



## The work is not yet done.

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According to the Joshua Project,  
 41% of the world's population is unreached with the Gospel.

In other words, almost 3 Billion people alive today  
 have never heard the name Jesus Christ –  
 they have never heard that there is a Savior for them,  
 if only they believe.

3 Billion people who are living utterly without God and without hope in the world.

Almost half of the world's population are trapped in their slavery to sin,  
 blinded by their idolatry, dead in their transgressions  
 and have never heard that there is a Savior who brings release,  
 who opens eyes, and who gives new life.

**W**E LIVE in a Western World that has been described as post-Christian, and that is a pretty fair assessment. Ours is a world with empty and closed churches; a world in which Christianity is on the decline, and living in this world makes it easy for us to get complacent about Mission. As we see the descent of the Church, it is hard to believe that there are still places where it has never been established! It is hard for us to comprehend that 2000 years since the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, almost half of the world's population have never heard the Good News of the Gospel.

These statistics should startle us from our lethargy. What is required in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Missions is not just a clean-up, catching the pockets that have been missed by previous evangelism efforts. There is still a lot of work to be done, in obedience to Christ's command to take the Gospel from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria and to the furthest ends of the earth.

So, what can we do? Well, first we must pray. If the Holy Spirit does not move in the hearts of men and women to drive them to take the Gospel to these people, then how will they hear? As Paul said to the Romans,

*“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed?  
 And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?  
 And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are  
 they to preach unless they are sent?” (10:14-15)*

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17th Annual World Missions Conference  
 November 9-11, 2012 at GIPC

### November Calendar

#### - Sundays -

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
*The Gospel in Life*

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
*Exodus: God, our Savior*

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
*Daniel: Faith in the Furnace*

Children's Church, Nursery available

#### - Wednesdays -

6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting

Tue 10/30. 11/13 Women's Bible  
 Study (6:30 p.m.,  
 Dr. Diane Bowen's office)

Sun 11/4 Communion, AM

Tue 11/6 Election Day

Wed 11/7 Book Group for Women  
 (9:30 a.m., Brown home)

Wed 10/31, 11/14 Women's Bible  
 Study (9:30 a.m., GIPC)

Fri 11/9 **Mission Conference**  
 "International Dinner";  
 Keynote Address  
 (Dr. Gary Waldecker)  
 6:30 p.m., GIPC

Sat 11/10 **Mission Conference**  
 Peter Bakelaar (JAPAN);  
 Dr. Gary Waldecker;  
 Fellowship Lunch  
 (9:30 a.m., GIPC)

Sun 11/11 **Mission Conference**  
 "Faith Promise Sunday"  
 Dr. Gary Waldecker  
 (AM & PM services)

Tue 11/13 Stated Session Meeting

Thu 11/22 **Thanksgiving Holiday**

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And if the Holy Spirit does not move in the hearts of men and women to believe this message preached, how will the unreached come and fall at the feet of Christ?

That is why at our mid-week Prayer Meeting, in addition to praying for our Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week and the Persecuted Church, we have begun praying for Unreached People Groups – familiarizing ourselves with who these people are, and praying that the Lord of the Harvest would send workers into these fields, and reap a great harvest.

**W**HEN WE think of unreached people groups we tend to think of remote mountain villages or settlements hidden under thick jungle canopies, or perhaps we think of developing nations which lack basic infrastructure. To some extent these stereotypes are accurate - the famous (infamous?) “10/40 Window” still contains the vast majority of unreached peoples, and it also tends to fit our conceptions.

However, there is one country that absolutely shatters our preconceptions – Japan is one of the most developed and technologically advanced countries in the world. It is a leader in design as well as production, yet it is a country that is 98% unreached with the Gospel. Only 1.2% of the population of Japan can be described as being part of an established Christian community.

### *The Japanese are the 2nd largest unreached people group in the world.*

This year at our Missions Conference we will welcome Peter Bakelaar, a missionary who has dedicated his life to serving Christ by reaching Japan for His glory. Peter is spending his life working a hard pasture, calling the Japanese to come and fall at the feet of Christ – telling them that the Gospel is as much for them as it is for anyone. It will be a special time hearing from him — a man who is literally on the front-lines of the mission-field, and hearing how the Lord is at work amongst a hard and resistant people, breaking hearts and opening eyes.

I hope that you will join us during our Missions Conference this year to hear from Peter, and to hear from Dr. Gary Waldecker who is joining us as our main speaker, as we are reminded about the importance of missions, and the imperative that lays upon the Church to take Christ to the nations.

*Don't miss what God is doing. Be a part of it.*

*Get the nations on your heart. Think rightly about God's global purposes.*

*Feel deeply about His marvelous works. Sing with all your heart to the Lord.*

*And be a part of summoning the nations to join you.*

(John Piper)

## Men's Ministry

**Cook-Out: October 26th,  
6:30 p.m. at Huddlestons.**

There will be no “Second Saturday” Men's Breakfast Bible Study in November in lieu of GIPC's annual World Missions Conference.

The Book Group for Women will meet Wednesday, November 7th, 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sara Brown. The book for November is *The Lost Continent: Travels in Small-Town America*, by Bill Bryson. “An unsparing and hilarious account of one man's rediscovery of America's heartland and his search for the perfect small town.”

*Questions? Contact Sue Taylor, Book Group Chair.*

## Building and Grounds

The new Nursery rooms should be completed in time for the Missions Conference weekend.

The B & G Committee is currently analyzing bids for painting/waterproofing the exterior concrete block walls and hope to complete this job by early winter.

Additional upgrades are being made to the facility's electrical systems/lighting.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please feel free to provide feedback or share concerns with any member of the committee.

## Finance Committee

### GIPC Monthly Update— Loan Balance

Loan Balance 1/1/12	\$840,102
Principal Paid YTD	\$ 26,453
Loan Balance	\$813,649
November Payment:	
Interest	\$ 2,570
Principal	\$ 2,682
Total Payment	\$ 5,252

## Significant Sessional Actions

- The Session reviewed the Officer Nominations and will meet with the nominees at the November meeting.
- The next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at GIPC.

## Women's Bible Study

### “Biblical Womanhood”

All women are invited to meet for Bible study and fellowship on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. at Dr. Diane Bowen's office, or on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. at the church.

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**NOVEMBER**

"As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby."  
 (I Peter 2:2)

**Family Worship**

**Old Testament Reading**

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>II Kings</i>	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		15	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		17	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		18	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		19	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		20	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		21	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		22	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		23	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		24	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		25	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	<i>I Chronicles</i>	1,2	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		3,4	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		5,6	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		7,8	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		9,10	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		11,12	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		13,14	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		15	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		17	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		18	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		19,20	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		21	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		22	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		23	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		24,25	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		26,27	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		28	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1	<i>II Timothy</i>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<i>Titus</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<i>Philemon</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	<i>Hebrews</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	<i>James</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	<i>I Peter</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	<i>II Peter</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Private**

**Old Testament Reading**

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Hosea</i>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		14	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	<i>Joel</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	<i>Amos</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	<i>Obadiah</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	<i>Jonah</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	<i>Micah</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		5	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Psalms & New Testament**

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Psalms</i>	120-122	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		123-125	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		126-128	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		129-131	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		132-134	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		135,136	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		137,138	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		139	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		140,141	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		142	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		143	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		144	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		145	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		146,147	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		148-150	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	<i>Luke</i>	1:1-38	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		1:39-80	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		14	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Week beginning  
OCTOBER 28**

**Numbers 23:19**

God is not man, that He should lie,  
 or a son of man, that He should change His mind.  
 Has He said, and will He not do it?  
 Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?

**Week beginning  
NOVEMBER 4**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.  
 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and  
 with all your soul and with all your might. And these words  
 that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall  
 teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them  
 when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,  
 and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**Week beginning  
NOVEMBER 11**

**Hebrews 12:1**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud  
 of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin  
 which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance  
 the race that is set before us.

**Week beginning  
NOVEMBER 18**

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

Keep your life free from love of money,  
 and be content with what you have, for He has said,  
 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'  
 So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper;  
 I will not fear; what can man do to me?'

**Week beginning  
NOVEMBER 25**

**Proverbs 29:1**

He who is often reproved,  
 yet stiffens his neck,  
 will suddenly be broken beyond healing.