

# INTRODUCTION

The term "mission" is a heavy one. It challenges us to step out beyond what we think is personally attainable. As Christians, it means trusting in the call God has put on our lives. He bids us to join his mission to make all things new – to advance his Gospel and stand for justice in every corner of his world.

God has endowed each of us with specific gifts, talents, passions, and opportunities that make us uniquely suited to do something significant in relation to his mission. Whether you realize it or not, God has orchestrated circumstances in your life and designed your heart to make an impact in your community and around the world.

This prayer guide provides an overview of what God is doing around the world and the issues people face in each region. Each article covers an event or trend in world missions and discusses how Christians are intervening to advance the Gospel. Use the prayer points in each section to guide you each day.

As you do so, ask God to tug at your heart and reveal how he might be calling you to get involved, whether through a financial commitment or a short term mission trip. If you feel him moving you to do something, pray for clarity and seek his will. Discuss what you're experiencing with close friends and family who will you support you in the journey.

We pray this guide helps you better understand how God is working and where you fit into his global story. As you become more interested in specific topics, visit www.e3partners.org to learn more.

In Him,



Your Friends at e3 Partners

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#### ASIA AT A GLANCE

Asia holds the highest concentration of people in the world. Due to political and geographical challenges, it's also one of the least reached continents. In terms of Gospel movements, it's virgin soil ready to be worked.

Population: 4,491,272,000 People Groups: 6,853

**Unreached Profile Groups:** 4,897 (71%) **Pop:** 2,691,885,000 (59%)

# DAY 1 | UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

They go by a variety of labels – the unreached, the unengaged, UPGs, or UUPGs. If you spend more than five minutes with a missionary, you'll hear some variation of these terms over and over again. Unreached people groups are the rallying cry for missions organizations. They're what make us get out of bed every morning.

So, what are they?

People groups are, well, groups of people. They are individual cultures defined by a shared language and perspective on the world. According to The Joshua Project, the leading research organization who catalogs them, there are 9,701 known people groups in the world. All 7.1 billion of us fall into one of these demographic subsets.

When you hear that a group is "unreached," it means there are so few Christians that they are unable to substantially spread the Gospel. Over 3,900 people groups fall into this category, representing 3 billion people.

But then there's the even scarier label – "unengaged." These are unreached groups who, for whatever reason, don't even have a missionary presence. In other words, they don't know the Gospel, we know they don't know the Gospel, and yet no one is actively reaching out to them.

It's every missionary's dream to cross groups off the unreached and unengaged lists. So, why are they still unreached? Or worse, unengaged?

#### 1 • IT'S VERY DANGEROUS.

International Mission Board President David Platt once commented, "Unreached peoples are unreached for a reason. They're hard, difficult, and dangerous to reach. All the easy ones are taken."

In large part, this is true. Many unreached and unengaged groups reside in countries ravaged by violence and oppression. This includes places like Syria, China, India, and Sudan. Missionaries going into these regions face opposition from governments and militant groups. The threat is not just for those who spread the Gospel, but even greater for those who accept it.

### 2 • THEY'RE DIFFICULT TO ACCESS.

Google Maps won't get you to many of these people. They live off the beaten path. In Nepal, where less than 1% of people know Christ, many villages are difficult to reach due to the nation's limited infrastructure.

Similarly, the unreached Bedouin tribes in the Middle East have purposely settled far from large urban centers. To make matters worse, they're constantly moving around. It's hard enough to track them down, much less get to them.

"HERE'S THE BOTTOM LINE – TO BE UNREACHED IS TO BE WITHOUT CHRIST. IT MEANS AN ENTIRE CULTURE IS MISSING OUT ON THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD."

#### 3 • MANY CHRISTIANS DON'T WANT TO REACH THEM.

As shocking as this may sound, often our prejudices get in the way. There is no stronger example than with Islam-adherent peoples. Over 85% reside in unreached communities. Sadly, some Christians deal with fear, misunderstanding, or even hatred that keeps them from viewing Muslims the way Christ does. They'd rather avoid them than engage them with the Gospel.

#### 4 • THERE AREN'T ENOUGH PEOPLE IN THE GAME.

Simply put, we need more people to embrace this call to the unreached. The vast majority of Christian resources are directed to places where the Gospel is already taking hold. Less than 1% is designated towards the most unreached parts of the world. There is a dire need for more Christians to pray for them, offer financial support, and go. If the Church won't step out of its comfort zone, these people will die without hearing about Jesus.

Despite all of this, the Gospel is still moving forward and exciting things are beginning to happen. The turmoil of the Middle East is driving many unreached communities into parts of Europe and North America where they can be exposed to the story of Jesus. As they return home, they are planting new churches in their native communities. Some might even be closer than you think. Meanwhile, e3 Partners and other organizations are teaching new believers in these communities how to share the Gospel and multiply. We just have to seize the opportunities.

Here's the bottom line – to be unreached is to be without Christ. It means an entire culture is missing out on the greatest story ever told. It's a reality we cannot accept. But the good news is that the Gospel isn't bound by political influence, war, or cultural obstacles. It doesn't bow down to these things. It transforms them.

None of these obstacles are insurmountable. It just means it's time to step up.

- Ask God to stir the hearts of unreached people groups.
- Pray for workers to join the mission who are willing to take the risk and go.
- Ask God to ignite a passion in your own heart for those who have no access to the Gospel.
- Pray for the few indigenous Christians who are trying to bring the Gospel to their communities.

#### LATIN AMERICA AT A GLANCE

While the number of unreached people groups in Latin America remains low, much of the continent is consumed with a culturally Christian lifestyle that does not actively promote a redeeming relationship with Christ.

Population: 589,102,000 People Groups: 1,423

**Unreached Profile Groups:** 70 (5%) **Pop**: 724,000 (1%)

### DAY 2 TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

It was a common sight to Nick's community. Trash strewn across dirt roads, mixed with used heroin needles and other dangerous objects. His small city near Barranquilla, Colombia was ravaged by poverty, constantly garnering attention from the government and outside aid organizations. But no matter how much anyone tried, no one could seem to jump-start the economy. Unemployment and drug use ran rampant. Meanwhile, the trash continued to build up, creating sanitation hazards for the children playing in the streets.

That's when Nick, an uneducated and often overlooked man in his neighborhood, had a game-changing thought. What if the city's greatest problem could actually become its greatest asset? He took the idea to his church who was grappling with ways to serve their community. Together, they developed a trash collection business that would pay individuals in the city to pick up the waste and separate out recyclable materials. Then they sold the recyclables for profit.

Before long, the entire town joined in. Children collected trash and turned it in for lunch money. Drug attics even got in the game, receiving rehab counseling and money in return for their garbage. As the business took off and the streets cleared out, the community was inspired by the church's actions. Eventually, the church even led a campaign to provide paved roads for the city.

What the government and aid organizations could never seem to accomplish, the church was able to lead by inspiring the community to change.

Last year, American families gave over \$258 billion to support charitable efforts across the globe. According to one report, that's enough money to provide life-saving deworming pills to 3,717 children, drinking water for 3,304 people, or mosquito nets to 991 Malaria-prone homes.

As problems arise, it's common for wealthier countries to give generously towards solutions like water wells and humanitarian aid. But with all of this assistance, how can we ensure lasting change in communities often prone to health, justice, and economic issues?

To make this happen, locals must ultimately take ownership of their community's success. They must transition from dependence on emergency aid to a partnership mindset with those who have resources.

Over the past several years, e3's Community Transformation team has been working to develop these partnerships in poverty-stricken areas. The work goes deeper than aid provisions and helps churches serve with neighbors to improve their communities. To ensure success, they invite the people on a four step journey, affectionately termed the "Pillars of Empowerment."

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#### 1 • CREATE TOGETHER

In order to see lasting change, the locals must first identify the heart of their problem and collaborate towards a sustainable solution. This might mean building a new road as was done in Colombia or starting new businesses as was seen in Tanzania. They must own both the problem and the fix.

#### 2 • ACT TOGETHER

Once a solution has been identified, they must act on their own to find and develop local resources that can help them attain their goals.

#### 3 • LEAD TOGETHER

While American teams often help the people get started, the locals must ultimately take leadership in their own communities. It's exciting to watch pastors and their churches look at the needs of their neighborhoods with a sense of hope instead of despair, leading others in developing similar solutions.

#### 4 • MULTIPLY TOGETHER

Once the initial needs are solved, a movement begins. They help others embark on the same journey and continue the community transformation process.

As these movements take hold in neighborhoods and communities around the world, the local churches become an institution of change, naturally drawing those around them to Christ. One church in Africa developed over 25 local businesses

to support their neighbors. Another acquired clean water filters that were placed in pastors' homes and offered freely to the community, allowing them to begin spiritual conversations with those who visit.

At the end of the day, e3 Community Transformation equips local Christians to develop healthy, efficient, sustainable solutions that are redeeming lives from a sense of hopelessness to one of self-sufficiency and empowerment. This results in less human trafficking, better public health, and a stronger appreciation for their God-qiven resources.

- Pray for justice across the globe, particularly in places where issues like human trafficking runs rampant.
- Ask God to raise up creative, passionate believers in communities around the world who can transform their neighborhoods.
- Ask God for clarity on how your own gifts can be used to foster greater community transformation.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA

The 58 countries that make up the continent of Africa are home to over 1 billion people from nearly 3,700 people groups. The continent is plagued by extreme poverty, political turmoil, human trafficking, and a number of health epidemics that make it a critical location for Christian mission work.

Population: 1,164,409,000 People Groups: 3,698

Unreached Profile Groups: 980 (26.5%) Pop: 336,224,000 (28.9%)

# DAY 3 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

"There is such beauty in this foreign land and yet the filth is equally present."

As a small team of Americans set off New Years Eve lanterns in celebration, they join thousands of others partaking in the age-old tradition throughout Thailand. The bright, breathtaking sight stands in stark contrast to the darkness and secrets of this city.

Just hours earlier, they prayer-walked the Red Light District of Chiang Mai, two by two, while rubbing shoulders with men searching for a nightly companion.

"We prayed for the faces of the women, girls, children and lady-boys who hoped that someone would pick them, and also that no one would," remarked one team member.

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING RUN RAMPANT**

The team isn't just kicking off a new year. They are marking the start of a week-long expedition to address the causes of human trafficking in one of the world's hardest-hit regions. As Chiang Mai flourishes, human trafficking remains a scourge to the land. Posing as religious leaders, successful businessmen, or sympathetic maternal figures, human traffickers enter impoverished villages and convince families to give up their children by promising a better life for them. With identification papers in hand and corrupt assistance from every branch of government, traffickers are able to make their victims disappear from the public eye. Many are smuggled across the border and forced into harsh labor while others are sold into sexual slavery.

In June 2014, the U.S. State Department released its annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report, downgrading Thailand to a Tier 3 state. The scathing analysis revealed that Thai officials have failed to meet the minimum standards for protecting its people from forced labor and sex trafficking. Even the most conservative estimates report that tens of thousands of victims are trafficked every year.

#### A PRICELESS OPPORTUNITY

The team spent the week venturing into these remote villages. Using the PricelessCube, a small teaching device developed by e3 Partners, they were able to reveal the tactics used by human trafficking rings while communicating the critical message that life cannot be bought or sold.

"The families listened intently and thanked us for loving them and their children enough to share this cautionary information," shared another member.

Over the course of the week, 262 people heard the message of the PricelessCube while 201 also heard the Gospel - many for the first time. Throughout the year, teams are spreading across Thailand, Ethiopia, and other regions of the world where human trafficking runs rampant. Armed with PricelessCubes, they share a life-changing message with deep spiritual implications.

- Pray for justice across the globe, particularly in places where issues like human trafficking run rampant.
- Pray for economic and political stability in Africa and for missions movements underway in the region.

#### **EUROPE AT A GLANCE**

Europe is a 51 country bloc that comprises some of the world's most influential political and economic forces. Much of civilization over the past 500 years has been influenced by events on European soil. Today, the demographic landscape of the continent is dramatically shifting as refugees and immigrants across the globe descend on the region.

Population: 500,498,000 People Groups: 1,888

Unreached Profile Groups: 444 (23.5%) Pop: 24,937,000 (4.2%)

### DAY 4 | 10/40 WINDOW: IT'S MOVING

As Charlotte sat next to her, they hardly spoke a word to one another. There on the streets of Frankfurt, an American sat with an Iraqi woman while her young children played with a ball together. Despite the language barrier, a powerful ministry opportunity unfolded.

"Neither of us could speak the other's language but we interacted anyway," Charlotte remembers. "Just being beside her meant a lot to her. At one point she put her arm around me and gave me a big hug."

In June 2015, a small team with e3 Partners embarked on a first-of-its-kind expedition to Frankfurt, a city of 5.5 million people that serves as continental Europe's largest financial center. It has been ranked the world's tenth most global city and the eighth largest financial district. It is also a primary hub for refugees fleeing violence in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

"Frankfurt is the crossroads of Europe and the Middle East," remarked one e3 staffer. "Walking the streets daily, I see more people from other parts of the world than I do Germans."

#### A GROWING HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS

By the end of the year, Germany expects over 450,000 people to apply for asylum. European countries struggle to keep up with the influx of immigrants desperately fleeing the deteriorating conditions of their homelands.

Last month, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) announced that more refugees occupy our world today than any other moment in human history. Equally disturbing is the fact that half of them are children. Between

the crisis in Syria, the growing threat of Boko Haram in Nigeria, the conflict in Ukraine, and general violence across the globe, entire communities have been displaced.

As neighboring countries in Northern Africa and the Middle East reach capacity to house these refugees, the people are flooding into Europe. According to the United Nations, over 135,000 people have arrived in 2015 alone. Currently, 40,000 immigrants are being moved out of Greece and Italy into neighboring countries, just to make room for 20,000 more who are on their way. The Financial Times recently called it "one of the most serious challenges now facing the bloc."

In Greece alone, refugees are pouring in at a rate of 1,000 per day. Since they can't afford plane tickets and don't have time to apply for passports or visas, they are amassing along the coasts of Northern Africa, boarding overcrowded rowboats, and taking their chances crossing the Mediterranean Sea.

Recently, over 2,000 people have died attempting to cross. While European countries send their naval fleets out to rescue them, they're unable to keep up. Those who survive the journey face an uncertain future, often trying to rebuild their lives while dependent on foreign aid.

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#### A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPEN DOOR

In the midst of this tragic situation, God is doing something remarkable. A number of the refugees arriving in Europe are members of unreached or unengaged people groups who have been previously inaccessible to Christian workers. For the first time in decades, if not centuries, we're in a position to reach them.

"The 10/40 window has moved to Europe," remarked Carol Davis.

Andrew, one of the team leaders commented, "Many of the people we met the last day had only been in the country for 48 hours. They were from Eritrea, Somalia, Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, and Albania to name a few."

Throughout the June expedition, the team interacted with refugees in their homes and on city streets. They provided free lunches, set up pick-up games, and listened as people tearfully shared their stories. In many cases, the team was able to serve individuals who have been left feeling marginalized and forgotten. As conversations unfold, they introduced them to their loving Creator who sent his Son restore their hearts.

As e3 Partners advances its work in Europe, the ministry is made possible by eager German pastors and believers who are launching churches in pubs, coffee houses, and other community centers across the city. One pastor in particular is currently shepherding 19 churches, all comprising of young people who are new to the faith.

It's a serious human rights crisis that God is using to draw the nations to himself. A powerful story of restoration is taking place in Europe that's changing the eternal trajectory of cultures across the globe.

- Pray for a spiritual breakthrough in the 10/40 Window that spans across Asia, the Middle East, and India.
- Pray for the refugees who are arriving in Europe from all over the world.
- Ask God to break into the hearts of unreached people who are arriving on the continent.

#### THE MIDDLE EAST AT A GLANCE

It's one of the most culturally significant yet volatile regions in the world, with stark contrasts between the rich and poor. Some of the fastest growing Gospel movements are happening in the Middle East but it's also one of the least reach and most persecuted places on the planet.

Population: 335,937,000 People Groups: 593

Unreached Profile Groups: 403 (68%) Pop: 233,882,000 (70%)

# DAY 5 THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Dan was nearly home when he heard the piercing squeal of tires coming from behind his car. It was the last-second warning before the crash that jolted his vehicle. After collecting himself, he stepped out of his mangled car to find hundreds of Bibles strewn across the street.

With sirens screaming in the distance, Dan knew he had only moments before the police would arrive and arrest him for possession of Christian literature. He quickly called out to the crowd gathering around the scene, "If you want Bibles or Christian literature, take them and go!"

Officers arrived only moments later. Not a single Bible remained.

As Dan and the pastors shared their stories from Romania's communist era, our team sat there in complete amazement. Despite our exhaustion after three full days of ministry in the communities surrounding Suceava, no one could leave the dinner table. We were hooked.

While our team had already spent the better part of a week holding medical clinics across northeastern Romania, openly sharing the Gospel along the way, such freedom has not always existed in this small eastern European country. In fact, our ministry earlier that day had nearly been derailed by political opposition from the mayor and priest who were less than thrilled by our evangelistic intentions.

The Socialist Republic of Romania was officially established in 1947. The next four decades would be marked by fierce persecution and zero tolerance for political dissidence. The Romanian Orthodox Church became the official state religion. Beautiful cathedrals towered over the town squares of even the most destitute villages. Priests

often used their access to the personal lives of Romanian citizens to spy on behalf of the government.

When Nicolae Ceausescu assumed power in the 1960s, the decision to follow Christ came with a high price. Ceausescu was considered one of the harshest leaders of the 20th century. But despite the constant threat of imprisonment, torture, forced labor, and death, the Church never gave up.

The pastors with whom we served would carve out space under the backseats of their cars so they could smuggle Bibles across the border. For particularly large deliveries, they would empty one of the three fuel tanks in a freight truck and fill it with Scripture. They were chased through train stations, followed across the countryside by secret police, and perpetually one misstep away from capture.

#### AN UNFORGETTABLE CHRISTMAS

In 1989, a young pastor named László Tőkés was serving in the western city of Timişoara when he made critical remarks against the government on an Hungarian television show. In addition to questioning Ceausescu's policies, he boldly suggested that the Romanian people lacked any understanding of their God-given rights. As a punishment, the government moved to evict him.

But in the days leading up to László's removal, his congregation held a prayer vigil outside his family's apartment. Onlookers soon joined in support. When officers arrived on December 16 to take him away, they were met by widespread protests, which quickly turned violent. As the situation escalated, the people attempted to burn down the Communist Party headquarters. Officers fired into the crowd, leading to thousands of deaths and complete anarchy. Every attempt to quell the protests only fueled the fire.

On December 21, Nicolae Ceausescu addressed the people in the capital of Bucharest. Eight minutes into his speech, the people began chanting "Ti-mi-şoa-ra! Ti-mi-şoa-ra!" with the entire nation watching. Nicolae and his wife, Elena, narrowly escaped as protesters overtook the complex. The two remained on the run for several days until their eventual capture. On Christmas Day, Nicolae and Elena were publicly tried and executed by firing squad on national television.

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#### AN UNSTOPPABLE REVIVAL

With the reign of terror over, a new chapter began for the Church. The faithfulness of Romanian Christians birthed a revival that is still alive and well today. Dan and the

other ministers continue to establish new churches, mentor pastors, and disciple young believers in Suceava county. It's a phenomenon that is taking place all over Romania.

After decades of control, Romanians today are desperate to know their individual worth. They are seeking the authentic love that only comes from Christ. Young people, in particular, are increasingly receptive to the Gospel. According to Operation World, at least ten home-grown missions agencies have developed since 2000.

This same trend continues in other parts of the world today. Where persecution against Christians is highest, Gospel movements are greatest. An estimated 180 believers are killed for their faith every month in over 60 countries where the story of Jesus is restricted. Yet, people are coming to Christ in droves in places like Iraq, Syria, east Asia, Indochina, and India.

The persecuted Church needs our prayers and our support. Meanwhile, workers are still needed in restricted and hostile regions who are willing to lay everything on the line for the sake of Christ.

- Ask God to offer strength to persecuted Christians, that he will be glorified in their suffering.
- Pray that the Gospel will continue to grow in these regions.
- Ask God to protect his followers who are advancing his story in these hostile and restricted parts of the world.

#### NORTH AMERICA AT A GLANCE

Home to some of the world's strongest economies and most diverse populations, North America is a political and social force that impacts people all over the planet. Even as much of it is culturally Christian, over 10 million unreached people live within the United States alone.

Population: 570,134,000 People Groups: 1,437

Unreached Profile: Groups: 146 (10%) Pop: 12,892,000 (2%)

### DAY 6 | THE "UNINVITABLE"

After a powerful time of training at Eagle Heights Church in Oklahoma, Carter Cox was preparing to leave when Keith, one of the elders, stopped him.

"This will never work." he said.

Carter was caught off guard. He had just spent the afternoon training church members how to share their faith and train up new believers.

"Why?" he asked.

"Well, there are several guys on the Oklahoma city police force I have been trying to reach for years, and they just won't come to church...they are cold."

Carter followed up, "Have you shared your story and the Gospel with them?"

"No..."

"Well, why don't we pray that God will set up an opportunity for you to do just that."

One week later, Keith called Carter in tears. Not only did two of his co-workers receive Christ, but the men then learned how to share the Gospel, bringing their entire families to faith as well. In the months that followed, another 70 people would come to faith in Jesus, some of them during traffic stops!

#### TIME: A PRECIOUS COMMODITY

For Carter, the doubt is nothing new but he has also seen powerful stories like Keith's firsthand. As a church planter with e3 Partners, his job is simple: tell people about Jesus, help them start new churches, and train others to do the same.

After graduating college, Carter moved to Oklahoma City in January 2014 but he knew he wouldn't be there long. Engaged to be married and finishing up his master's degree, a new chapter in his life was awaiting him. But he also knew that God had placed him in Oklahoma for a reason and he wanted to make the most of it.

"My time was precious," Carter remembers. "I attempted to stick to high value activities"

In the next 18 months, God would use him to establish six different house churches, train over 400 believers, and lead countless others to Christ. Carter watched as one church in particular embraced the vision with open arms. In one year, they planted four new churches, two of which reproduced into two more. Meanwhile, they raised \$116,000 for local and global missions projects.

#### "THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO REACH THEM: MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE."

#### IN THE SHADOWS

Carter serves as one of many church planters on the e3 USA team who are spread all across the country. While many consider the United States a largely Christian nation, over 10 million people residing within our borders are considered unreached or unengaged. Even in large Bible Belt cities like Dallas, Birmingham, and San Antonio, entire cultures who remain untouched by the Gospel sit under the noses of well-established churches.

Some come with worker visas, others arrive as refugees. As a result, the nations are descending upon the United States at an unprecedented rate. But for these people, the outreach methods employed by many evangelistic churches often prove ineffective. Over 60% are unlikely to respond to invitations to a service or venture far outside their communities.

There is only one way to reach them: meet them where they are.

e3 USA helps churches actively engage these groups and other unreached pockets within U.S. communities through training and hands-on experience. They help Christians build connections, share the Gospel, and train new believers to do the same. This results in new churches springing up in homes and businesses across the city, supported by other nearby congregations. The same methods used overseas are filling evangelistic gaps in our own country.

It's the New Testament in motion.

- Pray for awareness to see the unreached in your own community.
- Ask God to raise up workers here at home to reach immigrants and refugees arriving in our own backyards.
- Pray that church planting movements will grow here at home.

# DAY 7 YOU

God is doing extraordinary things in our world today. He is using dreams and visions to reach Muslims, advancing his Gospel among those who have never heard the name of Jesus, and establishing his Church even in lands where it's illegal to worship him.

Still, injustice and spiritual depravity remain. Issues like human trafficking and poverty run rampant while a third of the world's population still doesn't have access to a Christian missionary.

In Revelation 21:5, Jesus proclaims, "Behold, I make all things new." It's his final declaration at the end of times. It's also his promise to those who leave everything behind to follow him. And until the day of his return, it's our calling as believers. We are invited to partner with him in restoring the world around us. This means seeking justice for the marginalized, provision for the needy, and spiritual transformation for every individual.

e3 Partners is on track to establish one million new churches within the next ten years, each one designed to multiply as more people come to Christ and transform the communities around them. It's an exciting challenge with the potential to change the world.

The best part? You can join the effort. Consider joining the mission in three specific ways:

KNEEL Keep praying! Go through this guide regularly and ask God to specifically work through the issues mentioned here.

INVEST Ministry on this scale requires resources and man-power. You can be part of it with your financial gift of any amount. For as little as \$16 a month, you can help e3 Partners launch one new church every year. Just visit www.e3partners.org/rise to get started.

GO We don't need "ministry professionals." We need passionate believers who are ready to use their gifts, passions, and opportunities to make a broken world new. We need you.

Over 170 mission trips are leaving every year to nearly 50 countries. They're preventing human trafficking, alleviating the effects of poverty, and providing medical care in remote areas. Each one is also taking the Gospel into unreached communities and leaving behind new churches.

You may feel inexperienced or unqualified but nothing could be further from the truth. God will use anyone willing to step up and serve him.

So, will you take the leap? Visit **www.e3partners.org** to find an expedition or set up your donation. An adventure unlike anything you could ever imagine awaits on the other side!

- Ask God to lay a specific issue or region on your heart to serve.
- Pray for boldness to trust him, even as so many things remain unknown.
- Ask God to move in the hearts of friends and family who might support your trip.

