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Finishing the Great Commission

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Can Help Complete The Great Commission
and Impact the World in the Process**

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- **40+ years of ministerial experience as Senior Pastor, Missionary, Leadership Training School President, Denominational Executive, and Overseer of churches.**
- **40 years experience in training leaders both nationally and internationally.**
- **Married for 46 years with three adult children and nine grandchildren, all of whom are committed followers of Jesus.**
- **Traveled in more than 50 nations of the world.**
- **Has trained leaders for Dr. John Maxwell's *EQUIP* organization in the *Million Leaders Mandate* emphasis.**
- **Has two passions: to see *The Great Commission* completed in this generation and to train leaders in the Majority World to help accomplish that task.**

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE:

- **"This is the best conference that has ever come to Delhi." (Delhi Pastor)**
- **"This conference changed my life. It gave me the clear direction for ministry that I was desperately in need of." (Pakistani Pastor)**
- **"I am more than seventy years of age and have attended conferences my entire life, but I have never seen a conference which impacted me like this." (Assam Pastor)**
- **"I have never been to a conference where I learned so much about my own country." (Myanmar Pastor)**
- **"The Great Commission Conferences of Mission Catalyst are making a significant impact on our entire national church planting movement in Cambodia and helping touch our country for Christ." (Cambodian Ministry Leader).**
- **"Bangladesh has been greatly impacted by the Great Commission Conferences. Many of our leaders have been encouraged, challenged and equipped to help fulfill the Great Commission in Bangladesh in this generation." (Bangladeshi Ministry Leader)**
- **I have never attended a conference like this one. It has put a new fire within me to build God's Kingdom in my country." (Ugandan Pastor)**

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WHY WE ARE PRESENT FOR THIS GREAT COMMISSION CONFERENCE

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I. Introduction

- The truths that will be taught in this conference have been taught in numerous parts of the world – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, Uganda, Zambia, and all across India. It has made a powerful impact on leaders wherever it has been shared.
- Be prepared for God to speak to you and to impact your life at a deep level during this conference.

II. Five Reasons Why Are Here:

- First, we are here because of _____ to call worshipers to Himself from every tribe, language and people on earth.

“And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.” (Revelation 5:9)

God’s objective in the world is to have representatives from each _____ on earth with him in eternity.

- Second, we are here because of _____ for the world - to fill the earth with the glory of His name. That vision is seen in the scripture passage below:

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” (Habbakuk 2:14)

God’s dream is for the entire earth to (including the UK) to be filled with His glory.

- Third, we are here because of _____ to impact the world with His message by bringing the Gospel to each individual people group on earth.

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“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all *nations*, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14).

God’s strategy is to reach the world by reaching every _____ on earth.

- Fourthly, we are here because of _____ of carrying out His strategy in the world. That method is to train tens of thousands of leaders around the world who will, in turn, train other leaders to build His Kingdom. This methodology is shown in the following verse:

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” (2 Timothy 2:2)

God’s method for reaching the world focuses on training leaders who will, in turn, train other leaders.

- Fifthly, we are here because _____ to His Church (*The Great Commission*) can, if we will be deeply serious about it, be completed in this generation. (Matt 28:16-20)

We are here to partner with Jesus and with each other in order to help reach those who have not heard and to _____ the Great Commission in this generation.

III. The Goals of This Conference: To help you, God’s people, gain ...

- Bigger _____
- More _____
- Clearer _____
- Long-term _____

... for finishing *The Great Commission* in this generation ... and to impact the world around us in the process!

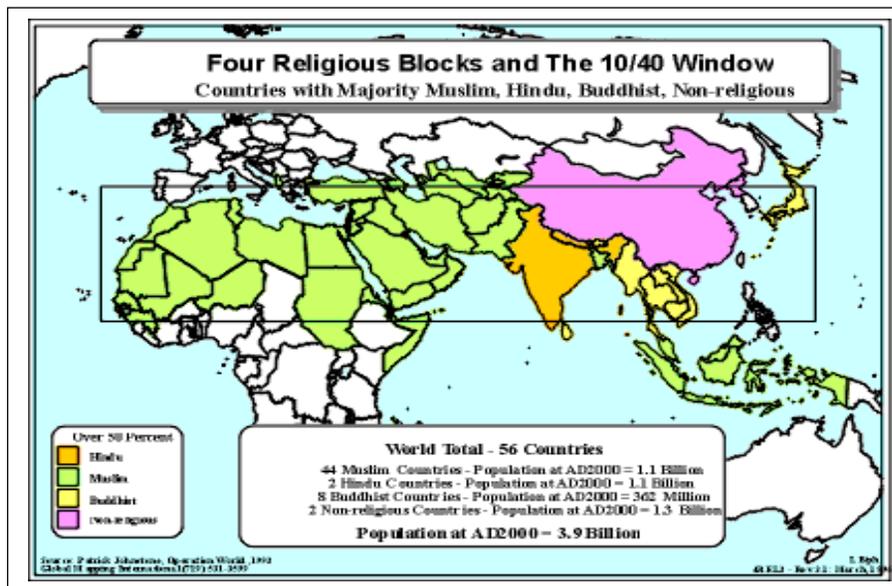
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IV. The Challenge Before Us

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- There are nearly than two billion _____ (or least-reached) people in the world. Most have never heard the Gospel and presently have no way to hear.
 - There are _____ ethnic groups in the world.
 - _____ of these are referred to an *Unreached Peoples*
- Almost every second someone dies somewhere in the world who has never heard of Jesus Christ and His love. That is 43 people per minute, 2,500 people per hour, and _____ people per day.
- Where do these unreached people live?



The “10/40 Window” is an area of the world located between 10 degrees latitude north of the equator and 40 degrees latitude north and which covers North Africa, the Middle-East, and most of western, central, eastern, and southeastern Asia.

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Within the 10/40 Window resides ...

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- ✓ 60% of the world's population
- ✓ The _____ least-reached countries of the world
- ✓ _____ of those who have never heard the Gospel.
- ✓ Only _____ of the world's missionary work force

V. What we expect to result from this conference:

- ◆ God's Objective in the world will be met. More worshippers will be gathered from every tribe, language, and people.
- ◆ God's Vision will be realized. We will help fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.
- ◆ God's Strategy will be activated. More people groups in the UK and surrounding nations will be reached for God's glory.
- ◆ God's Method for reaching the world will be followed. The Gospel will be entrusted to qualified men and women who will be able to teach others.
- ◆ We will help to _____ the Great Commission in this generation.
 - According to Dr. C. Peter Wagner, *for the first time in history* the Church of Jesus Christ has a realistic opportunity to _____ the Great Commission (in our lifetime).
 - "I believe we need to begin to plan in terms of the end of history." (Dr. Ralph Winter)

YOUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD WILL BE BLESSED!

"That the Lamb who was slain might receive the reward of His sufferings!"

(The heart cry of the Moravians)

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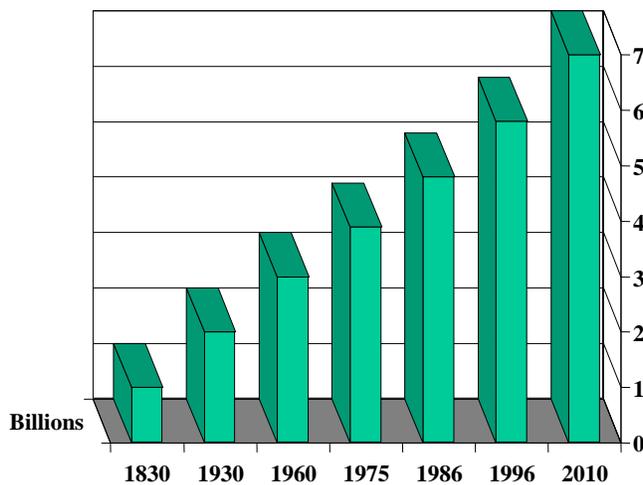
6. Great Commission churches are committed to help _____ the Great Commission. (The sixth characteristic of churches which impact the world.)

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THE STATE OF THE WORLD:

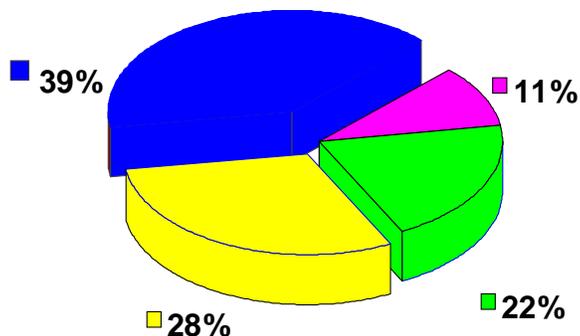
◆ Global Population Trends

The current world population is over _____, and it is growing by _____ every day.



◆ The Global Report

Of the world's 6.9 billion people, the following statistics allow us to see the report of our current condition:



11% - True Believers (purple);
22% - Nominal Christians (green)
39% - Reside within reached people groups (blue);
28% - Virtually no exposure to the Gospel – Unreached Peoples (yellow)

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UNREACHED PEOPLES ACCORDING TO RELIGION

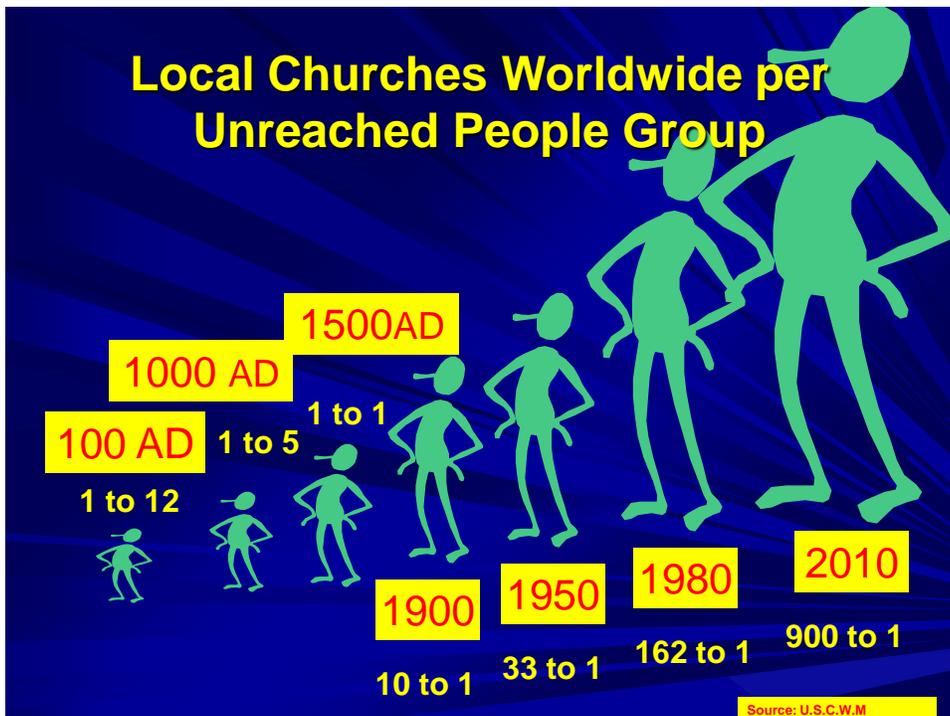
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3,285 *Unreached Peoples* are primarily _____ (1.3 billion)

2,669 *Unreached Peoples* are primarily _____ (900 million)

573 *Unreached Peoples* are primarily _____ (375 million)

- ◆ An important question: How many *Unreached Peoples* are in your country? You can find out the answer by going to the *Joshua Project* website (www.joshuaproject.net) and looking under the statistics for your particular country. They have the most detailed and up-to-date information available about your country. Please take the time to check it out.
- ◆ Great Commission churches are committed to specifically targeting the *Unreached Peoples* of their countries for church planting. Which group will you target first?



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◆ A model of a Great Commission Church:

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- _____ activity ...
 - Within our own culture
 - Within _____ cultures.
- God's desired result: every culture (people group) on earth included in His Kingdom.

◆ Two approaches to reaching unreached people groups:

- Working through _____ from unreached people groups who have come to Christ and who have leadership giftings & callings – training them to reach their own people
- Regular cross-cultural _____ sent to unreached people groups as “Strategy Coordinators”

◆ Church Planting Movements

- Definition: “A _____ of indigenous churches planting other churches that sweeps through a people group or population segment.”
- Examples of Church Planting Movements:
 - A Ministry in East Asia planted 360 churches in 6 months
 - A group in Latin America grew from 235 to 4,000 churches with 30,000 baptisms
 - 4,000 new churches were planted among the Bhojpuri in India and 3,00,000 new believers added
 - In an Asian Muslim country 3,000 *Isa Jamaats* (Jesus Groups) were formed with 150,000 Muslim converts

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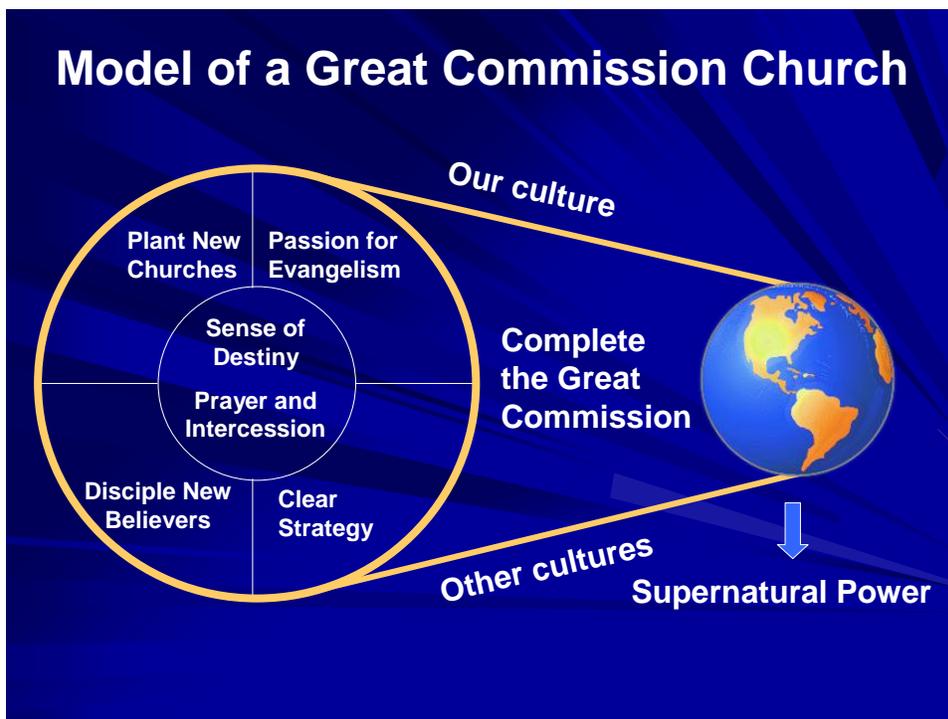
- ◆ “The church that does not have a vision to conquer the world soon dies.” (Pioneer Missiologist Roland Allen)

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RESEARCH ON UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

Website Addresses:

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- www.finishingthetask.com
- www.joshuaproject.net
- www.partnersinternational.org
- www.imaIndia.org
- www.win1040.com
- www.asiaharvest.org
- www.ethnicarvest.org
- www.qmi.org
- www.qmi.org/ow
- www.uscwm.org
- www.imb.org
- www.worldchristiandatabase.org
- www.globalchristianity.org
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◆ This is the most effective way to penetrate the worlds of _____, _____ and _____.

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- “God has been using illness to bring people to Himself. In the past few months, we’ve had many people show interest in the things of God because they were suffering from a physical ailment. Many unsaved Laotians who couldn’t be helped by doctors or hospitals have turned to our churches for healing prayers. God has shown His power by healing many.” (A National Missionary in Laos)

- An Idea: Each local church should have a team of evangelists who regularly pray for the sick & win lost people.

◆ Jesus _____ that His disciples would minister in supernatural power – John 14:12-14

◆ This was Paul’s _____ in ministry (Romans 15:18-19)

- The miracles _____ hearers.
- The miracles helped to affirm Paul in the minds of the people.
- The miracles were _____ of the character of the Gospel (love, mercy, compassion for the weak, release from bondage, etc.)
- The miracles illustrated the _____ of God’s salvation to the poor, the weak, and the suffering.

◆ What are the keys to being used in bringing God’s healing and deliverance to people?

- Being _____ with the Holy Spirit.
 - ✓ In the New Testament this infilling of the Spirit often occurred more than one time. (See Acts 2:1-4; Acts 4:31)
 - ✓ On being asked why he needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit over and over again, Evangelist D. L. Moody said, “Because I leak!”

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- A long-term goal: At least _____ of the church's total annual income given to missions.

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God has promised to bless people and churches who give generously.

THE PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL GIVING AND GOD'S BLESSING

◆ Introduction to Biblical Giving

- This teaching has at its heart God's _____ to Abraham (Genesis 12):
 - "I will bless you"
 - "I will make you a blessing" (Father of Nations)
- Biblical giving is a way that you also can be blessed and be a _____ to the nations.
- "If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."
(Galatians 3:29)

◆ Principle # 1 – Christian giving *begins* with the _____.

- The way God taught Israel to give was through the tithe
- Tithe means "tenth" (10%)
- Tithing was practiced by:
 - The Patriarchs (400 years) – before the Law
 - Israel under the Law (Hebrews 7:1-10)
 - The early believers who were primarily Jewish in the beginning
- Israel was instructed to bring the _____ of their crops and their herds – a principle with God: the _____ 10% of our increase)

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“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

(2 Corinthians 9:6)

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“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)

- **Our giving should extend beyond the tithe; tithing is where giving *begins*.**
- **Each believer is a _____ of what God entrusts to him**

◆ **Principle # 5 – Our giving is to be done in _____.**

- **_____ is an act of faith**
- **Our obedience to God in giving allows us to claim all of _____ about giving.**

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written, ‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed, and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.... ” (2 Cor 9:8-11)

- **The way we fight the enemy is by standing on God’s faithful promises.**
- **The battles of life are fought and won in prayer.**

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SEMINAR SUMMARY

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❖ Four Great Historical “Waves” of Missionary Activity:

- ◆ The “First Wave” – the first-century _____
- ◆ The “Second Wave” – the _____ Missionary Movement (William Carey, Hudson Taylor, David Livingstone, etc.)
- ◆ The “Third Wave” – the Pentecostal/Charismatic _____ (Youth With A Mission, Operation Mobilization, Campus Crusade for Christ, Pentecostal/Charismatic denominations, Independent church movements)

- ◆ The “Final Wave” – the missions movement of the _____.

The leadership of missions in the world is changing hands – from white hands to brown, black, and yellow hands (from the West to the Majority World).



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Coca-Cola Facts:

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❖ Logo recognized by 94% of the world's population

❖ 800 million sales per day in over 200 countries

❖ Coca-Cola trucks travel over 1,000,000 miles/day

Two Questions:

1. If Coca-Cola has reached 94% of the world's population in 125 years, why haven't Christians been able to do it in 2,000 years?

2. Do we need to repent of our disobedience to Christ, our lack of vision and commitment, and our lack of strategic focus?

❖ Final Challenges:

◆ How are you going to live the remainder of your life? Why not invest it in something that will make a genuine difference in the world?

◆ Will you adopt one of India's or Nepal's unreached/unengaged groups for church planting?

◆ Get a vision that is worth dying for!

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CONCLUSION:

❖ A Suggested Strategy for the coming five years:

- Get alone with God for an _____ time (Sense of Destiny). Get a vision worth dying for (pregnant)
- Commit to having a one-week *Prayer Revival* every three months
- Commit to using the _____ (teach members to invite them to a Gospel Meeting)
- Commit now to _____ every new believer
- Plant many _____ and daughter churches
- Commit to reaching at least one _____ ethnic group with a Church Planting Movement
- Commit to praying for _____ among unsaved people
- Commit to _____ workers for the harvest
- Commit to _____ personally and teaching your people to tithe

❖ Two Closing Thoughts:

- ◆ “In view of the constraining memories of the Cross of Christ and the love wherewith He hath loved us, let us rise and resolve, at whatever the cost of self-denial, that, live or die, we shall live or die for the evangelization of the world in our day.”

(Missionary Statesman John R. Mott)

- ◆ “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” (Missionary Martyr Jim Elliott)

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Review and Progress Update

(Fill out form and turn in)

Since our last meeting ...

- ◆ Did you get alone with God for an extended time of prayer & fasting (finding a *Sense of Destiny*)? Yes ____; No _____. If you did, please describe what happened: _____

- ◆ Are all your members regularly using their *Evangelistic Prayer List*? Yes ____; No _____.

- How many new members have you gained since our last meeting? _____

- How many have taken baptism during the past six months? _____

- How many new believers have been discipled during the past six months _____? How many people do you have who are now discipling new believers? _____

- ◆ Describe what is happening in your church concerning prayer now (*Prayer Mountain*; early morning prayer; prayer walks, *Prayer Revivals*)?

- ◆ How many new churches or daughter churches have you planted in the past six months (including House Churches)? _____

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CHURCH PLANTING/UNREACHED PEOPLE COMMITMENT FORM

By God's grace, I commit myself today to help finish *The Great Commission* in my country by taking the responsibility to see a *Church Planting Movement* take place among the following unreached people groups in my country during the next five years:

1. _____ 2. _____

Date: _____

Name (print) _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail address: _____

Signature: _____

If you did not attend the Phase One Great Commission Conference, how many churches will you commit to plant in the next five years: _____

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