

# *Effective in the Work of Partnering*





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**TOGETHER FOR  
THE NATIONS**

Sub-Saharan  
African Peoples

**OUR VISION** is a multitude from every nation,  
tribe, people, and language knowing and  
worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ.

*(Rev. 7:9-10)*



**THE GREATEST PROBLEM IN  
THE WORLD IS LOSTNESS.**





**THE ONLY SOLUTION TO  
LOSTNESS IS THE GOSPEL.**



**THE BIBLICAL EXAMPLE  
FOR GETTING THE GOSPEL  
TO THE LOST IS BY  
PHYSICAL MISSIONARY  
PRESENCE.**



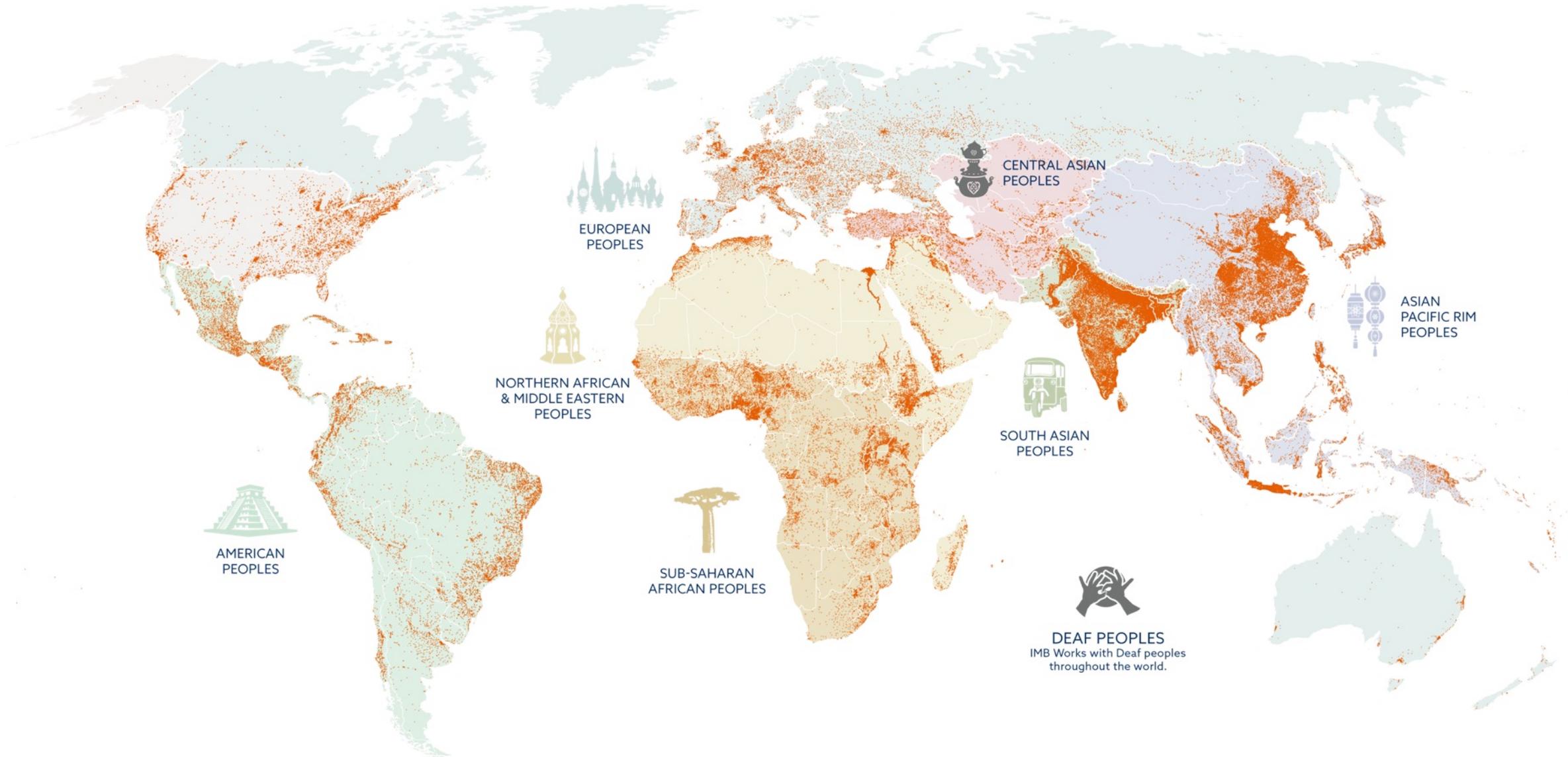
At the IMB, we believe that our presence cultivate gospel access, gospel belief, and gospel multiplication.

Gospel access that knows no geographic or social boundary; gospel belief that results in lives transformed; and church planting and multiplication that leads to local ownership of God's mission.

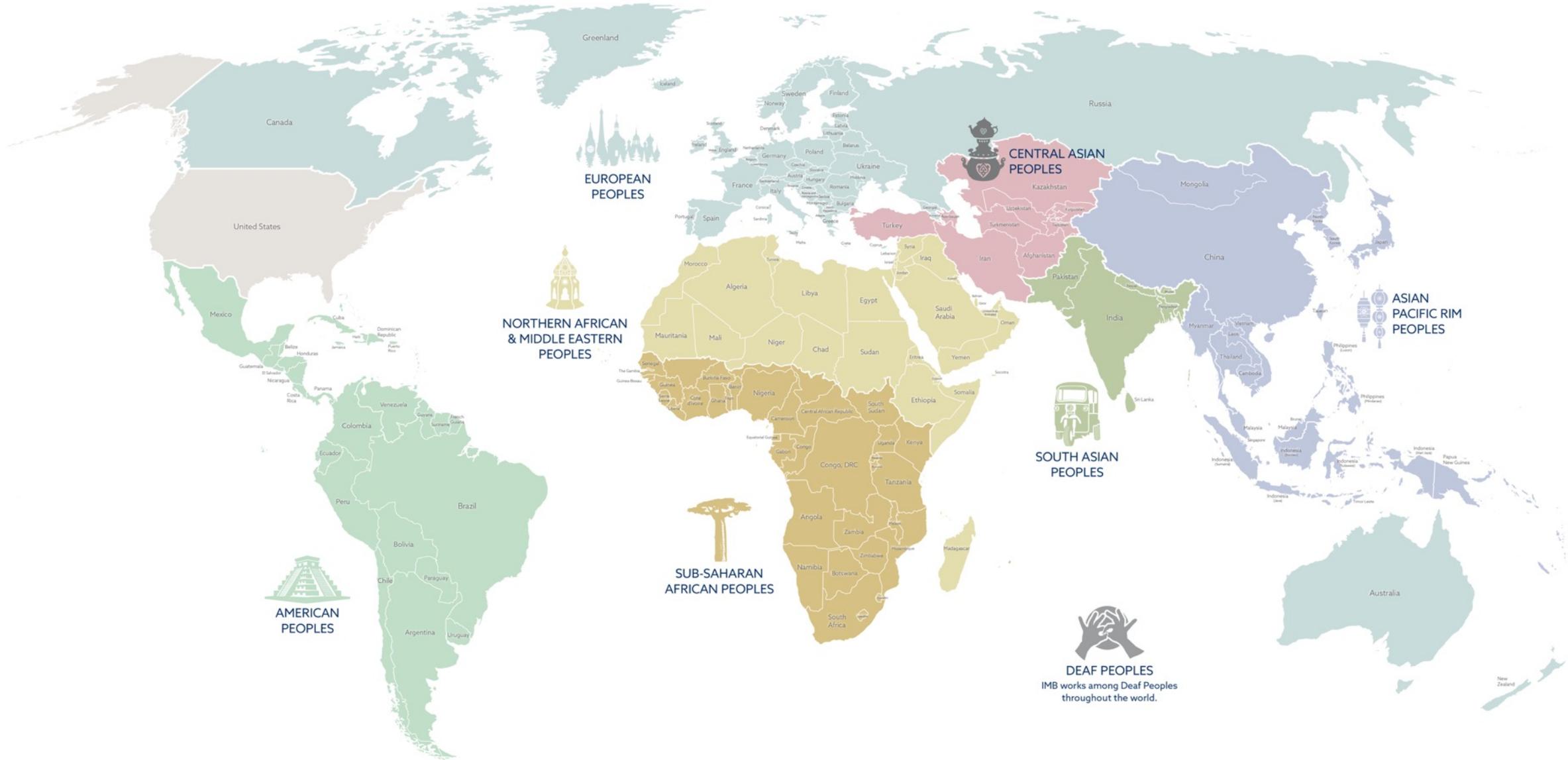


# Global lostness

● Each orange dot represents 50,000 lost people



# IMB global missionary presence





## FUELED BY PRESENCE MISSIONARIES

Your gifts fueled  
missionary presence  
throughout 2024.

**3,577** missionaries

**3,088** missionary  
children

**155** countries  
served

**96%** missionary  
retention

## GLOBAL IMPACT

# PROCLAIMING JESUS

God is transforming lives in amazing ways through your generosity and your church.

1,609,869

people heard the gospel

144,969

new Christ followers

282,692

individuals disciplined globally

68,268

baptisms around the world



# Unreached and Unengaged People Groups

## UPG-Unreached People Group

- <2 % of population is evangelical Christian
- There is no indigenous community of believing Christians able to sustain the engagement and church planting efforts of this people group.

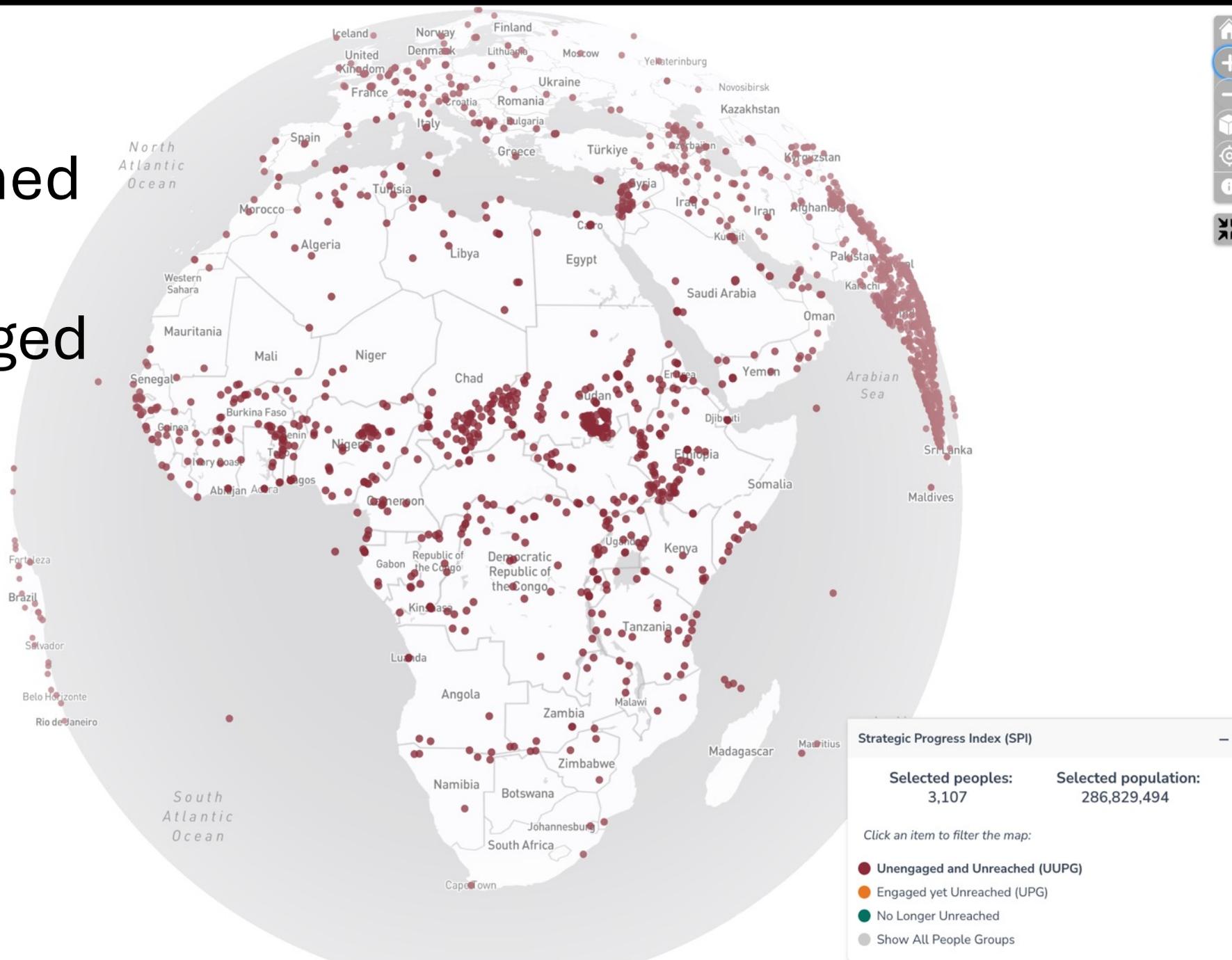
## UUPG-Unreached and Unengaged People Group

- <2% of population is evangelical Christian
- No evangelical church planting strategy is underway.
- A people group might remain unengaged even when it has been adopted, is the object of focused prayer, or is part of an advocacy strategy.



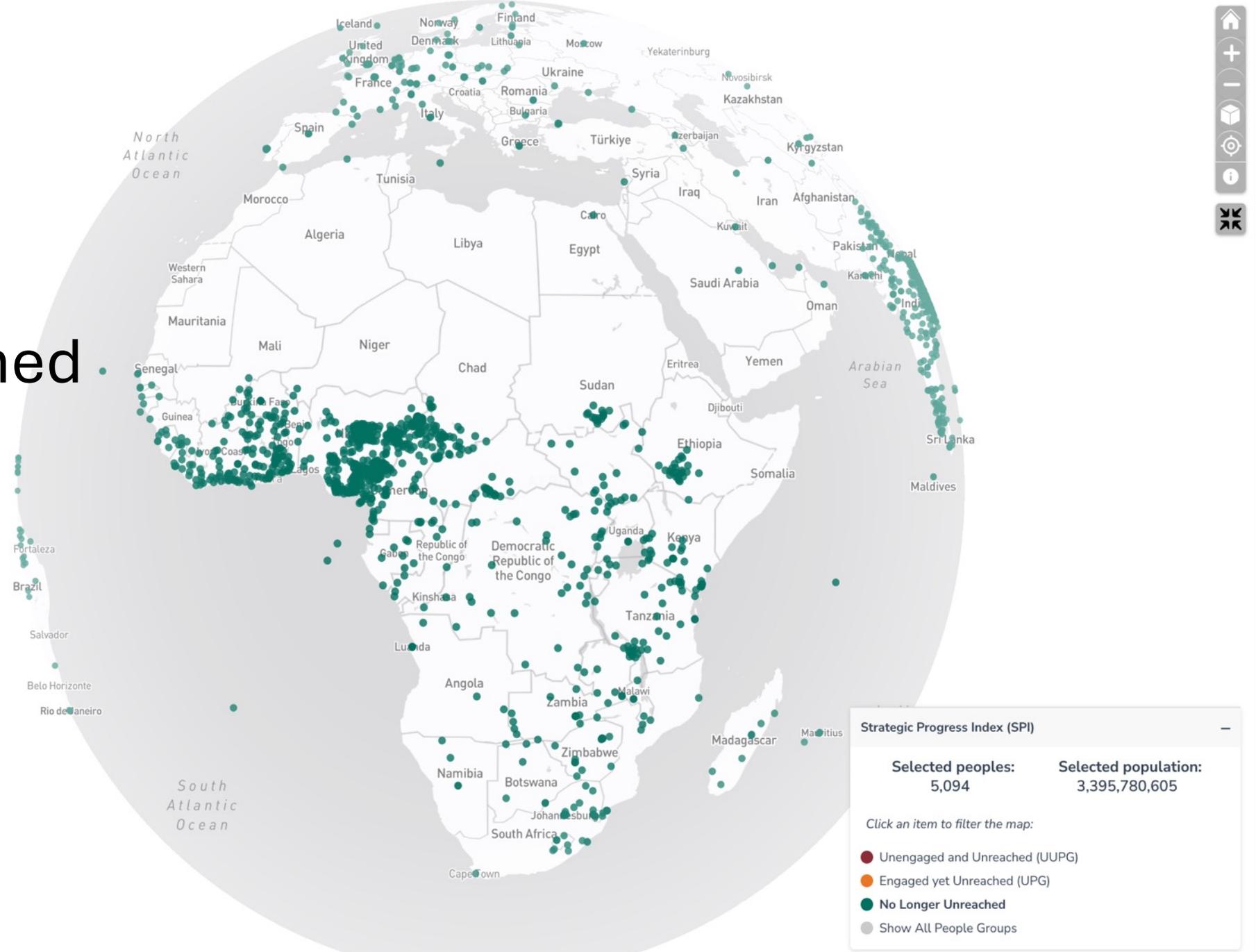
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# Unreached And Unengaged People Groups (UUPG)

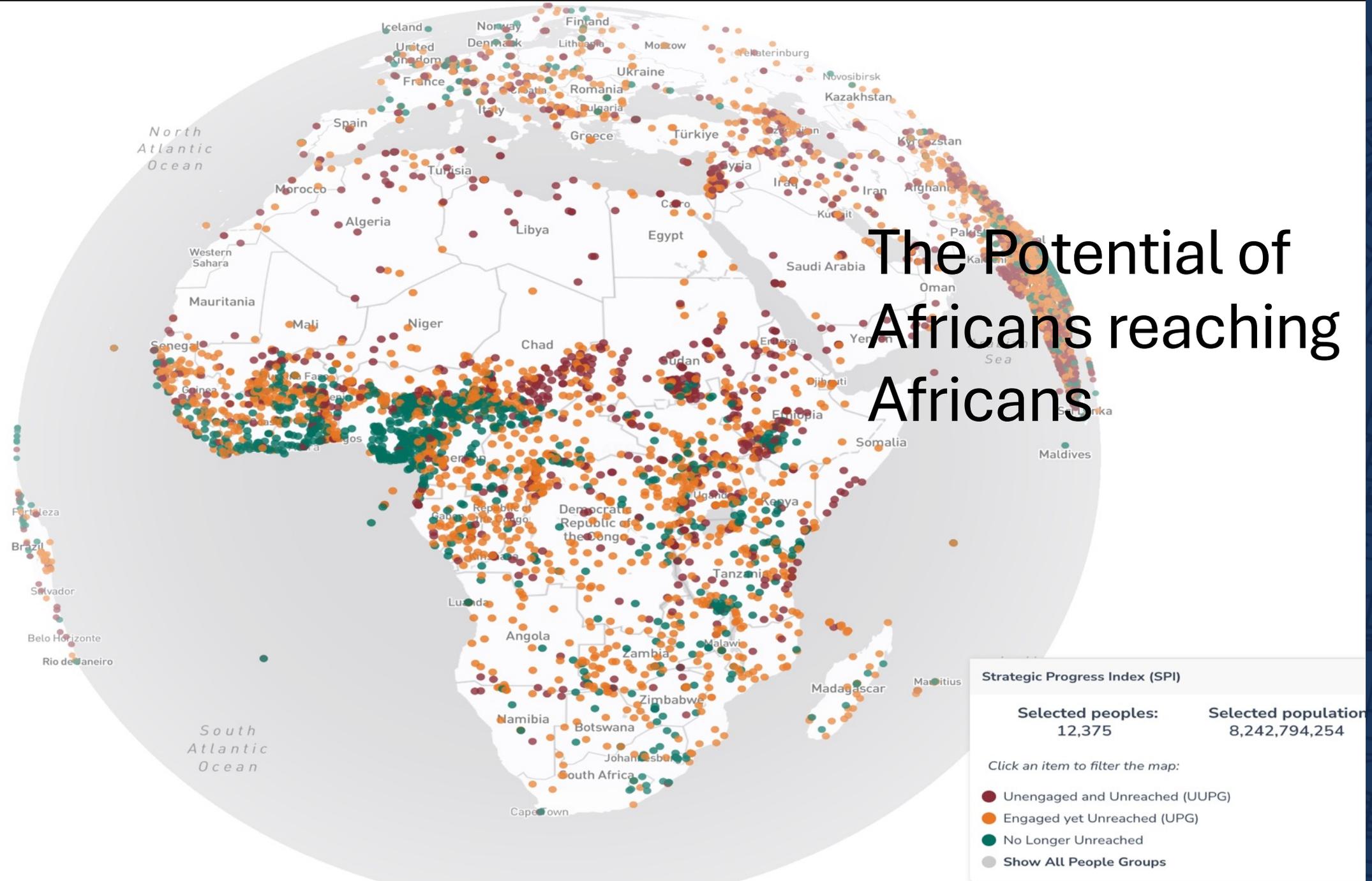




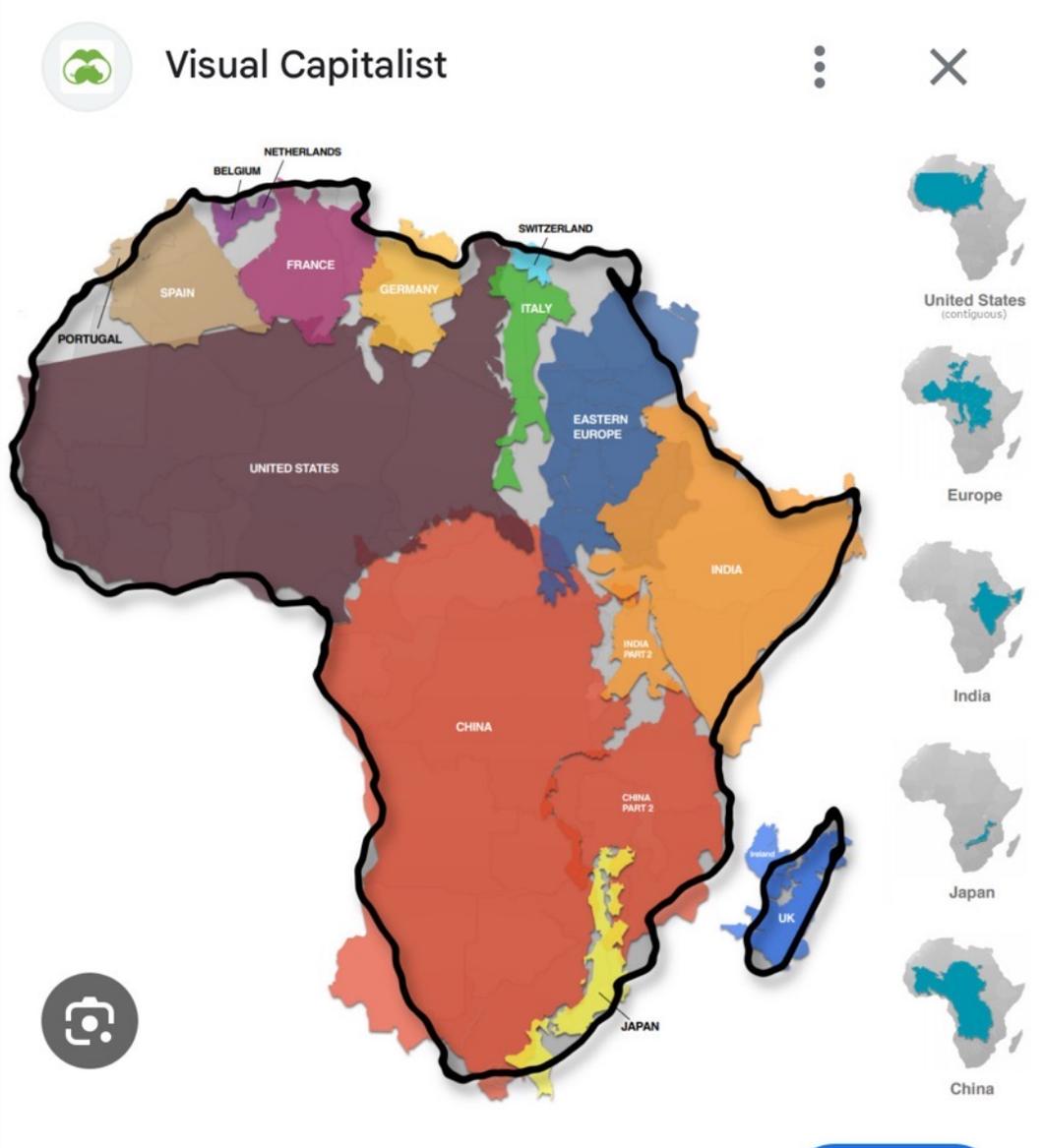
# No Longer Unreached



# The Potential of Africans reaching Africans

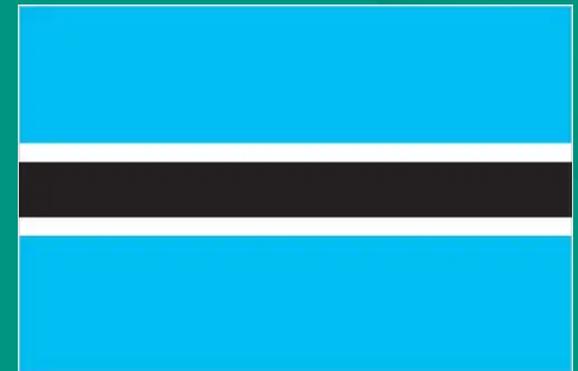


# Turners Serving in Botswana, Africa



# Botswana

- Capital City: Gaborone
- Population: 2 ½ million people (350,000 residing in the capital city)
- Main Religions: African Traditional Religion (ATR) and the Prosperity Gospel
- Currency: Pula
- Language: Setswana and English
- Landscape: Kalahari Desert (70%)
- People Groups: Tswana (79%), Kalanga (11%), San (3%)
- Fun Fact: World's largest population of elephants (130,000)
- Known for Diamonds, Tourism, and Beef



# Church Planting



# Seminary



# GBC Children's Ministry



# Thrive-Pediatric Oncology



# Fusion-High School





# THE GREAT PURSUIT



INTERNATIONAL  
MISSION BOARD

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The Lord gave us the  
**GREAT COMMISSION.**

Matthew 28:18-20

He showed us His vision of the  
**GREAT MULTITUDE.**

Revelation 7:9

Between the Great Commission and the Great Multitude,  
God invites us to

**THE GREAT PURSUIT.**

Acts 1:8

# Effective Partnerships



# We Need Your Help

Every day 166,338 people die without Christ  
There's still work to do—our pursuit of lostness  
must continue. We are ready to walk alongside  
you in the next step you take in your missions  
commitment.



# What do we need?



Missionaries



Your Church



Local Believers – Partners in the work.



# 3 Legged Pot



African cooking pot



# THE KWANGALI OF NAMIBIA

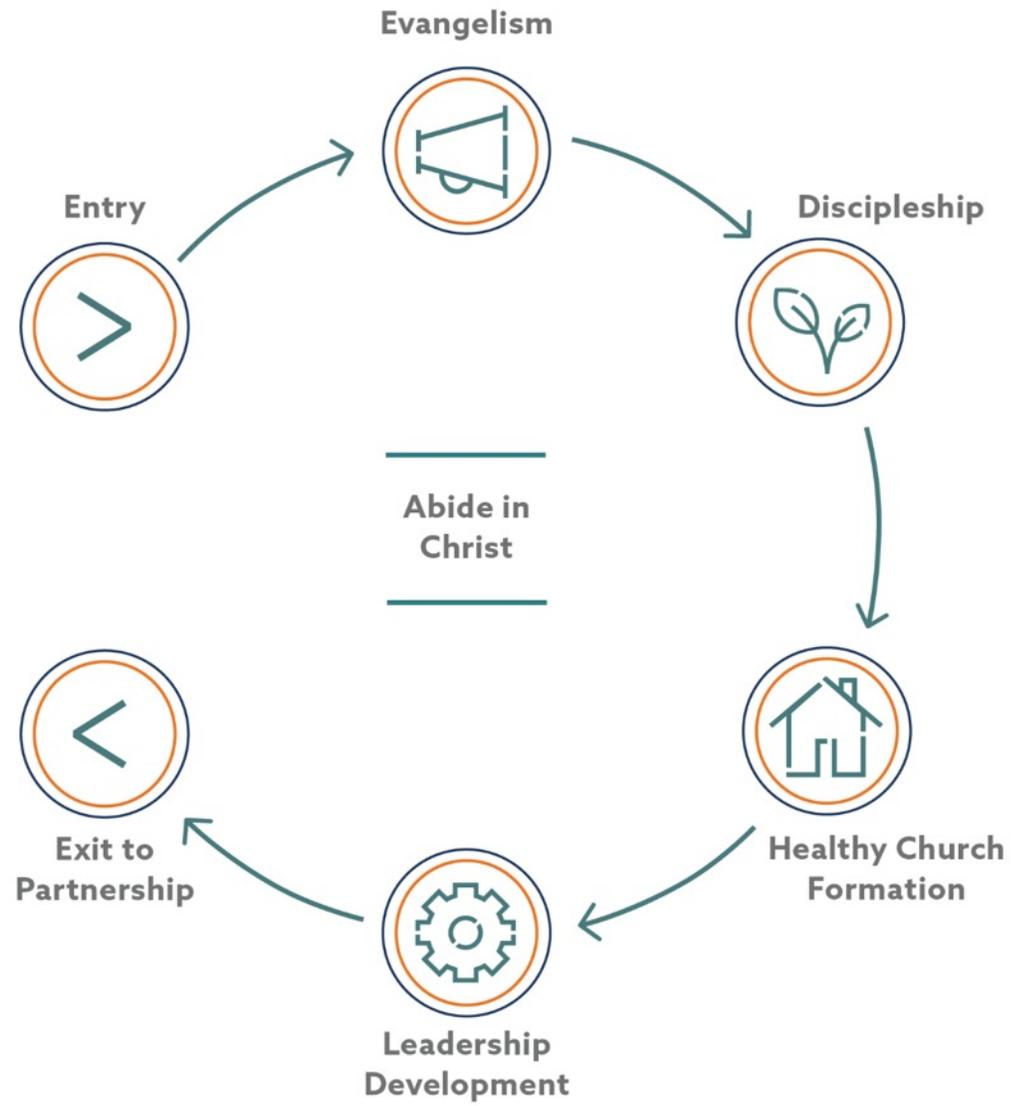


# Discussion

**How Would You Define  
Partnership?**

**What Kind of Partnership are  
you looking for?**







***Can a Short Term Volunteer  
Teams - Lead to a  
Partnership?***



# Volunteer Teams

- 7-10 days
- Go Impact
- Bereaved Parents
- Village Church Planting



# Best Practices

- Find Your Passion – What giftings do you have on your team?
- What is your Goal with the trip?
- Luke 14:28
- Who is coming on this trip?
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



# Rest Well, Sleep Well

## Mark 6:31

And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

Teams need to rest well, eat well, in order to be the best they can be.





# Abide in Christ

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John 15:4-5; Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.





# Evangelism Tools

## What Works in the local context

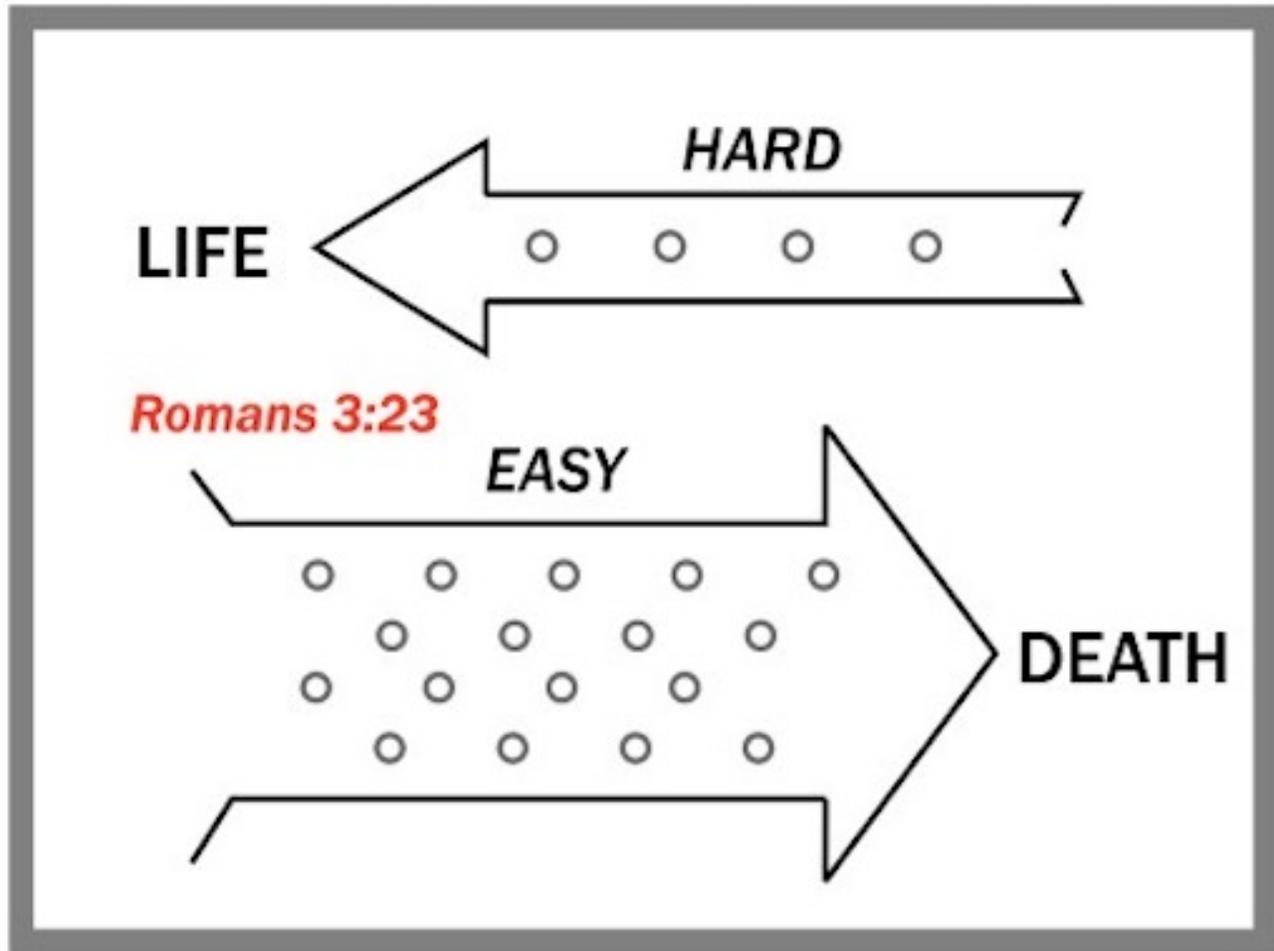
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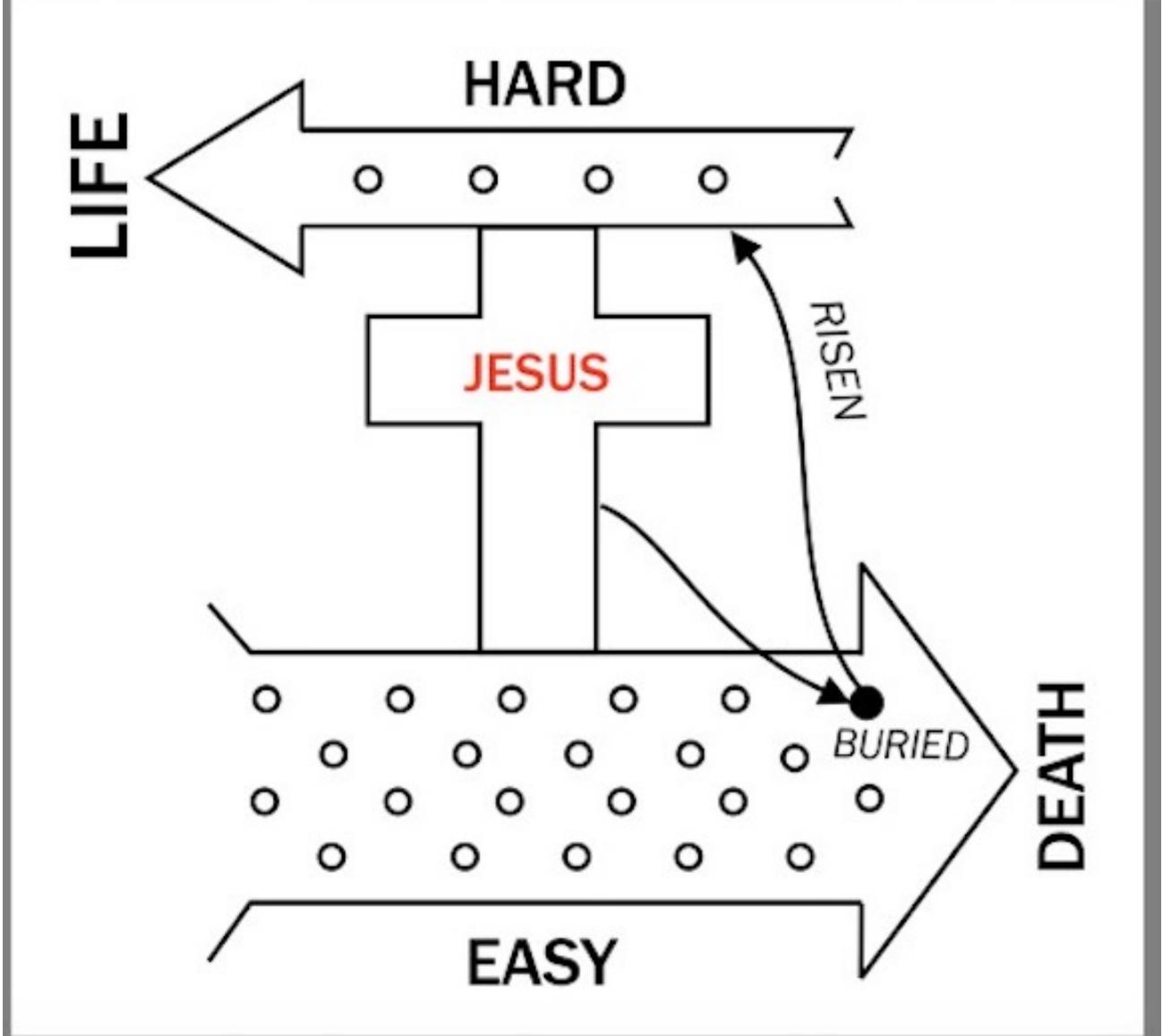
### Matthew 7:13-14

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.



Two Paths *Matthew 7:13-14*







*Plan Your Next Trip? We know that you care because you keep coming back*



***Are Short-Term Trips Worth the Effort?***

***What are some ideas that have worked well with your Short-Term partnerships?***

***Small verse Large Team?***



**Questions from Yesterday?  
Takeaways from Yesterday  
Share 2 Paths**



# Find Local Partnerships

- Who can you Learn From?
- Who can you partner with?
- Learn from the Locals – what do you need to know?



# What do you want in a Local Partner?

- 1 John 4:7
- Eph. 4:9
- Titus 1: 5-9
  
- What do you look for?
- Red Flags to look out for?



# 1,845 Volunteer Trips this Year

These Trips make a HUGE difference.

1. Changes those coming to serve.
2. Impacts - Lostness
3. Changes those who serve alongside short-term teams – we know this is true because you keep coming!



# Opportunities to GO

- Short Term Opportunities
  - Go Impact
  - Nehemiah Teams
  - Missions Residency
- Mid-Term Opportunities
  - Journeyman
  - Project 3000
  - Masters Program
- Long-Term Opportunities
  - Healthcare Professionals
  - Church Planters
  - Theological Education
  - University Campus Connectors
  - Teachers





# Mission Residency



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The IMB Missions Residency is a pathway for 18–29-year-olds who wish to serve cross-culturally with the IMB for 4 months to 1 year. If you're considering a career in missions or church planting, this pathway will sharpen your skills and provide practical ministry experience while working on many of the requirements for mid-term (2 years) or long-term (3+ years) jobs with the IMB. Residents will participate in strategic, biblical mission efforts alongside IMB teams while being disciplined as followers of Christ and ministers of the gospel.

## When Can You Go?

**4 months:** August to December or January to May

**8 months:** August to May or January to July

**12 months:** August to July or January to December



# What can you expect?

- Experience in cross-cultural gospel ministry
- Mentorship for spiritual growth and ministry experience
- First-class training from IMB staff and missionary leaders
- Logistical support for on-the-ground needs



# Nehemiah Teams

Nehemiah's task was a short-term project that had eternal results!

The missionary movement has had tremendous vitality often sparked by students with a world-wide vision. In the same way, **Nehemiah Teams are leading the next generation to reach every nation...** standing in the gap among the unreached and the hard-to-reach. Nehemiah Teams offer short-term mission projects that have eternal results.

52 Days to Change the World – Open to all Students





# Nehemiah Teams



Evangelism



Local Village Partners



Adventure





# The Muth Family



# Mid-Term Opportunities-Journeyman

## DIGITAL CONTENT CREATOR

SOUTH AFRICA

You will produce materials for and manage multiple social media efforts for Africans. You will work with a mix of words, images, videos, and other media to create content for social media pages and websites. Your work will help get the gospel to Africans, teach them the Word of God, help them live in church and community, and equip them to go out as missionaries.

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## COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CATALYST

SENEGAL

Hear someone's story, and share yours. Engage a poor community with the gospel and discover how to best serve them. Watch the word of God come alive. We need your heart for people! No need for experience. Build relationships, share the gospel, and see HIS city transformed!

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## UNIVERSITY of BOTSWANA OUTREACH

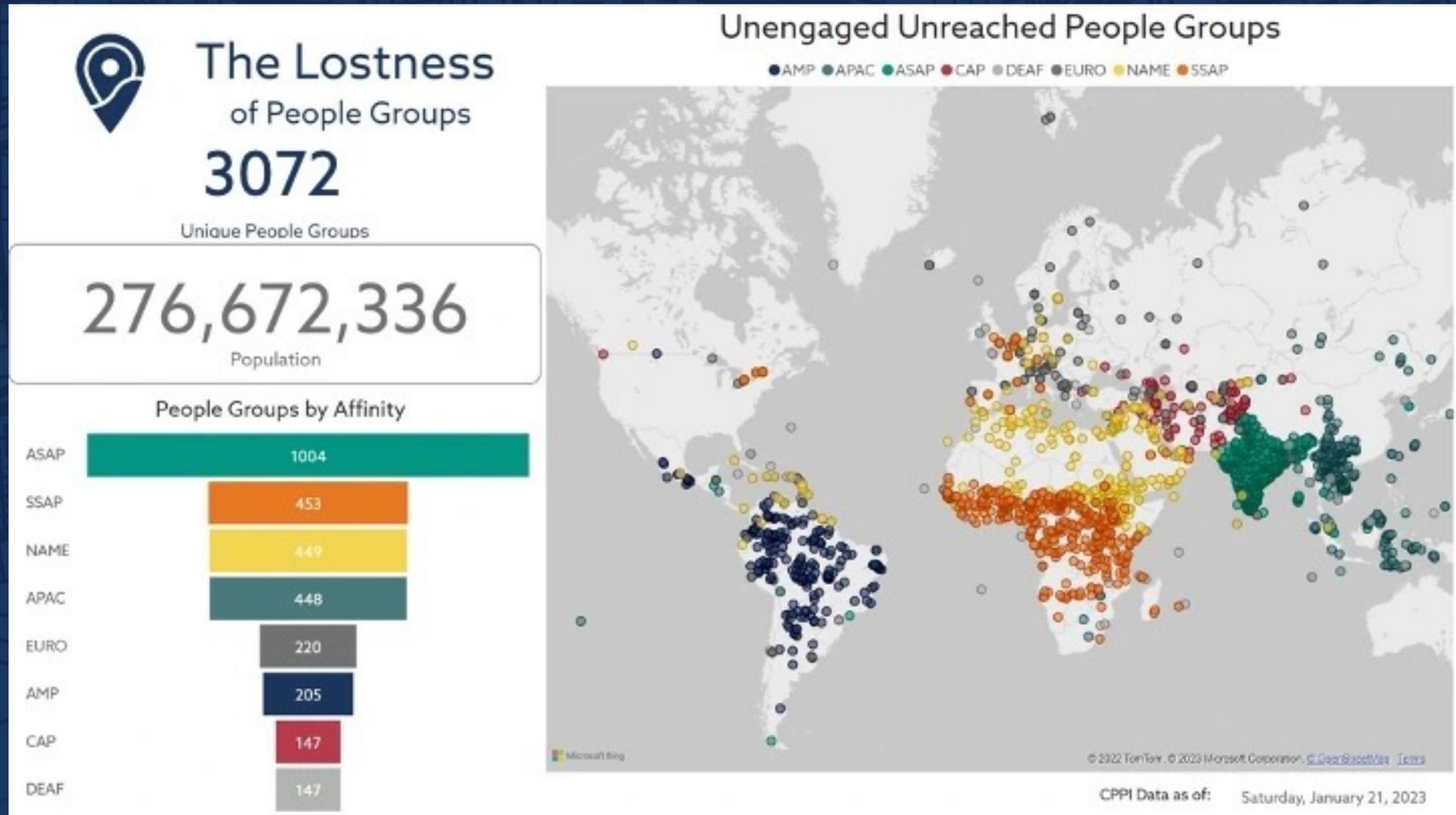
BOTSWANA

This role offers a unique chance to impact future leaders at the University of Botswana. You'll build relationships, share the Gospel, lead Bible studies, and host events, discipling students to follow Christ. Through campus evangelism, you'll influence young minds shaping communities across Botswana and beyond, making a lasting difference for the present and the future.

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# Mid-Term Opportunities-Project 3000



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## Objectives

- Research, find, and initially engage remaining 3000 UUPGs (453 in Sub-Saharan Africa)

### EXPLORER PROJECT 3000

TANZANIA

Embark on a transformative journey in Tanzania, discovering and connecting with unreached communities. Join a dynamic team, bridging cultures to share the life-changing message of Jesus. Collaborate with local partners to strategize impactful plans for evangelism, discipleship, and establishing churches. Be a catalyst for positive change in the lives of those yet untouched by the Good News. Are you ready for this extraordinary mission?

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2023-Project 3000/Missionary Explorers

437 UUPGs in SSAP  
Explored 14 (found 2 engaged already)

So we are left with 423 UUPGs

# Missionary Explorer-Democratic Republic of Congo

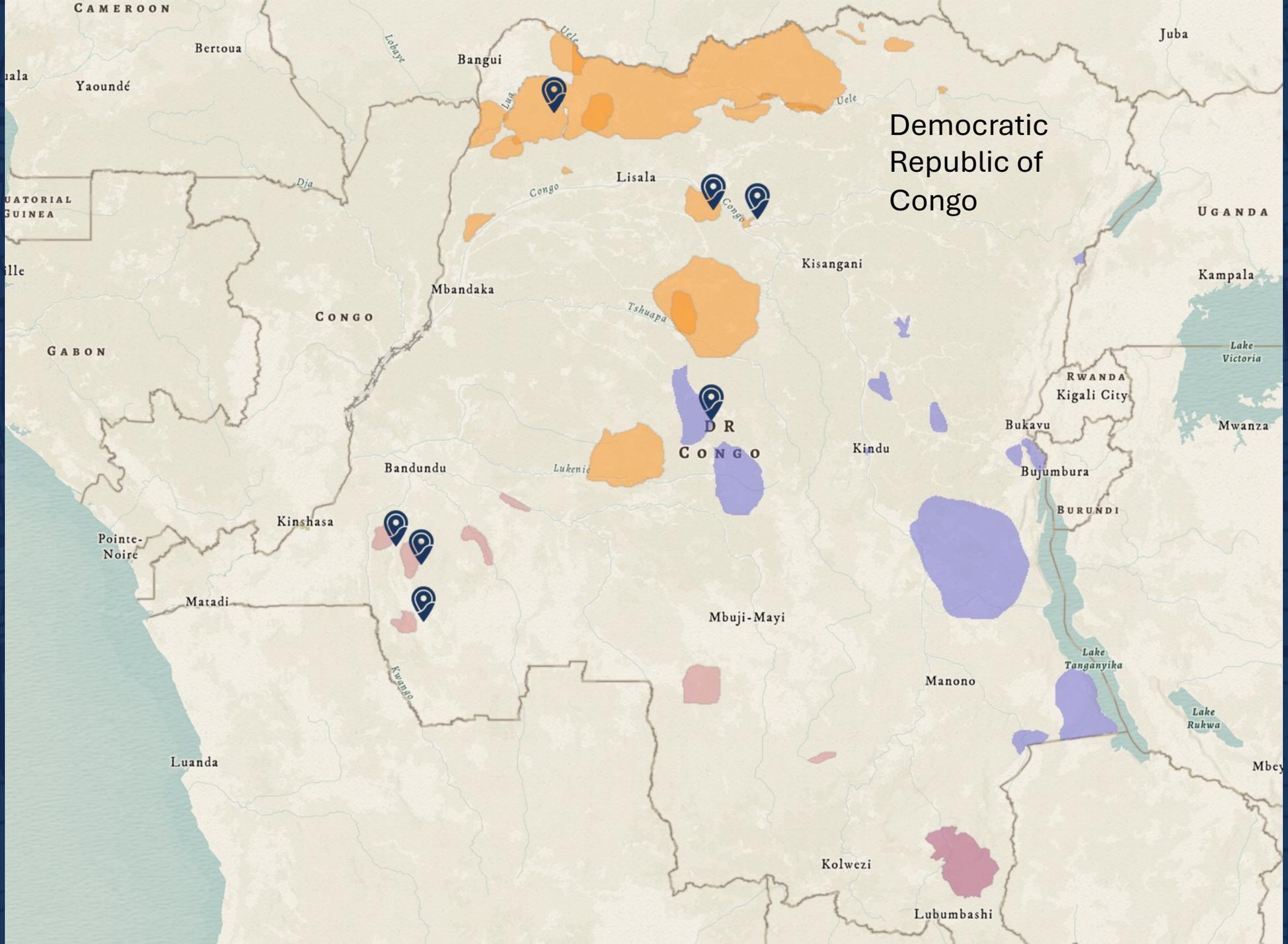
Claude-Explorer Partner

Shepherd-Missionary Explorer

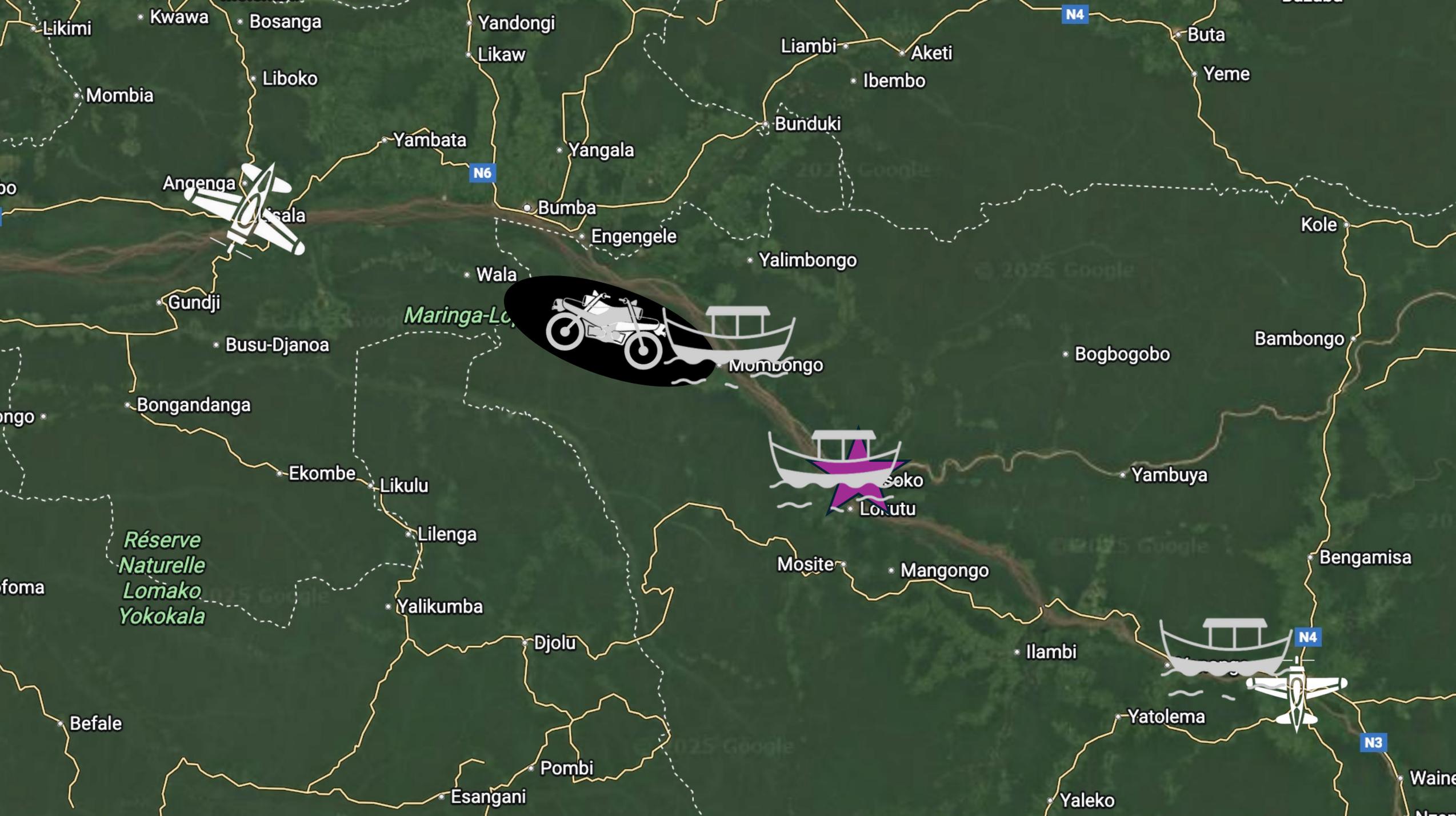


# Missionary Explorer-DRC

- Pelende     Paused due to Instability in the region
- Lonzo     Paused due to Instability in the region
- Southern Ngbangi     – Exploring Right Now
- Soko    
- Mbesa    
- Songo    
- Yela    



# Democratic Republic of Congo



Likimi

Kwawa

Bosanga

Yandongi

Likaw

Liambi

Aketi

Buta

Yeme

Mombia

Liboko

Yambata

Yangala

Bunduki

Ibembo

Angenga

Asala

Bumba

Engengele

Yalimbongo

Kole

Gundji

Wala

Maringa-Lomako



Mombongo

Bogbogobo

Bambongo

Busu-Djanaoa

Bongandanga

Ekombe

Likulu



Asoko

Lotutu

Yambuya

Réserve Naturelle Lomako Yokokala

Lilenga

Mosite

Mangongo

Bengamisa

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Waine

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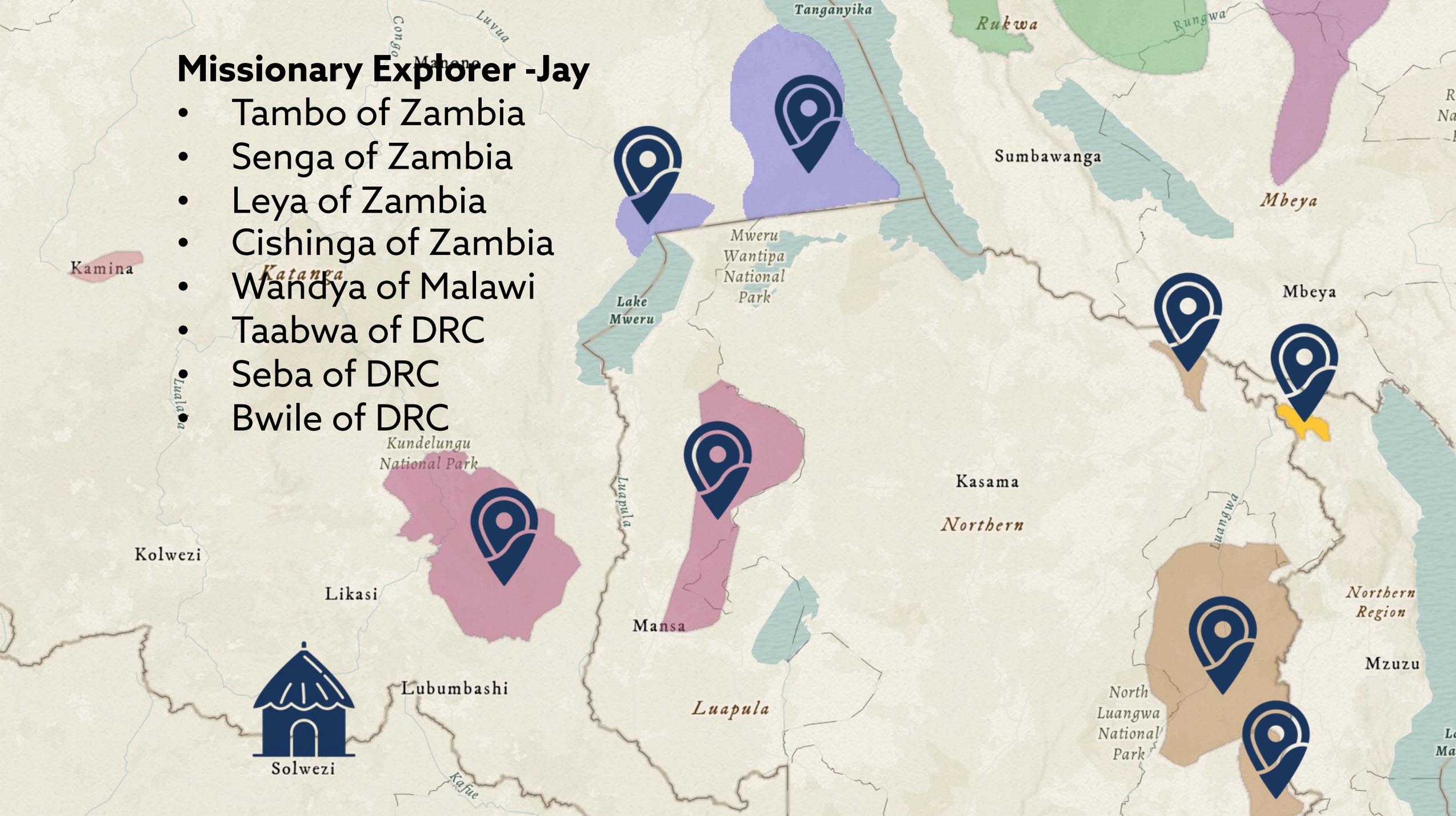
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Upcoming Missionary  
Explorers arriving in  
SSAP in 2026

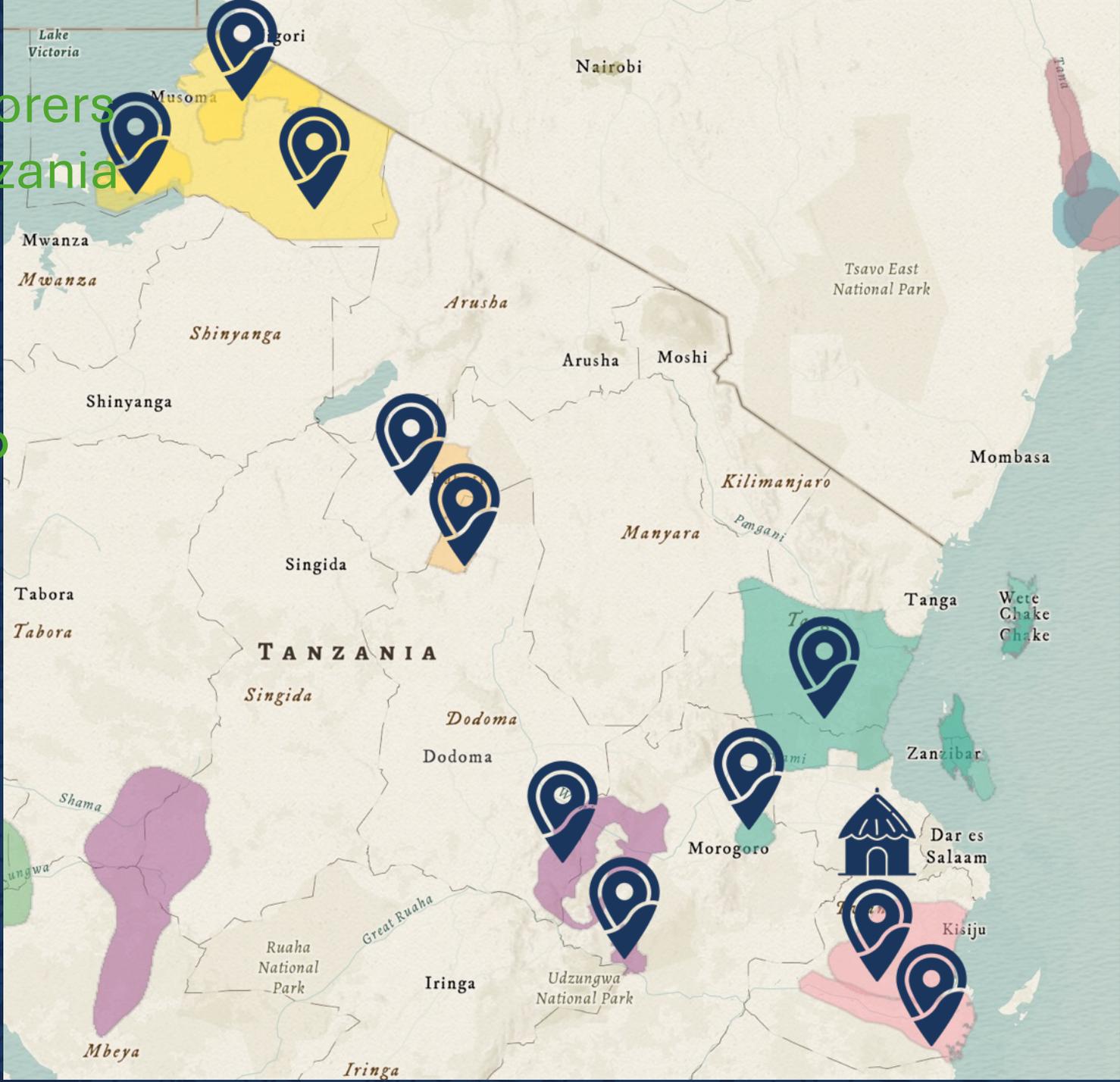
# Missionary Explorer -Jay

- Tambo of Zambia
- Senga of Zambia
- Leya of Zambia
- Cishinga of Zambia
- Wandya of Malawi
- Taabwa of DRC
- Seba of DRC
- Bwile of DRC



# Missionary Explorers The Mays in Tanzania

- Zigua
- Sagara
- Rufiji
- Ndengereko
- Kami
- Vidunda
- Goroa
- Wasi
- Suba
- Kuria
- Jita





11 Missionary Explorer jobs that need to be filled

\*20 more job positions need written

# Challenges

- Instability/Insecurity makes it hard to maintain presence.
- Rugged terrain isolates micro-groups and makes access difficult and expensive. The lack of modern or even basic transportation infrastructure exacerbates this challenge. *The DRC road map shows that no major cities in the country are connected by road internally.*
- Syncretism between ATR and earlier mission work makes getting a clear picture of the presence of biblical Christianity without extended time immersed within these groups. Note: this is why some UUPGs on our list have 'Christianity' as their primary religion, but we still consider them UUPGs.
- We need Missionary Explorers



Discussion – What does a long-term partnership look like for your church?

# Introduction to Long-Term Partnerships



# IMB Careers

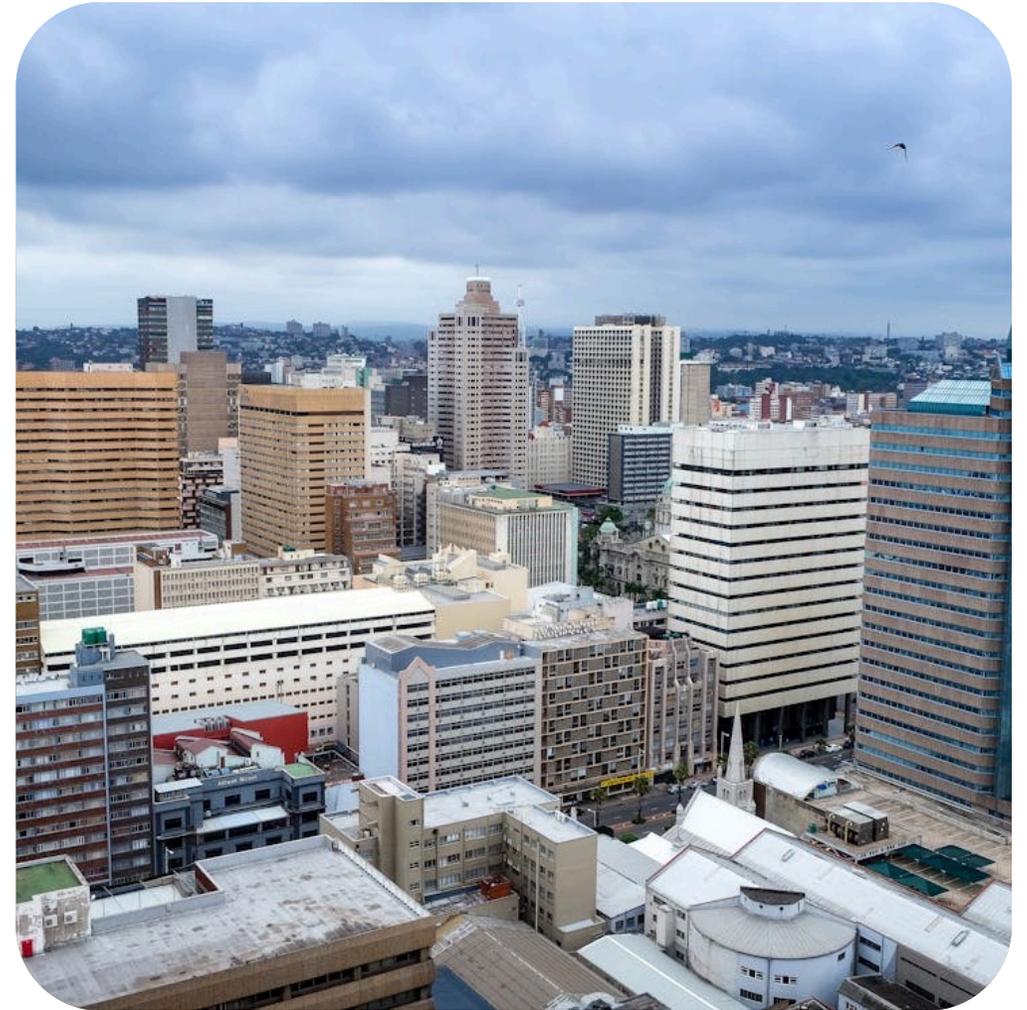
## Full Time

What Giftings do you have?

On the Field?

Or at Home?

How can you SERVE?



# Introduction to Lesotho

## Long-Term Partnership

I do know that in our case, FBC Perryton, and also River Oak Church in Virginia, that we were the first two churches to partner with Jim and Teresa after several years of short-term teams. This then led to both churches sending units (us and the Tottys) to live and serve in Lesotho. We're both Team Associates now.

We have two additional partner churches that started with short term volunteer teams and have now engaged and adopted areas themselves in partnership with us. We're at the beginning stages of doing this with another one or two churches as well.



# Team Associate

## Position Description

Team Associates are non-IMB funded missionaries who are active members of an IMB missionary team. Team Associates engage in the missionary task as they are able through their job, as retirees, or in some cases as ministry professionals. Team Associates leverage their respective platforms (job, education, as retirees) to enhance and expand the impact of the missionary team. The majority of Team Associates are not giving their primary focus to the missionary task, but as they are able, they come alongside the team and help contribute to the overall church planting strategies of an IMB missionary team.



# GMP

## GLOBAL MISSIONARY PARTNERS

IMB defines a global missionary partner (GMP) as a national church partner based overseas who is fully funded through a church, a network of churches or Baptist convention. He or she serves on and with an existing IMB team.

“There are 140 Baptist conventions and unions around the world that our researchers have been able to locate,” IMB President Paul Chitwood said. “They are the fruit that remains from 175 years of work. We want to work with those partners and help them send their own missionaries.”



Celebrating 7 new Baptisms

Young man – feeling the call to missions

Lived in local village for a month

“This place is where my heart is”



Reply

# Creative Ways for Long-Term Partnerships

What are some ways you can see your church reaching a Geo-Segment – people group – with a long-term impact to making disciples and starting churches



# Take A Ways

# Next Steps

