



CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN MANY LANDS

Advancing the spread of the Gospel globally

“ . . .you follow me.”

John 21:22

PSALM 8

1 O LORD, OUR LORD,
HOW EXCELLENT IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH,
WHO HAVE SET YOUR GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS!

3 WHEN I CONSIDER YOUR HEAVENS, THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS,
THE MOON AND THE STARS, WHICH YOU HAVE ORDAINED,

4 WHAT IS MAN THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF HIM,
AND THE SON OF MAN THAT YOU VISIT HIM?

9 O LORD, OUR LORD,
HOW EXCELLENT IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O LORD MY GOD, WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER,
CONSIDER ALL THE WORLDS THY HANDS HAVE MADE;
I SEE THE STARS, I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER,
THY POWER THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE DISPLAYED.

THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD, TO THEE,
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD, TO THEE,
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!

WHEN THROUGH THE WOODS, AND FOREST GLADES I WANDER,
AND HEAR THE BIRDS SING SWEETLY IN THE TREES.
WHEN I LOOK DOWN, FROM LOFTY MOUNTAIN GRANDEUR
AND SEE THE BROOK, AND FEEL THE GENTLE BREEZE.

THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD, TO THEE,
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD, TO THEE,
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!

AND WHEN I THINK, THAT GOD, HIS SON NOT SPARING;
SENT HIM TO DIE, I SCARCE CAN TAKE IT IN;
THAT ON THE CROSS, MY BURDEN GLADLY BEARING,
HE BLED AND DIED TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN.

THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD, TO THEE,
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THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD, TO THEE,
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!

WHEN CHRIST SHALL COME, WITH SHOUT OF ACCLAMATION,
AND TAKE ME HOME, WHAT JOY SHALL FILL MY HEART.
THEN I SHALL BOW, IN HUMBLE ADORATION,
AND THEN PROCLAIM: "MY GOD, HOW GREAT THOU ART!"

THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD, TO THEE,
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD, TO THEE,
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!

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Most sobering
reality in the
world today?

WORLD POPULATION

8,212,212,677 Current World Population

28,185,362 Births this year

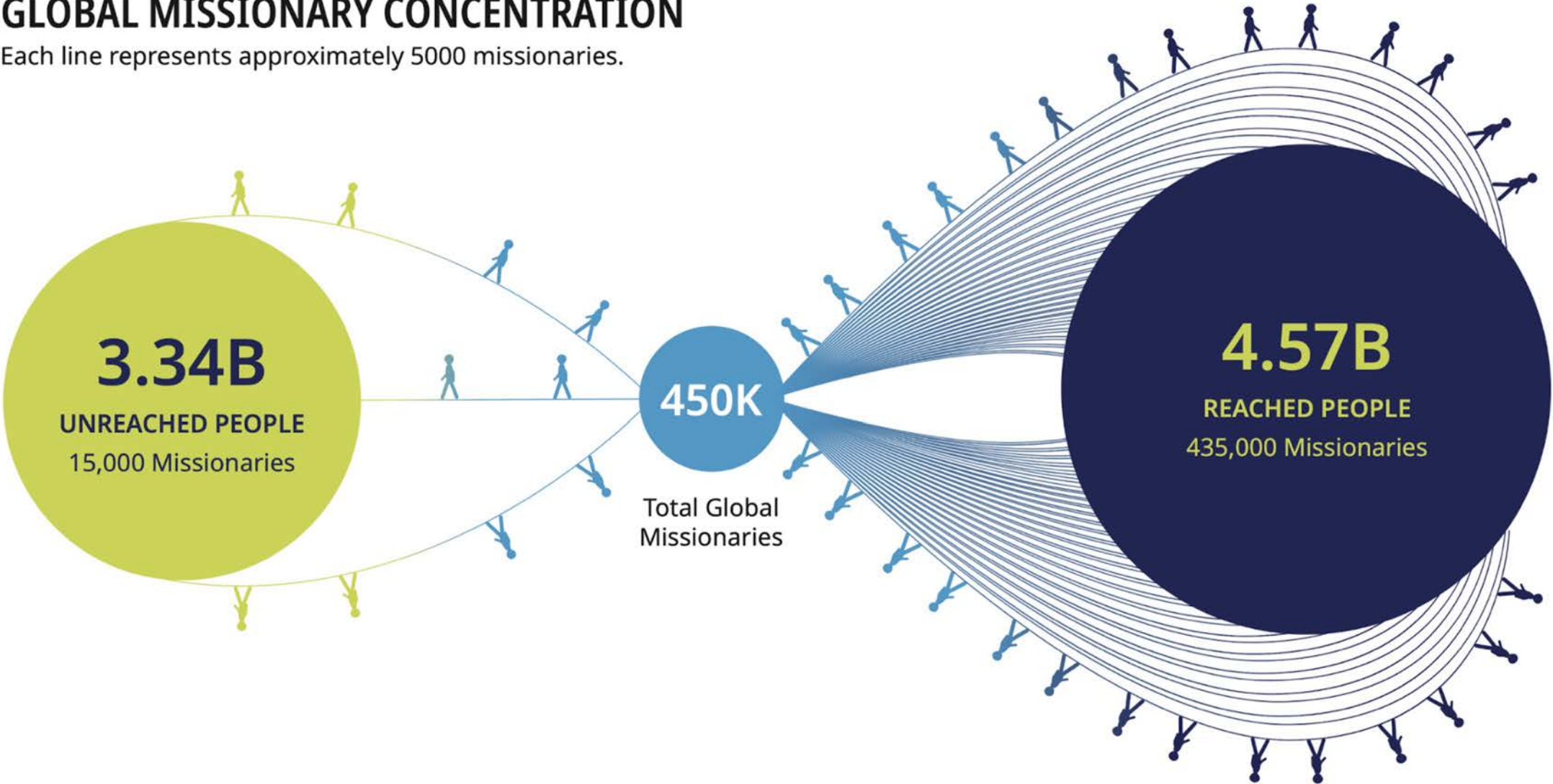
268,031 Deaths this year

12,298 Deaths today

42.4% Unreached

GLOBAL MISSIONARY CONCENTRATION

Each line represents approximately 5000 missionaries.



Source: Joshua Project, Aug 2022; B = Billion; K = Thousand



Emerging Sending Fields

How we can support creation of new MSOs

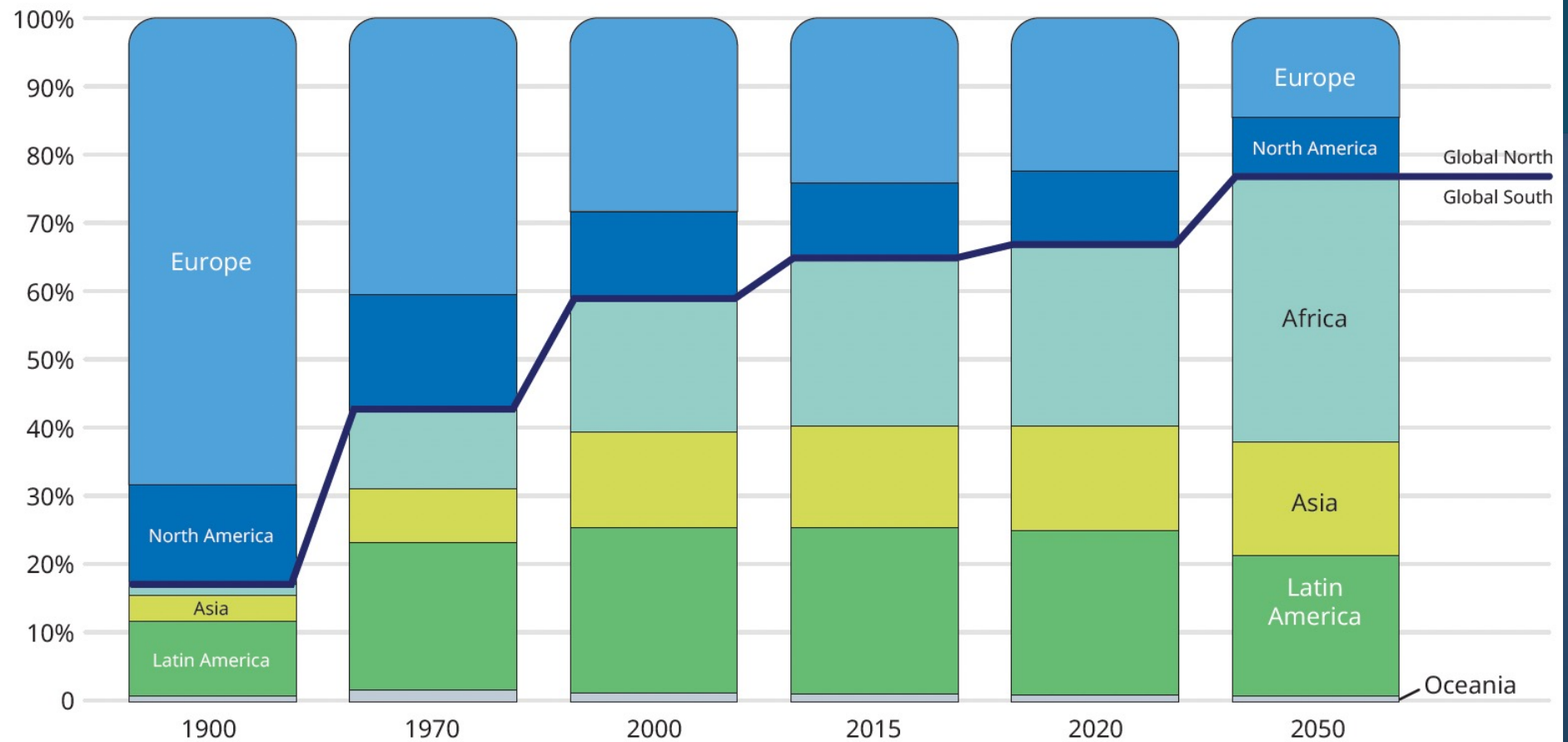


PARTNERSHIP

...you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.

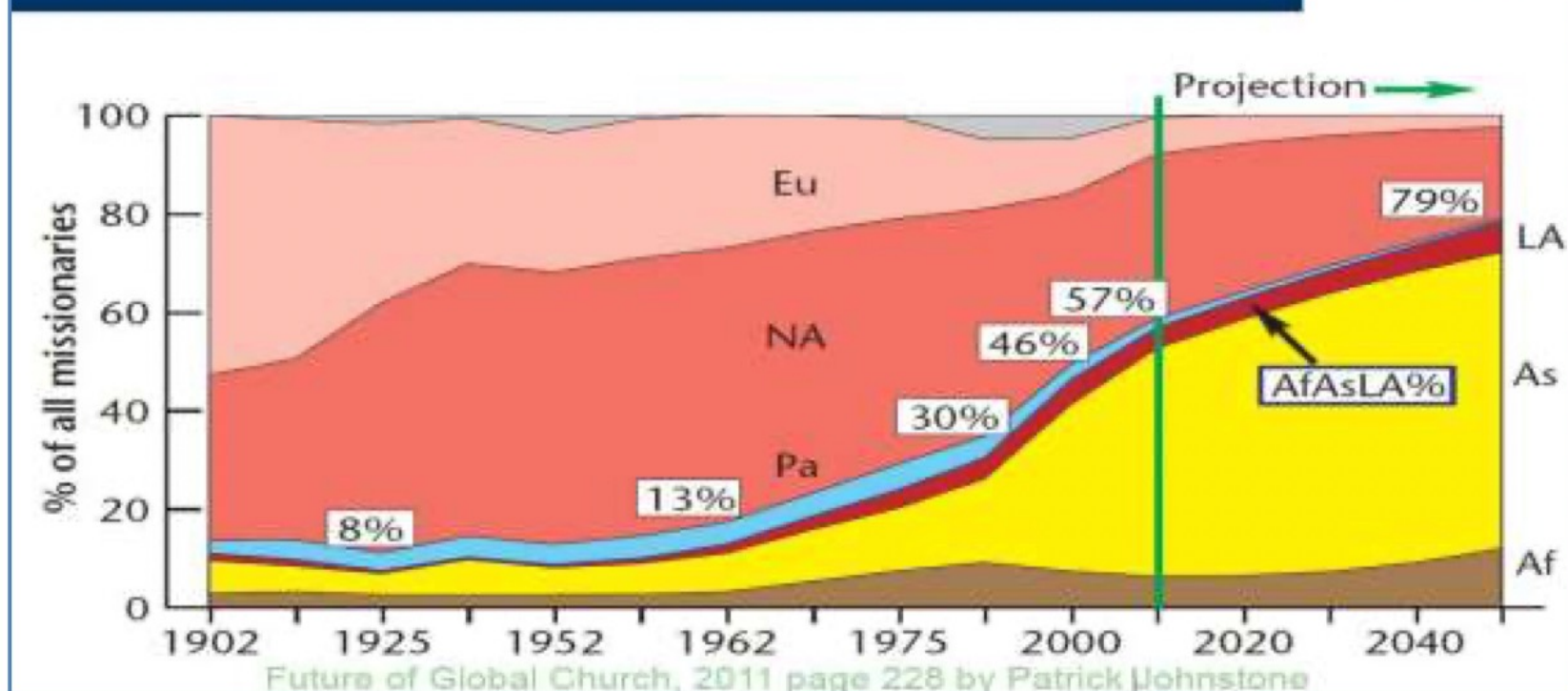
2 Cor. 1:11

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTIANITY



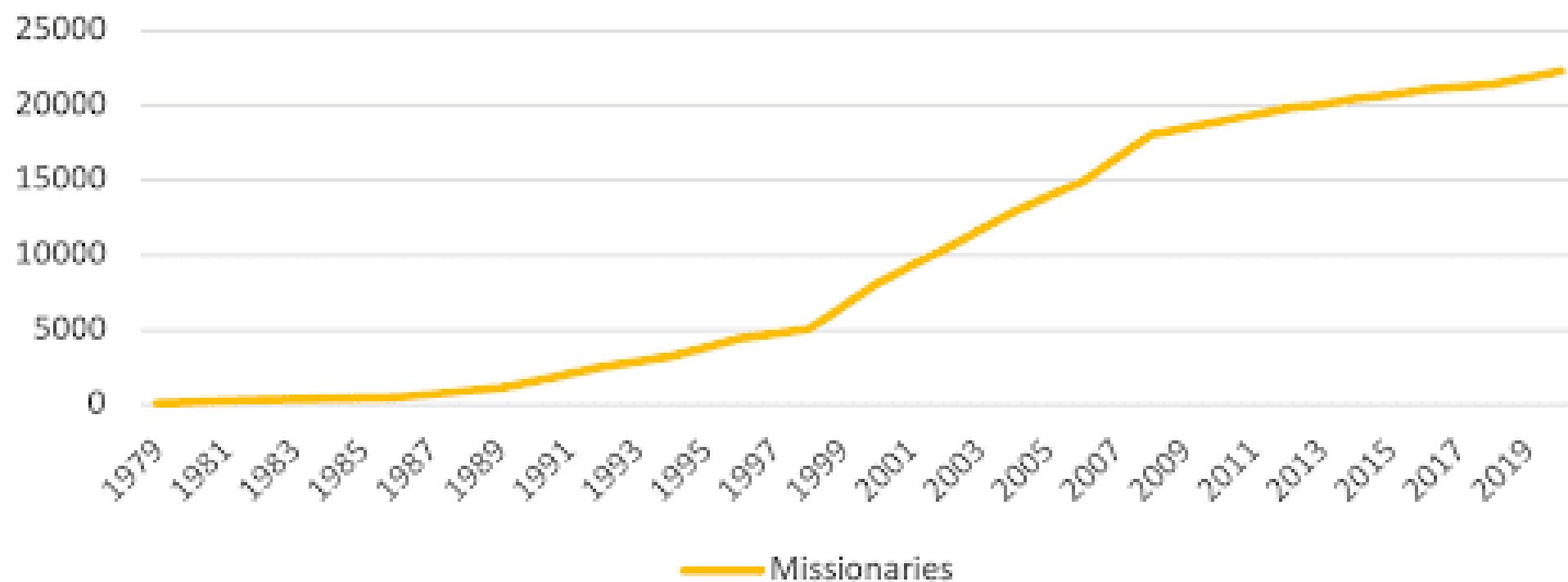
Source: World Christian Encyclopedia pgs. 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

Emerging Mission Movements from the Global South: Latfricasian **60%**



Source: Johnstone, *The Future of the Global Church*, 228. Used with permission.

Korean Missionary Numbers 1979 to 2020



How can we support the
creation of new MSOs?

Biblical Principles to
Consider

Jerusalem,
Antioch and the Courier
World



Barnabas: Son of Encouragement

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the Apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold and laid them at the Apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. And **Joseph**, who was also named **Barnabas** by the Apostles (which is translated **Son of Encouragement**), a **Levite** of the country of **Cyprus**, having land, sold it, and brought the money and **laid it at the Apostles' feet**.

- Acts 4: 32 - 37

Barnabas: Builder of Bridges

And when **Saul had come to Jerusalem**, he tried to join the disciples; but they **were all afraid of him** and did not believe that he was a disciple. But **Barnabas took him and brought him to the Apostles**. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to **Tarsus**.

- Acts 9: 26 - 30

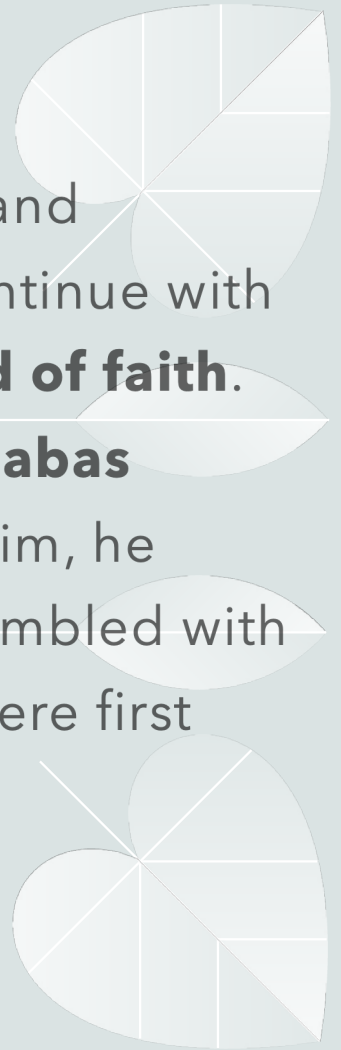
Jerusalem to Antioch

19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from **Cyprus** and **Cyrene**, who, when they had come to **Antioch**, spoke to the Hellenists (*i.e., Jews who were heavily influenced by Greek culture and practices and probably some Gentiles*), preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. 22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out **Barnabas** to go as far as Antioch.

- Acts 11: 19 - 22

Barnabas and Saul (Paul)

23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad and **encouraged them all** that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24 For **he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.** And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 Then **Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.** 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. – Acts 11: 23 – 26



Jerusalem to Antioch and Antioch to Jerusalem

27 During this time some **prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch**. 28 One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) 29 The disciples, as each one was able, decided to **provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea**. 30 This they did, sending their gift to the elders by **Barnabas** and **Saul**.

- Acts 11: 27 - 30

Antioch and Commendation

Now in the church that was at Antioch there were **certain prophets and teachers:** **Barnabas, Simeon** who was called Niger, **Lucius** of Cyrene, **Manaen** who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and **Saul**. 2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, **the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."** 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, **they sent them away.**

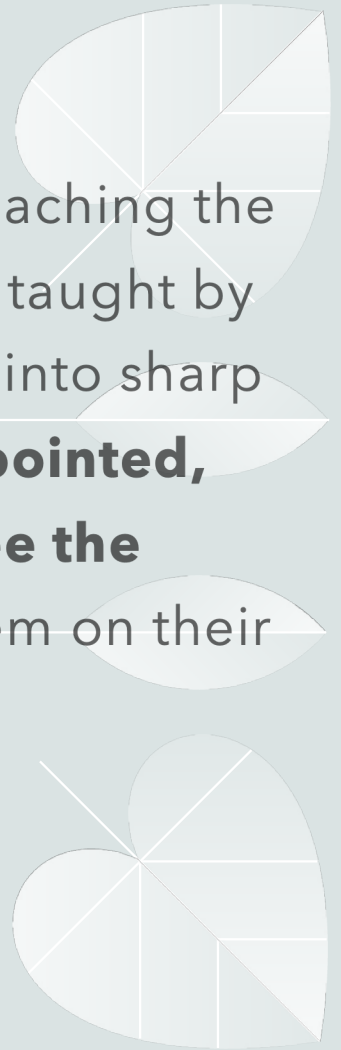
4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

- Acts 13: 1 - 3



Antioch to Jerusalem and Jerusalem to Antioch

1 Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. **So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question.** 3 The church sent them on their way, - Acts 15: 1 - 3



Antioch to Jerusalem and Jerusalem to Antioch

4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. 5 **Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."** 6 The apostles and elders met to consider this question.

- Acts 15: 4 - 6

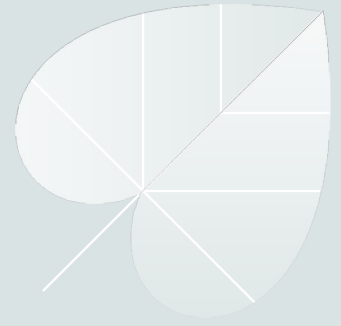
22 Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, men who were leaders among the believers. 23 With them they sent the following letter:

*The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings. 24 We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. 25 So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul— 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. 28 **It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:** 29 You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. FAREWELL.*

30 So the men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter.— Acts 15: 4 – 6

Scriptural Principles in Interaction

- Jerusalem was interested in the Lord's work in Antioch
- Jerusalem provided gifted individuals to Antioch
- Jerusalem and Antioch used liaisons who were well equipped
- Antioch sought input from Jerusalem
- Jerusalem advised (did not order) Antioch
- Antioch's interaction with Jerusalem helped refine the work in Jerusalem
- Antioch provided financial aid to Jerusalem
- Jerusalem provided financial aid to Antioch's commended workers





Couriers

Yet I considered it **necessary to send to you Epaphroditus**, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but **your messenger and the one who ministered to my need**; since he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore, I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness and hold such men in esteem; because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

Philippians 2: 25-30

Route

Network

Flow

TO: Roma

DEPARTING: MONTH SEASON

PRIORITY: Fastest Cheapest Shortest

NETWORK MODES

MODE

ROAD Donkey

RIVER Civilian

SEA Fast

TRANSFER COST

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Calculate Route

The Cheapest journey from **Philippi** to **Roma** in **July** takes **23.8 days**, covering **2762 kilometers**.

Prices in *denarii*, based on the use of a faster sail ship and a civilian river boat (where applicable), and on these road

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Per kilogram of wheat (by wagon): 2.9
Per passenger in a carriage: 587.12

Longitude

Latitude

Perspective Duration Distance Donkey Wagon Carriage

Route

Network

Flow

TO:

Roma

DEPARTING:

MONTH

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PRIORITY:

Fastest

Cheapest

Shortest

NETWORK MODES

☒ Road

☐ Coastal Sea

☐ River

☐ Open Sea

☐ High Resolution

MODE

ROAD

Donkey

TRANSFER COST

ROAD

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RIVER

Civilian

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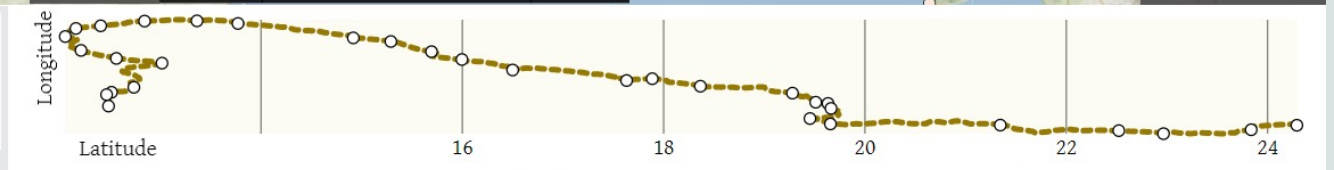
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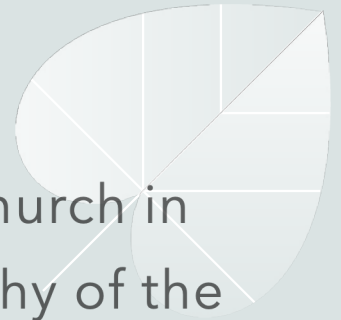
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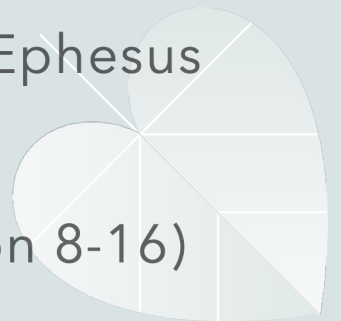
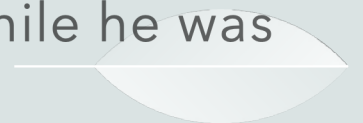
Couriers

I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also. – Romans 16: 1-2



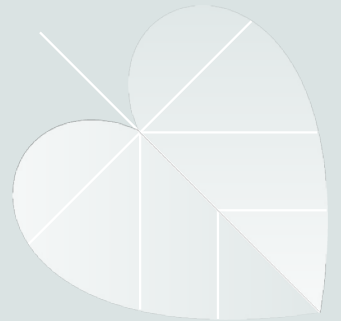
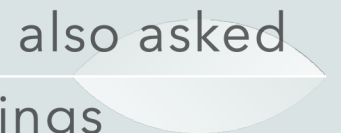
Other New Testament Couriers

- Stephanus, Fortunatus and Achaicus deliver Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians from Ephesus (1 Corinthians 16:17- 18)
- Titus and two other brothers deliver his 2nd letter to the Corinthian assembly from Macedonia (2 Corinthians 8:16- 24)
- Tychicus and Onesimus carry Paul's letter to the Colossians while he was under house arrest in Rome (Colossians 4:7-9)
- Tychicus also goes on to bring Paul's letter to the assembly at Ephesus while he was in prison in Rome (Ephesians 6:21-22)
- Onesimus carries the last prison epistles to Philemon (Philemon 8-16)



Other New Testament Couriers

- Silvanus (i.e., Silas) delivers Peter's 1st Epistle perhaps as part of an encyclical (I Peter 5:12)
- Artemas, Tychicus, Zenas, and Apollos all were involved in letters back and forth between Paul and Titus on Crete (Titus 3: 12-13)
- Timothy possibly delivered both I and II Thessalonians; he was also asked to deliver Paul's cloak, books, parchments and other writing things
- Demetrius possibly delivered John's 3rd Epistle (3 John 1:12)



Discussion

Who is currently partnering with non-English-speaking MSOs today?

-Approximately 25+ MSOs of some sort

How should we apply the Scriptural principles for interaction to our work with MSOs?

Should we have future meetings similar to the one in South America, where FEMA and SEMIPE benefited?

Should a template for helping set up an MSO be established?



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