

# The NEW Thirty-One Prayer Guide

## for A Billion in the Largest Frontier People Groups



The Gospel has taken root in people groups comprising now 75% of the world's population. Overall, believers in those groups are multiplying faster than the population growth.

Are we close to filling the gaps—the 25% of the world (2 billion people) still living in Frontier People Groups (FPGs), and the many places (regions and villages) where no believing families are yet modeling and multiplying the Gospel?

### Ten Remarkable Developments

Events of the past 200 years suggest we are much closer to discipling all “nations” (*ethne*, or people groups) than most believers realize.

- Starting in 1727, Moravian refugees held around the clock prayer meeting for 110 years, laying the foundation for an outpouring of missionaries around the world.<sup>1</sup>
- From 1800 to the mid 1900s, a new breed of missionaries implanted the Gospel in families among a few people groups in nearly every country.<sup>2</sup>
- From 1960 to 2000, the Gospel spread rapidly within these people groups, and non-Western believers [then called Evangelicals] multiplied six times as fast as Western believers.<sup>3</sup>

1 [RevivalAndReformation.org/resources/all/the-moravian-100-year-prayer-movement](https://RevivalAndReformation.org/resources/all/the-moravian-100-year-prayer-movement)

2 [MissionFrontiers.org/issue/article/new-insight-from-the-three-eras-of-mission-history](https://MissionFrontiers.org/issue/article/new-insight-from-the-three-eras-of-mission-history)

3 *The Future of the Global Church* by Patrick Johnstone, p. 144

- World population has only doubled over the past 40+ years (1980 to 2022), yet believers globally appear to have multiplied four-fold in *ethne* where the Gospel had been implanted.<sup>4</sup>
- Over the same 40+ years (1980–2022) the global population in *ethne* still waiting for the Gospel to be implanted dropped 20%—from 2.5B to 2B.<sup>5</sup>
- In the last 35 years, the number of movements to Jesus has, on average, doubled every few years—to 2,000 full movements today, with thousands more developing. These movements have won and discipled 115 million new believers. Many movements have been doubling in size every 3–5 years.<sup>6</sup>
- These movements are increasingly implanting the Gospel and starting new movements to Jesus in previously overlooked FPGs.<sup>7</sup>
- Movement leaders are increasingly collaborating to identify gaps between their movements, and extend their movements into these people groups and places.<sup>8</sup>

4 Compare Ralph Winter's Hidden Peoples 1980 pie chart estimate of 0.23 billion "dedicated Christians" with my estimate of at least 1B believers today, based on reports from the 24:14 Coalition (115M disciples) and the Center for the Study of Global Christianity "Status of Global Christianity, 2022" (400M Evangelicals/670M Pentecostals/Charismatics).

5 Compare Ralph Winter's Hidden Peoples 1980 pie chart estimate with Joshua Project's estimate for groups with less than 0.1% Christian of any kind—[JoshuaProject.net/frontier](https://JoshuaProject.net/frontier)

6 24:14 Coalition: [2414Now.net/resources](https://2414Now.net/resources)

7 [MissionFrontiers.org/issue/article/gods-gift-of-surprising-proximate-strategies](https://MissionFrontiers.org/issue/article/gods-gift-of-surprising-proximate-strategies)

8 Personal conversation with 24:14 Coalition leaders

- Unprecedented global prayer has also developed in recent years around birthing movements to Jesus as a rapid, effective way to disciple all nations.<sup>9</sup>
- Unprecedented global collaboration is also facilitating movements to Jesus.<sup>10</sup>

## Paradigm Shifts

Key to what is unfolding are a number of major paradigm shifts:

| From:   | To:  |
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| Reliance on our own strategies.   | Begging the Lord of the Harvest for workers, guidance and miracles (Matt. 9:38, Luke 10:2, Acts).    |
| The “come join us” model of congregation reinforcing people group boundaries.       | Cross-cultural witness to “go disciple all ethne” among the lost in all people groups (Matt. 28:19). |
| Winning and gathering individuals from multiple <i>ethne</i> into one congregation. | Implanting the kingdom to multiply from one family per <i>ethne</i> /village (Matt. 10, Luke 9,10).  |
| Western-only sending bases, with Non-Western lands as mission <i>fields</i> .       | The Jesus’ global body collaborating to identify and fill all remaining gaps (John 17:20-26).        |
| Transferring knowledge through trained preachers.                                   | Discipling families and groups to hear Jesus (John 10:27) and obey Him (Matt. 28:20).                |

<sup>9</sup> BlessFrontierPeoples.org, Go31.org, OperationWorld.org, GlobalPrayerDigest.org, PrayerStrategists.net, DiscipleKeys.world, Pray4Movement.org, Prayer.global, Pray1040.com, EthnePrayer.org, 10days.net, GoPray.world, ipcPrayer.org, WorldPrayerAssembly.org, GlobalPRN.com, GlobalFamily24-7Prayer.org, 24-7prayer.com, ComeToTheTable.world, TrumpetsToTabernacles.org, etc.  
<sup>10</sup> 2414Now.net, NoPlaceLeft.net, AllianceForTheUnreached.org, BillionSoulHarvest.net, FinishingTheTask.com, GoMovement.world, GACX.io, empowered21.com, TransformOurWorld.org, Coalition of the Willing (COTW.global), Bible translation for Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN.bible), Church-Centric Bible Translation (CCBT.bible), GlobalMediaOutreach.com, MediaToMovements.org, 414movement.com, and many more.

## Future Prospects

The looming realities of our world tempt us to lose heart over the state of the world and of global Christianity, just as Elijah lost heart and cried out to the Lord:

*The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too* (1 Kings 19:14).

Now, as then, the Lord may be quietly accomplishing much more than we can imagine: *Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him* (1 Kings 19:18).

When the Gospel is present in families that love, listen to and follow Jesus, it often spreads rapidly as a movement to Jesus in same-culture witness. As Jesus’ global body prays and collaborates to implant the Gospel in lost families of every village of every *ethne*—including FPGs—we can anticipate the remaining gaps filling quickly.

Prayer is foundational for workers to be sent, and for the Gospel to be implanted in families among every FPG, leading to further multiplication of movements to Jesus.

The fully updated third edition of THE THIRTY-ONE prayer guide is a great starting point for believers around the world to become involved in filling the gaps. Order or download from Go31.org (or download the app from BlessFrontierPeoples.org), then join others at GetInvolved.com in praying from this guide. 