

Missiometrics 2008: Reality Checks for Christian World Communion

This 4-page report is the 24th in an annual series beginning in 1985. These data continue the enumeration of 16 major global goals in world mission with 79 numerical indicators, set out by means of 3 Tables A, B and C, covering the years AD 1800–2025.

It should be noted here that reports on the world’s global religions too often portray them as somewhat static, boring, unchanging and uninteresting. By contrast, this report avoids that approach and instead portrays religions as enormously complex, even exciting, and constantly changing even in turmoil and upheaval. Statistics play an important role in any such attempt to clarify the situation. To do this, Tables A and C give their statistics as both annual figures and daily 24-hour changes for all 79 subjects. And Table B reports statistics describing 50 major factual statements involving most of the variables of interest to the churches whether trends, successes, failures, or even catastrophes.

An interesting overall comment is that virtually all activities of Christian churches, missions, denominations, and communions are growing numerically and expanding. This is usually interpreted as showing the success of church programs. In fact, however, everybody’s programs are all expanding fast because since AD 1800 populations everywhere have been expanding rapidly and now stand at 372,000 births a day.

In fact, the key to understanding religious trends is the ability to compare growth rates of religious variables with secular ones. This is the only way to know if a religion is growing faster

or slower than the general population (see Columns 7 and 8 in Table C). Note that growth rates can also be compared between religions.

Population, Evangelization, Christianity (Table A)

The first data presented here are in Table A below which arranges its statistics on 2 levels: first, the global status of 3 subjects: world population, evangelization, and Christianity. The second level divides the first level’s statistics into 9 daily increases. Thus world population is increasing each day by 372,000 births and is reduced by 153,000 deaths. Christian converts at 170,000 a day (which is 62 million baptisms a year) are reduced by 91,000 defectors a day (deaths as well as abandonment of membership). This results in church growth (including nonaffiliated believers) of 79,000 a day, which amounts to 29 million a year. And the whole gamut of all evangelistic activity results in (a) 12,500,000 a day termed ‘re-evangelized’ (persons who have become evangelized in previous years but are still being targeted by evangelism), and (b) 166,000 persons a day becoming for the first time evangelized. Nonetheless, the 1,871 million unevangelized persons—unaware of Christianity, Christ, and the Gospel—are themselves expanding at 53,000 a day.

Table A illustrates the overall dynamics of religious change for any religion among any human population segment. Although this table depicts Christianity in the whole world, it is possible to use this grid for examining other religions in other segments. For example, growth trends in Buddhism in Myanmar are determined by these variables. On the positive side, one has births and conversions while on the negative side there are deaths and defections. At the country level, one has to also add in Buddhist immigrants and subtract Buddhist emigrants. The complexity at the country level is shown then by applying these 6 variables to 19 major religious categories in 239 countries.

This four-page report, which is also available as a separate offprint, was prepared by David B. Barrett, a contributing editor, Todd M. Johnson, and Peter F. Crossing, who publish widely in the field of missiometrics. Most subjects mentioned in this report are expanded in detail in their World Christian Encyclopedia (1982, 2001) and World Christian Trends (2001), and updated in www.WorldChristianDatabase.org. Detailed footnotes for Table C can be found at www.globalChristianity.org/ibmrnote.php.

Table A. World population, evangelization, and Christianity: global status and daily change.

1. POPULATION			2. EVANGELIZATION		3. CHRISTIANITY	
GLOBAL STATUS in mid AD 2008 m = millions	WORLD POPULATION	6,691 m	UNEVANGELIZED	1,871 m	NON-CHRISTIANS	4,460 m
			EVANGELIZED	4,820 m	CHRISTIANS	2,231 m
DAILY CHANGE every 24 hours	Births	372,000	Re-evangelized	12,500,000	Converts	170,000
	Deaths	153,000	Evangelized	166,000	Defectors	91,000
	Net growth	219,000	Unevangelized	53,000	Church growth	79,000

Columns 1, 2, and 3 are not arithmetically related, but represent 3 differing ways of analyzing the world and its populations.

Column 1. Population as enumerated in *World Population Prospects, 2004* (New York: United Nations, 2005)

Column 2. Data from *World Christian Database*:

Re-evangelized: persons who have become evangelized in previous years but in 2008 are still being targeted by organized evangelism.

Evangelized: persons formerly unevangelized who become evangelized for the first time in AD 2008.

Unevangelized: persons unaware of Christianity, Christ, and the Gospel.

Column 3.

Converts: persons who have become Christian through baptism or dedication or similar commitment in the course of a day.

Defectors: persons previously professing to be Christians but each day no longer so professing, and deaths among Christians.

Church growth: converts (including nonaffiliated believers), minus defectors.

Fifty major reality checks (Table B)

This second table sets out statistics of 50 lines each describing a major reality check—a surprising or even startling factual statement concerning one of 50 such recent occurrences. These are arranged as a single list numbered from 1 to 50, where No.1 = a very good situation, down to No. 50 = a very bad situation. Its material could help the reader to analyze the fortunes of his or her own church, or mission, or denomination, or communion.

Table B offers several means for this analysis. The 1–50 listing itself forms a commentary on the whole range of current church history, commenting on failures as well as successes in

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Christian ministry, from Good News to Bad News. But one can go further. Choose and name your own church, or denomination, or mission, or communion. Draw up a method of augmenting the 1–50 listing by analyzing each with a different measuring instrument. For example, one could utilize the well-known medical doctor's question to his patient 'On a scale from 1 to 10 how would you describe your pain at the moment?' (1 = very slight, to 10 = excruciating pain). One could add all 50 numbers or multiply by the actual number 1–50, then form a descending score of church inner conflict.

More significantly, mission agencies and churches have to face the continuing challenges in world evangelization represented here in Table B as a corporate body. Starting with line 42 there is a proliferation of plans to evangelize the world set forth by churches and agencies to deal with the reality of the unevangelized in line 39. Even though there are encouraging signs of progress (lines 1–9) there appears to be a continuing shortfall in world evangelization strategy that has resulted in lines 33 and 34. How this has come about seems to be found in lines 30 and 45 where the deployment of Christian resources is examined. The result is located in lines 43–44 where the fundamental lack of contact between Christians and non-Christians is uncovered. One has to wonder if the root of all these problems is that even Christians committed to the Great Commission are largely unaware of the unevangelized (line 40)?

For world evangelization strategy, a church or mission agency could closely examine positive factors (lines 1–22) and ask whether or not they could do more to participate in these. At the same time, negative factors (lines 23–50) could be looked at

with an eye for improvement. Questions could be asked such as 'How can we mitigate the effects of poor deployment' or 'How can we increase our direct involvement in World A'?

Status of Global Mission, AD1800–2025 (Table C)

This last table describes religions and global mission for the 16 major areas of interest with their 79 different subjects, and at 6 different years over the 225-year period. These 632 numbers form the background for any analytical approach to ecclesiology and missiology. This year we add a new variable, column 8 '24-hour change', derived from the previous figures in column 7 and 9. Note that in cases where the figure in column 9 is already a 'per-year' statistic, the 24-hour change in column 8 is calculated by dividing the column 9 figure by 365 days. These new figures provide a vivid set to portray the massive religious changes going on all the time—from 480 Christian leaders and their families murdered every day to \$70 million in church funds embezzled every 24 hours.

Our 24-hour change figure is helpful in highlighting important trends. For example, last year for the first time in history, urban dwellers outnumbered rural dwellers. For mid-2000, line 2 (urban dwellers) divided by line 1 (total population) yields 47.2% whereas in mid-2008 it had risen to 50.3%. By 2025 it will likely be over 58%! The 24-hour change shows the relentless move in this direction. As we have just seen, approximately 50% of the world is urban and 50% rural. But each and every day the urban population grows by 185,000 while the rural population grows at only 34,000. Unfortunately we can see that, at the same time, the urban poor increase by 153,000 and urban slum dwellers by 83,000. On a parallel trend, urban Christians are increasing at a rate of 53,000. What impact will they, and Christians who have traditionally abandoned the cities, have in the future?

The 24-hour change column also reveals in a stark way the continuing shift of global Christianity to the south. Lines 37–42 divide the world into 6 continents. Here we see that out of the global increase of 77,000 affiliated Christians every day, 70,000 (or 91%) of these can be found in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This one statistic, a trend since the middle of the 20th century, has profound implications for world evangelization in the following ways, (1) global plans are increasingly initiated and led by Christians of the Global South, (2) the worldview of these Christians is often more in line with that of the unevangelized, (3) the perception of Christianity as a Western religion is disintegrating, and (4) new forms of Christianity, particularly insider movements (e.g. Muslims following Christ in their own cultural context), are emerging. While the majority of facts in Tables B and C are a result of the expansion of Christianity in the 20th century, the global Christian community now faced with the challenges enumerated at the bottom of Table B is fundamentally different than that a mere 50 years ago.

Our hope is that these tables and the meaningful figures presented in them will assist church and missions in their strategic planning, especially as it relates to the unevangelized world.

Table B. An AD 2008 reality check: 50 new facts and figures about trends and issues concerning empirical global Christianity.

VERY GOOD SITUATIONS

1. Heads of the 21 major Christian World Communions, with 1.8 billion members, have since 1957 met annually for serious 3-day dialogue.
2. A huge new Christian nonconfessional megabloc, Independents/Postdenominationalists, numbers 19% of all Christians, growing rapidly.
3. From only one million in AD 1900, Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics have mushroomed to 602 million affiliated believers.
4. 10 million Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims have opted to remain within those religions to witness for Christ as believers in Jesus as Lord.
5. 95.6% of people have access to Scripture in 6,600 languages, leaving 286 million in 7,000 languages with no access at all.
6. Everywhere on Earth can now easily be targeted with at least 3 of the 45 recognized varieties of effective evangelism.
7. 690 million Christians today (called Great Commission Christians) are active in Christ's world mission; 1,540 million Christians ignore it.
8. The country with the fastest Christian expansion ever is China, now at 16,500 new converts (including births) every day.
9. Books primarily about Jesus in today's libraries number 187,000 different titles in 500 languages, increasing by 4 newly published every day.

GOOD SITUATIONS

10. Despite predictions of collapse of religion, trends indicate Christians and other religionists in AD 2200 are likely to number over 87% of the world.
11. UBS global goals for Bibles distributed p.a. are over 200% achieved in 106 countries, over 100% in 47 others, but under 100% in 86 others.
12. Regular listeners to Christian programs over secular or religious radio/TV stations rose from 22% of the world in 1980 to 39% in 2008.
13. 88 countries each have Great Commission Christians whose personal incomes exceed US\$1 billion a year.
14. From only 3 million in AD 1600, Evangelicals have grown to 255 million worldwide, 70% being Non-Whites.
15. Per hour of ministry, the 4 megapeoples most responsive to Christianity, Christ, and the Gospel are Jinyu Chinese, Pathan, Bihari, Maithili.
16. Every year the churches hold a megacensus costing \$1.3 billion, mailing 12 million questionnaires in 3,000 languages, on 180 religious subjects.

FORTUITOUS SITUATIONS

17. Non-Christian countries have been found to have 257 million Bibles in place in their midst to serve readers but are poorly distributed.
18. At a steady rate over the last 20 centuries, in all 239 countries, 71 million Christians have been martyred—killed, executed, murdered—for Christ.
19. The 3 most cost-effective countries over 1 million in population for Christian outreach are Sierra Leone, Congo-Zaire, Ethiopia.
20. Mainland China's Christians have thousands of trained workers poised to begin evangelizing the world.

PARTLY GOOD SITUATIONS

21. Since AD 1900, Christian urbanites have exploded from 100 million in 500 cities to 1,316 million in 5,000 cities.
22. Every person in the world belongs to, on average, 10 distinct and separate (and often conflicting) religious categories.

SOMEWHAT BAD SITUATIONS

23. Christian communicators largely ignore the huge potential of the globe's 1,100 lingua francas, each with over 100,000 non-native speakers.
24. The 423 million Independents in 222 countries have no interest in and no use for historic denominationalist Christianity.

UNFORTUNATE SITUATIONS

25. The 5 most dangerous of all Christian vocations (over 3% murder rates) are bishops, evangelists, catechists, colporteurs, foreign missionaries.
26. As in all scientific research, 70% of all new Christian books and published articles will never be quoted in print by their peers, ever.
27. Most Christian bodies insist on full accountability to the last cent in finance, but ignore or even decry statistics about workers and ministries.
28. The 3 least cost-effective countries over 1 million in population for Christian outreach are Belgium, Austria, Switzerland.
29. The total cost of Christian outreach averages \$345,000 for each and every newly baptized person.

BAD SITUATIONS

30. 40% of the church's global foreign mission resources are being deployed to just 10 oversaturated countries with strong citizen-run home ministries.
31. It costs Christians 1,800 times more money to baptize converts in Belgium (World C) than in Cambodia (World A).
32. Per hour of ministry, the 4 megapeoples least responsive to Christianity, Christ, and the Gospel are Levantine Arab, French, Czech, Russian.
33. 136 million new souls begin life on Earth each year, but Christianity's 4,550 foreign mission agencies baptize only 5 million new persons a year.
34. Organized Christianity has total contact with 4,315 religions but no contact at all with 377 other religions and their over 34 million adherents.
35. Christians spend more on the annual audits of their churches and agencies (\$970 million) than on all their workers in the non-Christian world.
36. 200 major ethnolinguistic peoples each have over 100,000 unevangelized ethnoreligionists in their midst.
37. Christian triumphalism—not as pride in huge numbers, but as publicized self-congratulation—is rampant in most churches, agencies, ministries.
38. Some 250 of the 300 largest international Christian organizations mislead the public by publishing incorrect or falsified progress statistics.

VERY BAD SITUATIONS

39. Despite Christ's command to evangelize, 66% of all humans from AD 30 to the present day have never even heard of his name.
40. Out of 690 million Great Commission Christians, 70% have never been told about World A's 1.9 billion unevangelized individuals.
41. Ethnoreligionists (animists, polytheists, shamanists) number 262 million in 7,100 tribes or peoples, mushrooming rapidly by 3 million a year.
42. Over 20 centuries Christians have announced 1,870 global plans to evangelize the world; 250 plans focused on AD 2000 fell short of goals.
43. 1,192 unevangelized ethnolinguistic peoples have never been targeted by any Christian agencies ever.
44. Measures of personal evangelization by Christians indicate that 86% of all Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims do not personally know a Christian.
45. 91% of all Christian outreach/evangelism does not target non-Christians but targets other Christians, many in wealthy World C countries and cities.
46. Each year, 600,000 full-time clergy, ministers, missionaries reach retiring age; 150,000 then discover their employers provide no old-age pensions.
47. Each year, 210 million Bibles and New Testaments are wasted—lost, destroyed, disintegrated—due to incompetence, hostility, bad planning.
48. Emboldened by lax procedures, trusted church treasurers are embezzling each year \$25 billion from church funds, but only 5% ever get found out.
49. Annual church embezzlements by top custodians exceed the entire cost of all foreign missions worldwide.
50. Criminal penalties against clergy in sexual abuse cases now exceed \$2 billion, forcing a number of churches and dioceses into bankruptcy.

Table C. Status of global mission, presence, and activities, AD 1800–2025.

Column: 1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Year:	1800	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend % p.a.	24-hour change	mid-2008	2025
GLOBAL POPULATION								
1. Total population	903,650,000	1,619,625,000	3,696,595,000	6,085,572,000	1.19	219,000	6,691,484,000	7,905,234,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)	36,146,000	232,695,000	1,336,655,000	2,873,249,000	2.01	185,000	3,368,561,000	4,616,329,000
3. Rural dwellers	867,504,000	1,386,930,000	2,359,940,000	3,212,323,000	0.42	34,000	3,322,923,000	3,288,905,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)	619,000,000	1,073,621,000	2,315,771,000	4,257,127,000	1.58	208,000	4,824,675,000	5,995,477,000
5. Literates	123,800,000	296,146,000	1,478,532,000	3,263,248,000	1.69	172,000	3,730,397,000	5,053,723,000
6. Nonliterates	495,200,000	777,475,000	837,239,000	993,879,000	1.21	36,000	1,094,278,000	941,754,000
WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES								
7. Metropolises (over 100,000 population)	40	300	2,400	4,050	1.88	0.2	4,700	6,500
8. Megacities (over 1 million population)	1	20	161	402	1.97	0.03	470	650
9. Urban poor	18 million	100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.12	153,000	1,790 million	3,000 million
10. Urban slum dwellers	3 million	20 million	260 million	700 million	3.33	83,000	910 million	1,600 million
GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION								
11. Total of all distinct organized religions	700	1,000	6,000	9,900	1.67	0.5	11,300	15,000
12. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)	204,980,000	558,153,000	1,233,135,000	2,013,132,000	1.30	79,000	2,231,421,000	2,670,312,000
13. Muslims	90,500,000	199,914,000	549,687,000	1,226,046,000	1.78	69,000	1,412,301,000	1,861,186,000
14. Hindus	108,000,000	203,003,000	464,384,000	798,610,000	1.33	32,000	887,991,000	1,065,370,000
15. Nonreligious	300,000	3,024,000	532,810,000	764,483,000	0.05	1,000	767,470,000	803,645,000
16. Chinese universists	310,000,000	380,007,000	231,848,000	367,967,000	0.65	6,900	387,448,000	429,381,000
17. Buddhists	69,400,000	127,077,000	233,079,000	366,625,000	0.81	8,700	391,122,000	456,705,000
18. Ethnoreligionists	92,000,000	117,537,000	165,389,000	241,554,000	1.00	7,200	261,566,000	279,010,000
19. Atheists	10,000	226,000	165,391,000	145,375,000	0.20	800	147,766,000	147,659,000
20. New-Religionists (Neoreligionists)	0	5,951,000	78,324,000	101,044,000	0.69	2,000	106,730,000	117,573,000
21. Sikhs	1,800,000	2,962,000	10,677,000	20,484,000	1.48	900	23,040,000	28,440,000
22. Jews	9,000,000	12,292,000	15,097,000	14,035,000	0.87	360	15,044,000	17,287,000
23. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)	698,670,000	1,061,472,000	2,463,460,000	4,072,440,000	1.14	140,000	4,460,063,000	5,234,922,000
GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY								
24. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)	22.7	34.5	33.4	33.1	0.10	0.0	33.3	33.8
25. Affiliated Christians (church members)	195,680,000	521,664,000	1,124,035,000	1,901,543,000	1.33	77,000	2,113,199,000	2,549,094,000
26. Church attenders	180,100,000	469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	42,000	1,476,690,000	1,760,568,000
27. Evangelicals	25,000,000	71,726,000	98,314,000	217,874,000	1.96	14,000	254,538,000	344,641,000
28. Great Commission Christians	21,000,000	77,917,000	277,153,000	639,672,000	0.95	18,000	689,980,000	852,881,000
29. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics	0	981,000	68,272,000	505,001,000	2.21	36,000	601,652,000	798,299,000
30. Average Christian martyrs per year	2,500	34,400	377,000	160,000	1.13	480	175,000	210,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCKS								
31. Roman Catholics	106,430,000	266,568,000	665,478,000	1,052,924,000	0.89	28,000	1,130,401,000	1,331,080,000
32. Independents	400,000	7,931,000	92,301,000	345,679,000	2.55	29,000	422,659,000	576,415,000
33. Protestants	30,980,000	103,024,000	210,972,000	344,211,000	1.46	16,000	386,644,000	485,489,000
34. Orthodox	55,220,000	115,844,000	139,950,000	238,481,000	0.74	5,000	252,891,000	261,111,000
35. Anglicans	11,910,000	30,571,000	47,409,000	75,117,000	1.21	3,000	82,708,000	107,696,000
36. Marginal Christians	40,000	928,000	11,096,000	30,421,000	2.13	2,000	36,001,000	51,444,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS								
37. Africa (5 regions)	4,330,000	8,756,000	116,538,000	350,091,000	2.41	28,000	423,675,000	627,557,000
38. Asia (4 regions)	8,350,000	20,781,000	92,497,000	292,443,000	2.45	24,000	355,008,000	474,745,000
39. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)	171,700,000	368,209,000	467,922,000	550,729,000	0.13	2,000	556,359,000	537,144,000
40. Latin America (3 regions)	14,900,000	60,027,000	263,549,000	479,137,000	1.27	18,000	530,187,000	634,354,000
41. Northern America (1 region)	5,600,000	59,570,000	168,942,000	208,282,000	0.71	4,000	220,374,000	245,693,000
42. Oceania (4 regions)	100,000	4,322,000	14,587,000	20,858,000	1.11	1,000	22,788,000	26,595,000
CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS								
43. Denominations	500	1,900	18,700	33,700	1.84	2.0	39,000	55,000
44. Congregations (worship centers)	150,000	400,000	1,453,000	3,191,000	1.81	180	3,684,000	5,000,000
45. Service agencies	600	1,500	14,100	23,000	2.02	1.5	27,000	36,000
46. Foreign-mission sending agencies	200	600	2,200	4,000	1.62	0.2	4,550	6,000
CONCILIARISM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES								
47. Confessional councils (CWCs, at world level)	20	40	150	310	1.53	0.01	350	600
48. International councils of churches	0	10	36	59	1.10	0.002	64	80
49. National councils of churches	0	19	283	598	1.50	0.03	670	870
50. Local councils of churches	0	70	2,600	9,000	2.20	0.6	10,700	15,500
CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)								
51. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)	900,000	2,100,000	4,600,000	10,900,000	1.07	347	11,866,000	14,000,000
52. Men	800,000	1,900,000	3,100,000	6,540,000	0.84	161	6,994,000	8,000,000
53. Women	100,000	200,000	1,500,000	4,360,000	1.40	185	4,872,000	6,000,000
54. Aliens (foreign missionaries)	25,000	62,000	240,000	420,000	1.09	14	458,000	550,000
55. Men	21,000	47,000	160,000	240,000	0.46	3	249,000	270,000
56. Women	4,000	15,000	80,000	180,000	1.88	11	209,000	280,000
CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)								
57. Personal income of church members, \$	40 billion	270 billion	4,100 billion	15,230 billion	2.23	50 billion	18,170 billion	26,000 billion
58. Giving to Christian causes, \$	1 billion	8 billion	70 billion	270 billion	4.70	1.1 billion	390 billion	870 billion
59. Churches' income, \$	950 million	7 billion	50 billion	108 billion	4.19	410 million	150 billion	300 billion
60. Parachurch and institutional income, \$	50 million	1 billion	20 billion	162 billion	5.04	660 million	240 billion	570 billion
61. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism, \$)	7,500	17,500	128,000	330,000	0.56	5	345,000	380,000
62. Ecclesiastical crime, \$	100,000	300,000	5,000,000	16 billion	5.77	70 million	25 billion	65 billion
63. Income of global foreign missions, \$	25,000,000	200,000,000	3.0 billion	15 billion	5.70	60 million	23 billion	60 billion
64. Computers in Christian use (numbers)	0	0	1,000	328 million	5.67	79,000	510 million	1,200 million
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles, not copies)								
65. Books about Christianity	75,000	300,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	3.66	600	6,401,000	11,800,000
66. Christian periodicals	800	3,500	23,000	35,000	4.30	5.8	49,000	100,000
SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year)								
67. Bibles, p.a.	500,000	5,452,600	25,000,000	53,700,000	4.96	216,000	79,081,000	180,000,000
68. Scriptures including gospels, selections	1,500,000	20 million	281 million	4,600 million	1.07	13 million	4,790 million	6,000 million
69. Bible density (copies in place)	20 million	108 million	443 million	1,400 million	2.00	90,000	1,640 million	2,280 million
CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING								
70. Total monthly listeners/viewers	0	0	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2.31	163,000	2,580,000,000	3,800,000,000
CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION								
71. Non-Christian megacities	1	5	65	226	1.14	0.01	247	300
72. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day	500	5,200	51,100	129,000	1.73	7.0	148,000	200,000
73. Urban Christians	5,500,000	159,600,000	660,800,000	1,160,000,000	1.59	57,000	1,316,000,000	1,720,000,000
CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM								
74. Evangelism-hours per year	600 million	5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	3.66	600 million	220 billion	425 billion
75. Hearer-hours (offers) per year	900 million	10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	6.22	4.2 billion	1,520 billion	4,250 billion
76. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita p.a.	1	6	27	154	4.97	0.6	227	538
WORLD EVANGELIZATION								
77. Unevangelized population (=World A)	674,350,000	879,672,000	1,638,575,000	1,722,254,000	1.04	53,000	1,871,208,000	2,160,412,000
78. Unevangelized as % of world	74.6	54.3	44.3	28.3	-0.15	0.0	28.0	27.3
79. World evangelization plans since AD 30	160	250	510	1,500	2.79	0.1	1,870	3,000

Today, none are found in Europe, and only two in North America growing church in the world, with worldchristianitydatabase.org David B. Barrett, Todd M. Johnson, and Peter F. Crossing, "Missiometrics 2008: Reality Checks Africa seedbed 367 million (Los Angeles and New York). The mega-cities of the world are now places like Tianjin, Tokyo, Osaka, Karachi, Lagos, Seoul and Mumbai, to name a few. an estimated 16,500 new Europe 380 million PUBLISHING for Christian World Communions." International Christians every day. Bulletin of Missionary Research 32, no. 1 (January 2008): 29. As of the year 2015, Christianity had approximately 2.4 billion adherents out of a worldwide population of about 7.5 billion people. It represents nearly one-third of the world's population and is the largest religion in the world, with the three largest groups of Christians being the Catholic Church, Protestantism, and the Eastern Orthodox Church. The largest Christian denomination is the Catholic Church, with 1.3 billion baptized members. The second largest Christian branch is either Protestantism Although this table depicts Christianity in the whole world, it is possible to use this grid for examining other religions in other segments. For example, growth trends in Buddhism in Myanmar are determined by these variables. On the positive side, one has births and conversions while on the negative side there are deaths and defections. At the country level, one has to also add in Buddhist immigrants and subtract Buddhist emigrants. The complexity at the country level is shown then by applying these 6 variables to 19 major religious categories in 239 countries. Fifty major reality checks (Tab...Â Its material could help the reader to analyze the fortunes of his or her own church, or mission, or denomination, or communion. â€¦ SUBSCRIBE TODAY! Subscribe to Questia and enjoy