

Reaching the unreached

There are about 40 unreached people groups in Ethiopia and Eritrea¹.

Ethiopia is mentioned in the first pages of the Bible (**Genesis 2:13 – KJV**). It is also the first gentile nation to receive the Gospel when Philip miraculously preached the Gospel to the Ethiopian Eunuch (**Acts 8:26-39**).

Thus, Ethiopia received the Gospel early at dawn, after the Gospel was preached in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria (**Acts 1:8**). We know through recorded history that the Ethiopian Eunuch shared his wonderful conversion experience and baptism to the Queen and was especially influential in the royal circles. Yet, after over 2000 years, in Ethiopia and Eritrea, millions have not even heard the name of Jesus.

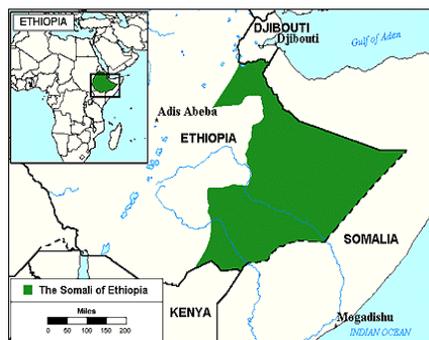
After the entrance of the Gospel through the Ethiopian Eunuch, the Gospel spread rapidly in the 4th century when Frumentius and Edesius spread Christianity in Ethiopia during the reign of King Ezana. St. Frumentius, later became the first bishop of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and is credited for the establishment of the EOC.

Even though many missionaries have labored to spread the Gospel to the corners of Ethiopia and Eritrea throughout the years, **many people groups still have not heard the Name of Jesus even once**. This is a tragic reality

SOMALI (in Ethiopia)- 99.25% Islam



Population: 5,665,000



AFAR – 99.99% Islam



Ethiopia	1,577,000
Eritrea	359,000
Djibouti	416,000
Somalia	143,000
Total	2,495,000

for all of us who have been saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It seems that we have forgotten that his blood was shed ‘to take away the sins of the World’, not just ours. How can we be unaccountable if we live as if he died just for us?

Paul reasons with us by saying:

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” Romans 10:13-15

We all have to ponder these questions and ask ourselves ‘what can I do to be part of the answer to these questions?’ What can I do, by the grace of God to reach these unreached people for whom Jesus shed his blood and died for. If he paid the ultimate price, what price am I willing to pay on his behalf?

This is the main reason we wanted to share the vision the Lord put in our heart with you. “Just as no one could be born in the flesh without a mother who goes through the pain and the labor of delivering that child, no one can be born again in the Kingdom of God without a spiritual father/mother going through the pain and labor of birthing that individual or people into the kingdom of God. The spiritual labor that would help a person being born again is our intercessory prayer on behalf of the unsaved individual or unreached people groups.

God places great importance to helping the orphans by being a father to

the fatherless. (James 1:27, Psalm 68:5) If God is very much concerned for those who are orphans physically, how much more concerned would he be for those who are orphans spiritually? These unreached people groups are **SPIRITUAL ORPHANS**. They don't have spiritual fathers or mothers who would travail and labor on their behalf until the light of the Gospel shines on them and they come to know the one who died for them.

This is the challenge we want to bring to you. Are you willing to adopt at least one people group and commit yourself to pray and intercede for these unreached spiritual orphans? Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2

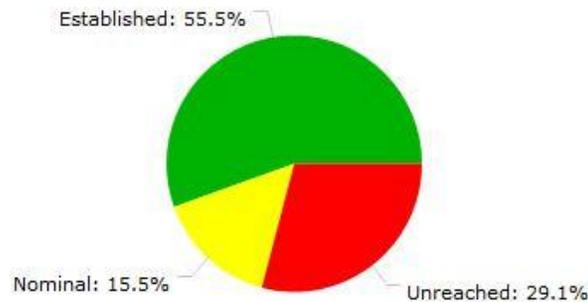
Let us answer the Lord's call to do our part in reaching the unreached. First and foremost, we have to **PRAY** for the unreached, then, let us participate in reaching out to them by supporting those who are called to reach out to them.

May the Lord help us to do our part in reaching the unreached.

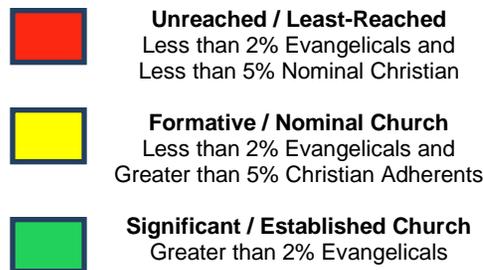
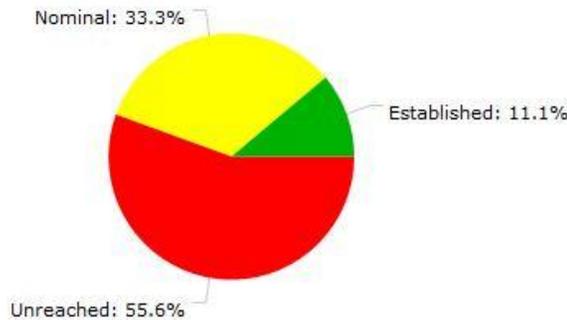
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Unreached People Groups in Ethiopia



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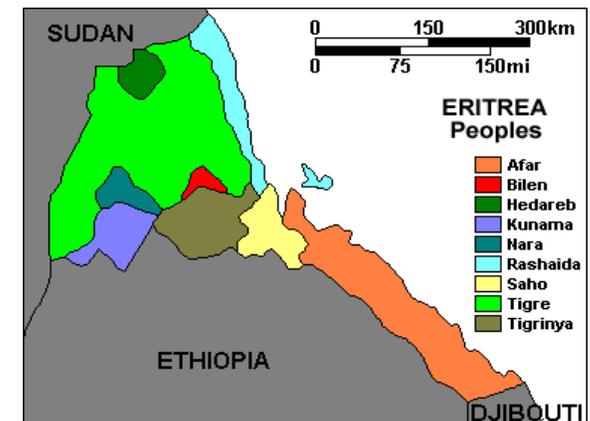
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