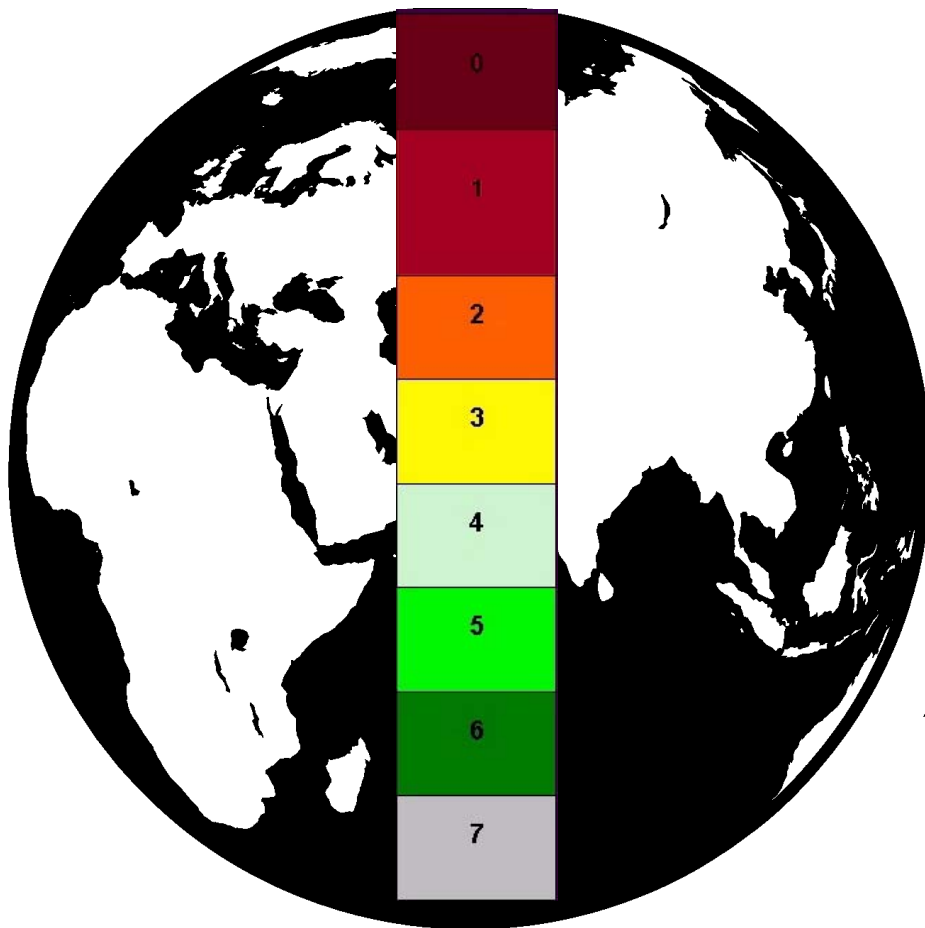


# Global Status of Evangelical Christianity

May 2009  
Data as of 04/28/2009



## Global Status of Evangelical Christianity Model

|               | Status | Description  |
|---------------|--------|--|
| Last Frontier | 0      | No evangelical Christians or churches. No access to major evangelical print, audio, visual, or human resources.    |
|               | 1      | Less than 2% Evangelical. Some evangelical resources available, but no active church planting within past 2 years. |
| Unreached     | 2      | Less than 2% Evangelical. Initial (localized) church planting within past 2 years.                                 |
|               | 3      | Less than 2% Evangelical. Widespread church planting within past 2 years.  |
|               | 4      | Greater than or equal to 2% Evangelical  |
|               | 5      | Greater than or equal to 5% Evangelical  |
|               | 6      | Greater than or equal to 10% Evangelical   |
|               | 7      | Unknown  |

A model which describes the progress of the gospel among the peoples of the world by considering:

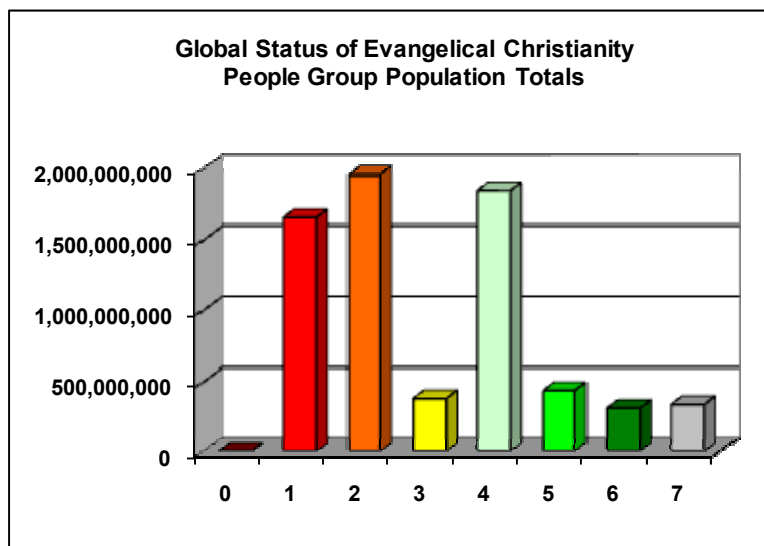
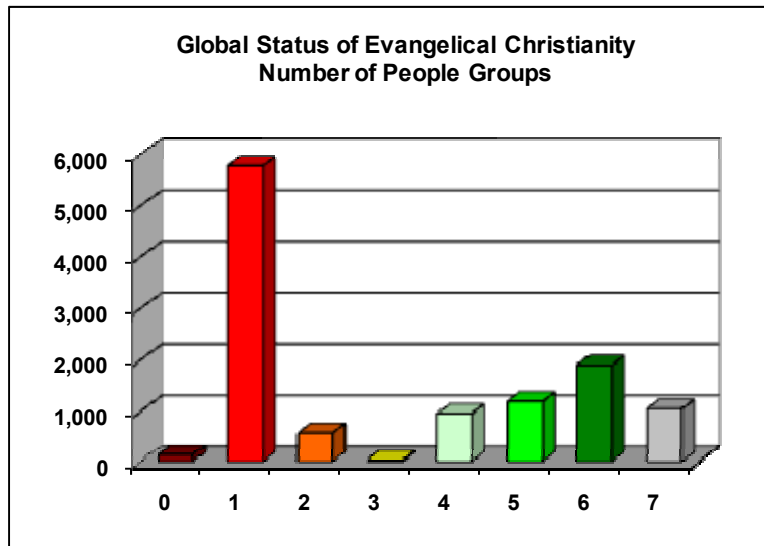
1. The extent to which a people group is [Evangelical](#).
2. Accessibility to the gospel.
3. Church planting activity, whether localized or widespread, within the past 2 years.

The model establishes the criteria for the subset of the world's peoples who should be identified as "[Unreached People Groups](#)" and the criteria for the subset of the world's Unreached People Groups who should be identified as "[Last Frontier People Groups](#)."

# Global Status Evangelical Christianity – May 2009

People Groups (Includes North America)

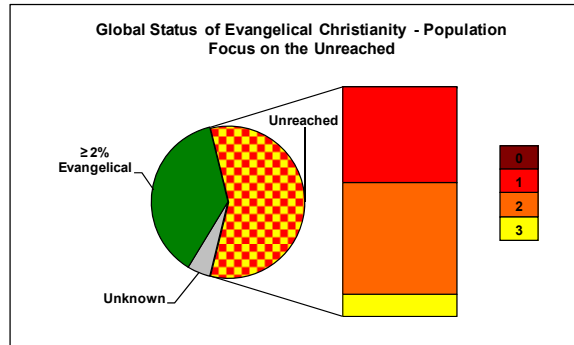
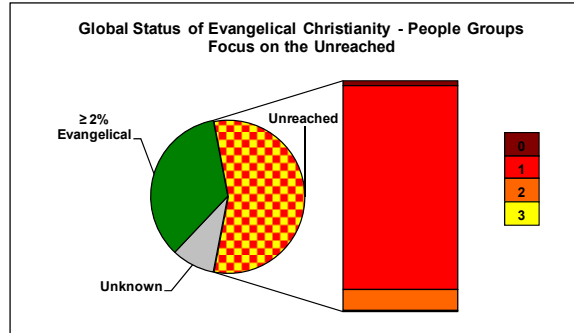
| Status Level  | People Groups | Population           |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 0             | 133 1.1%      | 3,144,086 0.0%       |
| 1             | 5,673 48.9%   | 1,537,296,506 22.2%  |
| 2             | 616 5.3%      | 2,061,520,544 29.8%  |
| 3             | 32 0.3%       | 388,698,630 5.6%     |
| 4             | 977 8.4%      | 1,837,531,686 26.5%  |
| 5             | 1,208 10.4%   | 453,646,318 6.5%     |
| 6             | 1,907 16.4%   | 310,545,246 4.5%     |
| 7             | 1,053 9.1%    | 336,866,967 4.9%     |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>11,599</b> | <b>6,929,249,983</b> |



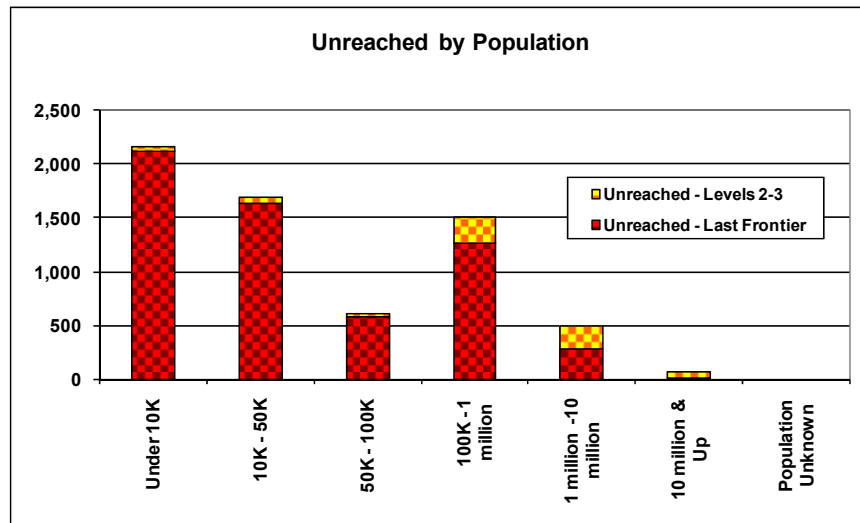
## Focus on the Unreached

(Includes North America)

| Status                 | People Groups | Population           |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Last Frontier          | 5,806         | 1,540,440,592        |
| Level 2                | 616           | 2,061,520,544        |
| Level 3                | 32            | 388,698,630          |
| <b>Total Unreached</b> | <b>6,454</b>  | <b>3,990,659,766</b> |



| Status                 | Under 10K    | 10K - 50K    | 50K - 100K | 100K - 1 million | 1 million - 10 million | 10 million & Up | Population Unknown | Total        |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Last Frontier          | 2,097        | 1,620        | 574        | 1,230            | 266                    | 19              | 0                  | 5,806        |
| Level 2                | 35           | 49           | 24         | 251              | 215                    | 42              | 0                  | 616          |
| Level 3                | 0            | 0            | 0          | 7                | 15                     | 10              | 0                  | 32           |
| <b>Total Unreached</b> | <b>2,132</b> | <b>1,669</b> | <b>598</b> | <b>1,488</b>     | <b>496</b>             | <b>71</b>       | <b>0</b>           | <b>6,454</b> |



## **Global Status of Evangelical Christianity - Definition of Terms**

### **Unreached People Group**

A people group in which less than 2% of the population are Evangelical Christians.

### **Last Frontier People Group**

A people group which is unreached and has not had a new evangelical church started within the past two years.

### **Engagement**

A people group is engaged when a church planting strategy, consistent with Evangelical faith and practice, is under implementation. (In this respect, a people group is not engaged when it has been merely adopted, is the object of focused prayer, or is part of an advocacy strategy.)

### **Evangelical**

An Evangelical Christian is a person who believes that Jesus Christ is the sole source of salvation through faith in Him, has personal faith and conversion with regeneration by the Holy Spirit, recognizes the inspired word of God as the only basis for faith and Christian living, and is committed to Biblical preaching and evangelism that brings others to faith in Jesus Christ.

Therefore, an Evangelical church is a church that is characterized by these same beliefs and principles. Some churches that are not considered Evangelical in faith and practice, may contain members who are Evangelical.