands of sources around the world. Many mission leaders expressed concern that this momentum would be lost if there was not a new focused effort to continue the data refinement and highlighting of the least-reached peoples of the world. Joshua Project II is a continuation and expansion of the original Joshua Project initiative. It is an effort to highlight all the least-reached peoples

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of the world and to help build ministry networks and partnerships to focus on these peoples. The Joshua Project II team is made up of four former AD2000 and Beyond Movement staff that helped manage the original Joshua Project. For 2001, Joshua Project II is a joint initiative of Caleb Project and the

International Christian Technologists Association (ICTA).

The mission of Joshua Project II is threefold. First, to gather, manage and distribute strategic population, progress indicator and ministry activity information to maximize the visibility of the least-reached peoples to the Church.

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From this new website you can:

Access the Original Joshua Project List and

View the current status of the original Joshua Project list.

View or download various segments of the original list.

View people profiles from the original list.

Access the Joshua Project II All Peoples List and

Download a comprehensive list of all 16,300 peoples by country.

View people group lists for every country of the world.

Participate in the Joshua Project II survey.

Register your least-reached peoples ministry activity/commitment.

Download the Joshua Project II peoples information set.

Discover interesting facts about people groups. For example, which relatively small country has over 900 people groups and which major country has only 7 people groups?

Read:

- An overview of the Joshua Project initiative.

- An article explaining why there are different total people group counts.

Second, to be a least-reached peoples networking resource to the Christian mission community. Third, to enhance the flow of information between Great Commission organizations by using standardized data coding.

Current Objectives

1. To conduct a global ministry activity survey requesting permission to transfer and update existing AD2000 and Beyond data as well as gather new statistical and ministry activity data on smaller people groups.
2. To provide an initial comprehensive list of the world's ethno-cultural peoples and to track a small number of status indicators for each group including percent/number of Evangelicals, percent/number of Christian adherents, church growth and mission agency progress indicators. The ongoing maintenance of this all peoples list will be done in cooperation with the International Missions Board-SBC and the Harvest Information System.
3. To provide least-reached peoples information products and services to the Body of Christ including web, printed and CD delivery of data in various database and text formats.

4. To provide a collection and contact point for least-reached peoples status and work-among information. To actively use this information to promote networking and partnerships focusing on least-reached peoples. To promote the flow of strategic ministry activity information between individuals, churches, denominations and mission agencies.
5. To support mission information standardization efforts such as the Harvest Information System and other information sharing initiatives.

Joshua Project II Products and Services.

Joshua Project II is gathering and sharing information to help maximize the advance of the Gospel among the least-reached peoples of the world. The following products and services are available:

1. Downloadable database format people group lists and segments of the original Joshua Project least-reached peoples list and the Joshua Project II "all peoples" list. In the near future Joshua Project plans to have online interactively queryable databases and a comprehensive least-reached peoples list.
2. Formatted reports of various lists

and segments of peoples lists and complete people group listings for every country in the world.

3. Basic profiles of the least-reached peoples including status, ministry tools available, links to related websites and ministry activity summaries.
4. Standardized mission information set for people group data built using Harvest Information System codes and categories.
5. Non-secure ministry activity and contact information for contacts focusing on specific people groups. This information is provided upon request and within specific security guidelines. Please contact Joshua Project II for further information.
6. CD-Rom and paper versions of any of the above materials to those in the Two-Thirds World where Internet connection charges are prohibitive or if there are other special circumstances.

How Can You Help?

Joshua Project II cannot achieve their ambitious goals without your help. Here are some ways that you can be involved.

1. Join Joshua Project II as an on-site long-term volunteer or staff. Several are needed to assist with the Joshua Project II survey and information management including an administrative assistant, web programmer and database developer.
2. Give financially to support their efforts.
3. Pray specifically for the needs of Joshua Project II.
4. Participate in the Joshua Project II survey and register your least-reached peoples activity/commitment at the Joshua Project website or contact them at the address below. Wherever you are in the world, Joshua Project needs the information you have on the peoples you know. 🌐

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It's Coming Soon! Look For It!

A Complete List of Unreached Peoples

There are currently two major lists of peoples on the Joshua Project II website: 1. The original Joshua Project list and 2. The Joshua Project II All Peoples list.

Now a third list, the **Joshua Project II Least-reached Peoples** list is planned for release in late 2001/early 2002. It will be ethno-culturally based and include all of the least-reached or unreached peoples in the world regardless of size. It will be a subset of the comprehensive "All Peoples" list and an extension of the original least-reached peoples list. Through this list, Joshua Project II hopes to give visibility to the unfinished task.

The Next Phase of the Joshua Project II Website:

1. To make the data in the downloadable files available interactively on-line. For example, a user selects a country and then all the peoples in that country are displayed. Then selecting a particular people, a people profile is displayed including non-sensitive work-among information.

2. To automate the on-line survey mechanism so users can record their mission activity by linking their mission/church/denomination with a particular people group.

3. To create a queryable web-based database, with pre-made and user-defined queries allowing datasets such as the top 25 least-reached groups, the 20 peoples most needing adoption, or the largest groups without the Scriptures, etc.